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EPIPHANY PLOWSHARES LINK INTERVENTION & NUCLEAR ARMS

Epiphany, January 6, is the Christian holiday celebrating the arrival of the three wise men with gifts for the baby Jesus. To celebrate in 1987, four activists brought the Plowshares movement into the Willow Grove Reserve Air Station outside of Philadelphia.

As the Epiphany Plowshares, Lin Romano, Greg Boertje, Fr. Dexter Lanctot and Fr. Thomas McGann are the first Plowshares group to combine nuclear and intervention issues. They entered the base at about 4:00 a.m., and remained undetected by base security for nearly two hours. Romano, a long-time advocate for the poor, and Lanctot, a priest in the Philadelphia archdiocese, caused extensive damage with hammers and blood to the exterior and interior of a P-3 Orion anti-submarine warfare aircraft. A highly sophisticated airborne listening post, the Orion can locate and has the weapons capacity on board to destroy Soviet missile-launching submarines, particularly as they would be used in retaliation for a U.S. first-strike.

Meanwhile, Boertje, an ex-army officer, and McGann, also a Philadelphia priest, damaged both a Marine Sea Stallion assault helicopter and another army helicopter. They hung a banner reading in Spanish, "Swords into Plowshares". The Sea Stallion is a heavy assault helicopter, the workhorse element for the Rapid Deployment Force and interventionary operations in the Middle East and Central America.

Initial damage estimates ranged up to half a million dollars.

The four were held incommunicado for nine hours following their arrest. They are initially charged with conspiracy, sabotage of national defense material, destruction of government property and trespass. At press time, a grand jury is expected to return formal indictments very soon.

McGann was released on his own recognizance January 9 and Lanctot on January 18, so they could begin organizing support within the conservative Philadelphia Catholic community. Romano and Boertje remain in jail.

McGann and Lanctot have both been stripped of their duties as priests, had their salaries suspended, and been kicked out of their offices by Cardinal John Kroll. Shortly after his release, McGann was called into the Diocesan offices to meet with Monsignor Joseph Pepe



of the Metropolitan Philadelphia Tribunal. McGann asked Pepe why no one from the Archdiocese had visited the priests in jail, noting that Jesus would have been there to do so. Pepe replied that no, Jesus would not ever have come to visit the priests in jail.

For more information, contact Agnes Bauerleini, P.O. Box 246; Ambler, PA 19002; (215)643-0273.



Letters of support can be written to Lin Romano, Philadelphia Detention Center, 8201 State Road, Philadelphia, PA 19136, and Greg Boertje, Chester County Prison, 501 S. Wawaset Road, West Chester, PA 19382.

A letter-writing campaign in support of Frs. McGann and Lanctot is underway. Letters should be sent to Cardinal John Kroll, Archdiocese of Philadelphia, 222 N. 17th St., Philadelphia, PA 19103.

Trident II Test Resisted at Cape Canaveral

January, 1987, may be a turning point in the struggle to prevent the Pentagon's development of a first-strike nuclear arsenal. In an unprecedented and effective series of actions, disarmament activists focused national attention on the first test flight of the Trident II (D-5) submarine-launched nuclear missile at Cape Canaveral, Florida. Although the Air Force claims a successful test, activists feel that their demonstrations had far more impact, increasing public awareness and building a strong disarmament movement in the highly militarized southeast.

The largest actions were a 7,000-strong rally, march and civil disobedience on Saturday, January 17, but the protests had been building for a year. Initiated by Peter Lumsdaine of California's First Strike Prevention Project, coordinated nationally by Mobilization for Survival and statewide by the Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice, the Cancel the Countdown campaign drew organizers and participants from all over the country.

The campaign began with a 200-mile Peace Pilgrimage from King's Bay, Georgia (the future Atlantic home base of the Trident sub fleet) which started on December 28, the day after 20 activists were arrested during a protest there (see p. 5). As the walk grew from 150 to 250 walkers, many of whom came from the Great Peace March, it had a growing impact on communities in northeast Florida and beyond.

