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**Who we are,
what we do**

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

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

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

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

Our information comes from a variety of sources--movement publications, the resisters themselves and local activists. We are deeply indebted to all who send us information. Please help by sharing information about actions with us.
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INFORMATION ABOUT AND SUPPORT FOR JAILED AND IMPRISONED ANTI-NUCLEAR ACTIVISTS

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Martin MX Plowshares

Driving in with the morning work shift, three persons entered Martin Marietta's Denver, Colorado plant on Friday, September 27. Tucked in among the foothills of the Rocky Mountains southwest of Denver, only two hours south of the Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant, Martin Marietta pursues a \$2 billion contract for building and testing the MX missile.

With the intent of performing a simple, direct and personal act of disarmament, Al Zook, 49, Marie Nord, 40 and Mary Sprunger-Froese, 35, carried hammers and several small bottles of human blood into the MX work area. Finding the laboratories highly secured by employees sporting "Peacekeeper" security badges, the three threw blood on large interior windows overlooking the work areas, and unfurled their banner, "Swords into Plowshares". They were soon arrested and taken to the Jefferson County Jail where they are now being held.

The three, all volunteers in soup kitchens and hospitality houses in Denver and Colorado Springs, delivered with their action a seven-page indictment of Martin Marietta and the U.S. government for war crimes and crimes against humanity. They charged violation of U.S. law, international law and God's laws in the company's willingness to manufacture first-strike weapons.

Sprunger-Froese, Nord and Zook are each charged with felony burglary and



mischief. No trial date has been set.

Attempting to deflect attention from the 1500 employees working in Denver on research, design and development for the MX, a plant spokeswoman was quoted in the press to say, "We do not make MX missiles here or anywhere". She referred to the work of the subcontractors to build each missile section and Martin's work assembling and flight testing the missile at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California.

For more information, contact Martin MX Plowshares Support; c/o 235 E. Fountain Blvd.; Colorado Springs, CO 80903; (303)471-3405.

For part of their statement, see page 4.



Letters of support can be sent to Marie Nord, Mary Sprunger-Froese and Al Zook at the Jefferson County Jail; Box 70; Golden, CO 80401.

SHUT DOWN THE ARSENAL!

On an island in the Mississippi, the largest U.S. weapons manufacturing arsenal and logistical nerve center for the nuclear forces is linked to the surrounding Quad-Cities area by three bridges. Midwest activists again converged on the Rock Island Arsenal October 21, in a diverse coalition that brought pacifist and religious resisters together with other activists who chose to use "creative and mobile tactics to prolong our actions and make them most effective". ("Action Guidelines", May 1985)

At the Davenport, Iowa bridgehead entrance to the weapons manufacturing complex, about 50 people were arrested. For the major action of the day there, a women's affinity group from Chicago brought two old autos with them. While a human roadblock diverted the attention of police, nine people and the two cars were chained together, to each other and structures on either sidewalk. As early morning traffic into the arsenal snarled and police began to direct it towards detours while arrests were made, more demonstrators filled the street, disrupting the diverted traffic with more mobile blockades.

One man arrested in Davenport was charged with carrying a concealed knife and possession of marijuana.

At the Rock Island, Illinois bridgehead, groups converged on the main approach from several directions, setting blockades of people and things up in the streets as they went. The efforts of some activists to avoid arrest contributed to an aggressive dynamic that was reciprocated fully by the large police presence. Some minor injuries were reported. Initially, several felony charges were made, but only one remained at day's end--for trying to disarm a policeman.

In Moline, Illinois, a police tactic used in all three cities was employed perhaps most effectively. Pre-emptory arrests of demonstrators for

offenses such as jaywalking or not using a sidewalk kept many activists in custody for most of the day. Moline police arrested a large contingent of the Chicago Religious Task Force for being pedestrians in the street moments after they had arrived and parked their cars.

By day's end, the total of about 120 arrested had all been released. They now await either trial or arraignment.

As organizers anticipated, media reports on the protest exaggerated and emphasized the scattered incidents of violence and personal injury to police and demonstrators. It is a price organizers have been willing to pay in their efforts to bring existing yet diverse forces of protest together for joint actions.

For more information, contact Project Disarm; 906 W. 5th St.; Davenport, IA 52802; (319)324-0800.

N ~ Train Tracks Dismantler Convicted

Federal Judge Mary Lou Robinson found Richard Miller guilty October 22 of one count of "destruction of national defense material" and one count of "wrecking trains". Last July 16, Miller had taken recognized precautions to avoid accidental derailment and then removed a section of railroad track from the railroad spur leading into the Pantex nuclear weapons assembly plant.

At the start of the two-day trial, Judge Robinson disallowed any defense based on moral or religious justification. She then permitted Richard to freely discuss his motivations for the action.

Sentencing is expected before November 11. Robinson is not known for passing light sentences. For more information, contact his support community,

STAR WARS LASER SITE RAMMED

Atop 10,000' Mt. Haleakala in Hawaii the U.S. Air Force's Electronic Optical Deep Space Surveillance facility plays an important part in testing the Reagan administration's Star Wars plans. Last July 14, the laser devices at the facility tracked a Navy missile in flight during the first significant test of Star Wars technology.

The previous morning, Damian DeLonay, 22, a self-described "beach person", rammed a rented car into the doorway of the military facility as a protest against extending the arms race into outer space. He was jailed for several days pending arraignment on charges of criminal damage to property before local Quaker friends raised \$2000 bail and secured his release.

The night before his action, DeLonay had visited the facility and reportedly been able to see some of the lasers and how they work. Horrified by the future foretold by the tests, he was moved to take action.

Letters by DeLonay in the Maui News explained his action more: "...I would like to dispell the notion that I am some degradant, self-seeking hippy protester...I consider myself a well-educated patriot with a deep moral conviction that something had to be done to awaken our country to the fact that any further contribution to the nuclear threat is not only unpatriotic but evil... I come from a large family where it is traditional for all male members to serve in the armed forces. My father is a Korea and Vietnam veteran. I was raised as a patriotic American, who, if you do not have something good to say, don't say anything at all...And so it is that I am saying something that within my heart I feel will serve to be for the good of all. I can say with confidence that time will vindicate my actions...My action at Haleakala was one person's frustrated effort to bring attention to the fact that something must be done now to stop this mad rush toward annihilation...It should be clear that if the Christ walked the earth today He would call for the United States to halt testing of nuclear weapons and make way for a treaty with all powers holding the nuclear umbrella to this effect."

DeLonay's trial is set for October 28 in Waluku, Maui, Hawaii.

Letters of support can be sent to Damian DeLonay, c/o Vitarelli; 160 Kawelo Rd.; Haiku, HA 96708.

ity, Kindred House; 1337 6th Ave.; Des Moines, IA 50314; (515)282-1235.



Because Richard will eventually be transferred to a federal prison after sentencing, letters of support can be sent to him c/o the address above.

NEXT ISSUE

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Please help us keep our phone bill down by mailing action reports, updates, jail information, statements and clippings by November 26, or calling (707) 463-0137. Thanks!

