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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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STOP THE TESTING!

Demonstrations demanding the United States reciprocate the Soviet Union's unilateral halt of nuclear weapons testing have continued, with Americans taking action in both countries.

Moscow

In late February, Normon Solomon, director of the Disarmament Program of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, and Anthony Guarisco, director of the International Alliance of Atomic Veterans, met with Ambassador Arthur Hartman at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. After their formal meeting had concluded, Solomon and Guarisco announced their intention to remain at the embassy to staff a disarmament desk, where they could facilitate a U.S. response to the Soviet moratorium.

Ambassador Hartman told them he didn't appreciate their offer, that he didn't need their help and ordered that they leave. When the men refused, plainclothes Marine security guards were called in to evict them. Solomon was carried out and dumped on the sidewalk, practically at the feet of two surprised Moscow policemen. Guarisco, who uses a cane due to nuclear-test related spinal ailments, walked out on his own under duress, rather than risk paralysis by being carried.

Izvestia, the Soviet daily, carried an extensive story on the incident, while only a brief AP wire story brought news of the action to the American newspapers.

Solomon later remarked, "No one seems to remember any similar event at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. Anthony Guarisco and I believe that, at the very least, our actions there communicated to many Soviet people that the U.S. government's deranged nuclear policies are being resisted by American citizens who deeply appreciate the Soviet Union's bold new disarmament initiatives."

Nevada Test Site

Six arrests were reported at the Nevada nuclear weapons testing site so far during the Lenten Desert Experience. On February 21, Sue Ann O'Niell, Bob Sieber, Michael and the Rev. Francis Hall Kieschnick and Mary and the Rev. George Regas were arrested as they stepped across the line. It was the first arrest for the Episcopal clergy and their spouses, the second arrest for Sieber and the fourth for O'Niell. Sieber was taken straight to court in Beatty, Nevada, and immediately served a 4½ day sentence. The others were cited and released at the site, whereupon O'Niell turned and again crossed the line. This time, she was arrested and taken to Beatty before being released pending trial.

More arrests are expected on March 21 and again on Good Friday, March 28. For more information, contact the Lenten Desert Experience, Box 4487, Las Vegas, NV 89127; (702)646-4814.

Madison

Meanwhile, in Madison, Wisconsin, "Friends of Peace and Justice" have been conducting vigils and teach-ins since January 2 in the lobby of the federal courthouse there, demanding that the testing be stopped. At press time, 11 people have been arrested a total of 16 times during the series.

On January 9, about a dozen vigilers gathered in the courthouse lobby at 4 p.m. Bonnie Urfer, Sam Day and Molly DiMartino Kohl remained after the 5 p.m. closing time and were arrested, booked for trespass at the station, and released. Sam Day later pled guilty and served two days in jail instead of paying a fine. Urfer and Kohl pled not guilty and await a trial date.

On January 15, three more vigilers were arrested when they remained after the courthouse closed. Ardelle Hough, Gloria Welniack and Carol Arness were booked and released, and await a trial date.

On January 17, after the Soviet's three month extension of the moratorium on testing was announced, Lisa Heglund and Molly Kohl (for the second time) were arrested, booked at the courthouse and released. They also await a trial date.

Following another teach-in January 30, Bonnie Urfer (for the second time), Sue Nelson, Bert Zipperer and Alan Peura were arrested when they remained in the building past 5 p.m. They all refused to identify themselves at the site, and were taken to the police station where Urfer and Nelson signed a citation and were released. Zipperer and Peura refused to sign and were held



overnight. The men pled no contest the next day and were sentenced to time served. Nelson and Urfer pled no contest two weeks later, refused a small fine and served two days in jail.

The protest escalated again on March 6, when Sue Nelson and Molly Kohl chained themselves to a display case inside the courthouse lobby, and were dragged out and arrested along with supporters Bonnie Urfer and Tim Cordon. Urfer and Cordon's trespass charges were dismissed once they were removed from the building, but Nelson and Kohl were held overnight on charges of trespass, and resisting arrest. At their arraignment the next day, the

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Indefinite Sentence Begins 4th Year of Resistance at Williams

A religious service January 17, attended by about 40 people, marked the third anniversary of regular peace vigils at Williams International, a cruise missile engine manufacturer located west of Detroit, Michigan.

Carfon Foltz, frequent vigilier with several previous arrests, was apprehended once again as he walked through the main gate towards the parking lot to leaflet employees. Meanwhile, Mary Girard and Jean Ann Campana were arrested as they cut through a chain securing an unused emergency gate in the brick and steel fence surrounding the plant. They had also sought access to the parking lot because the fence--which was built in response to the nonviolent protests--and traffic controls at the main gate prevent effective leafletting while workers enter or leave their jobs.

Girard and Campana were held in jail until a hearing January 22, when they were found in contempt of court for violating a standing injunction prohibiting trespass at Williams. Campana was released from custody when she promised not to return to Williams, noting that she was in the process of moving from the area anyway. She also pled not guilty to a charge of malicious destruction of property, and is awaiting a trial date.

Girard refused Judge Thorburn's offer for release if she would promise not to return to Williams. She told him, "To say I won't go back would be to say I accept the enslavement of the weapons of death which chain that plant. I will not bow down before these gods of metal. Enslaving ourselves to the weapons is too high a price for freedom." She is now serving an indefinite sentence for contempt.

Girard was brought back into court January 28 for arraignment on

the destruction of property charge. She pled no contest, admitting to cutting the chain but denying malicious intent. Judge Batchik entered a guilty plea and allowed her to make a statement before sentencing her to 15 days concurrent to her contempt sentence, and a \$105 fine.

In an apparent confusion, Foltz was also held in jail until January 21. Williams' attorney had insisted that his client did not regard Foltz as a threat to the business, so contempt charges were dismissed. He also faces a possible trespass charge, but has not been arraigned.

WILLIAMS UPDATES

Trial begins March 17 for Gordon Judd, Vivian Kell and Dan La Grou. Last May the three burned a copy of the injunction prohibiting trespass during a protest at Williams, and have been charged with malicious destruction of property under \$100.

The final trial from the December, 1983 "Week of Resistance" at Williams begins for nine people on March 31.

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



Letters of support can be sent to Mary Girard #112060; 26000 Evergreen Rd.; Southfield, MI 48075.

NEXT ISSUE

The newsletter and its editors are soon moving! Because of this, the next deadline and printing date have not yet been set. Please continue to send information about new and future actions, updates and jail time to the Nuclear Resister, Box 1503, Ukiah, CA 95482. For more information, see page 2.

As announced in the last issue, we will be welcoming into our lives, sometime near the summer solstice, our second child!

Unfortunately, our plans for another homebirth, which we treasured with Cassidy's arrival 3½ years ago, have been disrupted by the total lack of medical back-up and support by the health professionals in the Ukiah area. Skyrocketing malpractice insurance rates, among other things, have recently prevented homebirth parents and midwives here from receiving a reasonable, respectful and pre-arranged physician and hospital back-up, if needed, at birth and for pre-natal care.

