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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 and the prison movement, with the aim of educating anti-nuclear activists about the daily destruction of lives in the prisons of this country.

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PEACE



BY PIECE

After Judge Bartlett sentenced the Silo Pruning Hooks to 8-18 years in prison for their jackhammer disarmament of a missile silo near Kansas City, Tom Hastings of Wisconsin wrote him a letter. "You have inspired me," he wrote. "I will definitely do a disarmament act."

Being a person of his word, Tom performed an act of disarmament on May 28. In the woods of Michigan's upper peninsula, he sawed down one of the poles carrying the ELF transmitter antenna out through the trees.

Tom writes:

"The transmitter being built is for Extremely Low Frequency (ELF) communications, command and control (C3) of all nuclear submarines belonging to the U.S. These submarines contain most of the strategic nuclear arsenal (52%) that 'we' possess, plus much of the rest of the nuclear arsenal, by the time submarine launched cruise missiles (Slicks) are emplaced on the Los Angeles class hunter-killer nuclear submarines (SSNs). According to, among others, former Lockheed missile designer Robert C. Aldridge and Rear Admiral Gene LaRoque (retired), Project ELF is the only C3 facility that can coordinate an offensive, preemptive nuclear strike against the vast nuclear forces of the Soviet Union...

"I told everyone I was going to drive around and locate an ELF pole with no antenna strung on it yet, and cut it down. I had been planning to do this for a couple of months, and had told upwards of 150 people about it. An experiment in truth, I wanted to test the potential for openness preceeding an act of disarmament. 'Risk trust', as Jim Douglass has written in Ground Zero.

"I drove to a site where the line crossed a country road. Pulling off on a logging road, I changed into my ceremonial clothing; ribbon shirt, Guatemalan headband, hawk's feather and clean white pants. I carried my old swede saw, which has cut all my firewood (and plenty for others, too) for the last dozen years, and some kernels of red corn. Choosing a pole that would not drop the heavy (2" thick) ELF cable across the road, I prayed to the four directions and to the Creator for awhile, and then

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planted the corn in a circle around the 40-45 foot pole. I had been unable to find one in two days of searching that had no cable on it, so I began to saw this one, attached to the not-yet-electrified wire. The Navy says it will carry 1.5 million watts.

"Singing 'Rejoice in the Lord Always' and then 'Our Life is More Than Our Work', I sawed my lowest cut on the side I wanted it to fall. Then I cut through from the other side and it fell exactly where I hoped it would, to the north, towards the Old Ones, towards the powerful winds that give us strength and endurance.

"The pole, still attached to the cable, fell in a metaphorical disarmament fashion, imperceptibly opening the kerf slightly, then making internal sounds of protestation, then slowly

...I come to ELF to dismantle a small portion of the nuclear death machine in the hope, the fervent desire, that this will be but a small part of the growing race amongst the peoples of the Earth to personally and collectively disarm directly, with our own hands, this illegal and immoral global oven under construction.

I join the Plowshares and Pruning Hooks in this pullulating struggle to unbuild what we have blindly built through greed, xenophobia and anachronistic paradigms. It feels very good.

The risks are very great. The risks I take today are puny compared to the risks we take collectively in allowing this madness to continue unchecked. We OWN these weapons and their attending devices. We will have WON when we begin to act accountable. We must begin NOW.

Tom Hastings

gaining momentum, then rapidly accelerating until the line whooshed and the pole splendidly crashed to the Earth. The tension was so great in the cable that the two poles to the east and west were tipped about one third of the way over to the north and the cut pole, probably 14" 'on the butt', was pulled back about six feet, plowing quite a little furrow. I stood in rapt awe and exhilaration, grateful to have watched a piece of the arms race literally fall.

"I cut through the pole just below the metal fastening plates. Of course, my handsaw bound up about 1/2" from the finish of the cut. I found a jackpine pry stick, and popped it off. Naturally, when I did so the cable immediately snapped back into a straight line, striking me in the thigh and upper arm as it flew, and sent me tumbling backwards down the hill. When I realized I was still alive and basically unhurt, my sense of epiphany heightened.

"Cutting off the top six feet of the treated pole, I offered grateful prayers and left with the timber over my shoulder, fording a small stream and hiking through a spongy peat bog back to the 'anti-nuclear bomb' (my elderly Pinto). Loading up the 'peace' of pole, I drove in high spirits to friends in Marquette, just in time to turn around and drive back to my friends' arraignment in Ishpeming. [Four ELF opponents had been arrested earlier in the day blockading the road to the Michigan ELF construction site. See update below--Eds. note]

"They were charged with disturbing the peace (ironic!) and released on personal recognizance (pr). They were

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"The Ribbon" Sized at Montana Missile Silo

As one of many celebrations by deep west activists of the Great Day of Peace (June 21), a group of people gathered near Minuteman III missile silo R-29, east of Conrad, Montana. Carrying flowers gathered by the group at the nearby Silence One Silo Peace Camp, Chris Swift approached the fence around the silo. There he hung a Great Day of Peace banner, the flowers, and his statement.

His statement read, in part, "Our purpose is to return to this place, on this day every year, until there is a right to protest nuclear weaponry, until vaporization by nuclear weaponry ceases to be the foundation of conflict resolution. If there still be time itself, the summer solstice shall be the date for both celebration and non-violent resistance concerning all these things. The Great Day of Peace-Solstice Day- is now a calendar date in the cycle of the living year."

After standing by the fence for several hours and watching assorted Air Force vehicles come and go, Chris left, leaving the fence decorated. As he walked away, security personnel from Malmstrom AFB stopped, took his name, and did not arrest him. This came as a surprise because two years earlier six people had been arrested for merely looking at the silo from within what the Air Force claims as a 25' security zone outside the fence.

Two days later, the Montana contribution to the Ribbon Project- 87 hand-made panels in all- was brought to the missile silo. Peace campers and guests had hung about half of the panels from the fence when Air Force authorities arrived and ordered that it be taken down. Jim Rohrssen and Bill Hewitt began to remove the panels while a third person explained the history of the Ribbon Project. The security people were told how these panels would be joining hundreds of others to encircle the Pentagon in early August to mark the 40th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

At that point, one of the Air Force security team decided to take some of the Ribbon. Eighteen panels were ripped from the fence and confiscated by the Air Force. Rohrssen and Hewitt were arrested for trespass, despite the fact that they had been ordered to remove the Ribbon and thus remain within the 25' security zone.

Both men were taken to jail in Great Falls, where they pled not guilty before federal magistrate Larson. They were released June 26 after the Silence One Silo campaign posted \$100 bond each. A court date has not yet been set.

Rohrssen, who coordinated Montana's contributions to the Ribbon, vows to try everything to free the 18 Ribbon panels held hostage by the Air Force in time for the Pentagon memorial.

For more information, contact Silence One Silo; Box 9203; Missoula, MT 59807; (406)549-9449.

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Resistance Reflections

THE NECESSITY OF DIRECT ACTION

(We are pleased to reprint this essay, from *Bulletin #2 of the National Network for Direct Action, FOR Disarmament Program*; Box 271; Nyack, NY 10960. Author Frank Panopoulos is a member of the Trident II Plowshares disarmament group, and a staff member of Catholic Peace Fellowship.)

It is high time that we in the United States face up to the fact that there is a crisis at hand regarding the usurpation of the fundamental tenets of the U.S. Constitution—and that the essential reasons for which our governmental system was created, as expounded by John Locke and embedded in our Constitution, have been breached.

The rise of the national security technocracy with its ensuing intelligence and surveillance apparatus, the creation of a minor wealthy class of people who consume a disproportionate share of the Earth's resources, and the accompanying threat of global holocaust by first-strike nuclear war in 25 minutes, have all relegated the reasons for our constitutional government to the margin. The ends for which our government first was created have been superseded by a government contradictory to those ends. Hence the sentiment of Locke, echoed by Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence and quoted below, applies today perhaps more than ever, since what is at stake is the physical existence of not only the nation, but of the Earth itself:

Whosoever therefore the legislative shall transgress this fundamental Rule of Society; and either by Ambition, Fear, Folly or Corruption, endeavour to grasp themselves, or put into the hands of any other an Absolute Power over the Lives, Liberties, and Estates of the people; By this breach of Trust they forfeit The Power, the People had put into their hands, for quite contrary ends, and it devolves to the people, who have a right to resume their original liberty, and, by the Establishment of a new Legislative (such as they shall think fit) provide for their own Safety and Security, which is the end for which they are in Society. What I have said here, concerning the Legislative, in general, holds true also concerning the supreme Executor.