Resistance Reflections

Felice & Jack Cohen-Joppa

Five years ago this month, the first issue of the Nuclear Resister's predecessor, the Newsletter of the National No-Nukes Prison Support Collective, asked (those then few) readers the question "Do you know what plans the local authorities have for the evacuation of jails, prisons and mental hospitals near your neighborhood nuke?" The article went on to encourage activists to determine if any such institutions fell within the ten-mile radius affected by nuclear power plant emergency response plans, as an expression of support for the prisoners' rights.

Well, we never heard back from anyone on the subject. Then this summer, we learned of the action taken by inmates at Pennsylvania's State Correctional Institute at Graterford. The maximum security state prison, which houses about 2500 people in overcrowded cages, is apparently the only major jail or prison located within ten miles of an operating U.S. reactor. In this case, it is Philadelphia Electric's Limerick nuke.

In 1982, a group of Graterford inmates, with the assistance of the National Lawyer's Guild, was granted formal intervenor status in licensing hearings by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. At issue was the adequacy of the evacuation plan for the prison, which the prisoners and their attorneys sought to review and evaluate independently.

In the course of time, all other intervenors' contentions were rejected in the licensing process, until only the prisoners' initial contentions remained as the last legal roadblock to the final licensing of the plant. A local Legal Aid attorney, Angus Love, assumed the role as the inmates' counsel, and in December 1984 he was finally allowed to view a document purporting to be the emergency evacuation plan for the prison. The document was 25 pages in length, and had over 50% of the material censored for security reasons.

After a legal battle with the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB), a more complete 87 page document was reviewed in March 1985 by Love and Major John Case. Case is a 22-year-old Marine Corps veteran with experience in massive troop evacuations in Korea, and currently Field Director for the Pennsylvania Prison Society and a former warden of the Bucks County Prison and Correctional System. He was hired by the inmates as an expert on evacuation of prisons. Based on the new information available, and again after more legal skirmishes, the inmates were able to delay granting of a full-power testing license until public hearings on the plan could be held last summer.

Jailhouse lawyer Thomas Martin, one of the inmate intervenors, has said, "I don't pick an issue just to be a litigious nuisance. We just have serious doubts as to whether the department will safeguard our health and well-being in any type of an emergency, because of

the indifference they have shown in general. Our biggest problem is that we have no control. There's the panic factor--what do I do, as an incarcerated person, if that siren goes off?..."

Among other deficiencies, the plan calls for on-duty guards to each telephone ten off-duty staff, and ask that they come in and help move a few thousand maximum security prisoners before Limerick melts down. Some guards have privately told inmates they would flee the prison in the event of a nuclear accident, and the prisoners would have to fend for themselves. Charles Zimmerman, superintendent of the prison, told the press, "I have no indication that any staff is going to do anything other than what they're directed to do."

The plan also calls on some public transportation vehicles and drivers--untrained in dealing with prisoners--to be used during the evacuation.

Following hearings in July, the ASLB rejected the inmates' arguments against the plan, and granted Limerick a full-power testing license. The 3rd Circuit Federal Court of Appeals has upheld an ASLB ruling that leaves the Graterford inmates to pursue their remaining seven contentions after the fact of the reactor going to full power.

For more information on the continuing litigation and to express support, contact Angus Love, Esq.; Montgomery County Legal Aid Service; 107 E. Main St.; Morristown, PA 19401.

More Reflections

Tom Hastings

WAGING PEACE - DANCING AND PLODDING

There are two ways to wage war. One is through attrition, the style best suited to big powers. This is the U.S. method, historically.

The other is by maneuver. This is the only model that was open to the Vietnamese, the American revolutionists, and other vastly outnumbered and out-powered (but not over powered) battlers.

Both are ultimately open to the peace and disarmament movements. Our numbers are large, but only if we expect little commitment. We can always get 23 states to ask for a Freeze or a million signatures to send to Geneva. And that is vitally important.

Equally crucial, at least, is the far smaller number of very committed who will be most effective through remaining flexible yet not malleable, open to various tactics yet staunch philosophically, and mobil yet focused.

The direct disarmament movement, while minute in numbers, is increasingly seeking maneuverability. We can do that by being community and by avoiding rigidification.

Community gives us a sense of what Che Guevara meant when he said that "a revolutionary amongst the people is like a fish in water". We must not be vulnerable to job loss, property loss, relationship destruction, or any other targets so easy to hit by the high tech death machine. Otherwise, we will surely be open to defeat by attrition.

Community means so much - caring for children and dependant loved ones during witnesses, jail and prison time, an open and known door for travellers, care for those in prison, court and jail, and a divestment of large personal "ownership" of material things and relationships. This gives us the footing we need on evermore slippery slopes.

Or, to use Guevara's simile, gives us the puddle to exist in. May it be an ocean someday.

All this is not to say that we ought to accept military paradigms. Rather, it is an effort to learn sustainability and to fix upon a vision of a life of resistance that enables us to keep our other dreams alive - land trusts to guarantee gardening, extended families to retain parental nurturing, sharing to keep our sense of security.

And through this process of building community we will find ourselves living the vision, of a world in its incipient stages, that we intend to reify.

Marquette County Jail

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[Tom Hastings is out of jail now. He is a member of Citizens for Alternatives to Trident and ELF (CATE), a group which is devoted to an interfaith nonviolent resistance to militarism and its root causes. He remains open to criticism...]

THANKS

Thanks to the people in Ukiah and those readers in northern California who responded to a special appeal for help mailed at the initiation of Martin, site coordinator of our local soup kitchen. And thanks also to the readers who have responded to our recent appeals. (It's not too late if you have not yet responded!)

SPECIAL THANKS go to Ginni and Sandy, who are now graciously caring for Cassidy EVERY MORNING and some full days during production, free of charge - along with other pre-school kids. It is a blessing to have regular chunks of

uninterrupted daytime hours to start catching up on stacks of papers and projects. We can also use this time to intensify our search for funds.

Thanks also to Leah, Mary, Bruce and Andre for spending time with Cassidy during this issue. He had an enjoyable and busy schedule this week!

And last but not least, thanks to Sunshine, who came up to spend a whole day with Cassidy so we could take a much-needed break after mailing the last issue.

KNOW YOUR RESISTANCE ROOTS

Attention Friends and supporters of the Nuclear Resister, Historians, Libraries, Archives, Collectors of Alternative Press, Movement Junkies...

We now have available back issues of the Nuclear Resister and its predecessor, the NNNPS Newsletter.

Available in sets or individually, this is the most complete chronicle of anti-nuclear civil disobedience in the United States available. Specify the issue # and/or date you'd like. Prices include first-class postage and handling. Original editions unless noted by *, which denotes a photocopied facsimile.

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USS Nevada Launched

The launch of the USS Nevada, a Trident submarine, was protested September 14 in Groton, Connecticut. Twelve arrests were made at the Electric Boat shipyards, and four more women were arrested at the University of Connecticut campus at nearby Avery Point, across the river from the launch site.

All those arrested were released later in the day, and charges against those arrested at Groton were "nollied" (dismissed). The Avery Point women are awaiting a trial date.

An update: Those arrested at Groton on August 6 have had their charges nollied also.

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.

Unless otherwise noted, the views expressed on these pages are those of the author and not of the Nuclear Resister or the National No-Nukes Prison Support Collective.

Selected articles from the Nuclear Resister are available on 4-track cassette in Freedom Ideas International, a quarterly review produced by Our Right to Know Braille Press, Inc., 640 Bayside, Detroit, MI 48217, (313) 842-1804. The review contains articles about freedom struggles around the world chosen from a wide variety of radical and minority publications from many different countries.