Our desire for another homebirth demands we make the changes necessary for it to happen. Consequently, we will soon be moving away from Ukiah, probably back to Arizona, where Cassidy was born and the homebirth scene is supported as it should be everywhere. That the insurance companies have such influence in the matter of choosing how and where our children are born is all the more aggravating when one realizes that insurance premiums are a major source of the financial capital available in this country to the military-industrial complex. Also interesting to note is the fact that malpractice claims against midwives are significantly fewer per births than against medical doctors.

We ask for your patience through this transition and the interruption in our publishing schedule it may entail. The next month or two will be challenging for us--Cassidy will be going to the hospital in mid-March for minor surgery to repair a congenital hernia; we will be preparing to move a family and newsletter; and will be looking for a place to live after moving, etc. Throughout it all, we will be busy submitting grant proposals to various foundations. (Know of any likely to support the NR?)

Our commitment to the work of the Nuclear Resister continues. How soon the next issue appears and regular publishing resumes will depend in large part on how smooth our move goes and on the continuing support of our readers.

An important means of support is to keep on writing to us at our Ukiah address, and let us know what is happening in your area. Our mail will be frequently forwarded until we get a new address established (and beyond then as well). Though we may not be able to publish for a short interval, we need to be kept informed of arrests, trials and imprisonment of nuclear resisters as these things happen. Write to us about Good Friday, Easter, Tax Day and other coming actions. Your help will enable us to continue providing comprehensive coverage of anti-nuclear civil disobedience. Don't assume that someone else is sending us the info. Please let us know yourself--you are a vital part of this network!

And please continue to send your donations and (re)subscriptions. It is only because of the support and encouragement of the readers of the Nuclear Resister that we have been able to continue for the last 5½ years. Thank you.

THANKS

Thanks to Robin and Chester for their help with mailing the last issue. Many thanks to Kathy, who came from Davis, with fresh eggs and brownies, to help with this issue. Thanks to Mary, Bruce, Andre and Kathy for their help in caring for Cassidy during this issue.

"Spirit of M.L.K." Jailed

Frigid temperatures and a harsher than usual legal climate were encountered by an estimated 400 people protesting the January 25 commissioning of the USS Alaska, the seventh Trident submarine to join the Navy. Fifty-one people were arrested during the day and charged with disorderly conduct. Most charges stemmed from the blocking of traffic entering the Navy Underwater Systems Center in New London, Connecticut, where the commissioning took place.

Thirty people were released the same day; out-of-staters on \$50 bond, and Connecticut residents on a promise to appear (P.T.A.). The previous local prosecutor, Harold Dean, had customarily released all those arrested the same day and eventually nollied their charges. The new administration of Assistant State's Attorney J. Vincent Hauser instead demonstrated a resolve to treat the protest arrests like all other criminal misdemeanor cases.

On Monday, January 27, ten of the 21 remaining in jail entered not guilty pleas and were released pending future court dates. The remaining eleven, six men and five women, demanded they be arraigned as a group, refusing to give their proper names or leave their cells unless they would be processed together. Several in the group would admit only to acting "in the name and spirit of Martin Luther King".

At a second arraignment on February 3, Judge Raymond Norko continued his refusal to arraign those who would not give their proper name. Deirdre Doran and Gina Dean chose to identify themselves and pled guilty. They were sentenced to time served and released. Two men identified themselves, pleaded not guilty and were released pending trial. Tom Lewis identified himself and pled not guilty, but refused to sign the PTA. He noted in vain that in 18 years of nonviolent protest, he had not once missed a court appearance. The judge calmly ordered Lewis returned to jail.

On February 4, many of 30 people released the day of the arrest were arraigned, pled not guilty, and had pre-trial dates assigned through the

months of February and March. At least six people in this group have subsequently had charges nollied.

By the next day, February 5, two more of the men remaining in jail had given their names to authorities - John Langford and Renard Thompson - but both refused to pay the bond and continued to be jailed.

On February 13, nearly three weeks after the action, Tom Lewis was released and his charges dropped in consideration of time served. Five days later, John Langford was released under similar conditions.

Judith Williams identified herself on February 21, and was released with charges dismissed. Irene Sadek, the other woman jailed for identifying herself as "the spirit of Martin Luther King", was the last person released from jail when authorities confirmed her identity through other means and dismissed her charges on March 4. Both women spent their time in jail in 23 hour lock-up, because of their refusal to submit to vaginal searches.

Of the three men remaining in prison past February 18, two eventually posted bond. On February 27, John

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resisting arrest charges were dropped. Kohl pled not guilty to trespass and awaits a trial; Nelson pled no contest to trespass and received a sentence of two days in jail with credit for the time served.

More arrests at the "Stop the Testing" series of vigils and teach-ins inside the federal courthouse in Madison, Wisconsin, are expected during actions on March 17 and Good Friday, March 28.

For more information, contact Nukewatch; 315 W. Gorham, Madison, WI 53701; (608)256-4146.

WHY VANCOUVER FIVE?

Several recent inquiries prompt us to once again clarify our decision to include the Vancouver 5 among the anti-nuclear prisoners listed on page 3, and also to include a brief explanation under that listing. The Five engaged in anti-nuclear and other political bombings in Canada in the early 1980's. While we steadfastly reject the means they chose, we cannot deny that the ends they claimed to seek are kindred to our own--a just, nuclear-free, environmentally sound future for the inhabitants of the planet.

While critical of their actions, we feel that we can only be true to our nonviolent ideals if we look beyond the acts to the people involved, and offer what personal support we can throughout their imprisonment. Regardless of their crime, all prisoners are victims, as Claire Culhane's book, Still Barred from Prison, (reviewed briefly in this issue) amply illustrates. As we noted in NR #17, "The prison environment is a distillation of the violence our society is based on, and a nonviolent response to all prisoners is to offer whatever hope for peace and justice that we can". We must persistently offer nonviolence as a direction to activist and militarist alike.

We welcome your response to these thoughts.



Schuchardt was identified by the FBI and released with his charges dismissed.

At press time, all those arrested are now out of jail, having served up to 39 days.

The Catholic Bishop of Juneau, the capital of Alaska, wrote to Judge Norko February 13 noting, "It is my deep conviction that those who protest the production and commissioning of Trident submarines and demonstrate against them in a nonviolent manner are truly the conscience of our nation..."

GROTON UPDATE

In the same courtroom where the USS Alaska cases were being heard, six people were tried and convicted on February 4 for "creating a public disturbance" at the November, 1985 launch of the USS Pittsburgh (a nuclear-capable fast attack submarine). Danielle Hickney, Carl Siciliano, John Richardson, Michael Drummy, Scott Schaeffer-Duffy and David Granger refused a \$50 fine and spent five days in jail.