The requirement of responsible citizens—to preserve their lives, liberty, and estates from the threat of nuclear war—are political/moral reasons for the necessity of civil disobedience and nonviolent direct action now.

Furthermore, from a Christian perspective there is no denying that our nation functions as an empire, rewarding Caesarian values and wreaking destruction around the world. Out of compassion for the victims and the executioners, as well as the obligation of our faith, we must work towards God's will on Earth. Necessarily that work implies, along with the corporeal works of mercy, a form of resistance and non-cooperation that is in keeping with our faith. Hence, the obligation of Christians to civil disobedience and nonviolent direct action.

When I speak of nonviolent direct action I am not excluding "electoral politics" and voting as a means of effecting social change. What I do exclude, though, is the notion—prevalent among the majority of peace activists and the U.S. public—that electoral politics and voting in and of themselves will effect social change. To think so is to ignore years of objective political critique on the subject of the political inefficiency of the two-party system and the co-opting of democracy in the public mind by mass-media image making. The choices one has for presidential or congressional candidates are not fundamentally different. Both Democratic and Republican parties agree to the modern functioning and crisis management of monopoly capitalism. Nuclear deterrence is still the foundation of U.S. security policy for both parties, including the possibility of a counterforce first-strike attack. There may be disagreement over how to manage the state itself in times of crisis, but there is no disagreement over the existence of the state as it is, economically ever-expanding and militarily preponderant. Choosing a candidate as the lesser of two evils is a political strategy for change that is a yielding to the policy elites' prerogatives. It is a strategy unsuitable for the urgent task of structurally changing the power structure in the U.S.

By "direct action" I mean a focus on civil disobedience complemented by the myriad of other protests and legal tactics one can use to nonviolently effect change, including a package of laws and voting. A great example of a direct action campaign to effect social change was Martin Luther King's civil rights movement. It was only after the social power of King's movement was established by civil disobedience and other direct action that the laws of segregation were changed and new civil rights laws enacted. Unfortunately, today we are seeing the erosion of these laws by conservative government.

The idea of civil disobedience and other direct action, as the means to nonviolently bring about social change in this country, is frightening to most people. There is still a grasping onto electoral politics and the vote, as if no one could see any effective political action beyond these two means. Or if they do see any such political action beyond it is in terms of civil strife and anarchy, and not in terms of a structured nonviolent struggle. This is so because a philosophy of nonviolence and nonviolent struggle is not taken seriously as the political alternative today. Three minutes to midnight is no joke. Gandhi more so than anyone else tried to show what a nonviolent alternative could be, both as a political-economic reality for the world, and as a way of struggle and living. If we are to be serious about social change, it is fitting that we read and understand Gandhi's political astuteness, as well as Gene Sharp's writings on nonviolent struggle. Both are able to give a structure to radical struggle that is nonviolent and workable.

King addressed this question of people's hesitating to move into direct action in his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail." He wrote then:

... I have almost reached the regrettable conclusion that the Negro's great stumbling block in the stride toward freedom is not the White Citizen's Council or the Ku Klux Klan, but the White Moderate who is more devoted to "order" than to justice; ... Who paternalistically feels that he [or she] can set the timetable for another man's [person's]

freedom; ... Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will. Lukewarm acceptance is much more bewildering than outright rejection.

I had hoped that the White Moderate would understand that law and order exist for the purpose of establishing justice, and that when they fail to do this they become dangerously structured dams that block the flow of social progress.

As long as we retain the attitude of the "White Moderate," clinging to social change by electoral politics and prescribing shallow "law and order" politics for the peace movement, we will remain a movement going nowhere.

Nonviolent direct action is made more resilient by resisting the materialistic, hedonistic, and narcissistic values of our society. It is an extremely important form of political non-cooperation because it gives rise to an objective critique of the "culture," and allows one to make creative use of productivity, money, and leisure time.

One of the important forms of emerging resistance entails the establishment of communities of conscience who seek to live nonviolently and counter-culturally, offering to us the alternatives of community and wholeness (ashram and shalom). Such communities are involved in running of soup kitchens, homeless shelters, neighborhood programs for the poor; being incarcerated for protest and providing support to those in jail; and serving as a reconciling presence in the face of conflict. These are forms of withdrawing consent to technocracy that are personally liberating, and foundational to direct action.

We must remember that nonviolent direct action is first and foremost prescribed by nonviolence as a way of life. Such a way of life is not required for someone to act in a nonviolent direct action; what is required is only their commitment to nonviolence as a tactic. But the success of building a peaceful and just society will ultimately depend on nonviolence being accepted as a way of life.

The corporeal works of mercy, nonviolence, conscience, and community are usually referred to as subjective, existential commitments. They are political realities as well. Few people care to explain this. It is to our credit that we do so, because—even more than direct action—nonviolence is what we are about in offering an alternative way of living.

The necessity of civil disobedience and other direct action should be viewed through other aspects implied in Locke's statement, concerning 1) the withdrawal of people's consent to be ruled, and 2) sedition, better known as revolution.

A governed people's withdrawal of their consent to be ruled is the fundamental political principle on which nonviolent direct action rests. Stating this in the first volume of his *Politics of Nonviolent Action*, Gene Sharp writes:

A ruler's power is dependent upon the availability of its several sources. This availability is determined by the degree of obedience and cooperation given by the subjects. Such obedience and cooperation are, however, not inevitable, and despite inducements, pressures, and even sanctions, obedience remains essentially voluntary. Therefore, all government is based upon consent.

Sharp is explaining to us that we allow by our passive or active consent the things that are done in our name by the government. In order for the government not to have the power to continue its ways we must refuse our consent to be governed, since government rules by the authority and help given it by its citizens.

But what does it mean to withdraw consent—other than non-cooperation with unjust policies, civil disobedience, and other constant direct action? We can see here again the limitations of electoral politics and voting as the sole means of social change; both are within the allowable forms of public political action that the governing elite of the country tolerates. Working for social change only through these means is still giving one's consent to the government and its way of rule. Non-cooperating and withdrawing one's consent from the government would mean refusing to participate in the process of "government as usual." The primary focus of political activity for the people would be public protest, and only secondarily voting.

The second aspect of revolution has to do with a *spirit* of revolutionary struggle. When revolution occurs the people who fight for their freedom withdraw from participation in government, leave their present livelihoods, and take to struggle every day of their lives until they die or win or cause a structural change that will necessitate the ending of the revolution. The parallel lesson for our movement and society is that we must appropriate such a revolutionary spirit of giving up what we are doing, and struggling every day by nonviolent direct action to effect social change. Demonstrations twice a year, a few protest weeks on certain themes, and periodic civil disobedience are not enough of a strategy for change. Unless we are nurturing resistance we need to put aside what we are doing and begin the process of a nonviolent "revolution" by constantly acting via

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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.

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civil disobedience and other direct action. It is the least we can do for our sisters and brothers in the poor countries whom we claim to be in solidarity with, in their struggles for liberation.

The attitude of commitment to constant struggle and abstention from consumerism—including commitment to the corporeal works of mercy—is not even near being prevalent in our society. Too many people think that political action must happen after work hours, on the weekends, or via the media. Fortunately, the situation is changing. The witness of permanent women's peace camps, the plowshares actions, the campaign along the tracks of the white train, the Central America contingency plan of action, are among the activities indicating that some are now setting aside their own traditional futures in order to act, at any time, like the minutepeople of the American revolution.

Let me be clearer about this: As nonviolent people engaged in civil disobedience and direct action, we are interested in a change of government, not an overthrow.

What our movement lacks is a nonviolent revolutionary spirit; being out there every day until it is done.

