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Since 1980 we've strived to provide comprehensive reporting on anti-nuclear civil disobedience in the United States, with an emphasis on providing support for women and men jailed for these actions.

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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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## Persistent Resistance

### PRAYERS AT PROJECT ELF

Northwoods resistance continued at the Navy's Wisconsin Project ELF facility in November. On the 12th, the one-year anniversary of the Silo Pruning Hooks action, Mike Miles and Ladon Sheats scaled the fence on scrapwood ladders. Once inside the submarine communications compound, they knelt on the tarmac and prayed for about an hour in freezing cold. They were arrested, handcuffed, placed in waiting sheriffs' cars, cited and released. Rejecting



judicial limits on prayers for peace, the two climbed back over the fence and were again arrested. This time they were taken to the Ashland County Jail, where they refused to sign a promise to return for trial and are being held on two counts each of trespass. Not guilty pleas were entered by the judge on their behalf, and trial set for February 21, 1986--a date which exceeded the maximum possible sentence of two consecutive 40-day terms. Some time later, a new trial date of December 26 was set.

On October 29, Jeff Leys was sentenced to three years in prison (stayed), 3 years probation and five months in the Sawyer County Jail. Jeff has been convicted of criminal damage to property following his August 14 "disarmament" of an ELF antenna support pole. Conditions of his probation require that he have no contact with Project ELF in the state of Wisconsin (a companion antenna system is under construction in Michigan), and that he make complete restitution of \$4,475 to the Navy. Jeff does not intend to comply with either demand.

For more information, contact Citizens for Alternatives to Trident and ELF, Box 383, Hayward, WI 54806 (715)634-5007. Some ELF opponents living in Hayward are settling into a new house. Resisters are welcome to join the household for "spring tryouts or wintering over."



Mike Miles and Ladon Sheats encourage others to engage in prayerful witness at places of death as an expression of support. Letters can be sent to Mike Miles and Ladon Sheats; Ashland County Jail; Ashland, WI 54806.

Jeff Leys would appreciate letters of support be sent to his mother, Helen Leys; 17 Stimpson St.; Watertown, WI 53094. Letters can be sent to Jeff Leys; Sawyer County Jail; Hayward, WI 54843.

### DAY AFTER DAY AT SAC

The Strategic Air Command at Offutt Air Force Base near Omaha is responsible for assigning targets for nuclear weapons. For three consecutive mornings, October 27-29, Mike Palacek and R. Kevin McGuire carried signs opposing the targeting across the line onto the SAC headquarters. The first two days, they were taken into custody and then released off base. The third morning the FBI greeted the men, and took them into custody. Both men were on probation

from previous witnesses at SAC headquarters. Palacek's probation was revoked and the other charges dropped as he was sent to jail for six months. McGuire's probation was also revoked, and he was sentenced to one year in jail.



Letters of support can be sent to Mike Palacek and R. Kevin McGuire; c/o Greenfields Resistance Community; 4216 Grant; Omaha, NE 68111.

### Four Years for Pantex Action

Federal Judge Mary Lou Robinson, on Friday, November 8, sentenced Richard Miller to two concurrent four year terms in prison for "destruction of national defense materials" and "wrecking trains".

Last July 16, Miller had taken recognized precautions to avoid accidental derailment, and then removed a section of railroad track leading from the Pantex nuclear weapons assembly plant in Amarillo. His action was a conscientious response to the realization that little difference exists between the tracks that carried people to the crematoria of Auschwitz, and the tracks that carry crematoria to the people from Pantex.



Richard is currently in transit to a federal prison. Letters of support can be sent to Richard Miller; c/o Kindred House; 1337 6th Ave.; Des Moines, IA 50314.

### Honeywell Resistance Enters Third Year

On November 4, the Honeywell Project celebrated the third anniversary of civil disobedience at the Minneapolis-based manufacturer of nuclear and conventional weapons. Fifty people were arrested this year on that date, including two juveniles. Five people pled guilty, and have served or are going to be serving sentences of 2-30 days, depending on their previous arrests for protesting. Eighteen people each have been scheduled for trial

January 29 and February 6, 1986. Seven others await court action.

An October 7 prayer vigil at Honeywell, in belated honor of Gandhi's birthday, resulted in the arrest of Lydia Caros and Karen Hansen. The two were released and await trial.

Three people arrested August 9 at Honeywell were tried by three different judges recently. Sentences of five

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### PICATINNY: ROUND FIVE

*"Civil disobedience is not a deplorable malfunction, but may be a legitimate part of the process of the formation of law, helping the entire society decide what is right."*  
Federal Magistrate G. Donald Haneke, U.S. v. Davis, 1982.

Felton Davis writes:

"Missed getting back to New Jersey and the Army's Picatinny Arsenal on Election Day, but managed to cast a vote for peace by crossing the line the day after [November 6]. As usual, they cast their vote for law-and-order and I was arrested for trespass. Arraigned on the 7th, I pled 'no contest' and my old magistrate G.D. Haneke scheduled sentencing for December 19, but promised to reschedule it sooner if he could... [Picatinny claims] to be the largest weapons research facility in the country, though I'm sure Los Alamos and Livermore would take issue with that. My idea is the same as it always has been, that no progress will be made until people are protesting everywhere more or less continuously."



Letters of support can be sent to Felton Davis #04996-050; M.C.C.-N.Y.; 150 Park Row; NY, NY 10007.

### COVENANT FOR PEACE CONTINUES JAIL WITNESS

At a show-cause hearing November 13, Matt Goodheart was sentenced to 90 days in jail for violation of probation imposed last May, when he was convicted of trespass, disturbing the peace and two counts of conspiracy. Goodheart was among 51 people arrested during the week of resistance in December, 1983, at Williams International Corporation in Michigan. He's also an original member of Covenant for Peace, the Christian group that initiated nonviolent resistance at the cruise missile engine manufacturer in 1982.