All charges from the December 14 launch of the USS Louisville fast attack submarine have been dismissed.

For more information, contact Isaiah Peace Ministry; 66 Edgewood Ave.; New Haven, CT 06511; (203)256-7935.

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.

Arrests in Georgia As Nuke Train Heads East



The Nuclear Train, carrying fully assembled nuclear warheads from the Pantex plant in Amarillo, Texas, headed east again in mid-February. Before crossing Kansas, it abruptly turned around and headed back for Pantex, reportedly due to rain-damaged tracks in Georgia. The following week, when it again left, vigilers were well alerted and waiting.

In Memphis, as has happened on previous occasions, people were pulled from the tracks as they attempted to block the train but were not arrested.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, M.L.K!

Arrests were noted in two locales, commemorating the January 15 birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Grand Forks

At the Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota, a peaceful protest resulted in 16 arrests. Twelve adults and four juveniles were taken into custody after blocking the main entrance to the base with large banners held across the road. The demonstration at the Strategic Air Command missile and bomber base was the latest in a series sponsored by the Bemidji (Minnesota) Friends for a Nonviolent World.

The four juveniles were released the same day, and the 12 adults held in jail overnight pending arraignment the next day on charges of trespass.

In court, all but Brad Knight pled guilty. The birthday party mood continued there with humming, laughter and general merriment until the court reporter, most of the spectators and defendant John LaForge were removed from the courtroom prior to sentencing.

Sentencing varied according to the previous records of the defendants. Greg Klave, and the next day, John LaForge, were sentenced to 30 days, ten suspended, and \$400 fine. Joe Zavoral was sentenced to 30 days, 15 suspended and a \$300 fine. Barb Katt was sentenced to 30 days, 20 suspended and a \$300 fine. Sherry Luna, Marci Ostrom, Phillip Ostrom, Peter Spiegel, Ann Isenberg, Kurt Seberg and Mim Olsen were sentenced to 15 days, 13 suspended and \$100 fines. Brad Knight was tried and convicted February 14 and sentenced to ten days, eight suspended, \$300 fine and one year probation.

As in previous cases at Grand Forks, all refused to pay fines but no further action has been taken.

For more information, contact Bemidji Friends for a Nonviolent World; 1517 America Ave.; Bemidji, MN 56601; (218)759-1481.

Riverside

In New York City, a coalition of religious activists gathered at the Riverside Research Institute, one of the principal nuclear war and star wars think tanks in the country. While about 40 support people gathered, leafletting and singing, twelve people were arrested and charged with criminal trespass. At their arraignment February 18, charges were dismissed before the defendants could argue for the jury trial they sought.

On Ash Wednesday, February 12, ten more arrests were made at Riverside. All were released pending arraignment, set for March 18.

At Montezuma, in Macon County, Georgia, the tracks pass down the middle of a narrow street through the center of town. Thursday evening, in anticipation of the train, members of neighboring Sumter County Fellowship of Reconciliation leafletted a shopping area in Montezuma. Near midnight, about 100 people, many from Atlanta and the Koinonia and Jubilee Partners Christian communities, gathered behind the crowd control ribbons lining the tracks through Montezuma.

Those planning to block the tracks attempted to negotiate on site a suitable scenario with the local sheriff. He rejected their efforts, claiming he didn't want a massacre should terrorists attack the train while it stopped for the peaceful protest.

Shortly thereafter, Joe Cohen and Joe White stepped past the ribbon and stretched their banner across the tracks. They were immediately arrested. As the train neared, slowing to a snail's pace, A.B. Short, Mark Reeve and Elizabeth Cheatham stepped forward and knelt in prayer on the tracks. They were also arrested immediately. Tracks cleared, the train accelerated quickly to full speed and rolled on into the night.

The local travelling judge reluctantly interrupted his circuit to hold the required bail hearing Friday afternoon, February 21. He unsuccessfully

fully urged the prosecutor to seek more than the trespass charge already filed, and then proceeded to announce a \$5000 bail per person, with conditions so strict and involved as to effectively prohibit their release without the posting of \$25,000 cash surety. A supporter quickly came forward and offered the amount, securing the release of the five pending their trial in late May.

In May of 1985, when another Nuclear Train had passed through Montezuma, Joe Cohen, Mark Reeve and A.B. Short had also been arrested, along with Steve Clemens, Tom Kline, George Ostensen and Katy White. During the bail hearing then, the same judge began with the words "America is under siege", followed by a rambling discourse on the enemies of America and foreign terrorists poised for domestic attack on the nation. The seven defendants spent five days in jail before release on \$100 bond, and eventually pled no contest in return for a sentence of time served.

Shortly after last year's Nuclear Train passed through Montezuma, a freight train derailed in the middle of town, smashing into two storefronts before coming to a halt.

For more information, contact A.B. Short at the Community of Hospitality; 305 Mead Rd.; Decatur, GA 30030; (404)378-7840.

Ash Wednesday at Honeywell

Six women were arrested at the corporate offices of Honeywell in Minneapolis, following an Ash Wednesday (February 12) service which included the spreading of ashes on the ground in the shape of a cross. Moira Moga, Gloria Cushing, Polly Edmunds, Mary Lou Ott, Carol Masters and Laura McConaughy were released pending an April 10 bench trial for trespass.

HONEYWELL UPDATES

Lydia Caros and Karen Hansen, arrested at Honeywell during a belated

celebration of Gandhi's birthday October 7, 1985, were acquitted by a jury on February 11.

Several other trials are scheduled in March, April and May for people arrested at Honeywell last November 4 and December 20.

In addition to nuclear weapons and star wars contracts, Honeywell is involved in South Africa, and in producing non-nuclear weapons now being used in Central America.

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.



Mary Girard 112060
26000 Evergreen Rd., Southfield, MI 48075.
(Williams International action, 1/17/86 - indefinite sentence, civil contempt)

Mike Palack 11936-047
F.C.I. LaTuna, Box 1000, Anthony, NM/TX 88021.
(S.A.C. trespass 11/85 - out 4/86)

Kevin McGuire 12045-047
M.C.C., 71 W. Van Buren, Chicago, IL 60605.
(S.A.C. trespass 11/85 - out 10/86)

Rich Koeppe 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 4/1/86)

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, Pentall Station, Vancouver, B.C. V7X 1A1 CANADA.
("Vancouver Five" anti-nuke, feminist, radical environmental political bombings in Canada, 1982 - varying sentences, 6 years - life)
[For the record, we reject violent resistance, but offer by this listing critical support to individuals now imprisoned for anti-nuclear (and other political) resistance--eds.]

Jean Holladay
ACI Women's Division, Box 8312, Cranston, RI 02920.
Leo Schiff, 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 (P.P.)
c/o Mary Kulash, 303 Ridge Rd., Fern Park, FL 32730.
(Moved to halfway house 2/20/86)

Tim Lietzke 03830-018 (P.P. - out 7/86)
Petersburg FCI, Petersburg, VA 23804.