What our movement lacks is a nonviolent revolutionary spirit; being out there every day until it is done. A good example is the neglect of the spirit of protest in the nation after June 12, 1982, by the peace movement. It was simply irresponsible for all the peace groups not to harness the public energy for stopping the arms race after the largest demonstration in U.S. history. The time of '82-'83 was ripe for civil disobedience and other direct action, prior to the elections of '84. But the U.S. peace movement, not comprehending this, bickered with itself over identity and was only able to account for minute demonstrations against the U.S. missiles being deployed in Europe during the autumn of '83.

Of course during '82-'83 the Freeze Movement grew and made headlines, but most of its success falls under the critique of the inefficiency of electoral politics. More encouraging events during the two years were the increase in massive civil disobedience and the outspokenness of numerous institutions on peace and justice. The last three years have witnessed a growing sense of urgency and commitment to direct action. Increasing numbers of civil disobedience campaigns, including trespass onto military bases and disruption of the infrastructure of nuclear weapons operations, are hopeful signs. But social change will begin to occur when such a spirit of seriousness and commitment to direct action permeate the entire movement with its many constituencies.

Finally I would like to indicate that by engaging in nonviolent direct action people are participating in a democratic form of political activity. In fact "democratic" is too weak a description for consensus decision-making in affinity groups within which small numbers of people make decisions together, laying the basis for future actions. In addition to the town meetings in rural America and local decision-making councils, democracy is being sustained as well in the small affinity groups that prepare for direct action. When the affinity groups come together the movement is an exercise in democracy and accountability to shared responsibility. In this process there is potential to overcome the limitations of hierarchical leadership, along with racism, sexism, and clericalism. This is a great advancement in the exercise of democracy and human emancipation.

The time has long been with us for a movement of civil disobedience and other direct action to effect social change. If we truly believe that the choice is as King defined it, one between "nonviolence and non-existence," then we shall instigate a resistance by direct action that will precipitate a crisis of conscience and authority in the nation and government. To do anything less would be unbecoming of us, given the assault on our democratic liberties by the government, and the deployment of first-strike nuclear weapons concurrent with a launch-on-warning policy. The history of nonviolent social change in this country is there for us to continue. —Frank Panopoulos

THANKS

MANY THANKS to San Francisco's Anarchist Community Coffeehouse for a June 28 benefit that helped to pay for this issue of the Nuclear Resister...

Thanks to Allyson and Arlene for their help with mailing the last issue. Thanks to Jonathan and Tommy for coming up to the hot weather in Ukiah to help with this issue. Thanks to Mary, Bruce, Arlene, Martin, Debra, Mira, Marjorie, Jonathan and Tommy for childcare during this issue—an ever-critical need. And thanks to Mary for her help with the typing!

Six Minutes to Midnight

At six minutes to midnight, July 6, 300 women on a candlelight walk from the Women's Encampment for a Future of Peace and Justice converged on the Seneca Army Depot near Romulus, New York.

The evening began with celebration at the encampment. The women's walk moved through dramatic images of despair and expression of rage at life on the nuclear precipice. It concluded with the empowerment of song, dance, drama and active nonviolent resistance at the gate of the depot. Seneca is a major transshipment point for nuclear weapons headed for the "NATO theatre".

Forty-six women entered the depot. Forty-five were issued ban and bar letters, and the remaining woman, a repeat resister, was issued a summons to appear in court July 15.

Earlier in the day, Dorene Cornwell was arrested and charged with "damaging government property" and released pending a court date July 15.

For more information, contact the Women's Encampment for a Future of Peace and Justice; 5440 Rt. 96; Romulus, NY 14541; (607)869-5825.

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actually then taken back to pick up their shoelaces from the Marquette jail (clearly they were suicide risks, having just been busted, right?).

"Well, several folks sawed off a bit of the ELF pole, which is now spread around the Great Lakes region. Good friends Gary Miron, Gerrard Grabowski and Kurt Miron took me to Presque Isle that evening for pizza and beer. It was lovely on the granite outcroppings standing over the Lake, watching an exquisite sunset.

"The next morning I gave a section of the pole to 11th District Congressman Bob Davis's staff (who nominally opposes ELF while voting for it and accepting PAC monies from the prime contractor, GTE). Then I turned myself in to the sheriff.

"My bond was initially \$5000 but after arraignment was reduced to pr. I await trial, probably in July, after another one in Ashland, Wisconsin with five others who went over the fence at the operable ELF in the Chequamegon National Forest on Armistice Day of 1984."

Hastings' trial date has not yet been set.

John Sherman Jones, Jeff Leys, Kurt Miron and Charles Turvey, arrested blockading the Michigan ELF site earlier on May 28, will go on trial September 26.

Back in Wisconsin, six people were tried on July 5 for trespassing at the operational ELF transmitter near Clam Lake in November, 1984.

The "ELFbustors" consented to the facts of their case and agreed not to participate in jury selection. In return, the court agreed to allow them to present a defense of international law and "competing harms" (necessity) to the jury. Jury instructions on these issues offered by the defense were rejected by the judge, however, who told the 12 jurors that their only consideration was whether the activists had trespassed or not. One juror accepted the defense arguments, but the sufficient majority followed the judge's instructions and convicted the resisters.

Tom Hastings, Ann Isenberg, Kathy Kelly, Jeff Leys, Mike Miles and Nancy Rice were sentenced to a \$470 fine or 19 days in jail. All chose jail.

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



Letters of support can currently be sent to Ann Isenberg, Kathy Kelly, Nancy Rice and Jeff Leys at the Ashland County Jail; Ashland, WI 54806. They are due to be released July 22.

Mike Miles and Tom Hastings will begin their sentence in mid-August and can be written then at the same address.

FAITH IN ACTION

A cornucopia of Christian resistance in Washington, D.C. on May 28 resulted in the arrest of 248 people at six different sites. Sojourners Peace Ministry sponsored the actions at the conclusion of a four day conference on Christian nonviolence and civil disobedience. Built on the holiday of Pentecost, organizers hoped that the combined actions would emerge into a "single prayer for...justice, for peace, for freedom and ultimately, for life itself in the face of so many threats and assaults".

For the most part, the arrests went smoothly. Thirty people were taken into custody protesting Soviet imperialism in Afghanistan and Poland at the Russian Embassy. Eighty-four were arrested at the State Department protesting U.S. imperialism in Central America. At the South African Embassy, 29 opponents of apartheid were arrested. At the Supreme Court, 12 withdrew consent from the death penalty. And at the Department of Health and Human Services, 21 people were arrested "praying for the unborn and...alternatives to the desperate option of abortion". In all these cases, protesters were held overnight in jail, and 68 then served two more days while the others paid a \$50 fine.

At the White House, 71 arrests were made of Christians demanding an end to the nuclear arms race. Only Rev. Maurice McCrackin from Cincinnati did not cooperate with the arrest procedure.

Marion Bromley writes:

"It was made clear at the training session for those planning civil disobedience at Peace Pentecost '85 that cooperating with arrest and jail was expected of all participants. Mac at one point withdrew, as he is always sensitive to group decisions. But he later decided to participate and to follow the plan he had prepared before leaving home. His prepared statement focused on fasting while in jail, in protest of billions spent on armaments while people are hungry and starving. He planned to give only his name if arrested, explaining that the reason for

non-cooperation with the police, the marshalls, the jails and the courts, is 'because they are so often an integral part of a legal system which aids and abets in the suppression of free speech and action, and which collaborate in the oppression of the poor and the poverty-stricken of the earth'.

"In the latter part of this two-page statement, Mac stated, 'Perhaps some think that I've done my share in marching and going to jail, since I'll be eighty years old come next December 1. Getting older gives us no moratorium on following the moral imperative of conscience. We must still go with our bodies to places of concentrated evil and must add the stubborn ounces of our weight to see to it that the ultimate disaster of nuclear annihilation does not take place. Personally, I want to get all the mileage I can out of my body'.

"The mileage gained from Mac's youthful spirit in an old body on this occasion was to inform the public that some police and marshalls will use a stun gun on the legs of a gentle, soft-spoken, 79-year-old prisoner in an attempt to force cooperation. Some will take this prisoner's hand and force fingers (breaking one), a thumb, then the whole hand back toward his forearm, then work on the other hand. Some will drag this prisoner by his hair. Some will twist handcuffs while dragging this prisoner to dig the cuffs into his wrists. The frightening thought, to Mac and to his friends, is what these sadists would do to a younger, hostile prisoner who challenged their authority."