One Year for Trident II Plowshares

On Friday, October 18, the Trident II Plowshares—Bill Boston, Jean Holladay, Frank Panopolous, John Pendleton and Leo Schiff were sentenced to the maximum one year in jail plus \$500 fine for malicious mischief to property. Frank Panopolous had two months added to his sentence for contempt of court. During the trial, Panopolous had refused to identify who drove the group to the shipyard where they had hammered and poured human blood on Trident II missile launch tubes.

Postponed from the original September 27 date by Hurricane Gloria, the sentencing took place before an emotionally charged Providence, Rhode Island courtroom, packed with supporters.

Judge John Bourcier's conduct and statements continued the callous and vindictive tone he'd set during the trial. As each of the men were first sentenced, Bourcier refused to allow uninterrupted pre-sentencing statements. He said he would not allow the defendants to propagandize their politics in court. Prior to sentencing Jean Holladay, the judge launched into a lecture against the defendants, propagandizing his own politics in the process.

Bourcier noted that the protest activities of all the defendants had started with simple sit-ins and escalated to damaging property. The next logical step, he concluded, was terrorist plane hijackings and bombings. He expressed his opinion that the defendants had previously been "coddled" by the courts, and that his sentences were meant to "nip terrorism in the bud".

Jean Holladay, the last to be sentenced, told the judge that she would accept a sentence of community service, which would enable her to continue caring for her two small grandchildren. Jean's daughter Cathy, the children's mother, was killed when struck by an automobile this past summer. She asked that the judge not sentence her grandchildren in sentencing her. Bourcier referred to Holladay's pre-sentencing report, which indicated she had no intention of resuming her "career" until after four-five years, while she nurtured the children. Misinterpreting "career" to mean missile-bashing rather than outside employment, as Jean meant it, Bourcier assumed she would then return immediately to the "life of crime" and showed no leniency. As he pronounced the same sentence for her as the others, the courtroom erupted. Six people were taken away in custody after they stood and turned their backs on the judge. The courtroom was eventually cleared while supporters sang songs of peace.

Sixty Days in Michigan

Sr. Elizabeth Walters, IHM, was sentenced to serve sixty days in jail, following her refusal to pay fines or cooperate with probation imposed as sentence last May. Walters had been convicted of trespass, disturbing the peace, conspiracy to commit both these crimes and littering, for her part in the December 1983 week of resistance at Williams International corporation. A founding member of Covenant for Peace, the group that initiated resistance at the cruise missile turbine maker, Walters contended that she had not disturbed the peace but rather fostered peace through her actions.

Updating another trial on charges filed during the 1983 protest at Williams, Carol Atkins, Anthony Raffenaud and David Braun were acquitted by a jury of trespass and conspiracy to trespass. Evidence including police video and photos showed that the three, who had not intended to be arrested, had in fact not trespassed. The final trial from December 1983, is still pending.

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



Letters of support can be sent to Elizabeth Walters, IHM; Oakland County Jail; Women's Division; Box 300; Pontiac, MI 48053.

Later, five of the six were returned to the courtroom. There Bourcier found Reynard Thompson, Honey Nestle, Vinny Kay, Liz Davidson and Katya Komisaruk in contempt of court and sentenced them to ten days each in jail. Joyce Katzberg was taken into custody when she insisted on her right to be in the courtroom while the five were sentenced for contempt. The judge had not seen that she, too, had turned her back on him, so instead threatened to have the state attorney general investigate what charges could be brought against her.



Letters of support and asking for a review of Jean Holladay's sentence, in light of her special circumstances caring for her grandchildren, can be sent to Rhode Island governor Ed DiPrete; State House; Smith St.; Providence, RI 02903.

Letters of support can be sent to Jean Holladay; ACI Women's Division; JA Building, Scheffeler Ln.; Cranston, RI 02920. The women held in contempt are with Jean at this address, but should be released soon after this issue is posted.

Letters can be sent to Bill Boston, Frank Panopolous, John Pendleton and Leo Schiff at ACI; Box 8249; Cranston, RI 02920.

Plowshares Support/RI; Box 3291; Wayland Square; Providence, RI 02906 has been coordinating press work, personal support, hospitality, etc. for the Trident II Plowshares and Trident II Pruning Hooks (see Update Files). With eight of these eleven activists now in jail, commissary and postage costs are increasing, in addition to some anticipated expense for legal appeals, etc. Donations are especially needed now to carry on this critical local support work.

"THE FREEZE" CROSSES THE LINE

In its first five days, the American Peace Test protest at the Nevada nuclear weapons test site had resulted in the arrest of 20 people. In response to Soviet leader Gorbachev's unilateral halt of nuclear tests until January 1986, the National Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign moved to sponsor a month-long presence beginning October 18, one month before the scheduled Reagan-Gorbachev summit talks.

State delegations and individual activists from across the country are arriving daily in Nevada to draw attention to the unilateral Soviet freeze on testing, and demand that the Reagan administration reciprocate.

On the first day, October 18, 15 people were arrested as they crossed the line onto the site. One arrest occurred October 19, and three more on the 20th. Again on October 23, one person was arrested. In keeping with the precedent established during recent mass actions at the test site, first offenders are given the choice of a fine or 24 hours community service in Beatty, Nevada. Second offenders (including two people arrested October 20) are sentenced to 2½ days in jail, and third offenders receive five days. Judge Bill Sullivan in Beatty has indicated that anyone crossing the line more than three times on record risks a sentence of 30 days or more.

People interested in participating in this protest, even after November 18 and up until the Soviets might resume testing, should contact the American Peace Test; 116 Temple Drive; Las Vegas, NV 89107.

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.



Jeff Leys
c/o Sawyer Co. Jail, Hayward, WI 54843
(Project ELF disarmament action, 8/85 - awaiting sentencing)

Elizabeth Walters, IHM
Oakland County Jail, Women's Division, Box 300, Pontiac, MI 48053.
(Williams International protest, 12/83 - out 11/26/85)

Dorene Cornwell
Monroe County Jail, 130 S. Plymouth St., Rochester, NY 14610.
(Seneca Army Depot sign removal, 7/85 - out 11/17/85)

Thornton Kimes
c/o Species Life House, 401 E. Spruce St., Missoula, MT 59807.
(Montana missile silo protest, 8/85 - six months)

Nigel Cottier 01192-046
Boron FPC, Boron, CA 93516.
(Montana silo trespass, 11/83 - 6 months)

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

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, B.C. V7X 1A1 CANADA.
(Vancouver Five anti-nuke, feminist, radical environmental political bombings in Canada, 1982 - varying sentences, 6 years - life)

Sr. Marie Nord, Mary Sprunger-Froese and Al Zook
P.O. Box 70, Golden, CO 80401.
(Martin Marietta MX Plowshares, 9/27/85 - awaiting trial)

Richard A. Miller
c/o Kindred House, 1337 6th Ave., Des Moines, IA 5031.
(Nuclear train track dismantling, 7/85 - awaiting sentencing)

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)

George Veasey and Roger Ludwig
ACI, Box 8249, Cranston, RI 02920.