Goodheart violated his probation by being arrested August 6 at Wurtsmith Air Force Base, convicted and sentenced to three days in jail.

In a related development, Covenant for Peace member Sr. Elizabeth Walters was released from jail November 18, after serving 60 days for refusing to pay a fine for the crime of disturbing the peace and conspiracy to do so.

The Covenant for Peace Journal, #2, November 1985 (Box 1831; East Lansing, MI 48823), includes a history of the campaign at Williams and essays on "criminal" justice and spiritual themes.



Letters of support can be sent to Matt Goodheart; Oakland County Trustee Camp; 1690 Brown Road, Pontiac, MI 48055.

### NEXT ISSUE

DEADLINE:

January 17

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January 20

Please help us keep our phone bill down by mailing action reports, updates, jail information, statements and clippings by January 13, or calling (707) 463-0137. Thanks!

# Resistance Reflections

Felice & Jack Cohen-Joppa

It's not often we receive a letter telling us why a reader is not renewing their subscription, but since we have heard the thoughts expressed in the following letter before, we decided to share them with our readers, along with part of Jack's response. Any comments?

Dear Nuclear Resister:

Many thanks for your hard work, love and dedication to peace. Your newsletter is very well done and I learned a lot about the people resisting and acting from the heart.

However, I am not renewing my subscription and I want to tell you why. Basically, I disagree with the strategy set forth in your paper. I feel that the beautiful energy of all the dedicated resisters who are now (or will be) rotting in jail is terribly misdirected and wasted. The time spent in the courts and prison system is costly, lonely and embittering. These institutions will not change because of a few dear souls throwing themselves on their mercy. It is all too heartbreaking for me to continue reading of these folks throwing themselves to the lions, basically. And the big question: WHO GETS ORGANIZED IN THE PROCESS? No one. Not the judge, police or jailers. And the precious few on the outside reading your paper, already are for peace. The letter in your last issue about the sacrifice needed for your type of work convinced me I was in the wrong pew. This guy advocated giving up family, home, relationships, everything in order to do ten minutes of trespass and get 5-10 years of jail. What a foolish, impractical waste! As Emma Goldman said, "If I can't dance, it's not my revolution" or something to that effect.

You folks could be putting your wonderful efforts into mass organization and resistance, like the Vietnam marches. A million walking down the street does a lot more than individual sacrifice, I feel. I think there are more effective and less suffering ways of working for peace.

Yours for Peace,  
Pat Kovner

## THANKS

Thanks to Arlene and Sue for helping to mail the last issue. Thanks to Ginni, Sandy and Robin for caring for Cassidy during this issue. And thanks to Katharine for the chocolate-cream cheese brownies.

Dear Patricia,

Thanks for your letter, sharing your thoughts with us. We really wonder why people don't renew their subscriptions at times, and have wondered before if any feel as you do, because we've had those same general feelings expressed to us before, even by people who themselves have done jail time more than once for peace.

I don't think that we set forth any strategy in the paper--rather we try to just chronicle the actions of people who employ a particular tactic--civil disobedience. I started thinking about doing this work--support for jailed anti-nuclear activists--not only because I happen to believe it is a worthy tactic (though not always well-employed!), but also because I could see that no matter what others in the anti-nuke and peace movement thought, there are always going to be people who nonviolently confront the beast and are jailed as a result. That's the history of any significant social change movement, and I think it would be demoralizing for the movement as a whole if there were no efforts to encourage support for the people in prison for resisting a nuclear non-future.

You also ask another important question: "WHO GETS ORGANIZED IN THE PROCESS?" Agreed, judges, police and jailers may not be getting organized, but they are all, and the juries as well, getting a bit more educated, getting their consciences raised a bit more, things which are surely prelude to any effective organizing.

Think of how during Vietnam, there were thousands of young men who went to jail, many of them long before any of the big peace marches, and if you interviewed the organizers of such marches, you'd probably find that at least part of their inspiration to organize the mass protests consisted of knowledge of the young men who had personally refused to take part in the killing and instead sat in a jail cell. Individual acts of conscience, witness and personal sacrifice are the leaven for future expansion of the movement. Individuals and small Christian communities in the south were confronting racism and Jim Crow laws for several years before Rosa Parks refused to move to the back of the bus, and taking the blows of the system in the process. I guess I see that this is where we are now, in a corresponding state of the peace movement where if there is to be any hope in the future for mass organizing, it must be built in part on the hope that those in jail now did not act in vain.

Peace,  
Jack

OUR SUBSCRIPTION RATES ARE GOING UP...

Fact is, present rates, which are three years old, no longer cover the material costs of publishing the Nuclear Resister. For some time now, those giving more than the basic \$10/10 issues subscription rate have subsidized free subscriptions to prisoners and the many on our mailing list who must subscribe at the low income rate. We take no paid advertising, and also have no financial fairy godmother (although applications are currently being accepted!). So, YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS and occasional donations are what keeps the presses rolling!

The new rates appear on the coupon on page 7, and go into effect January 1, 1986. We encourage you to order gift subscriptions before the new year at the current lower rate. A card announcing your gift will be sent immediately on receipt of your order.

Please also note on the coupon on page 7 an oft-missed blank just waiting for your check mark. It's the blank in front of the line reading:

"I pledge \$\_\_\_/month to support the Nuclear Resister."

The work of editing and publishing the Nuclear Resister and responding to numerous requests for more information has long demanded - and is now finally receiving - our full-time attention. Therefore we must rely on the generosity of those readers who are able to sponsor our work with a regular pledge. We ask you to consider supporting the Nuclear Resister in this way in the coming year.

No pledged amount should be considered too small, and all will be gratefully received. For some time, we looked forward to a single dollar bill periodically sent in a plain white envelope by an anonymous supporter!