Liz McAlister 01263-052 (G.P. - out 7/86 or 8/86)
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. - out 7/86)
Allenwood Federal Prison, Box 1000, Montgomery, PA 17752.

Todd Kaplan 03828-018 (P.P. - out 7/86)
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.
(Transferred to a halfway house in Hartford)

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

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

PREVIOUSLY LISTED -- RECENTLY RELEASED:
Paul Magno, Matthew Goodheart and Thornton Kimes.

Love Disarms at GTE

On Friday, February 14, 1986, a Valentine's Day witness for peace was made by Carol Bellin and Scott Schaeffer-Duffy at GTE Strategic Systems Division in Westboro, Massachusetts. Both Scott and Carol were motivated to go to GTE in the spirit of love--Scott, from his Christian faith; and Carol from a reverence for the Earth and "all my relations".

In view of many workers approaching the building and many having coffee in the cafeteria, Scott and Carol walked over to the eight foot high triangular "GTE" sign in front of the building. Carol carried a purple ceramic container, from which she splattered blood all over the letters "GTE" on the sign. She then joined Scott in holding a banner he had sewn by hand, of red cloth with the outline of a large white lace heart and the words "LOVE DISARMS" sewn in the middle.

They were arrested and both were charged with "trespassing" and "malicious destruction of property, under \$100", and later released.

Their joint statement noted:

"We have come to GTE this Valentine's Day to proclaim Love; not the love which shows itself in flowers, cards and candy for those who routinely love us back, but the love that accepts risk out of concern and caring. We pour our blood to make clear the human cost of the nuclear and conventional weapons work done here.

"In the GTE literature we read terms like 'Peacekeeper', 'Strategic Defense Initiative' and 'Command, Control and Communications System'. There are no photos of Hiroshima and Nagasaki victims, no mention of the indiscriminate slaughter the computers are programmed to execute, nowhere are the world's starving millions depicted alongside the multi-million dollar GTE contracts. Our blood serves as a stark reminder that neither deceptive language nor high technology can cloak the reality that the work done here is the work of Death."

Separate statements made by both activists illustrate the distinct but parallel motivations that brought them to GTE. Carol Bellin wrote:

"I cannot acknowledge that I have 'trespassed' when the system which bestowed property rights to GTE is based on the continuing dispossession and extermination of Native Americans. The work that goes on inside the building on that land is an unbearable further violation of the sacred Earth. I will walk on that land with a prayer that my steps will bring some small measure of healing..."

"I must say that as I grow more familiar with the 'U.S. system of justice' I feel that it has less and less 'authority' over me. There is an evolving struggle of contradictions within me in regards to my relationship to the



Graphic by Harley

court. On the one hand I recognize a need for a system of mediation, one that seeks justice. After traveling, I also appreciate some aspects of the U.S. system, and I do honor the value of many hard earned civil liberties. But at this time I also see the U.S. system as institutionalizing racism, unconcerned and incapable of restoring any justice to Native Americans, blind to corporate and 'white collar' crime, and controlled by politics."

Scott Schaeffer-Duffy stated:

"To those who ask 'Why break the law?', I again point to a passage from Saint Paul. 'Owe no debt to anyone except the debt that binds us in love to one another. The one who loves their neighbor has fulfilled the law.' Romans 13:8. When the law of the nation protects death making, obedience to the law of love will demand civil disobedience."

The two represented themselves at a brief bench trial March 5, and were convicted. The judge, new to such cases and familiar with Schaeffer-Duffy's previous record of arrests and jail sentences for GTE witnesses, surprised all those in court with his sentence.

The prosecutor had recommended 90 days in jail. After considering the case for a few minutes and reading a probation report, the judge asked the defendants if they would pay restitution. When this idea was rejected, he then sentenced them to "a finding of guilt on your record" and adjourned the court.

For more information, contact Peace Witness at GTE; 10 Castle St.; Worcester, MA 01610; (617)753-3588.

BLOCKING WINCON

For two days, delegates attending the annual Winter Convention of Aerospace and Electronics Systems (WINCON) were delayed by protests at the Costa Mesa, California, hotel where they stayed. On Wednesday, February 26, ten people were arrested for trespass as they leafleted and obstructed the delegates boarding buses bound for the convention hall. Three more people were arrested for blocking a public access when they then sat down in front of the departing buses. Some time later, in an action separate from the main demonstration organized by the Orange County Alliance for Survival and the L.A. Catholic Worker, two more people sat in the hotel driveway blocking regular auto traffic. Both were arrested for blocking an access, and one additionally charged with resisting arrest when he angrily refused to cooperate.

Of all those arrested Wednesday, three, including one juvenile, were released on citation. The youth was released to his parents, and the two adults face arraignment March 13. All others were held for two days and released on time served, except the man charged with resisting arrest, who was released on time served after one week in jail.

On Thursday, seven more arrests

were made of people blocking the buses of delegates. Five cited out pending arraignment March 14; two were jailed for two days and released on time served.

WINCON UPDATE

Ten defendants from last year's WINCON demonstrations were finally tried on February 3, 1986. Charged with obstruction, the defendants were all able to testify about their motivation for blocking the buses carrying delegates from the hotel to the convention hall.

The ten were convicted by a jury after the two day trial. Nine people accepted a sentence that day of one year informal probation, 40 hours of community service, and a promise to stay out of the hotel.

Marion Pack, director of the Orange County Alliance for Survival, was sentenced three days later. Commenting "I take my commitment very strongly...I cannot imagine Martin Luther King putting civil rights on hold for a year..." Pack refused probation and instead served five days in jail.

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

"All Guns & No Butter Just Isn't American"

A Lenten series of actions initiated by the Community for Creative Nonviolence (CCNV) in Washington, D.C., has been carrying to various government officials the message "Don't sacrifice the poor; all guns and no butter just isn't American". CCNV serves the poor and homeless in Washington.

Since Ash Wednesday, 12 members of the community have been fasting. Each Friday since then, small groups have carried out different nonviolent direct actions.

On February 14, three people were arrested for defacing government property during blood pourings at the Capitol and White House. While one man poured blood at the White House, five others held a banner across Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the President's home. They were removed but not charged. At the Capitol, one woman poured blood down the steps of the House of Representatives (where budget authority lies) while four others held a banner. Shortly after, one of the women at the banner dipped her hands in the blood and left handprints on the marble columns. The three blood-pourers were held overnight and then released pending trial.

Prior to the next week's action, Office of Management and Budget Director James Miller testified in Congress that homelessness was a local, not a federal responsibility. On that note, five people went to his office on February 21, and announced they would wait until he met with them. After about an hour, Miller did come to meet with the CCNV delegation, and heard their message. There were no arrests.