Beginning on the night of January 9, 10-15 occupiers went on the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station each night. While some were arrested on site (although none were prevented from gaining access), others went in and out freely, leaving ribbons and notes for the Air Force to find. Many stayed on the base for days before being caught, causing the media to label security a "sieve" and provoking Congressional concern about the Air Force's inadequacy. One woman had to telephone security guards twice before being arrested on the 13th floor of a Titan missile launch tower. Air Force officials, frustrated by the porous nature of their defense, repeatedly warned demonstrators about wild boars, rattlesnakes and alligators.

Federal charges were filed against about a dozen of the occupying activists, including four people in a boat picked up by the Fish and Wildlife Service. Most federal charges were later settled with probation agreements, with only Art Laffin awaiting a jury trial.

State authorities are prosecuting the bulk of those arrested. Latest figures indicate that four arrests were made January 9, seven on the 10th, 13 each day on the 11th and 12th, and 12 on the 14th.

On the 15th, the missile was launched and nine arrests were made

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King Remembered

Grand Forks AFB

Remembering the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr., about 40 people gathered in sub-zero winds at the gates of Grand Forks Air Force Base on January 19. The Air Force Base, located outside Grand Forks, North Dakota, serves as the command post for a squadron of Minuteman missiles spread out across the northern plains.

Following song and a brief presentation, ten people carried onto the base two banners reading "I Have a Dream" and "Stop the Arms Race". Arrested for trespass were Elizabeth Walker, Kirsten Mickelson, Amy Wilson, John LaForge, Barb Katt, Darla Brandt, Bart Carroll, Greg Klave, Keith Amante and Fr. Frank Cordaro. Walker and Mickelson, both juveniles, were released quickly with-out charges being filed. The remaining eight people were booked into the county jail.

The next day, Carroll and Brandt, both arrested for the first time at the base, were released after posting a \$300 bond each. The following Friday, Fr. Frank Cordaro, also a first-timer there, was bonded out so he could return to lead his Logan, Iowa parish in Sunday worship services.

On Monday, January 26, Cordaro returned to court where he and first-timer Keith Amante formalized a plea agreement for a one-year deferred sentence plus \$125 court costs, conditional on their having no contact with the Air Force Base for one year.

The next day, first-timer Amy Wilson, Carroll and Brandt made the same agreement with the court, although all five first-timers have said they will not pay the court costs.

Also on January 27, Katt, Klave and LaForge entered guilty pleas and were sentenced to 45 days in jail.

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Please help us keep our phone bill down by mailing action reports, updates, jail information, statements and clippings by March 11, or calling (602)323-8697. Thanks!

Nuclear Resistance, 1986

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

	1986	1985	1984	1983
Total arrests:	3,200	3,300	3,010	5,300
Number of sites:	75	120	85	60
Number of actions:	165	170	160	140

Fences hopped, blood poured, gates blocked, leaflets passed out. Great Peace Marchers crossing white lines across the country. Gandhi's and King's birthdays celebrated with civil disobedience. Activists rocked by nuke blast in attempt to halt test at the Nevada test site. Chernobyl accident recharges nuclear power opponents. Remembering Three Mile Island, a persistent graffitiist is jailed for one year. Hammers disarm two more Missouri missile silos, forging swords into plowshares.

More than 160 actions, over 3,200 arrests, at least 65 people serving sentences from a month up to 18 years in the United States and Canada. But the dry statistics are only an outline. The content of anti-nuclear civil disobedience in 1986 overflows with the living energy of thousands. Creative, diverse, filled with hope.

The practice of civil disobedience remains widespread, and the number of activists imprisoned for significant terms has not diminished. In fact, many new people are involved in this movement, while many veteran nuclear resisters have been among those arrested opposing intervention in Central America (an estimated 4,500 arrests nationwide in 1986)*, seeking divestment in South Africa (an estimated 2,500 arrests in 1986)* and for other causes.

Civil disobedience opposing nuclear weapons has become so widely recognized as justified under International Law that many resisters have begun to refer to their actions not as civil disobedience but as "Nuremberg actions". There are now several instances on record where judges are willing to entertain this legal argument and even let juries judge the matter themselves—a significant milestone compared to the judicial intransigence apparent only a few years ago.