McCrackin was unconditionally released two days later. The other 70 cited out that day. Some have paid a \$50 fine by mail, some will return for arraignment July 18. Twelve people in the group were immediately arraigned and received a ten day suspended sentence.

For more information about the Peace Pentecost actions, contact Polly Duncan at Sojourners; Box 29272; Washington, D.C. 20017; (202)636-3637.

Inside & Out

THE WOMEN AND MEN LISTED BELOW ARE, AT PRESS TIME, IMPRISONED FOR ACTS OF RESISTANCE TO A NUCLEAR NON-FUTURE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE NUCLEAR RESISTER, BOX 1503, UKIAH, CA 95482.



Ann Isenberg, Kathy Kelly, Nancy Rice and Jeff Leys
Ashland County Jail, Ashland, WI 54806.
(Project ELF trespass, 11/84 - out July 22)

Jim Plato (Blood on Pentagon, 12/84 - out 8/18/85)
Brian Barrett (Blood on Pentagon, 4/85 - out 7/18/85)
York County Jail, Box 396, Yorktown, VA 23960.

Jennifer Haines 17688-013
Alderson Women's Prison, Box A, Alderson, WV 24910.
(Rocky Flats trespass, 12/84 - one year)

Felton Davis
Morris County Jail, 23 Court St., Morristown, NJ 07960.
(Stop TMI graffiti - awaiting sentencing 9/85)

Leonard Peltier 89673-132
Box 1000, Leavenworth, KS 66048.
(Native American political prisoner)

Brent Taylor, Ann Hansen, Doug Stewart, Julie Belmas, and Gerry Hannah
c/o Free the Five Defense Group, Box 48296, Bentall Station, Vancouver, BC V7X 1A1 Canada.
(Vancouver Five' anti-nuke, feminist, radical environmental political bombings in Canada, 1982 - varying sentences, 6 years - life)

G.P. = Griffiss AFB Plowshares disarmament action, 11/83

P.P. = Pershing Plowshares missile kit disarmament action, Orlando, FL, 4/84

Karl Smith 01268-052 (G.P. 3 years)
Paul Magno 03829-018 (P.P. 3 years)
Allenwood Federal Prison, Box 1000,
Allenwood FCI, Box 1000, Montgomery, PA 17752

Dean Hammer 01267-052 (G.P. 3 years)
Vern Rossman 01266-052 (G.P. 3 years)
Jim Perkins 03825-018 (P.P. 3 years)
Todd Kaplan 03828-018 (P.P. 3 years)
Danbury Prison Camp, Pembroke Station, Danbury, CT 06810

Per Herengren 03824-018 (P.P. 3 years)
Danbury FCI, Danbury, CT 06810

Tim Lietzke 03830-018 (P.P. 3 years)
Petersburg FCI, Petersburg, VA 23804.

Patrick O'Neill 03831-018 (P.P. 3 years)
FPC Box 150160, Lakewood Station, Atlanta, GA 20315

Jackie Allen 01265-052 (G.P. 2 years)
Claire Grady 01264-052 (G.P. 2 years)
Liz McAllister 01263-052 (G.P. 3 years)
Kathleen Rumpf 01262-052 (G.P. 2 years)
Sr. Anne Montgomery 03827-052 (P.P. 3 years)
Alderson Women's Prison, Box A, Alderson, WV 24910
Christin Schmidt 03826-018 (P.P. 3 years)
c/o Brooke House, 79 Chandler St., Boston, MA 02116.

Helen Woodson 03231-045 (18 years)
Alderson Women's Prison, Box A, Alderson, WV 24910.
Fr. Carl Kabat 03230-045 (18 years)
FCI, Box 1000, Milan, MI 48160.
Fr. Paul Kabat 03229-045 (10 years)
FCI, Box 1000, Sandstone, MN 55072.
Larry Cloud Morgan 03232-045 (8 years)
FCI, Box 33, Terre Haute, IN 47807.
(Jackhammer disarmament of Missouri missile silo, 11/84)

Martin Holladay 03313-045
Danbury FCI, Pembroke Station, Danbury, CT 06810.
(Missouri missile silo disarmament, 2/85 - 8 years)

Greg Boertje, John Heid, George Veasley and Roger Ludwig
c/o Plowshares Support/R.I., Box 3291 Wayland Square, Providence, RI 02906.
(Electric Boat shipyard disarmament action in Rhode Island, 4/85 - awaiting trial)

PREVIOUSLY LISTED--RECENTLY RELEASED:
Jacquie Schoonover-Higgins, Jeff Schoonover-Higgins, Fr. Peter Dougherty, Elizabeth Gravalos, Ruth McKay, Sheila Parks and Suzanne Schmidt.

Court Injunctions Set Afire

On Monday, May 27, about 35 people gathered at the gates of Williams International, the cruise missile turbine engine manufacturer in Michigan. There they offered support for Dan LaGrou, Vivienne Kell and Gordon Judd who acted in recognition of the unique conjunction of Memorial Day and the Christian observance of Pentecost. The three moved two copies of a court injunction from Williams' fence, and replaced them with biblical injunctions: "Peace be with you" and "God's spirit breathes forgiveness". The copies of the court injunction, which prohibits trespass at Williams and has been the basis for indefinite jail terms for Williams' resisters, were then carried just inside the front gate and set afire.

Their statement explained "...At the first Pentecost, the Spirit appeared in the form of fiery tongues. This was the fire of love, power and unity. We have used the symbol of fire on these copies of the court injunction to express for the human family that God's Spirit continues to break through the harmful constraints of human laws--such as this court injunction--to enable all people to live in the power of love and unity".

After their ceremony, the three were asked to leave by security guards. Having completed their intended action, they left without being arrested.

They were later summoned into court on June 24, where Judge Thorburn, who issued the injunction, found them in contempt. In a new twist, he gave them three weeks to either join in an appeal of the contempt citation that others have filed or agree not to violate the injunction, at least until the appeal is ruled on by a higher court. If, after 21 days, they take neither options, they will be jailed indefinitely.

At the close of the hearing, LaGrou, Kell and Judd were arrested in the courtroom on a misdemeanor charge of destroying a sign, bill or notice. All pled not guilty and were released that day; Kell on personal recognizance and LaGrou and Judd on \$100 bond. The prosecutor is appealing a decision by a district court judge who refused to sign an additional conspiracy warrant against the three.

Jacque and Jeff Schoonover-Higgins and Fr. Peter Dougherty were released from jail June 6, after appealing the contempt citation which was a result of their April 4 action at Williams. In this case as well, the Oakland County prosecutor's office is appealing the district court judge's refusal to sign a warrant for conspiracy to trespass.

In a related update, five people arrested during the week of resistance at Williams in December, 1983, were convicted June 15 of one count of failure to obey the order of a police officer. They had originally been charged with seven assorted crimes, including three conspiracy charges. Prosecutors dropped two before trial, the judge dismissed two more during the trial, and the jury, believing that the five were compelled under duress (a fear of nuclear war) to take part in the protest, acquitted them on two more charges. Judge Michael Batchik sentenced Jeanne Heyer, Karen Ivantic, Sr. Patricia Pechour, Brian Bunzel and Jacob Mersberger to 19 days in jail (time served in 1983) and \$100 fine.

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

More Reflections

by Sheila Parks

...There is something about speaking my truth lovingly, non-violently, and strongly to power that changes everything. There is something about having the courage of my convictions that changes everything. There is something about having deep faith and acting on it that changes everything. There is something about acting in community like this that changes everything. These changes have just happened. Somehow. I am different. My actions and responses to the world, to people and to God are different. I am more loving and more trusting. I am

willing to take more risks. I feel very strong. I feel spectacular. I have told my corner of truth on the world. I have helped move the world toward justice, truth, peace. I am very grateful to have so acted. I leave the consequences to God and have faith in Her.

(Sheila Parks of Medford, Massachusetts, one of the Trident II Pruning Hooks, was in prison in Cranston, Rhode Island for one month. She is now out on her own recognizance awaiting trial.)