Greg Boertje
c/o Plowshares Support/RI, Box 3291, Wayland Square, Providence, RI 02906.
(Trident submarine disarmament action, Rhode Island, 4/85 - awaiting trial)

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

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.

Dean Hammer (G.P.)
c/o 726 Elm St., New Haven, CT 06511.
(Recently transferred to a halfway house in Hartford)

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)
Liz McAlister 01263-052 (G.P. 3 years)
Kathleen Rumpf 01262-052 (G.P. 2 years)

Sr. Anne Montgomery 03827-018 (P.P. 3 years)
Alderson Women's Prison, Box A, Alderson, WV 24910.

Claire Grady (G.P.)
c/o Jonah House, 1933 Park Ave., Baltimore, MD 21217.
(Recently transferred to a halfway house in New York City)

P.P. = Pershing Plowshares missile kit disarmament action, Orlando, FL, 4/84
G.P. = Griffiss AFB Plowshares disarmament action, 11/83

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Deirdre Doran, Daniel Ethier, Scott Schaeffer-Duffy, Daniel Sicken, Jim Snyder, John Heid and Christin Schmidt.

Elves & Ewoks Pack Courts

Court actions in two states have kept supporters of the resistance at Project ELF in transit or in jail for the past two months.

On September 26, trial in Marquette, Michigan district court ended with the conviction of John Sherman-Jones, Kurt Miron and Charlie Turvey. The three, along with Jeff Leys, had been arrested last May when they refused to leave the construction site of the Extremely Low Frequency nuclear submarine communications antenna in northern Michigan. There, with the help of others, they had constructed their own "peace antenna" across the access road.

The judge "could not give the men jail time" and ordered that they pay a \$50 fine or do 16 hours community service. John Sherman-Jones will fulfill the community service at the local humane society, Kurt Miron is still considering his options and Charlie Turvey is expected to pay the fine. Jeff Leys, currently in jail in Wisconsin (see below), will stand trial at a later date.

The day after the trial in Marquette, Tom Hastings was sentenced for his ELF disarmament action. The evening after the peace antenna arrests, Tom had cut down one of the Michigan ELF poles with his trusty old Swede saw. Convicted of felony malicious destruction of property, Hastings received a sentence of 15 days in jail plus two years probation.

Last August 14, Jeff Leys cut a Wisconsin ELF pole so deeply it had to be replaced. Jailed since then on charges of criminal damage to property, Jeff defended himself during a September 30 trial in Hayward, Wisconsin.



Seneca & Jailed

From a letter written by Dorene Cornwell:

"I was tried September 9 in federal district court, Rochester, New York, for 'damaging government property', or as the statute calls it 'malicious mischief'. I was charged with removing a 'Restricted Area Warning' sign [last July 6] from the fence of the Seneca [New York] Army Depot, the largest nuclear weapons storage depot in the northeast.

"Warning signs usually say 'High Voltage!' or 'Poison!' or 'Biohazard!'. The signs at Seneca might at least say 'Danger!'. Instead, they take two paragraphs to tell us that 'unauthorized entry is prohibited' and that 'all persons and vehicles entering hereon are subject to search'.

"In short, these two paragraphs tell us that Congress has given away some of the most important rights the nuclear weapons at Seneca are supposed to defend--in order to make the weapons

more secure. According to the sign, Congress has given the Secretary of 'Defense' and the depot commander the authority to 'protect' the bombs and missiles on the base from people; the sign makes no pretense whatsoever of providing security for PEOPLE!

"In fact, the sign is a lie! The sign is the lie that the weaponry stored at Seneca makes us more secure instead of less so; the sign is the lie that we need the mayhem of neutron bombs and Pershing II missiles to make our country safe from nations that can't even build workable toasters."

Dorene was convicted in a non-jury trial, and after a probation department investigation of "all my assets, eyes to see, a heart to feel, a mind to contemplate it all, and my liabilities, you know, nuclear weaponry, anti-satellite weaponry, courts, jails, that sort of thing...", she was sentenced October 18 to 30 days in jail.



Letters of support can be sent to Dorene Cornwell; Monroe County Jail; 130 S. Plymouth St.; Rochester, NY 14610.

Jeff writes from jail:

"The only testimony I was able to give was to read the two-page statement I'd written and nailed to the pole. All other evidence on Project ELF and international law and nuclear war was excluded. Normally I'd be lucky to finish a sentence before the prosecutor objected and the judge sustained. I'll be appealing the exclusion of testimony and evidence and hope to get a new trial...The courtroom was filled with loving, caring people from Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. When the trial ended, they broke into song and stood up row by row as I was taken out and back to jail. That was very empowering and uplifting."

At press time, Jeff is awaiting sentencing.



Jeff would appreciate letters of support to his mother, Helen Leys; 17 Stimpson St.; Watertown, WI 53094, and asks that people willing to write the judge and prosecutor do so not to comment on Jeff's case and sentence, but rather stressing "the need to work together for disarmament, peace, truth and justice". Judge Alvin L. Kelsey; Sawyer County Circuit Court; Sawyer County Courthouse; Hayward, WI 54843 and Tom Van Roy; Office of the District Attorney; Box 446; Hayward, WI 54843.

Letters can be sent to Jeff Leys at Sawyer County Jail; Hayward, WI 54843.

Six Months for Silo "Plowshears"

Thornton Kimes, arrested August 24 after snipping his way into the Romeo-29 missile silo in north central Montana, has changed his plea to guilty, on charges of trespass and destruction of government property. He wrote to Federal Judge Paul Hatfield in Great Falls:

"...I have chosen to assert my guilt, to accept it as fully as possible. The 'criminal justice system', for many people, is a sham. Those who have no power, people who live in poverty, people our jails and prisons. They have virtually no voice, and they pay dearly for that fact...I do not contest my guilt; it is accepted. I will not speak in my own defense, the poor cannot..."

On October 21, Hatfield sentenced Kimes to three years in prison, all but 180 days suspended, and credit given for time served since his arrest. He was also ordered to pay just over \$620 restitution to the Air Force, which he has refused to do.

Kimes expects to be transferred to a federal prison soon.



Letters of support can be sent to Thornton Kimes, c/o Species Life House; 401 E. Spruce; Missoula, MT 59802. Letters of support can also be sent to Nigel Cottier, also imprisoned for trespass at Romeo-29. His address is on page 3.

WRITINGS FROM JAIL



THE INSIDE LINE

...from Amarillo

October 3, 1985

Dear Friends,

...Generally speaking, I see my trial as an extension of the action itself, part of an ongoing experiment in conscience and faith. Throughout life we are constantly faced with moral and ethical choices, and this is no less true in jail or in the courtroom than anywhere else. Do we cooperate with procedure X? Do we agree to obey order Y? Despite the restriction of physical freedom, the same spiritual freedom remains: the freedom to choose to do (or not to do) whatever our hearts tell us is the "right" thing in any given situation.

What my heart tells me after several years of direct experience with the legal system is that it is an integral part of the violent and oppressive structure of our society, and that to whatever extent I "use" the system, I also contribute to that violence and oppression. This does not lead me to an automatic, absolute rejection of the legal process...like any other principle of conscience, it may be tempered by compassion and sensitivity to the unique demands of each particular situation. I would certainly support, for example, legal efforts to prevent the execution of a prisoner condemned to death. But while some people extend this sort of reasoning to justify legal defenses of acts of resistance to the arms race, arguing that the urgent need for nuclear disarmament takes precedence over conscientious objection to the legal process as a whole or to working "within the system". My feeling is that this is a qualitatively different situation.