Nuclear resistance is not only geographically diverse. Campaigns underway across the country are marked by different approaches to the tactic of nonviolent direct action. The talent and experience of nuclear resisters now offers the broader disarmament movement many worthwhile models for incorporating nonviolent resistance into already existing public education and legislative campaigns. The campaigns noted in this article are but a few of those whose local success deserves wider application.

The question we must ask is: When will the leading national groups working in the "legal" arena for nuclear disarmament begin to follow these committed activists and integrate civil disobedience into their strategy for the social change our very survival depends upon?

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In response to the unilateral Soviet moratorium on nuclear weapons testing, the largest, most visible resistance was at the Nevada nuclear test site. For the fifth straight year the Nevada Desert Experience, a Franciscan group, brought religious activists to pray and resist at the site on three separate occasions. Their efforts in 1986 were complemented by the American Peace Test, a national group of disaffected Freeze direct action proponents that organized a series of legal demonstra-

tions and resistance actions as part of the larger movement for adoption of a comprehensive test ban treaty.

On at least 20 different occasions in 1986, over 640 arrests were made at the gate to the test site or in the back-country. Dozens of back-country activists braved the elements and risked personal injury in attempts to prevent several weapons tests by their presence at or near "ground zero".

In the largest single action of 1986, 244 people were arrested on July 6, as the Heartland Peace Pilgrimage was joined by the Great Peace March for Global Nuclear Disarmament at the headquarters of the Strategic Air Command (SAC). Most were released with ban and bar letters following the action at Offut Air Force Base (AFB), near Omaha, Nebraska.

Both the Nevada test site and SAC were sites of anti-nuclear civil disobedience in the late 1950's.

This year's longest prison sentences were given to the five Silo Plowshares activists. They are now serving seven and eight year terms in federal prison for hammering and pouring blood on two different Minuteman missile silos in Missouri on Good Friday, March 28, 1986.

One of the five, Jean Gump, a mother of 12 and grandmother, summed up her approach to the Plowshares action: "These weapons are made by human hands. They should be dismantled by human hands. They can make more weapons, but not in my name."

Also in the midwest, two more "Faith and Resistance" retreats were organized, one in Missouri and the other in Michigan. Both concluded with mass civil disobedience actions at Whiteman AFB in Missouri (78 arrests) and Wurtsmith AFB in Michigan (96 arrests). The Faith and Resistance model of several days of retreat concluding with a mass action has proven very effective in awakening people of religious faith to the necessity of nonviolent resistance. Plans are underway for more such retreats at other locations in 1987.

At Michigan's Wurtsmith AFB, as well as Air Force bases in California and Hawaii, First Amendment rights have been under attack in federal court. Four Michigan women served sentences of three to seven months as a result of their persistent leafletting at a place local authorities assured them is not under military jurisdiction.

While religious based resistance is increasing, strides have also been made to involve more youth in direct action by the Honeywell Project in Minneapolis, by cruise missile testing opponents in Canada, and by the No Business As Usual action network, a national anti-war group currently focused on resistance to star wars.

Another highlight of 1986 was the revival of civil disobedience in opposition to the Seabrook, New Hampshire nuclear power plant. Beginning in the late spring, and continuing through the fall, over 250 arrests were made during nearly a dozen actions at the plant, now loaded with nuclear fuel and awaiting final approval to begin operation. The resurgence of a resistance campaign which began over 10 years ago contributed to the public pressure resulting in the Governor of Massachusetts and many local New Hampshire officials refusing to cooperate with the Seabrook emergency response plan.

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*Sources: Pledge of Resistance National Office and the Student Anti-Apartheid Network, American Committee on Africa.

INTO 1987

Through 1987 and beyond, U.S. nuclear weapons testing will continue to be a focus for protest and resistance. Like many of their counterparts across the country, Nevada organizers are sustained by their recognition that securing a nuclear-free future demands not only public education, legislative and electoral work, and legal protest, but also principled, nonviolent direct action which risks arrest and imprisonment.