## More Reflections

Not All Is Jungle Here

as fear might imagine.  
We share smokes and cookies with cards.  
My cellmate's boots hurt his feet.  
I give him my shower shoes  
to wear around.  
(Young fellow busted for leaving N.Y. where he couldn't find work for R.I. where he could.  
Parole violation.  
Off drugs, going straight,  
plans for marriage --  
they make it hard for you  
no matter how hard you try.)  
We share paper and stamps  
and word spellings for letters.  
We share stories late into the night  
that spring of such trust,  
human to human,  
as could disarm the world  
if allowed to spread and grow  
like leaven in dough.  
We share something within,  
something between  
greater than the prison cell  
called self.  
greater than the myths that set  
nation against nation.

Roger Ludwig

29 May 1985, Rhode Island Prison

### 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.

## Joyous Solstice

Merry Christmas



Happy Hanukkah

## A Peaceful New Year

photo by Renee Gaumont

# THANKSGIVING

## G.E. Space Center

Acting again on the theme "People are homeless while G.E. feasts from Nuclear War", the Brandywine Peace community and friends gathered outside the General Electric Space Center in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania on Thanksgiving Eve. The Center's most significant current contract is for the Defense Satellite Communications System III, a command and control system intended to survive nuclear war.



General Electric, Thanksgiving, 1984  
photo by Ken Crumrine

There vigilers constructed a simple shanty and spent the cold night. The next morning, sixteen people carried the shanty onto G.E. property and were arrested for trespass. All were cited and released on their own recognizance. Although some of the group are among many previous protesters who have outstanding warrants from past actions at G.E., no attempt is being made to enforce these warrants.

For more information, contact:  
Brandywine Peace Community, Box 81;  
Swarthmore, PA 19081; (215) 644-1818.

## Commissary Funds for Prisoners

Although the rules vary from prison to prison, most institutions allow supporters to make contributions to the prisoner's commissary fund directly. Most require money orders rather than personal checks, and when sending a money order to a prisoner, it is best to mention the fact and the amount in an accompanying letter. Prison authorities usually take the money order when the mail is opened and then give the prisoner a receipt. Funds may also be sent to the prisoner via her/his support group.

## Griffiss Plowshares Celebrated

On the morning of Thanksgiving, about 35 people gathered outside the gates of Griffiss Air Force Base to celebrate the second anniversary of the Thanksgiving Day, 1983 action of the Griffiss Plowshares--Jackie Allen, Dean Hammer, Claire Grady, Karl Smith, Kathleen Rumpf, Elizabeth McAlister and Vernon Rossman. The seven were sentenced to two-three year terms for disarming cruise-capable B-52's at the base.

In the spirit of the day, celebrants brought gifts of food which were carried onto the base and later given to a Rome, New York food bank. Eleven people crossed the line with the food and a request to meet with the base commander. They intended to discuss the indictment of the Strategic Air Command at Griffiss which the Plowshares group had served with their action.

The meeting was denied, and the 11 refused to leave, resulting in their arrest. Four were charged with re-entry--Jerome Berrigan, Rev. William Cuddy, John Mahoney and Monica Raymond.

Brian Barrett, Rev. Daniel Berrigan, Philip Berrigan, Shirley Lockwood, George Ostensen, Suzanne Schmidt and Boudewijn Wegeris were cited for trespass. All were released that day pending a December 4 arraignment in federal court, when all pled not guilty. Those charged with re-entry face trial January 30, and those charged with trespass on January 23, 1986.

For more information, contact Griffiss Plowshares Support; 106 Maywood Dr.; Syracuse, NY 13205.

## Riverside Research

On the morning of Thanksgiving Eve, about 30 people gathered outside the Riverside Research Institute. In the middle of the 42nd Street pornography district of New York City, the Pentagon think-tank draws nuclear war-fighting plans and designs delivery systems.

Following a brief service, 11 people sat down in front of the doors, blocking access. All were arrested and released on citation.

## American Peace Test

On November 18, the first day of the Geneva Summit, activists brought together for the American Peace Test concluded a 34-day vigil at the Nevada nuclear weapons testing site with the arrest of 28 people.

Noting that the Nevada site has been the only place in either the U.S. or the U.S.S.R. where nuclear weapons have been detonated since August of this year, the protesters lined the road into Mercury, Nevada, in a visible appeal to Reagan to join the Soviet moratorium on nuclear testing. One organizer noted that during the month-long witness, there had not been a single announced nuclear test at the site.

The American Peace Test was a project of the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign, and the campaign's first excursion into a series of civil disobedience actions. Originators of the project served on the Freeze Direct Action Task Force, and expressed dismay that at the

annual conference of the Freeze in Washington, November 10-17, further support for a civil disobedience was voted due for the coming year. Since then, the "Freeze 86" civil disobedience has been a brilliant and courageous act of civil disobedience. It is a testament to our civil society and the greatest sacrifice ever - nuclear disarmament - and we must be willing to undertake personal, preventive sacrifice. It's a difficult thing to admit to ourselves and get on with."

The 28 arrests on the last day brought the month-long total to 113. More than 400 people from over 100 communities in 28 states participated in the protest, and those arrested included the national directors of the Freeze and SANE. First timers had a choice of paying a fine or doing community service, and those with one or two previous arrests at the test site

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## Inside & Out

PLEASE SEND HOLIDAY GREETINGS  
TO OUR FRIENDS INSIDE

**Richard Miller**  
c/o Kindred House, 1337 6th Ave., Des Moines, IA 50314.  
(Nuclear train track dismantling, 7/85 - 4 years)

**Mike Palacek** (6 months)  
**R. Kevin McGuire** (1 year)  
c/o Greenfields Resistance Community, 4216 Grant, Omaha, NE 68111.  
(Probation violation, October trespass at SAC headquarters, Omaha)

**Leo Schiff**  
ACI Medium Security, Cranston, RI 02920.  
**Jean Holladay**  
ACI Women's Division, Box 8312, Cranston, RI 02920.  
**Frank Panopolous, John Pendleton and Bill Boston**  
ACI Minimum Security, Cranston, RI 02920.  
(Trident submarine disarmament action, Rhode Island, 10/84 - one year)

