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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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NUKING THE BILL OF RIGHTS

Hawaii

A few days before Christmas, Jim Albertini received the government's card. A new year's greeting of sorts, reflecting perhaps a prosecutor's resolution to get Albertini behind bars. In March of 1986, Albertini will be tried in federal court on three counts of trespass outside the main gate of Pearl Harbor in February, March and April of 1984.

In 1985, Albertini received a three year sentence for another action, only to learn after turning himself in at the prison that an appeals court had that very same day stayed his sentence.

Albertini wrote (in the February 13, 1984 Hawaii Tribune Herald) about the first of the three similar arrests in 1984, which the government is now eager to prosecute:

"Having been denied entry to the open house aboard the USS Joseph Strauss, while 1,820 other private citizens had open access, our small contingent of seven decided upon an alternate plan. We chose to simply stand quietly on the sidewalk outside of the Pearl Harbor main gate, and without obstructing anyone's progress, to offer those entering or exiting the open house copies of the song, the 'Ballad of Pearl Harbor - Matthew 7:6'. We noticed immediately that those accepting copies of the song going onto the base had their copies confiscated by Navy police.

"Within a few minutes our small group was ordered to leave the area. We were told we were on Navy property. When we asked for a clarification, since there was no sign posted or other visible boundary indicating where Navy property existed, we were told that an 'imaginary boundary line' existed and that a police officer would draw it with chalk on the sidewalk for us.

"But before the 'imaginary boundary line' was drawn, and while police officers went to look for chalk, I was suddenly placed under arrest, handcuffed, searched and taken away in a Navy paddy wagon. I specifically recall hearing words of protest and seeing stunned looks of my friends who were standing in the same immediate area when I was singled out and selectively arrested.

"Being the only one arrested, I was taken to the Navy police building and kept in a holding room for an hour or so. While there, I was issued a violation notice with a Federal magistrate court date..."

A significant question about public use of military property with uncontrolled access (such as a sidewalk along a public street) is involved in the case.

For more information, contact Malu 'Aina; Box AB; Kurtistown, HI 96760; (803)966-7622.

"Ballad of Pearl Harbor - Matthew 7:6" is featured on the cassette tape *TARO PATCH: Songs From the Land* by Jim Albertini. Proceeds from the tape will benefit Malu 'Aina, a community service farm project of the Center for Nonviolent Education and Action. \$5.95 (in U.S.) and \$7 (out of U.S.) postpaid to the address above.

Key West, Florida

The Nuclear Free Zone (NFZ) ordinance put to vote on November 5, 1985 in Key West, Florida, was defeated 4,912 to 2,024. That the initiative managed to win 30% of the vote is remarkable, given that the Navy owns one-third of the city and that Navy brass joined with local elected officials and the business community in a vicious red-baiting campaign against NFZ supporters.



A petition drive initiated by Patricia Axelrod overcame frequent police harassment in placing the proposed ordinance on the ballot. At least 20 times during 25 days of collecting signatures, petitioners (primarily Axelrod herself) were told to get off the street or risk arrest. On November 2, she lodged a complaint with the Florida state attorney, charging the city of Key West with illegal harassment. She was assured that the chief of police would be advised to desist.

The next day, Axelrod joined a public rally called by the Key West Anti-Freeze. Also attending were the police chief and several incumbent and prospective local office holders acting as private citizens. She begged the approximately 200 opponents of the NFZ initiative to vote yes. Police arrested her, and took her in handcuffs to the police station. There she was chained to the wall while police read to her the inflammatory redbaiting rhetoric of her opponents.

Axelrod was charged with "failure to obtain a permit to assemble" despite her acting alone at a rally open to the public. "One person does not constitute an assembly", she reminds us. Axelrod was later released, and eventually public and media interest from around the country persuaded the city, in spite of police objections, to drop charges.

The NFZ ordinance was initiated when Axelrod learned that Key West, along with eight other cities, is being readied as a "contingency forward base", part of the military's "flexible response" to events in Central and South America. Her activism, and harassment by other citizens and the Navy, has not subsided since the defeat of the ordinance. On January 13, her testimony against the Navy's environmental impact statement on the Contingency Forward Basing (CFB) plan was disrupted by Navy officials who placed their hands over the microphone as she attempted to enter into the record critical comments from, among others, retired Navy admiral Eugene Carroll of the Center for Defense Information.

Axelrod has sued the Navy over the CFB plan. She is supported by the Environmental Protection Agency in her

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Innocents Remembered

Christians celebrate December 28 as the Feast of the Holy Innocents. The date marks the time when King Herod, hearing of the birth of the Messiah, ordered that all the male babes in the vicinity of Bethlehem be slaughtered. He rightly perceived that one of the babes, Jesus, was a threat to national security. Christian resisters today recall that historic infanticide with an awareness that again, in the name of national security, millions of innocents suffer the burden of war preparations that threaten billions of innocent people.

King's Bay

Twenty persons from Georgia and Florida entered the King's Bay submarine base at St. Mary's, Georgia on December 28, the Feast of the Slaughter of the Holy Innocents. The trespassers were taken into custody by Navy security. After being photographed and questioned, 19 of them were issued ban and bar letters and released. Robbie Buller, who had entered the base a year earlier, was issued a citation for re-entry and told to appear in federal court upon notification.

Over 200 supporters were in attendance at this, the 4th annual observance at the base. In 1983, two people entered the base during the events, and in 1984 there were eight. In 1989, the first Trident submarine is scheduled to be homeported at King's Bay. Organizers anticipate that the numbers and intensity of opposition to these first strike delivery systems will increase.

For more information, contact the Community of Hospitality; 305 Mead Rd.; Decatur, GA 30030; (404)378-7840 or Immanuel House; 2130 Burlington Ave.; St. Petersburg, FL 33713; (813)894-2832.

SAC/Omaha

Following a two day retreat, about 60 people came together for the 7th annual Feast of the Holy Innocents action at the Strategic Air Command (SAC) headquarters at Offutt Air Force Base, near Omaha, Nebraska. Following a religious service, five people crossed the line onto the base and were arrested.

Bill Moore, Fr. Jack McCaslin, Dottie Lynch, Kathy Middlecamp and Joyce Glenn were released shortly thereafter. All but Moore have been arrested previously at SAC, but to date only Joyce Glenn has been charged with re-entry. She is to appear in court January 28 and expects to be taken to jail.

For more information, contact Strategies and Action for Conversion; Box 283; Omaha, NE 68101.

In December, Omaha resister Rich Koeppen was sentenced to six months in prison for previous arrests at SAC headquarters.