On February 28, two men climbed the fence at the White House with a letter for Reagan, communicating the same message of "don't sacrifice the poor". They were apprehended about halfway across the lawn, and charged with unlawful entry. Four supporters holding a banner in front of the White House were also arrested and charged with blocking traffic and violating the 60' zone next to the White House fence where the First Amendment is invalid. All were held overnight and then released to await their trial.

Four CCNV community members visited the office of Senator Phil Graham, an author of the Graham-Rudman balanced budget bill, on March 7. The two men and two women waited about four hours before Graham staffers had them arrested by Capitol police. They were also held overnight and charged with unlawful entry.

The campaign is expected to continue through Easter. For more information, contact CCNV; 1345 Euclid St. NW; Washington, D.C. 20009; (202)332-4332.

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Haines, told her she'd have to go because she was giggling too much. Jennifer allowed that she was trying to stop giggling, and desired to stay. Court was then recessed, the jury sent out, and the bailiff, under orders from the judge, placed Haines in an arm hold and forcibly removed her from the court.

At another point, journalist and activist Sam Day was called to the stand, both as character and expert witness. Soon after he had identified himself and begun to respond to Mary Sprunger-Froese's questioning, he said the words "nuclear weapons". The prosecutor immediately objected, a recess was called, and in chambers Judge Nieto severely chastised the defendants and warned them not to try such a tactic again. Day was excused from the stand, and the trial soon concluded.

Following the guilty verdict, sentencing was set for April 28 and the defendants released until that time. They face 2-8 years in prison and up to a \$500,000 fine for the felony conviction.

For more information and to express support, contact Al Zook; 2408 Welton St.; Denver, CO 80205; (303) 297-2436.

Prayers are asked at this time for friend and Colorado resister Marge Roberts, who is in a hospital, critically ill with cancer.

PLOWSHARES UPDATES

Martin-MX Plowshares Trial

On March 5, the Martin MX Plowshares--Sr. Marie Nord, Mary Sprunger-Froese and Al Zook--were found guilty of criminal mischief exceeding \$300 damage to property (a felony). On September 27, the three had entered the Martin Marietta plant southwest of Denver, Colorado, intent on damaging components for the MX missile assembled and tested there. Unable to gain access to a workroom where employees wearing "Peacekeeper" badges were busy at their labor, the three poured blood on a large interior window overlooking the room and unfurled their "Swords into Plowshares" banner. They were jailed for over a month following the action.

At a February pre-trial hearing, the state dropped a burglary charge against the three, and revised the estimate of damages from \$320 up to \$800, claiming it was necessary to paint a wall and replace a carpet soiled by the blood. Judge Henry Nieto refused to listen to a defense of necessity and denied their motion to be declared indigent, noting they had "intentionally and purposefully placed themselves in an indigent position" by their voluntary poverty in service to others.

The two day trial played before a courtroom packed with supporters. The judge's demeanor in the presence of the jury was civil, but when the jury was gone, he displayed the anger and orneriness he'd exhibited in previous dealings with the defendants. Murmuring and audible expressions of support from spectators caused the prosecuting attorney to request that the judge warn the crowd to be quiet. Nieto issued the warning, and pointing to Jennifer

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Trident II Pruning Hooks Trial

(Thanks to Year One)

The trial of the Trident II Pruning Hooks concluded February 4 in West Kingston, Rhode Island, with the conviction of Greg Boertje, John Heid, Roger Ludwig, Sheila Parks, Suzanne Schmidt and George Veasey. In April of 1985, they had disarmed Trident II missile launch tubes stored at the Quonset Point, Rhode Island, facility of the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics.

From the outset, Judge Thomas Needham nurtured the verdict by insisting that the defendants' motivations were irrelevant, that their defense of justification would not be permitted, and that the international laws forbidding the manufacture of weapons of indiscriminate destruction were not even to be mentioned in front of the jury.

During testimony, Greg Boertje refused to cooperate with these restrictions and accused the judge of "tunnel vision" and asserted that the judge's rulings in the case were "supporting the arms race".

"You require me to swear an oath to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth," he said, "and then stop me from doing so." The judge ordered Greg to be removed from the witness stand and locked up. When George Veasey and supporter Boudewijn Wegerif asked also to be held in contempt, and Sheila Parks turned her back on the judge, a recess was called. After the short break, Boertje was returned to the courtroom and the trial continued. At the conclusion, Boertje and Veasey chose not to address the jury with closing statements.

Although the moving testimony of the defendants prompted four jurors to publically express their support for the group, the weight of the law pressed the jury to return guilty verdicts on the charges of possession of burglary tools, trespass and malicious destruction of property.

The six activists are free pending sentencing on March 31.

From Suzanne Schmidt's closing statement to the jury: "We are people of faith; we trust in God, not in idols, nor in gods of metal. We trust in a God of justice, love and compassion, and we reject the temptations of greed and privilege and fear that lead people down the path of violence, killing and destruction. We came to Electric Boat with love and peace in our hearts. And we brought hammers of love, to beat swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks; to forge justice and to scatter the darkness."

For more information, contact Plowshares Support/RI; Box 3291 Wayland Square; Providence, RI 02906; (401)941-4619.

Trident II Plowshares' Parole Denied

Four of the five activists known as the Trident II Plowshares were recently denied parole during hearings in Rhode Island. Jean Holladay, Bill Boston, Leo Schiff and John Pendleton will likely serve their full one-year terms and be released in August or September for refusing to reveal who drove the group to the Quonset Point shipyards in October, 1984, where they damaged Trident missile launch tubes, Frank Panopolous received an additional 60 day sentence and thus has not had his parole hearing yet.

Jean Holladay, who sought parole so she could return to caring for her grandchildren (left motherless when Jean's daughter was struck and killed by an automobile last summer), was the first to appear before the parole board. The board's first question was whether Holladay had paid any restitution to General Dynamics, manufacturer of the launch tubes. When she replied that restitution was not part of her sentence, the board remarked that such a payment would be recognized as a gesture of peace. Holladay and the three men refused to acknowledge remorse for their action, or promise that they would never do such a thing again.

You can write to the Trident II Plowshares at the addresses listed on page 3.

For more information, contact Plowshares Support/RI; Box 3291, Wayland Square, Providence, RI 02906; (401)941-4619.

"NEW INFORMATION" DENIES HOLLADAY EARLY RELEASE

Last October, Martin Holladay was informed that he'd been recommended for parole at the completion of the "minimum" 32 months of his eight year sentence for disarming a Missouri missile silo in February, 1985. In November, he received an unusual notice informing him that his release date had been withdrawn, and the case forwarded to the national commissioners for consideration of "new and significant information".