**Greg Boertje, George Veasey and Roger Ludwig**  
ACI, Box 8249, Cranston, RI 02920.  
(Trident submarine disarmament action, Rhode Island, 4/85 - awaiting trial)

**Felton Davis** 04996-050  
MCC-NY, 150 Park Row, NY, NY 10007.  
(Picatinny Arsenal trespass, New Jersey - awaiting sentencing 12/19)

**Matthew Goodheart**  
Oakland County Trustee Camp, 1690 Brown Rd., Pontiac, MI 48055.  
(90 days for probation violation, Williams International - out 2/86)

**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)

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



**Sr. Marie Nord**  
El Paso County Jail, 15 Cucharas St., Colorado Springs, CO 80903.  
(75 days for contra aid protest; awaiting trial for Martin MX action)

**Mike Miles and Ladon Sheats**  
Ashland County Jail, Ashland, WI 54806.  
(Project ELF trespass, 11/12/85 - awaiting trial)

**Jeff Leys**  
Sawyer County Jail, Hayward, WI 54843.  
(Project ELF disarmament action, 8/85 - out 1/11)

**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.  
(Six months for Montana silo trespass, 11/83 - out 12/19)

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

**Helen Woodson** 03231-045 (12 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)

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

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

**Liz McAlister** 01263-052 (G.P. 3 years)  
**Sr. Anne Montgomery** 03827-018 (P.P. - out 7/86)  
**Kathleen Rumpf** 01262-052 (G.P. - out 1/86)  
Alderson Women's Prison, Box A, Alderson, WV 24910.

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

**Jim Perkins** 03825-018 (P.P. 3 years)  
**Todd Kaplan** 03828-018 (P.P. 3 years)  
Danbury Prison Camp, Pembroke Station, Danbury, CT 06810.

**Vern Rossman** (G.P.)  
Correctional Alternatives Center, 165 Marston St., Lawrence, MA 01841. (halfway house)

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

**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

PREVIOUSLY LISTED -- RECENTLY RELEASED:  
Jackie Allen, Elizabeth Walters, IHM, Dorene Cornwall, Mary Sprunger-Froese and Al Zook.

## MI Turns On; Resisters Turn Out

within hours of the October 2 U.S. Supreme Court decision allowing the restart of Three Mile Island Unit 1 (the "undamaged" reactor), about 50 people gathered in the cold rain across from the TMI north gate. Sixteen people crossed the road, stood in front of the closed gate and were eventually arrested for "obstructing a public utility right of way". All were cited and released.

Thirteen of the group have already appeared individually in District Court in Middletown, Pennsylvania. In the face of exhausted legal avenues and the imminent danger posed by allowing a convicted felon (General Public Utilities

was convicted of falsifying leak rates at Unit 2) to operate an embrittled reactor, all pled a defense of justification. All were found guilty and sentenced to pay \$25 court costs. Given the way courts have handled the restart cases and previous arrests, it is unlikely any appeals will be made. Three of 76 people arrested on May 29, 1985, the day the NRC voted to restart Unit 1, have dropped their appeal also.

For more information, contact TMI Alert; 315 Pepper St.; Harrisburg, PA 17102; (717)233-3072.

## Star Wars in Canada

Early Monday, November 18, about 45 people walked to the External Affairs Building, in Ottawa, Ontario, in a protest against Canadian involvement in Star Wars. Timed to coincide with the U.S./U.S.S.R. summit talks, the protest drew attention to the fact that despite Canadian refusal of any official support for Star Wars, the government encourages Canadian corporations to bid for research contracts, including (Canadian) federal funding. Canada will also be involved through NORAD treaty obligations.

At 8:00 a.m., police lines already blocked the building's driveway so demonstrators blocked Sussex Drive traffic in front of the building. Traffic was held up for half an hour as 28 people were arrested. They were charged with willfully causing a disturbance and mischief. All were released by early afternoon, after agreeing to stay away from the building. Charges against a 12 and 15-year-old were dropped, and two other juvenile women await a trial date in youth court. The 24 adults have a trial date of July 10, 1986.

## A SUMMIT SEND-OFF FOR REAGAN

As President Reagan prepared to leave the White House for his talks with Gorbachev, the ranks of anti-nuclear demonstrators outside his gates swelled. On November 12, ten people from the Atlantic Life Community were arrested on the prohibited side of Pennsylvania Avenue as they held banners decrying the immorality of Star Wars. All were released on citation the same day, pending arraignment at a later date.

## GRASSROOTS ACTION DAYS

### WEST POINT PEACE ACTION

The popular West Point Military Academy Museum was closed Saturday afternoon, November 23, following the arrest of 13 people installing peace exhibits. Children's drawings were taped on glass display cases, concealing exhibits of military uniforms and equipment. White sheets draped over replicas of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombs reminded the large tourist crowd of the human toll demanded by the nuclear icons.

The peace exhibitors went about their work and conversed with museum visitors for about 30 minutes before being observed by military police. Songs of peace then filled the air as the 13 were led or dragged from the museum, which closed early for the day.

Three other people were arrested on the Academy grounds as they handed out about 500 leaflets to interested cadets.

All were released later in the day, with a letter barring their return to the academy. Earlier, the 16 had taken part in a legal rally of over 200 people just outside the gates. The West Point Peace Action focused attention on the role of the U.S. military in Central America.

For more information, contact West Point Peace Action; Box 552; Nyack, NY 10960.

## WRITINGS FROM JAIL



### THE INSIDE LINE

DREAM

I saw all the singers  
refusing to sing  
until...

I saw all the dancers  
refusing to dance  
until...

I saw all the athletes  
boycotting the games  
until...

I saw all the preachers  
and politicians  
gagged for refusing  
to shut up  
until...

I saw all the world  
refusing to go on  
being world without end  
until...

everyone was fed  
and unafraid  
and free of the dark cloud  
that had hung overhead  
for so long,  
so long.