FELTON DAVIS CONVICTED;

TMI Restart Imminent



The Nuclear Regulatory Commission voted on Wednesday, May 29, to permit the re-start of Three Mile Island Unit I, the reactor undamaged in the historic 1979 nuclear accident at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Meeting in Washington, the Commission's vote drew angry protest from area residents attending the re-start hearing.

Gene Stilp, from Harrisburg, after fasting for 12 days, poured symbolic blood on the commissioners' table. He was arrested, taken to a hospital, and charged with disturbing a meeting. Gene paid a \$10 fine and was released the same day.

That evening, in Pennsylvania, 82 people were arrested blocking the gate to the nuclear power plant. All pled not guilty to blocking a right of way, claiming that their actions were justified under Pennsylvania law to prevent the greater harm posed to the community by the restart of TMI-I. On July 5, the lowest level district court found the group guilty. The case will now be heard by a second judge at a later date.

Meanwhile, the restart of TMI-I is being held off pending the decision of the Federal 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals on the suit seeking to stop the plant.

In an update, Gene Stilp, Rick Kushner and Tony Eiseman are ignoring orders to pay fines following blockades at the TMI gate last March 28 and May 9.

In New Jersey, religious graffiti artist Felton Davis III was convicted by a jury July 3, on charges of criminal mischief and trespass. Last March 28, Davis returned to General Public Utilities (GPU) corporate headquarters in Parsippany, New Jersey, the owner of TMI. There he covered the walls of the building with his aerosol prayer, "KEEP TMI-I SHUT DOWN".

Davis' defense, disallowed by the judge's instruction to the jury, centered on the New Jersey statute elsewhere on this page. His statement after the action, "Prayer for March 28", reads in part:

"...Is it You who will 'remember the land?' (Leviticus 26:42). The Susquehanna and the Delaware and the Hudson, the northern Appalachians, the Finger Lakes, the Maine woods, the New England coast, and what beauty there is that remains in New Jersey--all of these are spread downwind of Three Mile Island. Are we allowed to put them all at risk for power from one reactor, even after the accident at the other reactor? Do You smile upon that calculation? 'The land belongs to You. We are but aliens and Your tenants.' (Leviticus 25:23)..."

Of the trial, Davis wrote, "I felt sorry for the GPU people, who testified eloquently about staying up all night trying in vain to get the paint off the walls. 'Somehow the words keep bleeding through!'"

Jailed since the action on \$10,000 bond, Felton Davis will be sentenced on September 13. Due to the persistence of his home state protests, the judge has indicated the state may have a home for Felton for at least a year or more.



Letters of support should be sent to Felton Davis III; Morris County Jail; 23 Court St.; Morristown, N.J. 07960.

A person
who
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to take
reasonable measures
to prevent
or mitigate
widespread injury
or damage
commits
a crime
of the fourth degree
if...
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(or she)
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or assented to
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or threatening
the injury
or damage.
--N.J.S. 2C:17-2

(from Felton Davis, reprinted from
Harvest of Justice)

Trident II Pruning Hooks Update

A trial date has not yet been set for six activists who disarmed three more Trident II missile launch tubes at Quonset Point, Rhode Island, last April 18. Like the Trident II Plowshares before them, the Trident II Pruning Hooks were charged with possession of burglary tools, trespass and malicious injury to property.

Initially held on \$18,000 bond, all were later offered release on personal recognizance (PR), if they would promise to return for trial. Sheila Parks and Suzanne Schmidt accepted this offer and were released May 18. At a Superior Court arraignment

on June 17, they affirmed their commitment to return for their trial.

Also on June 17, Greg Boertje, John Heid, Roger Ludwig and George Veasey refused the state's offer of release on PR, in order to continue their witness against the Trident first-strike nuclear weapons system from jail. Greg Boertje surprised the judge by asking the court to apologize for his imprisonment in the wake of the disarmament action. John Heid responded to the offer by noting as Thoreau had, that "the only place for a just person in an unjust society is in jail". Roger Ludwig told the court he could not promise to return for trial if released, and George Veasey expressed his opinion that there is "no freedom under the Bomb".

Five days earlier, on June 12, Greg and George refused to stand for count, in solidarity with thousands of people nationwide who were protesting U.S. aid to the contras in Nicaragua that day. They were punished with ten days in lock-up. The men are still being held at the Adult Correctional Institution in Cranston, Rhode Island.



Letters of support should be sent to Greg Boertje, John Heid, George Veasey and Roger Ludwig c/o Plowshares Support/RI, Box 3291 Wayland Square, Providence, RI 02906.

DESERT NUKE RESISTED

On May 25, the first of three reactors at the largest nuclear power plant in the western hemisphere began low-power testing. Four days later, a group of about 50 people gathered outside the Phoenix offices of Arizona Public Service Company (APS) to protest the start-up of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station. APS is a major owner and operator of the Palo Verde plant, which is located about 50 miles west of Phoenix in the Sonoran Desert.

Sharon Harrington, Lorain Kadish, LeRoy Mason, Brad Munns and Richard Scott walked into the lobby of the APS building and asked to meet with the president of the company. When their request was denied, the five presented security guards with several gifts, including a lead-lined pouch containing uranium mill tailings from an abandoned mill in northern Arizona. They then chained themselves to one another and the door. Guards pleaded with the group to leave. Their pleas were unsuccessful, and police were called to cut the chains and arrest the five. After two protesters had been carried from the building, an APS executive came out of the elevator exclaiming, "No, no, don't arrest them, don't arrest them!" The officer on duty responded, "Hey, your boy said to arrest them, now we're going to go through with this."

Police issued trespass citations, and the five were released from custody after entering pleas "for the children". A pre-trial hearing is scheduled for July 18.

Flagstaff resident Brad Munns, who had brought the tailings from the abandoned Tuba City uranium mill, told reporters, "I wanted to make the point that it was radioactive material that could be picked up by just an average citizen stumbling around and it should not be that easily accessible".

Sharon Harrington, who along with Richard Scott and 69 others was arrested at the Palo Verde site in 1979, noted:

"The path of the legal route for grievances leads directly to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and that is a joke. That agency recently adopted a new ruling wherein transcripts, and even minutes, are no longer required by the NRC at closed sessions. Environmentalists have termed this convenient new ruling 'The NRC Anti-Embarrassment Act of 1985' because a source of embarrassment to the Commission was eliminated when releasing transcripts to the public was no longer required."

For more information, contact the affinity group; Box 37; Tempe, AZ 85281.



graphic from *Earth First!*

International Actions Demand: Disarm the Seas

Demonstrations and other activities to protest the U.S. naval build-up and the intensifying arms race at sea took place around the world June 8-15. Actions occurred in at least 13 U.S. cities and 10 other countries around the Atlantic and Pacific rims. They emphasized the increasing international opposition to sea launched cruise missiles (SLCM's, or "slicks") and domestic opposition to Navy plans to homeport refurbished battleship groups and other nuclear armed vessels in U.S. harbors.

In Groton, Connecticut, there were 11 arrests at a June 15 vigil, prayer service and web-weaving at the submarine yards there. Charges of blocking traffic were nollied (suspended pending dismissal). For more information, contact Trident Nein: Box 411; New Haven, CT 06502; (203)562-7935.

In New York, twin rallies drawing 1500 people in Brooklyn and on Staten Island braved pouring rain to protest the proposed homeporting of a nuclear fleet at Stapleton on Staten Island. When authorities refused to allow a human chain and symbolic harbor blockade to span the Verrazano Narrows bridge, seven people sat down and blocked the bridge. They were arrested and given a citation for disorderly conduct, then released pending a court appearance. For more information, contact the Coalition for a Nuclear Free Harbor; 135 W. 4th St.; New York, NY 10012; (212)673-1808.

For more information on the international actions, contact John Miller; Mobilization for Survival; 853 Broadway, Room 418; New York, NY 10003; (212)533-0008.

SWIMMING BLOCKADERS CONVICTED

Jim Albertini, Jim Snyder and Warren Wineman were convicted July 9 by a federal jury in Hawaii of violating a Coast Guard regulation establishing a safety zone around a ship. The ship in question, the USS Ouellet, entered Hilo Bay July 18, 1984, in violation of a Hawaii County Nuclear Free Zone ordinance. The swimming blockade was an attempt to enforce the ordinance.