At the subsequent hearing February 24, this new information was revealed to be an internal memo between officers of the parole commission. The memo noted that since the offenses involved "burglary of a facility where war materials are stored, for the purpose of destruction of war materials", then the "crime" should be considered at a "Category 6" severity, rather than the "Category 3" originally considered. Twenty months were added to Holladay's

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WRITINGS FROM JAIL

THIS IS JUST TO SAY

There is a teacher who comes to the minimum security unit at ACI each week for an informal discussion of poetry and story. He edits a yearly anthology of inmates' writings, and in the hopes of stimulating some material, he passed out a poem by William Carlos Williams about plums in an icebox, and asked us to write an image poem with that as a guide for style.

I don't recall writing a poem since grade school, but out of respect for his regular coming, and his sharing passion for poems, I sat down to try. I was surprised at what happened. I am not sure it was a poem, but it represented the image of my heart, that rose without even thinking, "What shall I write about?" = Quonset Point

*We dented the tubes
Lying empty by the sea.
Resmoothed now
they wait for fire
and the metal fish
to carry them beneath the waters.
Children play at the shore,
sandcastles and shells.
No one sees the submarines.*

The teacher was surprised too, and a little sad, because it could not be accepted for his collection, because it spoke of the crime. I wondered, should the "we" be removed?

No--it was our going to the missile tubes, our hammering the polished surface, our opening the wooden cover on the end...We did not find plums. We placed a pumpkin. It was October, and harvest time.

There was some dialog in court about the pumpkin found in the end of the missile tube. Was that perhaps proof that we were not burglars? One charge against us, carrying ten years' penalty, was "possession of burglary tools".

THE INSIDE LINE

by Jean Holladay



The prosecution then went on to speak of the tubes as "depositories for safe-keeping", to conform to the language of the criminal code. One is supposed to behave in court--refrain from jumping up to cry out, depositories for what?

So the trial proceeds. The last day, the prosecution drops the burglary tools charge, in return for a guilty plea to "malicious damage to property". This is to reduce our personal risk to one year in prison.

The dictionary explains malicious as "willful, wanton or reckless damage or destruction of another's property".

The question--not answered in court: what if the property itself is about the willful, wanton and reckless damage and destruction to God's property and ours by inheritance--creation? And what reduces that risk?

We are indeed sentenced to one year.

There is no mention of our common sentence imposed by the missile tubes.

They lie empty still--womb space waiting dark. Are they to become pregnant with missiles? Are the tubes to rise in vertical rows ready to pour out fire? Death emerging from the waters of life?

It is Advent, 1985. Love still struggling to be born.

[Jean Holladay is one of the Trident-II Plowshares. See accompanying article on this page.]

Judge Acquits Vandenberg Protesters

Los Angeles Federal Magistrate Vanetta Tassopoulos on January 31 issued a directed verdict of acquittal in the trial of Ned Van Valkenburgh, Jason Schwartz and Bud Boothe. The defendants had been arrested at Vandenberg Air Force Base last August 6 and 9 as they leafletted along County Road S-20 which runs through the base. Sixteen other people received ban and bar letters during the same actions.

The magistrate's decision noted the failure of the Air Force to demonstrate that the busy road is clearly off limits. Defendants claimed that although on Air Force lands, the passage of cars, pedestrians, school children and even union pickets supported their rights for first amendment access. The question of first

amendment access was left unsettled, however, with the magistrate charging the Air Force to more clearly post and enforce access to the site, and ensure that future arrests did not violate due process.

Further arrests are anticipated, as the regular vigilers at Vandenberg intend to test the legal waters again. Vandenberg Air Force Base is the launch site for nuclear missile tests and future site for military space shuttle launches.

Nancy Lynch, also charged with trespass from the August 9 arrests, is awaiting a separate trial.

For more information, contact Bud Boothe; Box 464; Los Olivos, CA 93441.

REMCO LEAFLETING - A COMMUNITY SERVICE

A pre-trial hearing February 27 in Willits, California, resulted in a novel plea bargain for Susan Crane and Mary Rice. The two women were charged with trespassing/interfering with business following their Tax Day, 1985 protest at Remco Hydraulics, an MX missile subcontractor in Willits. The prosecutor reduced the charge from a misdemeanor to an infraction, thereby denying the defendants a jury trial, where they had hoped to present a defense based on international law and necessity. Judge Eric Labowitz expressed support for their motivations, but noted after careful review of their pre-trial briefs that recent appeals

court decisions would not permit him to entertain the necessity defense.

In return for a plea of no contest to the infraction, Labowitz announced a sentence of 24 hours community service, telling the defendants the time could be supervised by the Coalition for Peace on Earth, which had organized the Tax Day and other demonstrations at Remco. He further stated that disarmament education in the form of leafletting at Remco would be considered a community service.

For more information, contact the Coalition for Peace on Earth; 987 N. Oak St.; Ukiah, CA 95482.

Skeleton Enters Rocky Flats

Jay Dillon recently completed one year of probation and 150 hours of community service. The sentence was imposed for conviction on a 1984 charge of trespass at the Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant upwind of Denver. On several occasions in November of that year, Dillon, attired in a skull mask, skeleton T-shirt and black cape, attempted to leaflet workers. His leaflet described the documented spread of radiation contamination from Rocky Flats across the Denver metropolis.

At first, state police told him he would be subject to arrest if he continued to step off the curb to pass the leaflet to employees as they drove by. Finding a long pole with a clip on the end too intimidating a means of circumventing this restriction, Dillon just walked through the gate on November 26, 1984, "the Native American Day of Mourning for the white man's destruction of North America". He was arrested on federal trespassing charges and eventually convicted in magistrate's court.

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parole date, placing his anticipated release at June, 1989.

Holladay asks, "What series of events, at what level of the Justice Department, prompted the memo which resulted in increasing my imprisonment by nearly two years? It is obviously inappropriate to expect to receive any measure of justice from the U.S. Parole Commission, and their behavior in my case is consistent with their ultimate loyalties. The manner in which the Plowshares cases are being treated by the federal parole board is simply more evidence of the seriousness with which the government views the challenge of nonviolent resistance to their nuclear policy".

PERSHING PLOWSHARES: Paul Magno was released from prison February 21, and is now back at home, the Dorothy Day Catholic Worker community in Washington, D.C. Patrick O'Neill was transferred to a halfway house in Florida February 21. Todd Kaplan has been informed that the halfway house he expected to be transferred to March 19 has no vacancies, so will remain at Danbury Federal Prison for the time being. Tim Lietzke and Sr. Anne Montgomery are expected to remain in prison until the expiration of their sentence, sometime in mid or late summer...

SILENCE ONE SILO: Jim Rohrsen's charges have been dismissed. Rohrsen was arrested last July for helping to encircle missile silo R-29 in Montana with sections of The Ribbon from that state. David Hastings, the Montana rancher whose land surrounds R-29, and has been the home of the Silence One Silo Peace Camp for the past three summers, passed away in January. The future of the campaign at R-29 is currently in limbo...