I do feel, as much as anyone, the sense of urgency that arises from the imminent danger of nuclear holocaust. But at the same time I don't see the problem of the arms race as separable from the deeper problem we face in our society's general addiction to violence and death, nor do I see it as amenable

to issue-oriented organizing, to solution "within the system". Any real solution must go beyond the political, economic and legal surface of the problem and address the spiritual heart of it: our fragmented, self-centered view of the world and the casual acceptance of violence as a means to our ends that are ultimately the source of the bomb. Thus, while I appreciate the value of educating people on the dangers of first-strike technology promoting the ideals embodied in international law, and other goals of "traditional" legal defenses for disarmament actions, my priority in resistance must be fidelity to conscience and to a "holistic" vision of nonviolence, and given my perception of the legal system as fundamentally violent this leads me to reject my role as "defendant" in the usual adversarial framework of a trial, and to approach my day in court simply as an opportunity to speak as one person to other people about the immorality of the arms race and the importance of personal responsibility in trying to resolve the complex global crisis we all face together.

All of which has a certain educational potential of its own, reinforcing the message of the action itself that this fidelity really is an option, despite the obstacles presented by the system's defense mechanisms and by our own attachments and fears. I think if I had to identify a single, central message in my witness, a kernel in the seeds I sow, this would be it: fidelity is an option...

I make no claim that my approach to legal matters is the "right" one. I don't think that there is a single approach that is right for everyone under all circumstances. As I said earlier, it's all part of an ongoing experiment in conscience and faith, and I offer these thoughts and feelings on the subject not as an effort to persuade you to take my position, but in the hope that they will stimulate further thought and dialogue, and that it may be helpful to others engaged in similar "experiments". Please feel free to share with me any questions or comments you may have, positive or negative. And please be assured that as the consequences of my witness slowly unfold, the faith and love of life, which connect us all in our efforts to realize peace, continue to sustain and nourish me.

Much peace and many thanks,

Richard A. Miller

(Rich Miller is awaiting sentencing for his nuclear train track dismantling of July, 1985.)

HIROSHIMA/ NAGASAKI



And even in 16 pages, we still missed these:

A planned legal vigil from August 6-9 outside the gates of Vandenberg Air Force Base near Lompoc, California, resulted in the arrest of about 20 people. Four people were arrested twice and charged with trespass; the others were issued barring letters.

On Hiroshima Day, people assembled on a state highway right-of-way where previous anti-nuclear vigils were regularly permitted. After about an hour, Air Force police came, announced the group was trespassing and that they had two minutes to leave. Because most had not planned for arrest, they started walking for their cars. Before they got far, police said the two minutes were up, and began arresting people. All were released after being issued ban and bar letters. Two returned later that day, were arrested for trespass and detained overnight. Again on August 9, the vigil returned to the site where more bar letters were issued and two more people arrested for trespass.

The four all plan to challenge their arrests on first amendment grounds. Bud Boothe, Jason Schwartz and Ned Van Valkenberg expect a trial in January 1986, and Nancy Lynch, assisted by the ACLU, has not had a court date set yet.

For more information, contact Bud Boothe; Box 464; Los Olivos, CA 93441; (805)688-7610.

Also, Direct Action reports that nearly 30 people of all ages were arrested Thursday, August 8, as part of a larger demonstration at the University of California, Berkeley. The protest was in opposition to the University's management of the Livermore and Los Alamos nuclear weapons labs.

PALO VERDE FIVE CONVICTED

Five Arizona activists arrested for trespass last May at the Phoenix headquarters of the Arizona Public Service (APS) were found guilty in October. Sharon Harrington, 30, Lorain Kadish, 72, LeRoy Mason, 67, Brad Munns, 30 and Richard Scott, 42, were protesting the start-up of Unit 1 of APS's Palo Verde nuclear power plant, the largest in the western hemisphere, located in the Sonoran desert 50 miles west of Phoenix.

Phoenix City Judge N. Pike Johnson listened attentively, overruling the prosecutor's objections while the defendants and six local expert witnesses testified to the environmental, economic, political and social hazards brought to Arizona by the Palo Verde plant. Several of the local experts testified as to the numerous legal and public education attempts they had made to oppose the plant's completion, all without success. Defendant LeRoy Mason's testimony also pointed out the fact that executives from APS and the Salt River Project, the other major investor in the Palo Verde Project, have both publically acknowledged that the decision to build the plant was a mistake. Still they forged ahead, even after it became clear that the project will cost well over three times the original stated cost (\$10B compared to \$3B original cost estimate).

After the day in court, Judge Johnson recessed the trial and asked defendants for more written evidence about the defense of necessity in nuclear power protests and its successful use.

[If any readers have information about nuclear power protest acquittals based on necessity, please let us know so we can share the news--eds.]

A week later, the judge reconvened the trial and concluded that the defendants had engaged in an action of "protest" rather than "intervention" to stop the operation of the plant, and thus found them guilty as charged. A \$20 fine was imposed as sentence, then suspended, and the records of the defendants will be "expunged".

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

Peace With Justice Week at SAC

In conjunction with national Peace with Justice Week, October 19-25, three Catholic Sisters of Mercy in Omaha, Nebraska, invited other sisters in the Omaha area and the local religious community to an October 20th reflection on civil disobedience at the Strategic Air Command headquarters at nearby Offutt Air Force Base. At the conclusion of the day's activities, fourteen people crossed the line and were taken into custody. All were later released with bar letters, including at least five who have crossed the line before.

Several other SAC protesters have recently been in court for multiple arrests at the base. Six pled no contest or guilty on September 9, five sentenced to six months in jail (suspended) and two years probation. Kevin McGuire was sent to jail, but after 11 days, his sentence was changed to that given the others. Marilyn Felton pled not guilty and faces trial October 23.

Jim Johnson and Rich Koeppen were convicted September 20 of re-entry, and will be sentenced in September. Sarah Pahl has recently been arraigned for previous re-entry onto the base, and is awaiting a trial.

For information about the continuing witness and resistance at SAC, stay in touch with Strategies and Action for Conversion (SAC); P.O. Box 283; Omaha, NE 68103.

D.A. Quotes Holladay, Drops Charges

All those arrested August 9 during a No Business As Usual street demonstration outside the offices of the Rand Corporation in Santa Monica, California, have had their charges dropped. The excessively forceful police attack on the roving demonstrators resulted in five people being charged with felony conspiracy to riot, while ten others (not fifteen as previously reported) received lesser charges. The police-initiated melee prompted considerable outcry from those who witnessed the events, including non-demonstrators.

The three-page letter from Santa Monica City Attorney Robert Myers informing those arrested of the decision not to prosecute is noteworthy. In the letter, Myers observes that "Federal courts are generally closed to citizens desiring to challenge unlawful actions by the United States government in the area of national defense and foreign policy. Ordinary citizens feel powerless because of their inability to impact government policies concerning the very survival of the human race."

Myers then quotes imprisoned nuclear resister Martin Holladay, from the pages of the Catholic Agitator, newsletter of the Los Angeles Catholic Worker Community. "There has settled over our land a mood of wild and empty hopelessness. Countless polls document this despair, especially among the young: we deem the nuclear problem insoluble, nuclear war inevitable, and individual citizens powerless."