I saw all the weapons  
gone!

Roger Ludwig

[Roger Ludwig is one of the Trident II  
Pruning Hooks, in jail awaiting trial.]

## Honeywell, cont.

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days in jail, two days in jail and nine hours of community service were handed down. Other members of the PAMM-II affinity group await jury trials for that action.

The Honeywell Project has called for small, affinity group sponsored actions at Honeywell through the winter and into the spring, when a large action focused on the annual shareholder's meeting will occur. The plans for 1986 also include continuing weekly vigils at Honeywell headquarters, and an Interlock Campaign, which seeks to place more pressure on Honeywell to convert to peaceful production by agitating against corporations whose board of directors are interlocked with Honeywell's board. Groups opposing the policies of interlocked corporations (for example, anti-apartheid and family farm support groups) would provide possible partners for coalition activities.

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

## Hiroshima Day at Livermore



Better late than never, Kathy Mechling filed this exclusive on the only protest at Lawrence Livermore nuclear weapons laboratory on the 40th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima. (The Livermore Action Group coordinated the demonstrations at the lab on Nagasaki Day--August 9, 1985):

"At about a quarter to 8 we [Nikola Milich and Kathy Mechling] drove up to the main gate of LLNL, blocked it with our car and, with the help of several supporters, quickly swung the gates closed and chained the gates and our bodies together. Supporters also helped by shielding us from outraged lab workers. After the chains were secure, we hung a large banner which read 'Not in Our Name', decorated the cyclone fence with ribbons and handed fliers to lab workers and guards, explaining why we were taking this action. The huge chain cutters arrived about 20 minutes later (which worked well on the chains but were worthless against the ribbons, prolonging the blockade until scissors could be found!). We were dragged away, 'processed' and ejected early in the afternoon with citations.

"This action was inspired by a meeting Nikola and Kathy had with Roy Woodruff, then the director of weapons research and Mary Tuszka, director of personnel at the Livermore Nuclear Weapons Lab. It was a tense, long, cordial meeting, the memory of which still disturbs us."

At their trial this fall, the arresting officer did not show. Milich chose to have the charges dropped; Mechling was later tried, convicted and sentenced to time served.

## Arsenal Opponents Jailed

Legal fallout from the October 21 SHUT DOWN THE ARSENAL action at the Rock Island Arsenal took its toll on the Davenport, Iowa Catholic Worker community this past month. Anne Tabor's charges were dismissed on November 7 when her arresting officer did not show for trial. That prosecution error was not repeated the next day when Lucia Dryanski and Larry Morlan were convicted on state charges of disorderly conduct and sentenced to 30 days in jail.

One week later, November 15, Frank Fessler and Margaret Volpe were convicted in city court of disorderly conduct, and sentenced to 20 days in jail. Kim Trapkus was convicted of blockading and sentenced November 22 to five days in jail, in consideration of her one-year-old who is not fully weaned. Charges of resisting arrest in all cases were dismissed because there was no evidence. All have served their time. John Volpe's trial was continued until January while his wife was in jail, so he could be with their kids. A member of the Catholic Worker's extended community, Bob Romic, also served an eight day jail term on four successive weekends to accommodate his full-time job.

Many of those arrested in three towns surrounding the huge arms production facility and weapons command post have agreed to pay fines in lieu of jail time, but not all have been back to court at this time.

Three people still face more serious charges. One woman is charged in Rock Island with battery, and a young male demonstrator is charged with possession of a weapon (a knife) and marijuana. He was not intending to be arrested but got caught up in a police sweep. Another man, Bradley McAllen, is charged with trying to disarm a policeman in a scuffle which also earned him eight stitches in the head from a police blow. He had attempted, in the words of the "Action Guidelines" for the day, to use "nonviolent bodily contact and nonviolent bodily force (that which does not hurt or injure others) [to] escape or help others to escape from arrest or attack situations..." He has an attorney and the case has not yet gone to trial.

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

# GREENPEACE AT HANFORD

Activists from the international environmental action organization Greenpeace were arrested twice in Washington state this past summer. Early in July, Tom Buchanan and Tim Walsh were arrested for trespass as they collected water samples and run-off into the Columbia River at the boundary of the PUREX plutonium production facility at the Hanford nuclear reservation.

In court in October, the two testified that to their knowledge, the river up to its high-water mark was state property. In fact, the federal government, which owns Hanford, had long ago purchased the land down to the low-water line, but had made no effort to post it as private or dissuade persons from entering the river property.

## USS PITTSBURGH COMMISSIONED

Due to a schedule change, the commissioning of the cruise-capable fast-attack submarine USS Pittsburgh occurred November 23 in Groton, Connecticut. Over 60 people gathered for a service in support of ten people who blocked traffic at the entrance of the shipyards. Many of the ten knelt in prayer, and most were dragged away by police. All were charged with disorderly conduct and released pending arraignment December 2 in New London Superior Court.

For more information, contact Scott Schaeffer-Duffy; 10 Castle St.; Worcester MA 01610.

Buchanan and Walsh were acquitted by a jury that included two persons with strong economic ties to Hanford and the PUREX facility. As a result, the Department of Energy has now given notice to environmental groups that any future unauthorized radiation samplers will be prosecuted for trespass.

On July 29, a large group of Greenpeace activists blocked a shipment of radioactive waste bound for Hanford as it crossed the bridge over the Columbia River and into Washington. Oregon authorities declined to make arrests after clearing the road, but 16 people were arrested a few miles up the road as they blocked the truck at a check station.

All sixteen were held overnight before being released, and have agreed to plead guilty to disorderly conduct and pay a \$45 fine.

For more information, contact Greenpeace Seattle; 4649 Sunnyside Ave. N.; Seattle, WA 98103; (206)632-4326.