GS PRECISION: Honey Nestel, arrested in the spring of 1985 during protests at this Brattleboro, Vermont nuclear delivery systems subcontractor, has had the charges dismissed. After three days of testimony, the judge upheld her request to call the president of the company as a witness. The president refused, and the judge dismissed the case. Renard Thompson still awaits a trial on charges from the same protests...

ROCK ISLAND: Trial for Brad McAllen, charged with attempting to disarm a police officer during a scuffle at the October 21 Shut Down the Arsenal action, has been rescheduled for March 24. Alan Settle reportedly pled guilty to charges of marijuana possession and carrying a weapon (a knife), and was fined \$500...

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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.

Update Files

HAWAII: On March 6, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld Jim Albertini's conviction for trespass at Hickam AFB on Armed Forces Day, 1981. Albertini faces imminent imposition of a three month sentence for the conviction. Albertini's trial for three leafletting arrests at Pearl Harbor in 1984 has been postponed until late April or May 1986...

KINGS BAY: Robbie Buller, charged with trespass last December 28 at the future Trident submarine homeport in St. Mary's, Georgia, appeared in court on February 18. His plea of no contest refused, Robbie then pled guilty and was sentenced to pay a \$200 fine or serve 20 days in jail. Robbie chose jail, and was released after serving the sentence...

AMERICAN PEACE TEST: Many people arrested at the Nevada Test Site month-long action in the fall returned to Nevada for trial in January and February. Eve Morgan served one month in jail, following her fourth arrest at the site. Several others served from 2-4½ day sentences, depending on the number of times they'd been arrested...

GRIFFISS AIR FORCE BASE: Six of seven people charged with trespass at this Strategic Air Command base near Rome, New York, last Thanksgiving were convicted January 23. They were sentenced to pay a \$50 fine and \$25 court costs. George Ostensen, Dan and Phil Berrigan, Shirley Lockwood and Brian Barrett refused to pay and instead served five days in jail. Suzanne Schmidt, facing trial four days later in Rhode Island as one of the Trident II Pruning Hooks, paid the fine. Boudewijn Wegerif did not show for trial, as he was preparing to return to his native Sweden. Fr. Bill Cuddy, Jerry Berrigan, John Mahoney and Monica Raymond, arrested during the same action and charged with re-entry trespass, were convicted February 13. Cuddy, Berrigan and Mahoney will be sentenced upon completion of a pre-sentencing report. Raymond was fined \$50 plus \$25 court costs, which she also refused, but her judge gave her until April 14 to pay before taking further action. The Thanksgiving Day action commemorated the Thanksgiving, 1983 disarmament action of the Griffiss Plowshares...

SAC/OMAHA: Four people whose December 28 trespass resulted in charges of re-entry trespass were sentenced January 28. Joyce Glenn, Fr. Jack McCaslin, Dottie Lynch and Kathy Middlecamp were sentenced to six months in jail, suspended, plus one year probation...

K.I. SAWYER AIR FORCE BASE: Michigan resister Kurt Miron was sentenced February 10 to six months probation and 60 hours community service for his December blood-pouring and prayer at the Upper Peninsula Strategic Air Command bomber base. Kurt refused to oblige a sentence of community service, noting that he is already engaged in serving his community by choice...

ELECTRIC BOAT/QUONSET POINT: At a January arraignment for ten people arrested at last December 28th's Vigil for the Innocents, Dave Granger pled no contest to charges of disorderly conduct/trespass and obstructing justice (sic). He was sentenced to one year probation. All others pled no contest, and two people, Kate Champa and William Smith, will be tried separately from the others. A pre-trial date of March 24 has been set for all...

DAVIS MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE: Gail Britannik, summoned to court January 21 to explain her nonpayment of a \$55 fine imposed for her August 6 arrest at this cruise missile crew training base, had the sentence suspended by a sympathetic judge. James Jordan, summoned to court the same day for the same reason, refused to appear. Instead he wrote a letter explaining his refusal to submit to the orders of a court acting in complicity with the nuclear arms race. A bench warrant was issued for his arrest...



FUTURE ACTIONS

mildex '86

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

tax day

Planning a Tax-Day action? Contact the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee as soon as possible about your plans, whether or not the nonpayment of taxes is the only civil disobedience planned for that day. NWTRCC will be issuing a national press release in April about war tax resistance, listing locations where actions are planned.

NWTRCC asks that by April 1 you send the date, time, location and type of action as well as the sponsoring group, contact person and phone number. National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee; Box 2236; E. Patchogue, NY 11772; (516)654-8227.

american peace test

The American Peace Test, a new organization of Freeze activists using civil disobedience to support work for a comprehensive test ban and nuclear freeze, is planning a major demonstration and civil disobedience at the Nevada nuclear weapons testing site, May 29-June 2. Local actions are being encouraged in conjunction with the events in Nevada. In California, a demonstration and civil disobedience will occur May 31 at the Livermore nuclear weapons lab.

For more information and to coordinate local actions, contact the American Peace Test; P.O. Box 26725; Las Vegas, NV 89126; (702)878-4989.

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.

great day of peace

Throughout the Rocky Mountain West, peace, feminist, environmental, low-income and other nonviolent groups are planning diverse activities to celebrate the Great Day of Peace, Saturday, June 21, 1986, the Summer Solstice.

Each community is encouraged to plan its own event, to coincide on the Solstice, thus building a network with the feelings of sharing and connectedness to others that arise in the celebration of a common calendar. "Activities for the day can be small - block parties, dances, softball - or large - regional meetings, marches, protests or nonviolent civil disobedience."

For information and network coordination, contact the Great Day of Peace; Box 7282; Missoula, MT 59807.

heartland

peace pilgrimage

A coalition of Catholic sisters from the foot of the Rockies and across the midwest is sponsoring the Heartland Peace Pilgrimage--A Journey to the Center. People of faith are invited to journey for peace, converging on Omaha, Nebraska July 4-6, where they will connect with the Great Peace March. Groups will be walking, biking, busing, driving and flying to Omaha, where a July 6 rally at the Strategic Air Command headquarters will include an opportunity for civil disobedience.

For more information, contact Heartland Peace Pilgrimage; Sisters of Mercy; 1801 S. 72nd St.; Omaha, NE 68124.

malmstrom afb

The 8th annual Easter Peace Celebration at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, Montana, is scheduled for 3:00 p.m., March 30, at the "white line". For more information, contact Save All Living Things; Box 810; Great Falls, MT 59403.

riverside research

Civil disobedience will be incorporated into Good Friday services at Riverside Research Institute; 330 W. 42nd St.; New York City. For more information, contact Catholic Peace Fellowship; 339 Lafayette St.; New York, NY 10012; (212)673-8990.

livermore labs

The annual Good Friday (March 28) services at Livermore Laboratories will include an opportunity for civil disobedience. For more information, contact Darla Rucker at Livermore Action Group; 3126 Shattuck Ave.; Berkeley, CA 94705; (415)644-3031.

pentagon

The Atlantic Life Community will gather in Washington, D.C., beginning Wednesday evening, March 26, through Saturday, March 29, to mark the Holy Days with protest and resistance at the Pentagon. A daily Lenten vigil has been kept at the Pentagon in preparation for the gathering. For more information, contact Jonah House; 1933 Park Ave.; Baltimore, MD 21217; (301) 669-6265.