Myers continues, "Many citizens have responded to this feeling of powerlessness by engaging in various acts of nonviolent opposition to government policies. The strong moral convictions of some of these individuals have resulted in lengthy jail sentences. Others, like yourselves, have chosen the time-honored vehicle of the protest demonstration."

"...the harm to the public caused by the demonstration was minimal, particularly when one considers the symbolic nature of the protest on the 40th anniversary of the bombing of Nagasaki... No prosecutorial purpose would be served by seeking to punish you for your conduct given the totality of the circumstances considered by this office..."

For more information, contact NBAU L.A.; Box 3261; Los Angeles, CA 90051. For other NBAU updates and information, contact the NBAU National Office; 3309 1/2 Mission St. #127; San Francisco, CA 94110.

from Martin MX Plowshares statement

When Jesus announced the Kingdom had come, He weighted the present with tremendous power. To follow Him now as if the Kingdom is here is to allow God to lead, rule and bring the peace for which Jesus gave His life. We are ready then to take up the task of beating swords into plowshares as part of the continuation of God's redeeming action among us.

We believe to be silent in the face of evil is complicity. It makes it possible for selfishness, greed and aggression to become the dominant mode of acting in our world. We believe these terrible weapons are not property we can respect but "anti-property", whose only purpose is death and destruction. We believe the destruction of "anti-property" is a creative act to save ourselves and all we love. So we bring our humanity--our fears, our limited knowledge, our hopes and love for life, to a place where death is routinely, almost casually, manufactured. We come to strike a resounding "YES" to life and to the future. We proclaim "NO" to weapons and the insanity and fear that spawned them. We come to dismantle false idols in a simple, direct, personal act of disarmament.

To use the earth's resources to build weapons of destruction is a great sin against a loving God who created all things "good". No matter how sophisticated the arguments for such weapons are, the truth is we are destroying our ability to feel, to be compassionate, to be extravagant in loving--that is, our ability to reflect God's image.

We are pleading for passion--for compassion--that with all our hearts and souls and minds we savor and protect the precious gift of life. However insignificant our action or foolish it may appear to critics, we do what we can and what we believe we must. We invite you to search your soul for what it is that you can do.

Canadian Uranium Mine Opposed

In the wake of last June's blockade of the road leading to the Collins Bay uranium mine in northern Saskatchewan, the Canadian government and Eldorado Nuclear (EN), operators of the mine, promised to meet with native elders of the nearby Wollaston Lake Community. Since then, no meetings have been held.

In August, 11 members of SAND, a Scandinavian group opposed to uranium mining, travelled to Saskatchewan. The letters they'd previously written to EN requesting a meeting had gone unanswered. With two Canadian activists, the SAND delegation paid a visit to the mining company's Saskatoon offices. Denied a meeting, eventually the Scandinavians had to leave.

The two Canadians asked to have someone state EN's response to this request for a meeting. The receptionist invited them to take a seat. Soon police arrived and demanded that they leave. They refused and were taken into custody. Miles Goldstick was released after identifying himself; the woman was held for 36 hours until she revealed her identity to authorities, also.

Immediately following the arrests, Eldorado Nuclear locked their doors and refused any contact with the assembled press.

On September 16, the original charges were thrown out on a technicality, and new warrants issued with amended wording. No further action has been taken.

For more information about the continuing opposition to massive open-pit uranium mining in the northern Saskatchewan wilderness, contact the Collins Bay Action Group; Box 3183; Vancouver, B.C. V6B 3X6 CANADA.

SOSUS: their September 23 arraignment on trespass charges, Sally Bell pled no contest and Paul Encimer and Bob Martel entered pleas of not guilty. They had climbed the fence of the Navy's submarine listening post south of Eureka, California on Hiroshima Day.

In his remarks prior to sentencing, the judge observed that Bell was a person of strong beliefs, strong enough, he hoped, to sustain her while in jail. He sent her there with a thirty day sentence, and she served 20. Trial for Bob and Paul will be sometime in November...

TRIDENT II PRUNING HOOKS: A calendar call date of October 25 has been set for the Trident II Pruning Hooks, and a trial date is expected to be set sometime after that.

Roger Ludwig, George Veasey and Greg Boertje have begun the seventh month of their prison witness, refusing to agree to the conditions of a release on bond. John Heid was released September 23, and is now helping co-defendants Suzanne Schmidt and Sheila Parks prepare for trial...

GTE STRATEGIC SYSTEMS: Following the Nagasaki commemorative action at the Westboro, Massachusetts nuclear weapons contractor, Scott Schaeffer-Duffy and Dan Ethier were released from jail on September 13. Both men served 39 days each. Both had originally been scheduled for release October 24, but were released early when the Bishop of Worcester paid their remaining unpaid fines. Dan was needed at the homeless shelter where he works; Scott at home to help care for his and Claire's infant son. Dierdre Doran was released on her maximum date, October 3, and Dan Sicken was released October 24...

HAWAII NUCLEAR FREE ZONE: Jim Albertini appeared in federal court in Honolulu September 30 for a bail hearing. Bail while Albertini's three-year sentence is being appealed was continued at the \$1000 signature bond issued at the time of his arrest, in addition to two conditions: 1) the defendant commit no local, state or federal crimes during the period of the appeal, and 2) the defendant not engage in unlawful conduct of the same or similar nature to the eight crimes for which he has been convicted or charged in the past, nor actually incite others to engage in "imminent unlawful conduct" of a similar kind. The constitutionality of the second condition is being appealed, while Albertini considers nonviolent resistance to nuclear arms to be a duty under the Nuremberg obligation.

A few hours later, Jim Snyder was released after serving 42 days in jail, the remainder of this 90 day sentence stayed pending the outcome of his appeal. Conditions similar to those affecting Albertini were imposed on Snyder as well...

LITTON/TORONTO: Len Desroches' appeal seeking the right to a jury trial will be heard in Ontario Superior Court in January 1986 (his would be the first jury trial ever allowed in several years of civil disobedience at Litton). Paula Rochman, whose judge last summer dismissed mischief charges, for pouring blood at the cruise missile contractor, faces a possible re-trial as the government has appealed the dismissal--another first in Litton prosecutions, where such dismissals have not been uncommon...

Update Files

LEONARD PELTIER: Letters of support for Leonard Peltier's bid for a new trial are still being sought. The three judge 8th Circuit Court of Appeals is reported to have listened attentively and shown true concern for the legal issues presented in oral arguments. A decision is expected sometime before April 1986. Letters should be sent to Judges Gerald Heaney, John Gibson and Donald Ross, U.S. 8th Circuit Court of Appeals; 1114 Market St.; St. Louis, MO 63101.

Observing that in Leonard's case, when the courts let up on him, the prison starts to come down again, supporters are asked to keep writing to Leonard Peltier at the address on page three of this issue, as a constant reminder to prison authorities that his well-being is of immediate concern to many.

For more information, contact the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee; 2524 16th Ave. South; Seattle, WA 98144...