## Silo Pruning Hooks Update

On November 12, 1984, a Minuteman missile violating the earth in Missouri was silenced by the prayers, human blood, hammers, chisels and the compressor driven jackhammer of Fathers Paul and Carl Kabat, Helen Woodson and Larry Cloud-Morgan, the Silo Pruning Hooks. The week of the trial, in February of this year, Martin Holladay took prayers, hammer and blood to another nearby silo in his own act of direct disarmament. All five were convicted on multiple counts and are now serving prison terms.

Oral arguments were presented in Federal Appeals Court in St. Louis on October 15, in the cases of Paul and Carl Kabat, Larry Cloud-Morgan and Martin Holladay. No date is given yet for a decision. After the appeal ruling, these defendants can move for a reduction of sentence (rule 35).

Federal Judge Brooks Bartlett has reduced Helen Woodson's sentence to 12 years, giving her a release date of May 15, 1996. The change was made for a combination of reasons. When the parole commission considered Paul Kabat's case, the first, they judged the offense a #6 on a scale used to determine the portion of one's sentence to be served before parole eligibility. The higher the number, the greater amount of time to be served. Bartlett had assumed the parole commission would rate the disarmament actions a #3. His mistaken assumption, together with Woodson's refusal to cooperate with the parole commission or file for a reduction of sentence prompted Bartlett's decision.

Since arriving at the Federal Prison Camp at Terre Haute, Indiana, Larry Cloud-Morgan has been suffering the ill effects of his diabetes, complicated by the prison diet. As a result, his vision is very poor and he has been unable to respond to hundreds of people who have written. He has, however, been writing many letters to senators and representatives on behalf of another severely diabetic prisoner, and includes in those letters his concern for the care, treatment, diet, etc. for all diabetics at Terre Haute. Larry specifically does not want to be the focus of any outside attempts to secure better medical care for himself. He is practicing diabetic self-maintenance to the extent possible in prison.

Additionally, Larry has been classified in the high security status of "Central Inmate Monitoring", in which

all his mail is read and censored. Some has not reached him, also. Readers are especially encouraged to continue writing to Larry at the address on page 3, given this situation. Your thoughts of peace go extra miles with so many eyes upon them.



In addition to commissary funds (see note page 3), Larry Cloud-Morgan would appreciate cassette tapes of traditional Native American music and songs from the peace movement. Cassettes may only be donated to the prison chapel in Larry's name, and sent directly to Fr. Michael Sazy, Catholic Chaplain; Federal Prison Farm; Terre Haute, IN 47808. Newsletters and magazines sent to Fr. Sazy (without Larry's name on the envelope) will also have a better chance of getting through to Larry.

## SHOW ME MISSILES

The first anniversary of the action of the Silo Pruning Hooks was marked by coordinated vigils at 35 of Missouri's 150 Minuteman missile silos. About 175 people participated in the overnight "Show Me Missiles" demonstration, and many reported cordial conversations with Air Force recruits stationed as sentries at the silos. Such coordinated silo vigils are being planned for other missile-burdened states. For more information, contact Nukewatch; 315 W. Gorham; Madison, WI 53703.

## Peace Test, cont.

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risked 2½ and 5 days in jail, respectively.

Despite the recent decision by the Freeze not to directly support future civil disobedience at the Nevada Test Site, American Peace Test organizers are already planning new efforts in 1986, and will be meeting January 2 in Las Vegas to consider formation of a "new national organization to implement direct action strategies for halting nuclear testing".

For more information, contact the American Peace Test; 116 Temple Dr.; Las Vegas, NV 89107; (702)870-4121.

## MX Joe Jailed for Contra Aid Protest

Al Zook and Mary Sprunger-Froese were released from jail November 1. Along with Sr. Marie Nord, the two had poured blood and hung banners inside an MX missile design facility at the Martin Marietta Corporation southwest of Denver last September 27. Both were released on their own recognizance.

Marie Nord was transferred to the El Paso County Jail in Colorado Springs on a warrant issued when she did not appear for sentencing following her conviction for another protest. She had participated in a sit-in at the offices of congressman Ron Kramer last June 12, protesting his vote for contra aid. Nord was sentenced to 60 days in jail for the sit-in, plus 15 days (consecutive) for failure to appear at sentencing, plus fines and court costs totaling \$128.

Nord told the judge that she had purposefully missed the original sentencing, so as not to risk being in jail for the planned MX Plowshares action, three weeks later. Other participants in the contra funding protest had already received jail terms up to 45 days.

The three have a March 4, 1986 trial date for the Martin action. For more information, contact Martin MX Plowshares Support; c/o Joan Brown; 431 S. Weber; Colorado Springs, CO 80903.



Letters of support can be sent to Marie Nord; El Paso County Jail; 15 E. Cucharas; Colorado Springs, CO 80903.

## Three Sentenced for Mom's Day at Aerojet

Sr. Catherine Connell, Martha McCarthy and Bob Seiber were convicted October 31 of trespass at Aerojet General Corporation, a Sacramento manufacturer with major contracts on nuclear missile systems and Star Wars research.

With ten others, they were arrested during a May 10 pre-Mother's Day demonstration on the theme "Our children's dreams of peace are being interrupted by Nuclear Nightmares". Pillowcases illustrated with children's dreams were hung on two long clotheslines, alternated with other pillowcases reading "MX", "Midgetman", "Titan", "Minuteman" and "Star Wars". While 125 supporters held the clothesline near the employees entrance, the thirteen entered the sprawling grounds of Aerojet in an attempt to talk to the workers about their concerns.

The three had opted for a jury trial. Judge William Ridgeway granted the defendants great latitude in their testimony, and with noticeable effect. Midway through the trial, juror Barbara Warren approached Sr. Catherine Connell in the restroom to say she would have to disqualify herself. She told the court later that she'd told Connell she had definite feelings about the case, that her husband had been a helicopter gunner in Vietnam and that she had developed specific anti-war and anti-nuclear opinions. An alternate juror took her place.

Still, the jury returned with a conviction after only twenty minutes.