Letters of support can be sent to Rich Koeppen #11935-047; PMB 885; Federal Prison Camp; Box 1000; Duluth, MN 55814. Addresses for Mike Palacek and Kevin McGuire, also imprisoned for SAC witness, can be found on page 3, "Inside & Out".

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Please help us keep our phone bill down by mailing action reports, updates, jail information, statements and clippings by February 24, or calling (707) 463-0137. Thanks!

Resistance Reflections Felice & Jack Cohen-Joppa

TALLY OF ARRESTS FOR ANTI-NUCLEAR CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE IN THE UNITED STATES & CANADA

	1985	1984	1983
Total Arrests:	3300	3010	5300
# of Sites:	120	85	60
# of Actions:	170	160	140

This simple tally shows the limitations of statistics in representing acts of conscience. These 'best estimates' from our files do, however, reveal that nonviolent resistance to nuclear technology is not diminishing, but rather spreading to more sites and occurring more often. Thus, in their daily lives, more people are awakened to the fact that nonviolent resistance IS an option to complicity with the makers of nuclear holocaust.

A few footnotes to the tally are in order. It does not show that in 1985

more people have been imprisoned or jailed for a significant period of time (more than a week) for nuclear resistance than in any previous year.

"# of Actions" includes some campaigns which resulted in arrests over a period of time (up to four weeks in the case of the American Peace Test) but are counted as only one action.

"# of Sites" and "Total Arrests" includes the places and numbers of participants arrested in the International Shadow Project.

Locations where arrests occurred most frequently throughout the year include the Nevada Test Site; Electric Boat in Groton, Connecticut; the Strategic Air Command (SAC) headquarters near Omaha, Nebraska; Honeywell Corporation offices in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Lawrence Livermore nuclear weapons laboratory/Site 300 east of San Francisco.

The largest single actions of the year were at the White House on April 22 with 329 arrests ("April Actions") and at SAC on February 14 with 226 arrests (following the Faith & Resistance retreat).

This tally reflects the editorial focus of the *Nuclear Resister*, in that it excludes mention of the growing role that nonviolent direct action has had in 1985 for people opposing intervention in Central America and the Caribbean, apartheid in South Africa, pornographic exploitation of women, environmental abuse, crimes against Native American people and related land exploitation, and other issues.

As editors, we are aware, supportive of and encouraged by these struggles, but rely on others to chronicle them.

Special Addition

More joyful, life-affirming news to share. We are excited about the coming birth this summer of our second child!

More Reflections

[Editors' note -

Rarely have we received so many comments about the contents of this page as we did in response to Pat Kovner's letter printed here in the last issue. After sending the first few along to Pat, we realized that we also had to share some of the replies with our readers.

If you'd like issue #36, wherein Pat's letter and Jack's response appear, please write and request that we send you a copy.]

In reply to Pat Kovner's rationalization for not renewing her sub to NUCLEAR RESISTER because of her conviction (sic) that doing jail time for one's beliefs is a "foolish, impractical waste" (Dec. 9/85) let me be the first to heartily disagree.

When I was sharing with Shelley and Jim Douglass of PACIFIC LIFE COMMUNITY the exciting anti-Trident submarine actions in Vancouver, Canada, I had also just started visiting with prisoners. This happened around the end of 1975 when the USA withdrew from Vietnam and I considered my commitment to that cause was over. We have, of course, since realized that there is still much work to do in that area as the Pentagon utilizes non-military interference to delay Vietnam's difficult recovery.

Realizing that I had to decide which direction to turn my energies, whether to become involved in prison work or with P.L.C., it was agreed that I could probably best serve "the cause"--of exposing the whole rotten system--by staying with my prisoner-visiting system. In that way I could also liaison between the P.L.C. and prisoners, including their friends, relatives and supporting groups, as well as providing an opportunity to talk with prison guards and personnel.

Another reason eventually surfaced. It was that the two projects were not

all that divorced from each other. As we now know, as Shelley and Jim (and others) became more involved, they too soon began to serve prison sentences, and it wasn't long before their number became legion, as the NUCLEAR RESISTER bears witness...

And do you know what? It all makes sense now. We will never abolish prisons until we abolish war and poverty. We will never even make a dent in the power structure until we challenge it in the only way it can comprehend, namely interference with its structures. Since we still live in an open society, we do have the opportunity to demonstrate, protest and confront, even when it means the possibility of being imprisoned for our beliefs. In addition to maintaining our links with our sisters and brothers, inside and outside, if we are to consider ourselves truly dedicated to "love and peace", how dare we set ourselves apart, reserving our "beautiful energy" for nice, clean protestations, rather than by joining all those others who are "rotting in jails".

You might be amazed to learn how many others of those "rotting in jails" are as guiltless of the crime for which they have been sentenced (and in too many instances executed) as are those who are being sentenced for challenging the same courts by protesting, non-violently but effectively, the destruction of our planet.

There is nothing wrong with Pat seeking more "effective ways" to put her body on the line. But to recommend

"less suffering ways" is a terrible admission, in my view, of rejecting the power which such "suffering" has to educate others...most notably the same judges and jailers who must suffer the personal experience of dealing with protesting activists. When we have won them over, one by one, as they sentence us and escort us back and forth in handcuffs, since they cannot all avoid being "educated" in the process, only then will we be well on the way to saving this old world from the profiteers who would destroy it in their greed.

I have been barred from visiting prisons (in British Columbia only) because of my reputation as an "active activist" (meaning "for the good and welfare of the institution") and have been charged on three occasions with "illegal trespass of prison lands" when I challenged them. Facing six months, \$500 fine and/or both, when I refuse to pay fines, the cases were dismissed since there is no way barred prison activists are wanted inside prisons - so far!

Next on our agenda is nonviolent civil disobedience at prison gates.

Come and join us, Pat.

Claire Culhane
For: PRISONERS' RIGHTS GROUP
Vancouver, B.C. Canada

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THANKS

Thanks to Susan for helping to mail the last issue. Thanks to Sunshine, Mary, Bruce, Andre, Robin & Micah for helping care for Cassidy this issue. A special thanks to all of you who remembered us in your holiday gift giving!

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.

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Signs of the Season at Livermore

About 20 people gathered December 13 at the gates of Site 300, where Livermore tests non-nuclear components of the nuclear and other star wars weapons they are designing.