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.

lenten desert experience

The Lenten Desert Experience continues at the Nevada Test Site. Civil disobedience is planned for March 21 and 28. (See story, page 1) For more information, contact Nevada Desert Experience; P.O. Box 4487; Las Vegas, NV 89127 (702)646-4814.

honeywell

Religious resisters in Minneapolis are expected to gather at the corporate headquarters of Honeywell on Good Friday for a service and civil disobedience.

The Honeywell annual shareholder's meeting is scheduled for April 17 in Minneapolis. The Honeywell Project will gather at corporate headquarters early that morning for a legal demonstration and civil disobedience. Demonstrators will then march to Orchestra Hall to be on hand as Honeywell executives and shareholders arrive for the meeting at noon.

Contact the Honeywell Project; 1519 E. Franklin Av.; Minneapolis, MN 55404; (612)871-3753 for more info.

vandenberg/ shuttle launch

Plans for demonstrations and civil disobedience to protest the military space shuttle launches from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California are still proceeding, although the date for the first launch has been indefinitely postponed following the explosion of the Challenger space shuttle during its launch from Florida in January.

To keep posted on these plans, contact the Vandenberg Action Coalition; 273 Frederick; San Francisco, CA 94117.

easter island action

The Easter Island Action will link efforts to use that Chilean territory as an emergency landing site for the military space shuttles, with the many first-strike and star wars contractors located in California's "Silicon Valley". On March 22, following a legal rally at the Sunnyvale Civic Center, marchers will proceed to the "Blue Cube", the military satellite communications center. The "Blue Cube", and nearby NASA, Lockheed and Air Force facilities will be the sites for civil disobedience that day and the next.

For more information, contact the San Jose Peace Center; 484 E. San Fernando; San Jose, CA 95112; (408)297-2299.

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.

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

no business as usual

The No Business As Usual (NBAU) network is calling for "a day of nationwide action on April 21, 1986, focused regionally on key installations of the star wars program: a day that deliberately disrupts and shuts down, through mass political action, as much as possible of the government's flagship for war preparations".

NBAU's slogan is, "They won't listen to reason. They won't be bound by votes. The governments must be stopped from launching World War III. No matter what it takes!"

For more information on local actions, contact NBAU National Office; 3309 1/2 Mission St. #127; San Francisco, CA 94110; (415)550-8506.

[As their slogan implies, NBAU encourages traditional and contemporary forms of nonviolent direct action, but as a network has chosen not to make a specific commitment to nonviolence--Eds.]

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

...A campaign to oppose the Trident II missile has been initiated by Ailanthus, a nonviolent witness for peace that for the last seven years has focused attention on Draper Laboratory in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Draper is a major nuclear weapons research facility, and the Trident II (D-5) missile a significant first-strike system that has escaped most public scrutiny. Ailanthus members would appreciate contact with persons and groups involved in Trident opposition, or who have knowledge of where component parts of the Trident II missile are developed, produced and assembled. Ailanthus is grounded in the tradition of Jesus, Gandhi, Day and King. For more information, contact Ailanthus; 23 Dartmouth St.; Boston, MA 02116.

...The next coordinated H-Bomb Truck Watch is scheduled for the week of April 6-13. For over a year now, activists at major nuclear weapons related facilities have been monitoring the transport of "special nuclear materials" as they travel across our nation's highways and through our cities in unmarked convoys of big rigs with armed escorts in accompanying vehicles. Thanks to the information provided by Nukewatch, the editors of the Nuclear Resister recently identified, photographed and informed other travelers about one such convoy as we travelled south on Interstate 5 in central California. For more information on how to participate, contact Nukewatch; 315 W. Gorham; Madison, WI 53703; (608)256-4146.

...The first annual Southern Life Community gathering will take place April 4-6 at Dooley Campground, Vienna, Georgia. The whole family is encouraged to attend, with activities planned for all. The emphasis this year will be on sharing and getting to know one another. For more information, contact as soon as possible, Southern Life Community; c/o Community of Hospitality; 305 Mead Rd.; Decatur, GA 30030; (404) 378-7840.

...On April 19, the Peace and Civil Rights Conference Committee of Junction City, Kansas, is sponsoring the "Affirmation of Freedom" Peace and Civil Rights Conference. Speakers include Daniel Berrigan, Mitch Snyder, Rev. Joseph Lowery and Yolanda King. The purpose of the conference is to explore how militarism affects the poor and minorities. Participants will also investigate what peace groups can do to encourage minorities to join their ranks and determine how peace groups can respond to the deteriorating state of civil rights. For more information, contact An Affirmation of Freedom; 740 W. 10th St.; Junction City, KS 66441.



...After several years of contact with and support work for Rhode Island's imprisoned population, Plowshares Support/Rhode Island will be sponsoring a Bastille Day (July 14) vigil at the Rhode Island Adult Correctional Institution. The group encourages prisoner advocates everywhere to consider similar solidarity actions at prisons and jails close to their home. For more information and to coordinate actions with the Rhode Island group, contact Plowshares Support/RI; Box 3291 Wayland Square; Providence, RI 02906; (401)941-4619.

Book Review

STILL BARRED FROM PRISON
--Social Injustice in Canada
by Claire Culhane

"Usually, exposes of the 'shocking reality of life behind bars' manage to astound, agitate and infuriate." (p. 146)

The mythology surrounding prisons and the imprisoned in our society gravely distorts reality. Still Barred from Prison addresses the many sordid purposes these mythologies serve, and why the prisons must come down. Claire Culhane's book is far more than an expose of the strengths of Canada's military-prison-industrial complex. She explores the stabilizing forces of prison systems and the forces that allow any institution to value money and power more than life and dignity.

Available from Black Rose Books; 3981 St. Lawrence; Montreal, Quebec H2W1Y5 CANADA, \$12.95.

reviewed by Kathy Mechling

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PENTAGON & WHITE HOUSE: Tom Joseph, arrested December 30 at the Pentagon, has had his charges dismissed. Bob Dorrough, arrested during the pre-summit star wars protest at the White House November 12, faces trial April 7...

LIVERMORE & SITE 300: Authorities in Livermore, California, have made no moves to further prosecute six people arrested and released on citation during a January 2 protest at the nuclear weapons laboratory. Sunshine Appleby and Eldred Schneider, arrested December 13 at the Site 300 testing range located east of the labs, have a court date of April 7...



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Who we are,
what we do

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

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

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

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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