At their sentencing, each was offered the choice of 20 days in jail, fines and fees totalling more than \$1000, or 100 hours community service. Seiber has chosen jail, and the two women will perform community service work. Sentence is stayed 60 days pending an appeal of the conviction.

For more information, contact the Community for Nonviolent Action; 619 12th St.; Sacramento, CA 95814; (916) 447-3785.



# FUTURE ACTIONS

## electric boat

Despite conflicts with the government, General Dynamic's Electric Boat shipyards in Groton, Connecticut continue to turn out more submarines. Resistance is planned at the following times--December 14, launch of the USS Louisville, a fast attack submarine and January 25, 1986, the commissioning of the USS Alaska, Trident submarine.

For more information, contact Isaiah Peace Ministry; 66 Edgewood Ave.; New Haven, CT 06511; (203)562-7935.

## Update Files, cont.

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**SITE 300:** Two more people await trial, and Scott O'Keefe, a repeat offender, recently served 30 days, in cases remaining from the week long occupation of this Livermore Lab test site near Tracy, California...

**PEASE AIR FORCE BASE/NEW HAMPSHIRE:** At their trial November 5, trespass charges against Carol Bellin and Jim Kates were dropped and Karen Olch, Mary Molner and Nancy Howard were convicted of disorderly conduct. The five had been arrested at the Air Force Base on Nagasaki Day. Prosecutors contradicted themselves, claiming on one hand the entrance road was public property where three of the defendants were disorderly, and on the other claiming Kates and Bellin had trespassed on the road to pour ashes over a winged mushroom cloud monument at the entrance. The notorious monument recognizes the 509th Tactical Bomber Wing, stationed at Pease, that dropped the bombs on Japan. Olch, Molner and Howard were fined \$100 each, suspended if they do 20 hours of community service work...

**CAP WEINBERGER'S ARREST:** The last issue of the Nuclear Resister reported that five Davis, California residents who attempted to apprehend this notorious war criminal had had their charges dismissed. In an about-face, the case will be prosecuted, and the five go to trial in Sacramento January 23, charged with trespass. Activists interested in attempting their own citizen's arrest of war criminals and their ilk can learn from the experience of the Davis group, who have prepared a packet of information and resources based on their experience. Order from Perishing Too affinity group; c/o Mechling; 522 J St.; Davis, CA 95616...

**LIVERMORE LABS:** Remaining cases from August 9 arrests at the California nuclear weapons laboratory resulted either in charges being dropped, one acquittal and many guilty verdicts. Sentences of time served, one day in jail or 12 hours community service predominated...

**DAVIS MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE/TUCSON:** Trial for Sally Manshardt and Meg Fox, who danced on the roof of the cruise missile operators training center earlier this year, has been postponed until March 18...

**CONSOLIDATED SPACE OPERATION CENTER:** Margaret Kiefer and Esther Kisamore were sentenced December 2 for their July 16 wheat planting at this Star Wars command post near Colorado Springs. Kiefer was fined \$50 (suspended) and Kisamore sentenced to two days in jail, with credit for the ten days she and Kiefer were jailed after the action. Both were also sentenced to pay \$48 court costs...

**SHOREHAM, NEW YORK:** Eight people who pled not guilty following a July 5 blockade at the gates of the Long Island nuclear power plant still await a trial date. Two people arrested during related sit-ins last May 29 and July 1 at the offices of Suffolk County Executive Peter Cohan also await trial. At least four others have pled guilty or been convicted and sentenced to \$50 or \$75 fines plus \$25 court costs...

## white house

The Eleventh Hour Project and the Campaign Against Nuclear Testing is inviting people to "celebrate this Season of Peace by sacrificing precious time with our loved ones to call for an end to all nuclear weapons testing" and come to the White House in Washington, D.C. for a three-day vigil and Christmas Eve civil disobedience there. If the United States has not reciprocated to the Soviet halt of nuclear testing by January 1, the group is organizing a "rapid response network" to keep public attention on continued U.S. testing, with pledges of vigils, civil disobedience, etc. prior to announced tests. For more information, contact the Eleventh Hour Project/Campaign Against Nuclear Testing; Box 99203; San Francisco, CA 94109; (415)285-0260, or Eleventh Hour Project; c/o Washington Peace Center; 2111 Florida Ave. NW; Washington, D.C.; (202)234-2000.

## general electric

A pre-Christmas vigil and possible civil disobedience are planned for December 23 at the Philadelphia offices of General Electric, 32nd and Chesnut Streets. For more information, contact the Brandywine Peace Community; Box 81; Swarthmore, PA 19081; (215)544-1818.

Brandywine is also planning a two-day walk from the Philadelphia office out to the G.E. Space Center in Valley Forge. Beginning on Holy Thursday (March 27) downtown, the walk will conclude Good Friday at the Space Center with civil disobedience by those interested. Finally, Brandywine invites people to take part with them in expressing hope with the folding of one oragami crane per day, from now until August 6, 1986. Brandywine will receive folded cranes from across the country and deliver them to G.E. next Hiroshima Day.

## nevada test site

The Los Angeles Catholic Worker and the Franciscan Community invite others to join with them at the Nevada Test Site on January 3, 1986, as the six month Soviet moratorium on nuclear testing comes to an end. For more information, contact the L.A. Catholic Worker; 632 N. Britannia St.; Los Angeles, CA 90033; (213)267-8789.

## 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.

## honeywell

Plans are in formation for a mass civil disobedience action to coincide with the annual shareholders meeting of the Honeywell Corporation in Minneapolis. The meeting and action are scheduled for sometime in April, 1986. Meanwhile, small affinity group sponsored actions are encouraged. For more information, contact the Honeywell Project; 1519 E. Franklin Ave.; Minneapolis, MN 55404; (612)871-3753.