Following an Advent service, Sunshine Appleby and Eldred Schneider began to block traffic. Sunshine later dictated over the phone from jail to a friend:

"When I knelt down in front of the cars and workers going into Site 300, it was with a bone in one hand and with a doll representing the children of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in the other hand. The bone represents the bones we become when stripped of our little lives; our bones are indistinguishable from the bones of our so-called opponents.

"Praying in the road, I was attempting to delay the rush to Armageddon just a moment - a delay, perhaps a moment of recollection at this time, to recall that we are all one family...

"This Christmas, let us act with our lives for the peace promised us by the birth of Jesus. No star wars. A nuclear test ban now."

Eldred and Sunshine both refused to move, and were arrested. They were taken to nearby Tracy, California, where they were charged with trespass and obstruction. Schneider was released, pending arraignment March 3. Appleby refused the citation and was jailed for five days. She pled not guilty, and awaits trial in April in San Joaquin County Court.

Continuing a four year tradition of Advent witnesses, members of Bartimaeus Community joined Bay area Franciscans and other religious people December 17 at the gates of Livermore nuclear weapons laboratory in Livermore, California. Workers arriving at the labs were leafleted prior to the group reading of an Advent liturgy, which included the laying of small gifts and messages of peace in a manger. The manger was then carried through the lab gates by Clancy Dunigan and Wendy Kaufman, who were immediately met by police and taken into custody. They spent two nights in jail and were then released without being charged, "pending investigation".

Two days later, during a similar Advent service, Sam Tyson and Jim Higgs (both of Modesto) were arrested and held overnight in jail. They were also released without being charged.

On the first work day of 1986, January 2, some employees were delayed in getting to work at Livermore. A banner across the entrance reading "Stop Testing - Research Peace" halted traffic until the six people holding it were arrested.

Nick Bundo, Connie Hight, Rev. William O'Donnell, Rev. Paul Sawyer, Eldred Schneider and Kevin Tower were cited and released the same day, with a promise they'd be notified later about an arraignment date.

For more information, contact Eldred Schneider; 2110 1/2 Ashby Ave.; Berkeley, CA 94705.

USS Louisville

Four people were arrested December 14 at the launch of the USS Louisville fast attack submarine in Connecticut. Two pled not guilty and face a bench trial on January 14, and two others had charges dismissed when they entered pleas of no contest and guilty.

Updating previous Trident and fast attack submarine resistance, eight of those arrested at the November 23 commissioning of the USS Pittsburgh have pled not guilty, and have a bench trial January 21. Two others pled no contest and had charges dismissed. Four women arrested at Avery Point on September 14, during the launch of the USS Nevada, have had their charges dismissed.

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

NEVADA TEST SITE

CHALLENGE OF PEACE

As workers at the Nevada Nuclear Weapons Testing Site arrived for work on January 3, over 200 vigilers, brought together by the Nevada Desert Experience and the Los Angeles Catholic Worker, greeted them. The presence of the demonstrators was a reminder of the lack of United States initiative or action in responding to the five month Soviet unilateral halt to nuclear testing, which expired January 1 (but has just recently been extended another three months as part of the Soviet proposal to eliminate all nuclear weapons by the end of the century).

Following mass led by Detroit Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, 34 people crossed the line onto the test site itself, and were arrested for trespass. Thirteen were released on citation pending arraignment January 29. The other 21 were taken into custody. Eighteen were released later in the day pending arraignment February 3. Sunshine Appleby, Dan Delaney and Valerie Sklarevsky refused to cooperate and served a five day jail sentence before their release.

Most of those released the day of their arrest are expected to plead guilty or no contest, and receive a \$150 fine or 5-6 days in the Nye County Jail.

For more information, contact the Los Angeles Catholic Worker; 632 N. Britania; Los Angeles, CA 90033; (213)267-8789.



CAROLING AT HONEYWELL

In Minneapolis, Christmas carolers and tree-trimmers gathered to celebrate the holiday season on December 20. As the tree they chose to decorate grows on the property of the Honeywell corporation, a major conventional and nuclear weapons contractor, seven of the crowd were arrested for trespass. All were released the same day, and await arraignment January 28.

Last May, Jim Miles was among those arrested at a large protest at Honeywell. When he stayed at home in Wisconsin instead of coming back for his trial, a bench warrant was issued for his arrest.

On January 10, Jim walked into the front lobby at Honeywell, knelt and began to pray. He was arrested shortly thereafter and taken to jail for the weekend. After meeting with a judge the following Monday, he was released from jail and both trespass charges were dismissed.

On December 10, Moira Moga and Ruth Meitz were acquitted by a judge on charges laid during a Nagasaki Day, 1985 action at Honeywell.

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

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.



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(S.A.C. trespass 11/85 - out 10/86)

Rich Koeppen 11935-047
PMB 885, F.P.C., Box 1000, Duluth, MN 55814.
(S.A.C. trespass - out 4/22)

Felton Davis 04996-050
Lewisburg FCI, Lewisburg, PA 17837.
(Picatinny Arsenal trespass, 11/85 - out 5/86)

Thornton Kimes 01636-046
PMB 605, Box 1000, F.P.C., Duluth, MN 55814.
(Montana missile silo protest, 8/85 - out 2/12/86)

Matthew Goodheart
Oakland County Trustee Camp, 1690 Brown Rd., Pontiac, MI 48055.
(90 days for probation violation, Williams International - out 1/23/86)

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)

Lee Schiff
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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)

Richard Miller 15249-077
F.C.I., Box 1000, Sandstone, MN 55072.
(Nuclear train track dismantling, 7/85 - 4 years)

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)
Alderson Women's Prison, Box A, Alderson, WV 24910.

Karl Smith 01268-052 (G.P. 3 years)
Paul Magno 03829-018 (P.P., may be paroled 2/23/86)
Allenwood-Federal Prison, Box 1000, Montgomery, PA 17752.

Todd Kaplan 03828-018
(P.P., to halfway house March 19, out July 19)
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)

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

PREVIOUSLY LISTED --RECENTLY RELEASED:
Greg Boertje, George Veasey, Roger Ludwig, Sr. Marie Nord, Mike Miles, Ladon Sheats, Jeff Leys, Nigel Cottier, Jennifer Haines, Kathleen Rumpf, Jim Perkins and Claire Grady

Innocents Remembered, cont.

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Washington, D.C.

About 40 people gathered December 27-30 in Washington, D.C. to commemorate the Feast of the Holy Innocents. The theme of the protest was star wars.

On Saturday, inspired by Jim Reid's statue of the homeless family ("and still there is no room at the inn") erected by the Community for Creative Nonviolence at the Ellipse, one group toured the White House with two people arrested for chanting a litany, while another group vigiled outside with banners, songs and leaflets. Marcia Timmel was released that day, and Brian Barrett was held until the following Monday.