KNOLLS ATOMIC LAB: Eleven people arrested August 6 for trespass were convicted by Niskayuna, New York town court justice Neil Moynihan on September 10. With the help of an attorney, ten defendants and two experts presented a defense of necessity for the action at the General Electric nuclear navy propulsion lab. On September 18, the judge sentenced the 11 to pay \$75 fine and \$25 court costs. Patricia Hughes, Jean Hynes and Bonnie Stumph refused to pay the fines and were jailed for seven days. While he professed respect for the motivations of those arrested, the judge was reported in the press to say that he felt the defendants on trial represented the "heart of the movement", while eleven others who pled guilty immediately following the action were "just joiners". The "joiners" received a \$25 fine plus costs...

CONSOLIDATED SPACE OPERATIONS CENTER: On October 21, a Colorado Springs jury found Marge Keifer and Esther Kisamore guilty of trespass. On July 16, the women had planted wheat at the Star Wars construction site. Sentencing is set for December 2...

ROCKWELL: Angele Ellis, Don Fisher, Helena Frey, Todd May and Molly Rush recently served four "working days" in jail for refusing to pay fines imposed following a protest August 6 in Pittsburgh...

WURTSMITH AIR FORCE BASE: Five people arrested on August 6 and charged with re-entry trespass at the cruise-capable B-52 bomber base have been convicted and sent to jail. Helen Casey, Mary Girard and Matt Goodheart served three day sentences, and Sr. Ardeth Platte and Sr. Carol Gilbert served five days each...

HONEYWELL: Trials for members of the PAMM II affinity group action on August 9 have been scheduled for November 20 and December 2. Updating the week of resistance in May at Honeywell, one trial group of ten people arrested May 16 went to trial September 23. Following a four-day trial, nine defendants served 48 hours in the "workhouse", and the remaining woman served five days (her second conviction).

Seven women from the Minnesota Women's Peace Camp went to trial in September also, all charged with trespass on May 16, and three facing an additional obstruction of justice charge for sitting down in front of a van carrying arrestees away from Honeywell. After a jury trial and conviction, Judge Gary Larsen sentenced the women to jail terms and a choice of fines or community service. Sentences varied according to the prior convictions on each woman's record. Carol Masters and Mary Spiering were sentenced to 30 days in jail and \$300 fine, with 20 days and \$200 stayed provided they are not arrested again on similar charges. Mim Olson, 20 days (15 stayed) and \$150 fine (some stayed). Kristin Olsen, Margie Higgins, Joyce Stone and Sue Ann Martinson, 10 days (8 stayed) and \$200 fine (\$100 stayed)...

NEVADA TEST SITE: Billy Boyd, Daniel Ellsberg, Dr. Margaret Brenman Gibson and Vicki Sparks were convicted of trespass September 26 in Beatty, Nevada. All spent one or two days in jail, the same sentence served by many others who had pled guilty to the August 6-9 trespass charges. Charges were dropped in October against several others who had also pled not guilty...

DRAPER LABS: Jo Connelly faces trial December 10 for trespass at the Cambridge, Massachusetts nuclear weapons lab last August 13 (anniversary of the founding of the Manhattan Project). A Celebration of Resistance will take place the night before at Haley House; 23 Dartmouth St.; Boston, MA 02116; (617)262-2940. Resisters and supporters are invited...

DAVIS MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE: Trial for Meg Fox and Sally Manshardt is expected sometime in December, after Federal Judge Bilby reviews briefs and affidavits submitted regarding a justification defense and International Law. The women face charges of trespass for dancing on top of the building where cruise missile operators are trained in Tucson...

GRIFFISS AIR FORCE BASE: Frank Woolver's citation for painting shadows August 6 at the entrance of this cruise-capable bomber base has been dismissed. The prosecutor presented the case as a moral rather than criminal one, and recommended the dismissal, conditional on Woolver not being arrested at Griffiss for six months...

MORTON-THIOLKOL: Charges against four people arrested last May 28 at the Chicago missile propulsion system contractor were dismissed during their trial September 10. Two police witnesses for the prosecution couldn't get their stories to jive nor substantiate the charges...

RIVERSIDE RESEARCH: Charges against over 40 people arrested last August 6 and 9 outside the doors of the Riverside Research nuclear weapons lab in New York City have been dismissed...

CAP WEINBERGER'S WAR CRIMES ARREST: Five Davis, California activists apprehended by police last July while attempting a citizen's arrest of war criminal and Secretary of War Caspar Weinberger in Sacramento have had their charges dropped. The five wish to remind us that Weinberger remains at large and should be considered armed and extremely dangerous...

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.



...The 1986 War Resisters League Peace Calendar and Appointment Book is now available. This year's edition, entitled "The Pen is Mightier Than the Sword", is a collection of quotations on war, peace and social justice. It will not only be fun to read, but may prove an invaluable resource for writing articles, leaflets and speeches. The quotes are illustrated with original portraits of some of the authors. The 5½" x 8½" desk calendar has 128 pages and is wirebound for easy opening. War Resisters League calendars have been invaluable to us in our work through the years--helping us to keep track of travel itineraries, deadlines, actions, court dates, meetings, etc. Great holiday gift, too. \$6.75 each, four for \$25. Wholesale discounts available for organizations and bookstores. Order from War Resisters League; 339 Lafayette St.; NYC, NY 10012.

FUTURE ACTIONS

white house

On November 12, the day Reagan is scheduled to leave for his summit meeting with Soviet leader Gorbachev, a legal vigil and civil disobedience will take place on the Pennsylvania Avenue sidewalk in front of the White House, starting at 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact Jonah House; 1933 Park Ave.; Baltimore, MD 21217; (301)669-6265.

grassroots action days

Included in plans for these coordinated decentralized actions "Overcoming Militarism, Apartheid, Racism, Sexism and Economic Injustice" are these civil disobedience actions--
EVERGREEN HELICOPTERS

Oregon activists will protest this company's extensive ties with the CIA and involvement in airlifting supplies to the contras in Honduras. Contact Oregon Fellowship of Reconciliation; 1838 SW Jefferson; Portland, OR 97201; (503)222-7293.
WEST POINT

The West Point Peace Action on November 23 will focus on the West Point - Central America connections. Contact West Point Peace Action; P.O. Box 552; Nyack, NY 10960.

For more information on coordinating local protests with Grassroots Action Days, contact the Fellowship of Reconciliation; Disarmament Program; Box 271; Nyack, NY 10960.

vandenberg/ shuttle launch

In 1983, the testing of the MX missile at Vandenberg Air Force Base (AFB) in California was confronted by a campaign of civil disobedience and direct action. Now, yet another dangerous phase of the arms race is being implemented at Vandenberg AFB with the first military space shuttle launch there in the spring of 1986.

The Vandenberg Action Coalition has issued a call to resist Reagan's arms race in space--to stop the deployment of star wars weapons from Vandenberg AFB.