Visiting Judge Spencer Williams, a 29-year Navy vet and former Lt. Commander, ruled before the trial that nuclear free zones and nuclear weapons could not be mentioned. During the trial, confusion over differences in the wording of the charge on the indictment and in the Federal Register led to his ruling that the Register was "irrelevant".

After an hour of deliberation, the jury sent out a note asking, "What is the charge, verbatim?" Although attorneys thought the jury should be given a copy of the three-page indictment, the judge remarked, "I don't care what the jury wants, they'll get what I give them". His reply to the jury was a single sentence--"Knowingly and willfully violating a coast guard safety zone".

Sentencing for Wineman and Snyder is scheduled for August 19. Albertini, who has been the focus of the prosecution's efforts, will be sentenced by Williams July 12, the day before Williams returns to his home on the mainland.

Albertini expects significant jail time out of a maximum possible sentence of five years in jail. New federal regulations will likely demand that he begin serving any jail sentence even while an appeal is being filed.

For more information and to express support, contact Malu'Aina; Box AB; Kurtistown, HI 96760; (808)966-7622.

Lac La Heche Elders Resist Uranium Mining

Native resistance to uranium mining in the northern wilderness of Saskatchewan mounted in June, with a two-day blockade of the sole access road to the Collins Bay mine, on the north-west edge of Wollaston Lake. About 40 activists from the south of Canada joined 150 northwoods natives in mid-June to call attention to the gross environmental depredation caused by uranium mining, and the lack of concern shown by the government and corporations for the native population of the region. Already operating, the Collins Bay mine is one of several removing ore from under the lake. The commercial fishing potential of Wollaston Lake is seriously threatened.

Two days into the blockade, armed officers of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) informed the group that a convoy of 22 trucks held up at La Ronge (over 300 miles south, and the nearest town) was on its way with an armed escort. Blockaders were warned to open the road by the next morning.

In light of the subtle threats of violence coming with the warning, out of concern for the young people present, and in good faith response to a promise of native input on the project, the traditional native elders called off the blockade pending further developments. No arrests were made, but another blockade in August is possible.

Since the end of the blockade, the first scheduled meeting between government, mining and native representatives was cancelled by the government. Also, the Federation of Saskatchewan Indians (FSI), a government-created group intended to represent native interests in dealings with the government, has since publicly stated that they support the uranium mining, and are only interested in an equitable distribution of profits. FSI does not represent the views of the traditional elders of the Lac La Heche band, who called for the blockade.

Donations to help support Canadian native resistance to uranium mining and requests for some excellent background material available should be sent to the Collins Bay Action Group; Box 3183; Vancouver, B.C. V6B 3X6; CANADA.

ban & bar letters

Military vs. 1st Amendment

The Supreme Court ruled in June that "ban and bar" letters can be used to prevent citizens from exercising first amendment rights during announced public events on military bases.

Ban and bar letters are a common response to incidents of minor trespass at military bases across the country. The letters save the government the cost of prosecuting all protesters, and warn the recipient of certain prosecution the next time she or he is found trespassing on the base.

The case in question involves Jim Albertini, an activist in Hawaii. He was issued such a letter during a demonstration at Hickam Air Force Base in 1972. Nine years later, in 1981, Albertini and four others were arrested while leafletting a crowd of 50,000 people enjoying "carnival rides, cotton candy and B-52's" at a Hickam AFB open house. Ban and bar letters were sent to the other four, and Albertini was prosecuted for re-entry after being barred. He was convicted, and appealed on first amendment grounds.

The ninth circuit court of appeals agreed that his first amendment rights to attend and peacefully leaflet at a public event were unduly denied at his arrest in 1981. The government then appealed and the Supreme Court last month agreed with the government and upheld Albertini's conviction. The case has been referred back to the ninth circuit court for a decision on whether Jim's particular ban and bar letter was an unjust or arbitrary denial of first amendment rights because, contrary to the ones currently being used, it contained no due process clause or time limit on the ban.

With this ruling, the Supreme Court is asking citizens to sacrifice to the military some of the very constitutional liberties our government claims to preserve for us when it threatens nuclear war and military intervention abroad.

UPDATES

Train Joes Win First Acquittal

After six years of experiments and struggle in Gandhian nonviolence, the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action won its first courtroom acquittal in June. First, conspiracy charges were dropped against 23 organizers and participants in last February's nuclear train blockade at the Trident submarine base in Bangor, Washington.

Then, after hearing 2½ days of testimony from defendants about their state of mind at the time of the action, the six person jury returned in two hours with a verdict of not guilty.



All six jurors expressed that they were extremely moved by the testimony that they heard. But their vote for acquittal, they claimed, was solely on a legal basis. According to Judge Daniel Phillips, "The only issue was their mental state while on the tracks", and the jury believed the defendants' contention that what they were doing was not in fact a violation of law. Much of the testimony related to the defendants' understanding of international law and the moral foundations of common and statutory law.

In the wake of promises by Ground Zero that "We'll be on the tracks until the trains stop coming", Kitsap County is asking the federal government to help in prosecuting nuclear train resisters. The next shipment of nuclear weapons to Bangor is expected in late July.

In other updates from last February's nuclear train resistance-

Whitefish, Montana resident Donna Monroe was convicted of trespass and sentenced to 60 days in jail plus a fine (both suspended) and community service.

Trial in Centralia, Washington for four track sitters has been postponed until Hiroshima Day, August 6.

And in Topeka, Kansas, charges against 11 have been dismissed due to improper filing. It is possible the charges may be re-filed.

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

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Ground Zero: Downtown Cleveland

At ground zero the Terminal Tower terminated
The Soldiers and Sailors Monument goes AWOL
The Sohio Building says, Sayonara, goes from full serve
To no serve in a short-lived moment
Trials at the Federal Building are postponed
All library fines are cancelled; the Public Library is cancelled
At the Free Speech Quadrant the statue of sedentary Mayor Tom L. Johnson
Is moved for the last time; there is no Free Speech Quadrant
Moses Cleaveland makes a landmark decision, packs up his pedestal
And flies the coop with his pigeons; Pigeon Mary is out of business
All traffic at Public Square is re-routed through China by way of Hell
Straight down through a 300 ft. deep chuckhole
Local 1099, represented laborers for the Division of Streets
Immediately goes out on Strike, demanding more health benefits
And hazardous duty pay. Along with other pedestrians
I lie down in the street at Ontario and Euclid and pretend to be alive
I am not arrested by the SWAT Team. There is no SWAT Team
There is no street. There is no I. There are no pedestrians
There is only a pulverization and a crater 1200 feet in diameter
By now it is obvious to everyone...the poetry has gone out of our lives

Daniel

No Business as Usual
4/29/85

I died to wake the dead
Wake up, my action said
As down I lied to tell the truth
To save the world. Gravity made me brave
I stayed. To love the earth is to keep
An ear to the ground. I found
What goes round comes round
My decision? We need a new clear vision
The dead are lovely in the street
Their hearts beat and their lips repeat
Don't tread on me

Daniel

More news of arrests on No Business as Usual Day, April 29, have been reported by the NBAU office in San Francisco. In addition to those noted in the last issue of the Nuclear Resister (#31), the following arrests and prosecutions have also occurred.

In Cleveland, Mike Egeland and poet Daniel Thompson were arrested along with two bystanders to the downtown rush hour die-ins. At their trial, the judge refused to allow the use of the words "civil disobedience", and sustained objections to questions about Egeland's motivation for die-ing in. Egeland's attorney asked the judge if he was disallowing a defense of necessity. "So you think they should lie down in the streets?" the judge retorted. The attorney declared that he was resigning if he could not present a necessity defense.

Defendant Thompson, after conferring with his attorney, announced that because the prepared defense was not allowed, he would fire his attorney and speak for himself.

As courtroom order threatened to break down, the judge conceded the defense of necessity. Egeland and Thompson were convicted of aggravated disorderly conduct and sentenced to the maximum penalty, 30 days in jail and \$100 fine. The conviction is being appealed.