On Sunday, a star wars protest was held inside the Air and Space Museum with a long banner, siren, die-in, leafletting and announcement, with the action continuing outside while museum security took leaflets away from demonstrators and tourists alike.

The Monday action at the Concourse of the Pentagon included two death specters, banners, signs, singing, a lively "Pentagon Puppets" theater and six persistent blockaders. After 1½ hours, three people were selectively arrested. Tom Joseph was released shortly thereafter, pending a future appearance in court. Noncooperators Marc Fryer and Frank Carver were later led in front of a federal magistrate in Alexandria. Marc pled guilty and was sentenced to time served; Frank's persistent non-cooperation and the "overcrowded inns" led to dismissal of his charge.

For more information, contact Jonah House; 1933 Park Ave.; Baltimore, MD 21217; (301)669-6265.

FELTON GETS THE MAX

Felton Davis was returned to federal court in Newark, New Jersey on December 19, and sentenced by Magistrate G.D. Haneke to the maximum six months for trespass November 6 at the Picatinny Arsenal.



Letters of support can be sent to Felton Davis #04996-050, last reported to be at Lewisburg FCI, Lewisburg, PA 17873. Future destination(s) are unknown at this time. He looks forward to his mail catching up with him.

Blood Poured at KI Sawyer Air Force Base

(from the CATE Newsletter #33)

On the third Sunday of Advent, December 15, Kurt Miron went to the new command center for both the Wisconsin and Michigan ELF sites, which is now KI Sawyer Air Force Base. There he poured his own blood on a sign reading "410th Bombardment Squadron". The guard came out of the shack with a big gun drawn and pointed it at Kurt, shrieking at him to put his hands above his head. Kurt did so as he walked towards the excited man.

When they were but a few feet apart, the guard screamed at Kurt to get on his knees. Since Kurt had come to KI Sawyer with prayer on his mind, it seemed appropriate to start at that time.

Kurt was released on personal recognizance after being charged with trespass and malicious destruction of property. The second charge was dropped by the judge and Kurt pled no contest to the first, reminding Judge Easton that as long as there are nuclear weapons protected by the law, he would remain an outlaw.

At press time, a pre-sentence report had been completed and Miron was awaiting a sentencing date.

In a surprise move, Judge Alvin Kelsey in Hayward, Wisconsin, ordered Jeff Leys released on Christmas Eve. Jeff had been jailed since his August

Quonset Point

About 60 people gathered December 28 at the gates of General Dynamic's Electric Boat facility at Quonset Point, Rhode Island. There they recited a "litany for the innocents, calling all assembled to accept responsibility for acting in a manner to provide shelter, food and health care to the homeless and infirm, and to seek peaceful employment for workers trapped in the gears of the war industry". Quonset Point employees work on the Trident submarine.

As a symbol of this responsibility, eight people crossed the blue "trespass" line into Electric Boat property carrying bread and white roses, baby dolls and pictures of victims of war. They were arrested along with one woman who attempted to observe the arrest procedure, and a man who later refused to furl his banner as supporters vigiled outside the police station. The ten were later released, and charged with "disorderly conduct" (trespass) and "obstructing justice". Arraignment is set for January 27.

For more information, contact Plowshares Support/R.I.; Box 3291; Wayland Square; Providence, RI 02906; (401)421-8612.

A New Year's Resolution

On January 1, a seven person delegation - including one infant and two juveniles - set out to nail the New Year's resolutions of some Tucson, Arizona resisters to the door of the cruise missile crew training building. They were detained a short distance inside the front gate of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, where the unique training facility is located. Security personnel arrested the group and released them about an hour later, the adults charged with trespass and the youth given a date in juvenile court.

Only one of the four adults showed for the arraignment, and received a sentence of six month's unsupervised probation. No further action was taken against the other three, although one of the men, James Jordan, has now been summoned to appear in court January 21 to discuss nonpayment of a fine for previous arrests at Davis-Monthan. Also summoned the same day for nonpayment is Gail Britannik.

For more information, contact Casa Maria; 401 E. 26th St.; Tucson, AZ 85713; (602)624-0312.

WADING UPSTREAM

On January 6, the Christian holiday of Epiphany, Kari Fisher was arrested and charged with re-entering Offut Air Force Base near Omaha, Nebraska. Security personnel at the base, which houses the headquarters and strategic targeting staff for the Strategic Air Command (SAC), apprehended Fisher at about 7 a.m. on the base runway.

In court, Fisher refused to agree not to re-enter the base, and was sentenced to six months in jail (all but 15 days suspended) plus one year probation. Although she refused to agree to the conditions of probation, she will be released from jail January 21.

In explaining her actions, Kari said, "Since May 1, I have been at the Des Moines Catholic Worker Community. During this relatively short time, I have been part of what I feel is a supportive life situation. Yet, as a woman I met put it, 'There comes a time after catching people downstream, when one must wade upstream to see what is the cause of the problem.'"

For more information, contact the Des Moines Catholic Worker; Box 4551; Des Moines, IA 50306; (515)243-0765.



Three people were arrested at a Marquette, Michigan shopping center while leafletting shoppers with their own consumer tip: "Why not buy our children constructive, creative and humane toys this Christmas season?"

[If readers are aware of other arrests of war toy protesters, please let the Nuclear Resister know about it.]

11th HOUR PROJECT

On December 22 and 23, vigilers participating in the 11th Hour Project kept a moving picket directly in front of the White House fence. On Christmas Eve, December 24, after an ecumenical service across the street in Peace (Lafayette) Park, about 100 vigilers marched in pairs back to the White House fence. Once there, nine people risked arrest by moving forward to sit on the ledge under the fence. There they read a statement appealing "to our government--both the White House and the Congress--to reciprocate the Soviet initiative and thereby pave the way for a permanent ban on nuclear weapons tests."

Then the group began to read from a list of 1.2 million names gathered on a petition taken to Geneva by the Freeze organization and Jesse Jackson.

(For several years now, due in part to the persistence of Thomas's White House anti-nuclear vigil, vigils including signs of a regulated size must keep moving along the sidewalk directly in front of the White House, and it is also illegal to hold a sign within 3' of the fence itself.)

Billy Boyd, David Martinez, Arla Ertz, Cynthia Johnson (all of San Francisco), Christy Roybal, Grady Walker (of Salt Lake City) and Rev. Jim Jimerson, Andre Thomas and Ann Letterman (all from the D.C. area) were arrested within 15 minutes and cited for violation of National Park regulations. Johnson refused the citation but was released with the others. She and Jimerson have not paid a \$75 fine and face further court action.