The military anticipates tens of thousands of spectators for the Shuttle's take-off. The Vandenberg Space Shuttle Action Working Group is calling for opponents of star wars to join together and resist the launch, through nonviolent acts of civil disobedience and legal protest at Vandenberg AFB. They are committed to autonomous affinity group actions and a decentralized collective working group structure for this action. Contact them at Vandenberg Action Coalition; 273 Frederick St.; San Francisco, CA 94117.

general electric

"People are homeless while G.E. reaps the profits of death" is the theme for a pre-Thanksgiving witness at General Electric in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. On Wednesday, November 27, following a religious service and 24-hour vigil, people will carry a shanty onto G.E. property in civil disobedience. For more information, contact the Brandywine Peace Community; P.O. Box 81; Swarthmore, PA 19081; (215)544-1818.

holy innocents

Plans are being made for the annual Atlantic Life Community's Feast of the Holy Innocents gathering and festival of resistance in Washington, D.C. and at the Pentagon December 26-28. For more information, contact Jonah House; 1933 Park Ave.; Baltimore, MD 21217; (301) 669-6265.

electric boat

December promises to be a busy month for activists and employees at the Electric Boat shipyards in Groton, Connecticut. On December 7, the USS Pittsburgh fast attack submarine will be commissioned. On the 14th, the USS Louisville fast attack submarine will be launched. And on December 21, the Trident submarine USS Alaska receives its commission.

For information about protest plans for these events, contact Isaiah Peace Ministry; 66 Edgewood Ave.; New Haven, CT 06511; (203)562-7935.

PRISONER'S SURVEY SEEKS RESISTERS' VIEWS

If you are now or have previously been jailed for anti-nuclear activity, Larry Giddings, a federal prisoner at Leavenworth and reader of the Nuclear Resister, needs your help. He is working on a college research project, conducting a survey of your motivations for action and your current thoughts on anti-nuclear activism and the likelihood of nuclear war. Length of sentence matters not.

"As a long-time prisoner and as a student I have been working to develop means by which I can make a contribution to various struggles. I hope that the results of this survey will help resisters to know each other a little better and encourage mutual support.

Because I am using this project to fulfill a class requirement, the response time is limited. I hope to have the information tabulated in time for the end of the University semester."

Readers interested in assisting in this project should write to Friends of the Freeze; Box 3526; Lawrence, KS 66046, and ask for a copy of the brief questionnaire, which should be returned by November 25, 1985 (So send for it right away!). The results of the survey will be made available to the Nuclear Resister for those interested. As is often the case, a couple of stamps and a few minutes of your time are real support for someone behind bars.

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...In what is believed to be the first project of its kind, peace activists from throughout the Midwest will hold simultaneous vigils November 9-10 at Air Force nuclear missile sites in Missouri, the "show me state".

The action is made possible by months of detailed map work and tracking by Missouri activists who, using Pentagon information, have located all but five of the 150 Minuteman missile silos and 15 launch control centers scattered over 14 counties and 10,000 square miles of western Missouri.

The weekend's events are sponsored by the Kansas City Interfaith Peace Alliance and Nukewatch, a Wisconsin-based public interest group, to heighten public sensitivity to the missiles.

While missile silo vigils have been held from time to time in various states, the Missouri project will be the first to encompass more than one at a time. Organizers said the project would be conducted openly and nonviolently, and that all participants would be encouraged to act within the law.

November 12 is the one-year anniversary of the plowshares action of the Silo Pruning Hooks. The Silo Pruning Hooks disarmed Missouri's Minuteman missile silo N-5. Paul, Carl, Larry and Helen's addresses can be found on page three of this issue.

Nukewatch has prepared a wonderful resource for the project entitled "Show Me!--A citizen's action guide to the missile silos of Missouri", which consists of photos, background information and a detailed map complete with locations of the silos. Some of the missiles are named for people who have engaged in nonviolent action at the site, such as N-5 being the Silo Pruning Hook's missile, N-11 being Martin's missile, N-6 being Richard Sauder's missile, etc. Just \$2 each.

To order the guide and for more information about the vigil project, contact Nukewatch; 315 W. Gorham; Madison, WI 53703; (608)256-4146.

...Sorry for an incorrect price listed in last issue's announcements. Nuclear Train Vigils, a slide show of this past February's vigils and civil disobedience actions at Vancouver and Bangor, Washington, can be purchased for \$70, and rented for a \$5-\$15 sliding scale. Contact Dick Doughty; 911 15th Ave.; Seattle, WA 98122; (206)323-0170.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

...In the summer of 1984, peacemakers from all over the country created and participated in a National Conference on Nonviolence in Education and Action, in the sacred Black Hills of South Dakota. On their last day together, people agreed to hold regional conferences in order to widen the network. Some regional conferences have already occurred. The West Coast Regional Networking Conference on Nonviolence will be held at the time of the Spring Equinox, March 21-24, 1986. Organizers intend to provide an atmosphere of cooperation and empowerment using a supportive feminist process and flexible structure to meet the needs of each participant. They very much want to hear from west coast folks concerning needs, resources, skills, etc. Contact them at West Coast Conference on Nonviolence; 2124 Kittredge St.; Box #66; Berkeley, CA 94704.

People at the South Dakota conference in the summer of 1984 were able to meet and speak with Narayan Desai. Narayan spent the first 20 years of his life living and working with Gandhi, since his father was Gandhi's private secretary. He is now the director of the Center for Total Revolution in India. Theodore Herman, who attended the Black Hills gathering, has compiled a wonderful tape entitled "Growing Up With Gandhi, and Gandhian Training in Nonviolence--Talks by Narayan Desai". The tape provides us with a record of historic importance. The 90 minutes are filled with thoughtful, intimate and humorous anecdotes and insights. Order from Theodore Herman; Cornwall Manor; Cornwall, PA 17016 for \$10 (U.S.), \$10.60 (PA residents) and \$13 (air overseas).

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...Ailanthus: A Nonviolent Witness for Peace is happy to report that William Gibson (author of The Miracle Worker and Two for the Seesaw) is making a gift of his new peace play, Handy Dandy, a comedy but, to nonviolent nuclear resistance groups who have incurred court costs or expenses related to imprisonment. Gibson has said he wishes to support the efforts of such groups by making the play available for fund-raising purposes without royalty charge.

The play has its origins in the six-year-old Ailanthus witness at Draper Laboratory, in Cambridge, developer of guidance systems for the MX, cruise and Trident II missiles, and now star wars technology. (The playwright had access to trial notes and transcripts, along with defendants' diaries. He also visited defendant Jean Holladay while she was in Framingham M.C.I., and the "Peace House" of the play is modeled on Haley House - Boston's Catholic Worker community - where Ailanthus meets. The play is dedicated to Ailanthus.)

The play concerns two characters: Henry Pulaski, a crusty, cynical, sexist judge and Molly Egan, a feisty 72-year-old nun who appears repeatedly before him for trespassing at a "Cambridge nuclear weapons facility".

The script, as well as posters, graphics, sample program and press release are available from Robert Teague; c/o Handy Dandy Peace Project; RR #2; Box 48; Lincolnville, ME 04849. Write for the details on the minimal prices of these items, and for more information.

Ailanthus members would also appreciate knowing if you are planning a production of the play. Just drop a card to Bob Hillegass; c/o Ailanthus; 23 Dartmouth St.; Boston, MA 02116.

...The A.J. Muste Memorial Institute announces the publication of Where Do We Go From Here - Tactics and Strategies for the Peace Movement, the first of a discussion series, edited by Marty Jezer. The publication contains the responses of 36 peace movement leaders, organizers, theoreticians and grassroots activists to ten crucial questions about the movement's future direction. \$3.00 from A.J. Muste Memorial Institute; 339 Lafayette St.; NYC, NY 10012; (212)533-4335. Bulk order and trade discounts available.