Daniel Thompson remarked after the trial, "The flow of ideas are more important, more legal, than the flow of traffic."

In Seattle, three juveniles were among four people arrested. One was cited for chalking a peace sign on the sidewalk during the roving demonstrations that day. The other juveniles have yet to be prosecuted, and the fourth person faces a bench trial July 16 for "failure to obey a federal officer".

Seven people were reported arrested in Boston, two at Kent State University in Ohio, and one in New York City.

In New York, activist Mitch Cohen was arrested when he sat down in protest of a police order to clear the area in front of city hall. Cohen is considering a countersuit, contending his first amendment rights to watch the demonstration there were violated.

Updating previously reported arrests, in Chicago, eight people arrested in "the loop" during a panic run dramatization of the city's likely response to a nuclear strike accepted a plea bargain. \$50 bail was forfeited and 30 days "unreported supervision" served by all. Nine others arrested at various sites await possible trial.

In San Francisco, of 14 juveniles arrested, some were released, and some received probation. Three other young people had felony charges dismissed, and 23 people charged with misdemeanors also had charges dismissed. One person still faces misdemeanor assault charges.

In Toronto, charges of mischief against John Kosyenko were dropped.

For more information, contact No Business As Usual; 3309½ Mission St., #127; San Francisco; CA 94110; (415) 550-8506, 550-1530.

Update Files

LEONARD PELTIER: Native American activist and nuclear resister Leonard Peltier has been transferred to the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas. It is especially important to write to him at this new address (see Inside & Out, page 3) so that prison officials there know of our support and concern for his well-being...

PERSHING PLOWSHARES: Christin Schmidt was released July 3 to a half-way house in Boston, Massachusetts, where she is expected to stay until her release on parole in Rhode Island on September 24. See Inside & Out for her new address, page 3...

ROCKY FLATS: Jennifer Haines was transferred to Alderson Federal Prison for Women on June 13, for repeated non-cooperation with a variety of prison requirements at Fort Worth. After loss of good time, she expects to be released no sooner than her expiration date, January 5, 1986. See page 3, Inside and Out, for her prison address...



TRIDENT II PLOWSHARES: Trial for five activists who damaged Trident II missile tubes at Quonset Point, Rhode Island last October 1 is now set for the August 5 docket in Providence, R.I. Bill Boston, Jean Holladay, Frank Panopoulos, John Pendleton and Leo Schiff are charged with possession of burglary tools, trespass and malicious injury to property. Evening programs are planned during the trial, and hospitality is available for those from out of state who wish to attend the trial and Hiroshima/Nagasaki commemorative events planned for the same week in Providence. For more information, contact Plowshares Support/R.I.; Box 3291; Wayland Square; Providence RI 02906; (410)421-8612. Financial support in any amount is appreciated...

BOEING/SEATTLE: At a pre-trial hearing June 4, one person pled guilty to trespass at Boeing last April 22, and was sentenced to 10 hours community service. The fifteen remaining defendants face a second pre-trial hearing July 25. Dissatisfied with the three overworked public defenders appointed to represent them, 10 defendants sat in at the public defender's office. They refused to leave until the court appointed an attorney of their choice to the case. The direct action tactic proved successful, and the attorney requested by the defendants was assigned to the case...

USS ALABAMA COMMISSIONING: Katya Komisaruk and Leo Schiff, charged with reckless endangerment at the May 25 protest in New London, Connecticut, pled guilty to misdemeanor disorderly conduct charges and were sentenced to time served. Four others who pled guilty to disorderly conduct charges stemming from the blockade of dignitaries' buses that day have another pre-trial hearing scheduled for July 9...

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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.

FUTURE ACTIONS

HIROSHIMA/NAGASAKI

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

Williams International Corporation & Wurtsmith Air Force Base/Michigan. August 6. Contact Ann Arbor Peace Community; 2122 Geddes; Ann Arbor, MI 48104; (313)663-5897.

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

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 Ave.; Berkeley, CA 94705; (415)644-2028.

August Desert Witness/Nevada Nuclear Test Site. Box 4487; Las Vegas, NV 89127; (702)646-4814.

Campaign to
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40th Anniversary of
Hiroshima & Nagasaki



- Hibakusha Peace Tour
- Coordinated Actions at Nuclear Weapons Facilities
- Shadow Project
- Bus/Subway Poster Campaign
- Media Campaign
- Easy-to-Perform Street Play

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uss providence

The USS Providence, a nuclear powered fast-attack submarine, will be commissioned in New London, Connecticut on July 27. The USS Providence, according to its captain, is the first in its class capable of launching sub-to-shore cruise missiles (any of which could be nuclear tipped). Objection is made not only to this aspect of the submarine, but also to naming such a beast for the "will of God", (Providence).

A previous submarine of the same class was to be commissioned USS Corpus Christi, "Body of Christ", until a public pressure, including lengthy fasts, persuaded the Navy to amend the name to "City of Corpus Christi".

For more information on planned resistance, contact Plowshares Support/Rhode Island; Box 3291 Wayland Sq.; Providence, RI 02906; (401)421-8612.

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AEROJET/SACRAMENTO: No trial date has been set for three people arrested during a Mother's Day protest at this nuclear missile propulsion system supplier. Nine people who spent 5 days in the Sacramento County Jail following the action, are continuing their efforts to expose and hopefully eliminate the threats, abuse, beatings and lack of medical care they observed while incarcerated. Affidavits about the specific problems and incidents of brutality encountered have been prepared and distributed to the media and county officials. Then the county human rights commission helped arrange a meeting between representatives of the women's and men's jails. The local press is also taking an interest in the subject. The group of resisters is hopeful for change but recognize that it "will take alot more effort on our part before that occurs"...

IN MEMORY

Cathy Holladay was struck by a car and killed on June 12. Our prayers are with her children John and Anna, husband Michael LaRue, parents Bill and Jean, and brothers Peter, David and recently imprisoned Martin in their time of grief. Contributions in her memory may be made to Haley House of Hospitality, 23 Dartmouth St., Boston, MA 02116

Strategic Systems Division, GTE/ Westboro, Massachusetts. August 9. Contact Peace Witness at GTE; c/o Castle St.; Worcester, MA; (617)753-3588.

Rocky Flats/Colorado. August 6. Contact LeRoy Moore; Rocky Mountain Peace Center; 1520 Euclid; Boulder, CO 80302; (303)443-3680.

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base/Tucson. August 6, evening service and action. Contact Casa Maria; 401 E. 26th St.; Tucson, AZ 85713; (602)624-0312.

Pease Air Force Base/New Hampshire. August 6. Contact New Hampshire Seacoast Clamshell; Box 734; Concord, NH 03301; (603)224-4163 or 532-6176.

Seneca Army Depot/New York. August 9 women's action. Contact the Women's Encampment for a Future of Peace and Justice; 5440 Rt. 96; Romulus, NY 14541; (607)869-5825.

Rockwell International or Federal Building/Pittsburgh. August 6. Contact Thomas Merton Center; 5125 Penn Ave.; Pittsburgh, PA 15224; (412)361-3022.

PANTEX/Amarillo, Texas. Continuous presence, August 4-9, including blockade of tracks used by nuclear train. Contact CD Working Group; Red River Peace Network; 2423-A Park St.; Houston, TX 77019; (713)661-9889.

SOSUS/Centerville, California. August 6. Navy submarine listening post. Contact community peacemakers; Box 162; Piercy, CA 95467.

Riverside Research Institute/New York City. August 6. Plans in formation. For more information contact Tom Keough; 18 St. Marks Ave.; Brooklyn, NY 11217.

Missile Silo R-29/Montana. Peace camp also. Contact Silence One Silo; Box 9203; Missoula, MT 59807; (406)549-9449.

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

No Business As Usual. Groups in San Francisco Bay area, Seattle, Atlanta, Gainesville, New York and elsewhere planning actions. Contact NBAU National Office; 3309 1/2 Mission St. #127; San Francisco, CA 94110; (415) 550-1530, 550-8506, for local contacts.

No Business as Usual, Chicago. August 6, rush hour traffic disruptions. Contact Rich Hutchinson; c/o DNA; 407 S. Dearborn #370; Chicago, IL 60605; (312) 427-2533.