For more information, contact the 11th Hour Project; Campaign Against Nuclear Testing; Box 99203; San Francisco, CA 94109; (415)285-0260.

WRITINGS FROM JAIL

from Sandstone...

December 9, 1985

Dear friends,

As I approached my trial last month for dismantling a section of the railroad tracks leading out of the Pantex Plant, I thought a lot about something Thomas Merton had written 35 years earlier: "The only thing that can save the world from complete moral collapse is a spiritual revolution." It seems to me that this has never been more evident than it is today, as we find ourselves investing trillions of dollars in the machinery of death while most of our global neighbors go without the basic necessities of life. Clearly, what is needed now is something far deeper than political reform or technological progress; what is needed is a radical revision of the role of faith in our lives. Faith tells us not to kill, but to love; not to ignore the needs and suffering of our neighbors, but to serve them. What is needed is for us to take our faith seriously in a way that is so antithetical to the self-centered materialism and violence of our society that no other word than "revolution" adequately describes it...

The morning of the sentencing, he [Gary Powers, U.S. probations officer] spoke with me again, and told me that he and Ms. Robinson had gone over the report carefully together (including my statement), and that I might be surprised at the sentence...he thought that she was going to be "very fair". The sentencing itself was quite brief, and I was given the opportunity to make a statement (uncensored this time) in which I reviewed the moral and spiritual concerns that led me to act at Pantex; and concluded with a personal appeal to Ms. Robinson to join me as a person of faith in positively rejecting the violence of the arms race. She listened to this without comment or visible reaction, and as soon as I was finished she announced the sentence: four years on each count, the terms to be served concurrently. Four years in prison, no fine, no restriction, no probationary period following the prison time...given her reputation, her harsh treatment of Pantex resisters in the past, consistent rejection of the legitimacy of the legal institution she represents, and the fact that I was facing 30 years and \$500,000 in fines, this certainly came as a surprise, not only to me, but to Mr. Powers, who told me shortly after the sentencing that there had been "pressure" (he wasn't more specific) on Ms. Robinson to give me a heavy sentence.

from Duluth...

DULUTH FEDERAL PRISON CAMP
NEW YEAR'S EVE 85/86

Big Brother delights in
reducing adults into
children without power,
The Our-Way-or-Else-Spa
is on his tab

Outside subzero winds
scream
"Peltier!" "Sakharov!"
"Mandela! Mandela!"
gusts howl disharmony,
crying beloved countrysides
all around us
all around us

I want to enter
a "behavior modification module",
rattle around inside me -
until the static dies
until silence is my sister

[Last August 24, Thornton Kimes snipped his way through the security fence to make a witness for peace atop Montana Minuteman missile silo R-29. His six-month jail sentence for the 'plowshears' action concludes February 12. Thornton's address in Duluth can be found on page 3.]



THE INSIDE LINE

While the verdict and sentence were never central concerns of mine, I can't help but reflect on the meaning of such a light sentence. At the very least it says that Ms. Robinson understood the non-violence of my witness. Whether it reached her on the level of faith or did so with any of the jurors, marshalls, clerks or other participants in the trial, I will most likely never know. But of course it is not the knowing that is important, the visibility of "results", but perseverance to begin the next phase of my witness. I continue the basic work of sowing seeds, trusting that some will eventually fall on fertile ground.

I'm deeply grateful to all of you who have kept me in your thoughts and prayers during this time. As I stood in the well of the courtroom I was very much aware that I was not alone, that beyond my family and friends in the back of the room extended a wide network of caring people, all of us bound together in life and spirit. And I'm very much aware that this loving support continues as the consequences of my witness slowly unfold...we're all on the road together, and together we can do what needs to be done.

In love, peace and hope,
Rich Miller

[From a long letter to Rich's supporters, detailing his spiritual approach to the trial, and the events of the trial and sentencing.]

Rich is serving two concurrent four-year prison terms at the federal prison in Sandstone, Minnesota, for nonviolently dismantling a portion of the railroad leading from the Pantex nuclear weapons assembly plant near Amarillo, Texas.

His full letter is available from his support community, Kindred Hospitality House; 1337 6th Ave.; Des Moines, IA 50314.]

A Year of Peace, the UN declares,
shall we agree?
shall we lay down weapons, have
no more killing for
Communism
Free Enterprise
Christ/Jehovah/Allah
or anyone else?

Thornton Kimes

80 Years of Resistance, Hope

On the occasion of Francelia Woodworth's 80th birthday, Women of Faith, a New England resistance group, continued its campaign against the Trident submarines. The women held a birthday party on the lawn of the Kollmorgen plant in Northampton, Massachusetts. Francelia, an active member of the group, chose July 11 at Kollmorgen to make her birthday wish that all of humanity, and our future generations, would have the possibility to live 80 years and more in a world free from nuclear terror.

Kollmorgen had recently been awarded a \$5 million contract to produce four sets of Trident periscopes.

Using educational outreach as a main focus, about 25 women marched to the plant with colorful helium balloons proclaiming "I want to grow up, not blow up", and a very long banner painted with 80 candles, reading "Women of Faith Celebrate 80 Years of Resistance, Hope". A long paper chain was stretched out with placards hanging from it, linking Kollmorgen with other Trident facilities where the women have protested.

After much singing, blowing bubbles and a rousing game of "Pin the Tail on Trident" (with disarming the submarine as the object), 80 candles were lit on a large cake. Six women then carried the cake into Kollmorgen's front office. Employees there declined offers to share the cake, and called police. Francelia, Gail Keilson, Mary Sossong, Jane Shavely, Jean Grossholtz and Pat Coleman were arrested and charged with trespass. Shortly thereafter, while supporters in the courtroom hummed "Happy Birthday to You", the six all entered pleas of not guilty. They were then released.

On August 13, charges were dismissed upon payment of \$10 court costs. For more information, contact Women of Faith; Box 14785; Hartford, CT 06114.

CHARGES DROPPED- Prosecutor Fears Truth About Hanford

Four people arrested last August 9 blockading traffic into the PUREX plutonium production facility at the Hanford nuclear reservation in Washington went on trial December 9. Jury selection occupied the first day, and trial resumed on December 10 with the judge agreeing to allow defense expert witness Dr. Allen Benson to testify. Benson is a chemist at Spokane Falls Community College who has extensively studied the Hanford reservation and is therefore qualified to testify about the documented health hazards produced by emissions from the PUREX facility.