## Feast of the Holy Innocents King's bay

King's Bay Submarine Base in St. Mary's, Georgia is a future home of the Trident submarine. For the fifth consecutive year a Christian witness will mark the Feast of the Holy Innocents, 8 p.m., Friday, December 27, at the main gate of the base. On Saturday, participants will gather for a peace walk to the base, worship together and some will participate in civil disobedience by entering the base. Initiators of the action hope that participants will end their time together Saturday evening with a discussion of the formation of a Southern Life Community. People of conscience other than Christians are encouraged to join in the events.

For more information, contact A.B. Short; Community of Hospitality; 305 Mead Rd.; Decatur, GA 30030; (404)378-7840 or Martina Linnehan; Immanuel House; 2130 Burlington Ave. N; St. Petersburg, FL 33713; (818)894-2832.

## quonset point

A noon "vigil for the innocent" will mark December 28 at the Quonset Point shipyards of General Dynamics in North Kingstown, Rhode Island. A gathering the evening before is planned for people planning civil disobedience. For more information, contact Plowshares Support/RI; Box 3291; Wayland Square; Providence, RI 02906; (401)421-8612.

## pentagon

Jonah House will sponsor the annual Atlantic Life Community resistance gathering in Washington, D.C., beginning with the evening meal (6 p.m.), Friday, December 27, and continuing through the morning of Monday, December 30. Meals and lodging at St. Stephen and the Incarnate Episcopal Church, 16th and Newton Streets, NW. Bring sleeping bags, food if possible and ideas and materials for demonstrating. For more information, contact Jonah House; 1933 Park Ave.; Baltimore, MD 21217; (301) 669-6265.

## s.a.c.

On December 28, there will be a Feast of the Holy Innocents anniversary action at SAC headquarters, Offut Air Force Base near Omaha. For more information, contact Strategies and Action for Conversion; P.O. Box 283; Omaha, NE 68101.

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# Free Speech v. Aesthetics

Last August 20, the National Park Service, amid great fanfare to the local, national and international press, announced a new proposed regulation which would severely restrict the nature of public protest in Peace Park.

Formerly known as Lafayette Park, across Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House, Peace Park has since at least 1917 been a traditional forum for demonstrations, including beleaguered vigils, which have been protected by the first amendment under a long line of judicial and legislative precedents.

In the summer of 1981, William Thomas began what is now known as the White House anti-nuclear vigil. Since that time, Thomas, often joined by other veteran and novice vigilers for disarmament and other assorted causes, has maintained the steady vigil despite repeated confiscation and destruction of his signs, arrest and imprisonment and continual harassment by various government agencies and vigilantes such as the Young Americans for Freedom and "Moonies". The vigil includes several movable, weatherproof signs up to 8' x 12' in height, so as to be visible above parked vehicles to passing traffic and the White House tours across the street.

Among other things, the proposed regulation would limit demonstrators

to two signs no larger than 4'x4'x $\frac{1}{4}$ ", no more than 2' off the ground. It was written in response to "sixteen written complaints" and justified on the grounds of "aesthetics".

The drafters of the regulation were "uncharacteristically imaginative" in their descriptions of current vigils at the park, and definitely biased. So biased that many well known peace groups and activists acting under the banner of "Friends of First Amendment Rights in Lafayette and Other Federal Parks" and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) filed separate statements strongly advising the Parks Service against enacting the proposed regulations.

Thomas remarked, "We forestalled a carefully laid scheme. The National Park Service and the Department of Interior arranged this media blitz in an attempt to rally the American public to support their Jihad of Aesthetics.

"They allowed 60 days for public comment, rather than the regular 30, hoping for a flood of public support. I don't know how many letters they got. But I do know that we filed a petition with 3,000 signatures in our favor, collected beside our sign."

Rumor has it that the Park Service is going to try again. Projected date

of the next proposed regulation is January, 1986.

Thomas currently is plaintiff in a civil suit charging the government officials with conspiracy to deny his constitutional rights. The proposed regulation was announced about six weeks after Federal Judge Oberdorfer refused government requests to have the suit dismissed, declaring Thomas had made a "substantial claim". The suit remains in litigation.

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

(Portions of this story taken from Volume 1, #1 of D.C. Home News, a limited collector's edition tabloid published and distributed by the vigilers and homeless in Washington, D.C. This issue contains excellent reporting on D.C.'s homeless and the vigils at Peace Park, as well as excerpts from Thomas' civil suit.)

## Resisters v. Free Press

A reader inquired about recent press attention to the plight of Portland Oregonian editor William Hilliard. Hilliard was sentenced to one year in jail for refusing to release 70 unpublished photographs taken by an Oregonian photographer of arrests at an anti-nuclear demonstration in Portland in April, 1984. The photos were subpoenaed by a public defender assigned to the case of a woman arrested at the demonstration. The court upheld his request, which claimed the photos would show the defendant innocent of resisting arrest, and that the police used excessive force to make an illegal arrest. Hilliard is free now while the case, which has significant first amendment overtones, is on appeal with the Oregon Supreme Court.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

...Financial support is needed to help complete the editing of the AVCO Plowshares trial documentary. The entire AVCO Plowshares trial in December, 1983 was videotaped by Global Village. It was the first plowshares trial where expert testimony on nuclear weapons and the power of civil disobedience is admitted for the jury's consideration. This testimony and that of the defendants are highlighted in a one-hour documentary to be used by the movement, law schools, classrooms, libraries and public television. Donations are tax-deductible and needed by the end of 1985. Send to Global Village; c/o Macy Morse; 10 Beacon St.; Nashua, NH 03060.

## PRISONER'S SURVEY SEEKS RESISTERS' VIEWS

As noted in the last issue, Larry Giddings, a prisoner at Leavenworth, is surveying the motivations for action of currently or previously jailed resisters, and their current thoughts on anti-nuclear activism and the likelihood of nuclear war. His deadline for collecting this information has been extended to December 31, 1985.

Regardless of the length of time served, readers who have been jailed for anti-nuclear activity of any sort are encouraged to assist this project by writing and requesting the brief survey from Friends of the Freeze; Box 3526; Lawrence, KS 66046.