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL: Tram tours of this island manufacturing arsenal and weapon command post are now being leafletted and bannered by local resisters. On June 20, Brian Terrell, Kris Wolfe and Ann Tabor held a banner on the tour protesting arsenal arms sent to Central America. Wolfe was held overnight and charged with illegal entry, Terrell was barred from future entry and Tabor, recently convicted of nuclear protest at the site, faces future prosecution for re-entry...

ARMED FORCES PARADE/CHICAGO: Fourteen people were charged with disorderly conduct disrupting the parade. Three juveniles were released to their parents. Eleven others forfeited \$50 fines and got 30 days nonreporting supervision...

WINCON/LOS ANGELES: Trial for 11 people arrested at the February arms bazaar is on hold. The judge told prospective jurors that the question of necessity offered as the defense is too important for he alone to decide. An appeals court will first rule on the issue...

MORTON-THIOLKOL: Four people arrested last May 28 at this Chicago maker of nuclear missile propulsion systems are scheduled for trial September 10...

Knolls Atomic Lab/Albany. Contact Knolls Action Project; 221 Central Ave.; Albany, NY 12206; (518)434-4037.

Applied Physics Lab/John Hopkins University. Contact Project for Conversion of APL in Baltimore, (301)235-8401

Sperry Corporation/Long Island. Contact Catholic Peace Fellowship; 339 Lafayette; New York, NY 10012; (212) 673-8990.

Lockheed/San Jose. Contact San Jose Peace Center; 484 E. San Fernando; San Jose, CA; (408)297-2299.

Trident/Groton. Contact Trident Nein; Box 411, New Haven, CT 06502; (203) 562-7935.

Project ELF/Northern Wisconsin: Peace camp also. Contact Citizens for Alternatives to Trident and ELF; Box 364; Webster, WI 54893; (715)866-8322.

Pentagon. Atlantic Life Community annual resistance gathering. Contact Jonah House; 1933 Park Ave.; Baltimore, MD 21217; (301)669-6265.

rock island arsenal

Creative nonviolent blockade tactics will once again be used October 21 to shut down the Rock Island Arsenal. Located on the Mississippi River, the arsenal is the military's largest arms manufacturing arsenal, and also home of AMCCOM, management headquarters for the transportation of conventional and nuclear weapons. For more information, contact Project Disarm; c/o Disarm Now Action Group; 407 Dearborn #370; Chicago, IL 60605; (312)427-2533.

grassroots action days

On November 23-24, 1985, decentralized nonviolent direct actions will be encouraged and facilitated across the United States, aimed at "overcoming militarism, apartheid, racism, sexism, economic injustice".

Nominations for the strategy committee, composed mostly of people of color, are being sought, as are volunteers for a larger organizing committee to facilitate the networking around the country. In both instances, the priority is on representatives of grassroots groups oriented toward nonviolent direct action and progressive social change, rather than on national organizations.

For more information, contact Grassroots Action Days; c/o FOR Disarmament Program; Box 271; Nyack, NY 10960; (914)358-4601.

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APRIL ACTIONS IN D.C.: While some of 329 people arrested at the White House are paying \$50 fines, others are ignoring the citation. A group of 30-40 people have pled not guilty and expect a trial in the fall. No jail time is expected in the event of conviction...

DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE/TUCSON: Sally Manshardt and Meg Fox have been charged with re-entry at this cruise missile training facility. They entered creative pleas of innocence at their arraignment June 24, and will be tried in federal court in early September...

LITTON/TORONTO: In the aftermath of last November's actions at this cruise missile contractor, James Wensley and Greg Green were given discharges; David Collins was found guilty and sentenced to 15 days in jail, two years probation, 200 hours community service and a prohibition on being within 50 yards of Litton; Scott Marsden was also found guilty and sentenced to five days in jail, 200 hours community service and prohibited from participating in such protest for one year...

HONEYWELL/MINNEAPOLIS: Most of about 150 people arrested during a week of resistance last May have pled not guilty, and have trial dates set from July through September. A dozen or so people pled guilty and were given a choice of \$30 fine or ten hours community service. Barb Mishler refused the choice and spent two days in jail. Two people who did not appear for their court call had charges dismissed...

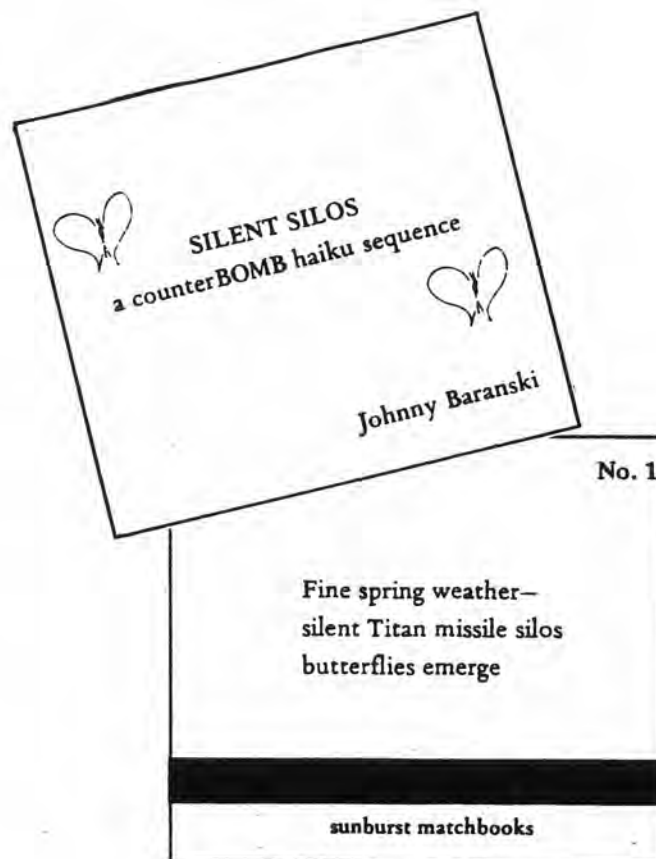
THOMAS V. U.S.A.: A Washington, D.C. judge has declined to dismiss a suit filed by William Thomas, White House anti-nuclear vigilante since 1981. Thomas is suing for government recognition that first amendment rights are applicable to protest directly in front of the Reagan's home in Washington, D.C. Interested legal help has been acquired to help prepare the case for trial...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

...With text in the author's own script, **SILENT SILOS**, a counterBOMB sequence, is Trident and Nuclear Train resister Johnny Baranski's second volume of haiku in print. Sixteen short verses comprise this first in a new "match-book" series by Sunburst Press; P.O. Box 14205; Portland, OR 97214. Johnny's haiku has graced two previous issues of the Nuclear Resister.

...A Case for Non-violent Resistance is a new 44 page handbook published by the Cruise Missile Conversion Project (CMCP). The compilation includes articles on the theory and practice of nonviolent resistance, including a history of the CMCP's opposition to the production of cruise missile guidance systems at Litton Systems, Ltd. near Toronto. Articles cover a wide variety of related topics, including the prison system in Canada, Canadian-U.S. relations, economic conversion, Canadian labor struggles, the role of nonviolent resistance in armed struggle, "property" damage, consensus decision making, and attempts by the CMCP to bring criminal charges against Litton.

An antidote for U.S. activists ignorant of Canada's unique contributions to the arms race and to nonviolent resistance. \$3.00 from CMCP; 730 Bathurst St.; Toronto, Ontario M5S 2R4; CANADA.



SITE 300: Four people faced trial June 10-20 for last September 24's blockade and occupation of this Livermore test site. For the prosecution's failure to meet its burden of proof, Judge Garcia dismissed charges of intent to disrupt a lawful business. The jury convicted the four of refusing to leave the site of their action. Maia Syfers was sentenced to 7 days in jail, suspended, 18 months probation and two days community service. Saul Bloom, Liz Branca and Nick Fowler were sentenced to five days, suspended, 18 months probation and 1 day community service. Prior to trial, Ed Gehrman pled out to 1 day in jail, and Patrick Diehl pled out to 6 months probation...

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