At this point, the prosecution dropped the charges, claiming that they did not want this witness to "scarify" the community.

Undeterred in their efforts to educate the court and community about the serious plutonium pollution in the area, and sensing a cover-up, the former defendants, Janet Karon, Rita DePuydt, Richard Lane and Scott Renfro, have pledged to return to the scene of the real crime.

For more information, contact Scott Renfro; 700 Dupont St.; Bellingham, WA 98825.

SILO PRUNING HOOKS UPDATE

Lest there be any misconceptions, Helen Woodson wrote to remind readers that our report (NR #36) about Larry Cloud-Morgan being assigned to Central Inmate Monitoring (CIM) should be tempered with this recognition:

"All the Plowshares [prisoners] are on Central Inmate Monitoring, as are many other prisoners whose 'crime severity level' is above 4. This is standard for many people, and while we may consider it inappropriate, should not be construed as a form of harassment unique to 'political' prisoners..."

"At Alderson (and many other prisons), all incoming mail is screened and all outgoing mail is read regardless of whether you're serving 30 days for prostitution or double life for mass murder. And other difficulties with mail are experienced by all prisoners in every jail in the country..."

Carl Kabat has recently declared a moratorium on letter answering (with exceptions for special mail). He is quoted in a December 25 article in the Detroit Free Press, noting, "Most of the time, it's a matter of people saying that they do support you, so you just say 'thanks' and 'God bless'." (But) 60 stamps a week is the most you can buy at the prison. I'd use that up and have to trade guys cigarettes for stamps. I just couldn't keep up". At another point in the interview, Kabat tells staff writer Patricia Chagot, "The world's in pretty bad shape, but if the world ends next week, in a sense, I'll go out dancing. I've done what I could do up to this time. Let others do what they can do. The rest is in God's hands"

More Reflections, cont.

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16 December 1985 (41 A.H.)

Dear Resister,

Holy Chanukah, Pat! Wrong pew, indeed...

I guess my letter to the Nuclear Resister from jail concerning community and why I consider it to be invaluable for many of those who wish to persist in resistance was a bit misunderstood by some readers

It's funny to me that the resistance has been both a largely Christian and non-prosletizing movement. More and more of my friends in the resistance have been less and less oriented towards connecting their resistance to an effort to urge others to emulate them, but rather to simply remain true to their own inner imperatives. The "effects" of their resistance on others is increasingly (for some) less important than the effects that the cosmology of nuclear weaponry has upon them...

Yes, I do think everything is up for grabs as we become serious enough in our efforts to actually challenge the nuclear monster that is snarling menacingly at our children and our great-great grandchildren. Home, relationships, physical freedom, and especially the American way of life...

As we look to the slow process of converting judges, prosecutors, police, etc., I can think of no stronger method than entering their turf with the Truth.

Tom Hastings
Hayward, Wisconsin

December 15, 1985

I just received, friends, ...the latest NR and I was interested in the words of Pat Kovner. She certainly has a difficult situation to face about our kind of witness as a strategy. I feel her pain...

I don't think our involvement in the courts and prison system has been "costly, lonely and embittering". It has not been easy for me personally but the cost has been minor compared to the arms race itself and the many strategies we have tried against it. They are costly, too.

During this last year I have felt far from lonely, although I have not enjoyed incarceration. Usually I have been surrounded with all kinds of concerned people, including my fellow jail and prison inmates.

Finally, I am no more embittered than I was before our act of November 12, 1984. In fact, I do not think of myself as particularly bitter at any time in my life. I have expressed various kinds of frustration and pessimism, but I don't think I have been bitter. Mostly, like Pat seems to be, I have been sad...

I wish Pat were right that "there are more effective and less suffering ways of working for peace". I challenge her and others to find them for us all and to make good use of them. I would dearly love to have her proven correct...

Incidentally, I am not yet "rotting in jail". Perhaps the time will come, but so far this last year of my own incarceration has been very productive for me on many levels. I cannot say I have enjoyed all the experiences,

but I do know this is what I had to do for my own authenticity and for the sake of folks I love, including Pat Kovner.

We had one million people in the streets of New York in 1982. What has that event accomplished in terms of disarming just one nuclear missile? We have had over 6,000 disarmament meetings of world officials while our stockpiles get larger. Somewhere, sometimes, some people have to say enough is enough in some way.

So I ask Pat and others not to turn away from our various forms of witness and disarmament. May she keep searching for her own role and go dancing and joyous into her future. I'll do my best to go with her. I'll even play the accordion like I did for my fellow inmates last night...

Peace and love -
Paul Kabat
Federal Correctional Institution
Sandstone, Minnesota

Dear Felice and Jack,

...While I'm writing I thought I'd add my own two-bobs worth in regard to Pat Kovner's letter. It's an argument people have put to me for years and the bottom line I guess is that one who has not experienced the beauty of resistance will only see it as a suffering experience. We had a poster hanging the whole three years in our community house in Brisbane with Emma Goldman's words "If I can't dance, it's not my revolution". I've seen so many people who aren't dancing but they haven't taken the step into resistance, either. What Pat has to realize is that making peace is not all milk and honey. Peace and justice go together and neither can be achieved without sacrifice from us. It only really struck me this year at Easter following a civil disobedience from which, thank God, I got away scott free, that how can we expect the soldiers of the world to throw down their weapons and risk unemployment, imprisonment and even death, if we are not prepared to take a risk? How can we stand at a place of safety and ask others to take such a risk? Unless we take our symbolic actions to the places of death, they will become meaningless, empty shells. We cannot hide in our churches for to deny the crucifixion is to deny the resurrection...

A million walking down the street does not do more than an individual sacrifice because amongst that million there may be very little sacrifice. Certainly for some it will be their first and a big step in the struggle for peace but for many also it will be as far as they have travelled after many years...

Of my two short periods in prison, I did experience isolation and unhappiness, but I also experienced a strong sense of freedom; freedom because I finally had said, "No. You cannot stop me from doing what is right by the threat of imprisonment and no longer will I pay for my own punishment by paying your fines". I was able to meet numerous other prisoners and come to really know how barbaric and anti-Christian the prison system is, how anti-life!

Yours from across the ocean,
Sean O'Reilly
Queensland, Australia

Update Files



VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE: Four people charged with trespass last August as they leafletted traffic heading into this nuclear missile testing site have been scheduled for trial. Readers and supporters in southern California are urged to attend the trial at 10 a.m., Tuesday, January 28 in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles, Magistrate Tassopolous presiding. For more information, contact defendant Bud Booth, (805)688-7610...

VANCOUVER 5: During a sentence reduction hearing September 22, Julie Belmas renounced her involvement with the Vancouver Five and dissociated herself from the support group. Ann Hansen and Brent Taylor face a similar hearing February 17 in Vancouver. Among other actions, the three were convicted in the 1982 bombing of the Litton plant producing cruise missile guidance parts near Toronto. [See NR #17 for the editors' comments on this action.] Brent Taylor writes "Neither of us are optimistic regarding the outcome of our hearings, however, we will remain in positive headspaces nonetheless. Both of us are feeling strong and are enthusiastic about our spiritual and intellectual growth in spite of the surroundings..."

MARTIN MX PLOWSHARES: Sr. Marie Nord was released from jail December 16, and two days later joined co-defendants Mary Sprunger-Froese and Al Zook for a pre-trial hearing in Jefferson County Court. The judge set a one-hour hearing for February 7 to consider motions relating to international law, first-strike capability and the particular dangers posed by the MX, and refused to listen to expert testimony on these subjects. Trial is set for March 4. In September, 1985, the three entered Martin Marietta's plant near Denver, Colorado, and disrupted work on the MX missile. They are charged with second degree burglary and criminal mischief...

PERSHING PLOWSHARES: Jim Perkins was paroled December 24 to the Insight Meditation Society, Pleasant Street, Barre MA 01005. Todd Kaplan will be released to a half-way house March 19. Paul Magno expects to be paroled February 23 unless his objections to parole conditions prompt authorities to want him inside for another five months. Along with five others, they had entered the Martin Marietta nuclear weapons facility in Florida, where they disarmed a missile launcher and several components of Pershing II missiles on Easter/Passover morning 1984...

GRIFFISS PLOWSHARES: Kathleen Rumpf was released from Alderson Federal Women's Prison January 10. Kathleen and six others had disarmed cruise-capable B-52's at Griffiss Air Force Base, New York on Thanksgiving, 1983...

PLOWSHARES EIGHT: After losing their appeal to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, the six not currently in jail for other disarmament actions were ordered to begin serving their sentences January 2. Later the order was rescinded, while lawyers continue the appeal.

In September, 1980, Dean Hammer, Philip Berrigan, Fr. Daniel Berrigan, Molly Rush, Elmer Maas, Sr. Anne Montgomery, Fr. Carl Kabat and John Schuchardt damaged Mark 12-A nuclear weapon shrouds at a General Electric plant in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania...

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If you are in need of more information or a contact address regarding the actions updated on these pages, please write to us and we will provide what we can.

FUTURE ACTIONS

wincon & mildex '86

If the annual Winter Convention of Aerospace and Electronics Systems (WINCON) was not enough, southern California activists will also be hosting protests this year at the MILDEX '86 Defense (sic) Expo.

Weekly vigils and leafletting began January 3 at the hotel hosting WINCON. A candlelight vigil there on Tuesday evening, February 25, will mark the eve of the convention. Then on February 26 and 27, civil disobedience is planned to peacefully disrupt the weapons marketplace.

MILDEX '86 comes April 2-5 at the Anaheim Convention Center, and plans are already in progress to protest and resist yet another international arms showcase and marketing extravaganza.

For more information about either action, contact the Orange County Alliance for Survival; 200 N. Main St.; Suite M-2; Santa Ana, CA 92701; (714) 547-6282.

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.

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THREE MILE ISLAND/PENNSYLVANIA: As the last of several trial groups arrested protesting the imminent restart of the undamaged (sic) Unit One reactor faced district Judge William Heckman, his attitude appeared to change. Although he had allowed 82 defendants arrested on May 24 and the 16 arrested on October 3 to plead a defense of justification, he had convicted them all. Heckman told the last two trial groups (those arrested October 3) that he thought they were solid citizens legitimately concerned with the health risks involved with the restart. He then lowered their fine from \$50 (a bail bond which the others had forfeited) to \$25, and eliminated the court costs, resulting in a \$25 refund for the final groups...

WHITE HOUSE: In court January 15, five people arrested November 12 at a "no star wars" summit send-off for Reagan were sentenced to one year unsupervised probation. Four others paid a \$75 fine and one person has moved for a jury trial...

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL: John Volpe was convicted January 8 on charges laid last October 21 during the Shut Down the Arsenal action. He served a ten day sentence upon conviction...

SHADOW PROJECT: Steve Sheridan, of the Davenport, Iowa Catholic Worker Community, recently served seven days in jail following conviction by a jury of painting reminders of the nuclear holocaust on local sidewalks last August...

WINCON: Eleven people arrested at the 1985 Winter Convention of Aerospace and Electronics Systems (WINCON) in Costa Mesa, California, are finally scheduled to face trial January 28. The defendants lost their pre-trial appeal seeking to present a defense of necessity...

REMCO: Mary Rice and Susan Crane, arrested last April 15 as they blocked the doorway of this Willits, California MX missile subcontractor, face trial March 6. The tax day protest resulted in charges of "trespassing and interfering with business", against which briefs presenting a defense of international law and necessity have been filed...

malmstrom afb

The 8th Annual Easter Peace Action at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, Montana is scheduled for March 30. For more information, contact Save All Living Things; Box 810; Great Falls, MT 59403.

faith & resistance II

Christians from across the midwest are invited to participate in a retreat on nonviolence at Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, April 3-5, 1986. The retreat will conclude with a faith-centered act of nonviolent civil disobedience at nearby Whiteman Air Force Base, the control center for 150 ICBM's based in west-central Missouri.

The retreat is seen by organizers as a continuation of the faith-based witness initiated at the Faith and Resistance retreat of February, 1985 in Omaha, Nebraska. Speakers at this second retreat will include Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, theologian John Howard Yoder, Ground Zero co-founder Shelley Douglass and Tom Cordaro, director of the Center for Nonviolent Studies.

For more information, contact Faith and Resistance Retreat II; 3125 Chesnut; Kansas City, MO 64128.

tax day

Tax Day Actions--A national listing of 1986 Tax Day actions (including those where civil disobedience is planned) is being compiled by the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee (NWTCCC), a coalition of over 80 local, regional and national groups concerned with war tax issues. An April press release to national media will increase publicity about war tax protests during tax filing time. Send information about plans in your area to NWTCCC; Box 2236; East Patchogue, NY 11772; (516)654-8227.

NWTCCC also has prepared excellent resources for promoting WTR, including a set of brochures--send \$1 for a sample of: "Your Telephone Tax Pays for War!", "Your Taxes Pay for the War in Central America", "Your Taxes Pay for the Nuclear Arms Race", "Are You Praying for Peace But Still Paying for War?" and "Women Say No to War Taxes!".

The Nuclear Resister is an affiliate of NWTCCC.

disarm the seas

The North Atlantic Network and the Pacific Campaign Against Sea-Launched Cruise Missiles, two international coalitions opposing the arms build-up at sea, have called for simultaneous global actions in June 1986, to protest the growing militarization of the oceans. Mobilization for Survival is coordinating actions within the USA, and broadening the call to include nonviolent actions at weapons facilities throughout the nation.

For more information, contact Mobilization for Survival; 853 Broadway; New York, NY 10003.

vandenberg/ shuttle launch

In 1983, the testing of the MX missile at Vandenberg Air Force Base 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 with the first military space shuttle launch scheduled for July, 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.

lenten desert experience

The fifth Lenten Desert Experience vigil will be held at the Nevada Test Site February 12 - March 30, 1986. Over 300 Christians and people of faith will gather to protest the continued testing of nuclear weapons by the U.S. Department of Energy. Over 640 nuclear tests have been conducted in Nevada to date. All Fridays in Lent are marked as times for civil disobedience. Participants in civil disobedience must adhere to the nonviolent discipline and attend a nonviolence training session. For more information, contact the Nevada Desert Experience; P.O. Box 4487; Las Vegas, NV 89127; (702)646-4814.

pentagon

A continuous vigil, during the Lent season and beyond, is planned at the Pentagon to protest star wars--as illusion, as universal holocaust, as first-strike component, as theft from the poor and rich alike. Civil disobedience will be supported. Participants are welcome, and should contact Jonah House; 1933 Park Ave.; Baltimore, MD 21217; (301)669-6265 for more information.

general electric

A two-day walk of conscience and nonviolent resistance will conclude on Good Friday, March 28, at the General Electric Space Division headquarters in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania with a religious service and civil disobedience (people walking onto G.E. property).

For more information, contact Brandywine Peace Community; Box 81; Swarthmore, PA 19081; (215)544-1818.

silence one silo

A tentative date of April 30 is marked for the next civil disobedience action in Montana's Silence One Silo campaign. April 30 is proposed because it has been designated by the Northern Rockies/Plains nonviolence network as one of the Peace Victory Days. For more information, contact Silence One Silo; Box 9203; Missoula, MT 59807; (406)549-9449.

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Protesting the Death Penalty in Georgia

In Georgia, the struggle against the death penalty takes many forms. People Against Executions (PAX), a group growing out of the prison ministry of the Open Door Community in Atlanta, is committed to nonviolent direct action in the hope of preventing an execution and as a protest against murder by the state of Georgia. PAX acts when hope for legal relief appears lost.

On February 19, 1985, eight PAX members stood up in the balcony of the Georgia House of Representatives and called on them to pass R.H. No. 87, which would have declared a moratorium on executions while the issue of racial bias in death penalty cases remained unsettled.

Had the House passed the bill, Van Solomon would not have been executed twelve hours later. The eight were arrested and charged with refusing to leave a state building.

On March 19, 1985, three PAX members sat in the reception room of the state Pardon and Parole Board, requesting an opportunity to plead with the board members for John Young's life. Because all legal appeals had failed, his only hope was reconsideration by the board.

The board refused to talk to the three, who were arrested at day's end when the refused an order to leave. Less than eight hours later, John Young was executed.

Trial on the charges continues to be delayed. The presiding judge, a black man who opposes the death penalty, is known to be supportive of PAX's efforts.

For more information, contact PAX, c/o the Open Door Community, 910 Ponce deLeon Av., NE, Atlanta, GA 30306.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

...The date for the West Coast Regional Nonviolent Networking Conference has been advanced to June 13-16, 1986. Building on the commitment of conferees at the 1984 National Conference on Non-violence in Education and Action, this west coast gathering is one of several regional gatherings to occur. Because the strength and particular content of this conference will be determined by the offerings and investments of each participant, organizers need to hear from potential participants. What questions, issues, thoughts and suggestions do you have that might help shape and direct the conference? Please contact Rosemary Bramble or Cathy Vahsen at (415)644-0691, or write West Coast Regional Nonviolence Networking Conference, 2124 Kittredge St. #66, Berkeley, CA 94704 for more information.

...The 1986 Homestead Act is a new effort to introduce nonviolent direct action and civil disobedience into the struggle to preserve rural family life. "Our greatest loss from the economic crisis in rural America is the constant exodus of the family farmer. Each farm that is lost is another nail in the coffin for our rural communities...The complexities of modern farming makes every farm liquidation different. Yet in the end, the family gives up its land and way of life...These farmers should be allowed to keep their homesteads and 40 acres, rent the lost land at a fair rate and have the option to buy it back later...Through the use of direct non-violent means of intervention we can put our bodies between the farmer and the system that liquidates them. The 1986 Homestead Act will be enacted one farm at a time (and) focus the rural debate in human terms." For more information, contact Rev. Dave Ostendorf, Prairiefire, 550 11th St., Des Moines, IA 50309.

...Resistance/Christian postcards for sale. Free samples available upon request. Dan Lawrence, 138 Prescott St., South Lancaster, MA 01561.

...The Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute (MCLI) has assembled a useful panoply of Peace Law resources to benefit the activist, lawyer, media commentator or instructor. Much of the information is in packets crammed with law, citations, arguments and transcripts in immediately usable form. Packets and other resources were developed over the past two years by the dedicated Meiklejohn staff in response to the inquiries of defendants, attorneys, academics and others.

For more information, including a price list and description of the resources offered, contact MCLI, Box 673, Berkeley, CA 94701; (415)848-0599.

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contention that the public notification for environmental impact hearings in the affected cities (like the one in Key West January 13) was insufficient to satisfy the National Environmental Protection Act.

Expecting further harassment and arrests, and a legal battle that will involve peace activists in the other CFB cities, Axelrod has established In Defense of Peace, a legal aid fund to aid the costs of fighting the CFB plan. Contributions can be sent payable to In Defense of Peace; c/o Leslie Adler, CPA, 1570 Madruga Ave. #209, Coral Gables, FL 33146.

Axelrod is also seeking attorneys interested in helping local groups with their opposition to the CFB plan. For more information, contact Patricia Axelrod, 419 1/2 William St. #1, Key West, FL 33040; (305)296-4280.

(information from the New Abolitionist, Nuclear Times and Patricia Axelrod)

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- 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.

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