The Soviets have stated their unilateral moratorium on testing will end when the United States conducts its first test of the new year, now set for February 5. Thereafter, the Soviets will remain open to a mutual halt to testing and the signing of a comprehensive test ban if the United States will agree. Sustained resistance, coordinated with lobbying and public education efforts, could serve to make the test ban a significant issue in the next two years leading up to the 1988 elections.

Another campaign worth watching in 1987 is the Coalition to Stop Trident's Campaign to Stop the D-5 Missile. The D-5 is the Trident submarine's first-strike missile, virtually unopposed in public debate and due for deployment in 1989. In Florida, resistance to the D-5 test flights has already begun (see page 1). Major civil disobedience actions opposing Trident are planned for the fall of 1987 and again prior to the 1988 elections.

The H-bomb truck watch, a campaign initiated by Nukewatch of Madison, Wisconsin, has been adopted by the Mobilization for Survival. In the tradition of the nuclear train campaign and Britain's Cruise-watch network, this citizen initiative monitors and increases awareness of nuclear weapons transport through our communities. Coordinated Truck-watch weeks are tentatively scheduled to begin on May 10 and September 27. As this effort expands, civil disobedience actions opposing this traffic are expected.

Civil disobedience, divine obedience, nonviolent direct action, Nuremberg action, free speech exercise, civil resistance - whatever the particular label, the fact remains that this is a significant part of the movement for a nuclear-free future. And as the number of arrests, the number of people in prison, and the steadfastness of the grassroots indicates, it is too large to be ignored.

THANKS

Thanks to our friends at Green Action, P.O. Box 37, Tempe, AZ 85281, for their recent donation of a small Atari computer and printer to the Nuclear Resister.

We also recently received a grant from the Lucius and Eva Eastman Fund for production, printing and distribution of an informational and promotional brochure for the Nuclear Resister. If you know of a movement office, peace center, church, bookstore or other literature rack that would benefit by receiving a handful of these brochures when they are printed, please send us the address and we'll take care of the rest.

Thanks to Karen for her help in mailing out the last issue.

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.

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Christmas at Rocky Flats

At noon on Christmas Day, carolers raised their voices in celebration at the west gate of the Rocky Flats plant northwest of Denver. Among the singing throng were regular and occasional



graphic by Tom Keough

vigilers at the plutonium fabrication facility and some of Denver's less fortunate for whom there is "still no room at the inn".

After a half hour of song and the Lord's prayer, Jennifer Haines, who had spent the previous week vigiling with Denver's homeless in front of the City and County Building downtown, stepped over the low gate and was immediately arrested.

Three days later, during the regular Sunday vigil, Kris Selvig likewise stepped across the modest boundary and was also arrested.

Both women refused to sign unsecured bonds, and are in jail on federal charges of trespass. Selvig was arraigned December 29, when she entered a plea "for an end to all boundaries that separate people". She will be tried February 2 before Chief Justice Finesilver.

Haines was arraigned January 12, and pled not guilty. Her trial is set for March 3 before Judge Jim Carrigan.

Both women have previous records of arrest at Rocky Flats.



Letters of support and requests for more information should be sent to Jennifer Haines and Kris Selvig, c/o Denver Catholic Worker, 2420 Walton St., Denver, CO 80205.

Hyder Continues Fast

As we go to press, Dr. Charles Hyder is continuing his water-only fast for nuclear disarmament and an end to war as a means of settling international disputes. On January 27, the 127th day of his fast, Hyder, accompanied by Dr. Jim Evans, flew to Geneva, Switzerland to press his demands personally at the disarmament negotiations there. Other volunteers are maintaining Hyder's signs where he first planted them in April, 1986, at the vigil in Peace (Lafayette) Park, across the street from the White House. At least eight to ten people now consider Peace Park their home and the continuous vigil for peace their occupation. In the last few weeks, national and international publicity for Hyder's nonviolent witness

has increased greatly, with organizational and personal endorsements and statements of support arriving daily.

People and organizations who can offer such statements and other forms of support are urged to send them to the White House Anti-nuclear Vigil, P.O. Box 27217, Washington, D.C. 20038.

People who wish to support Dr. Hyder are also encouraged to contact local media and inform them of the fast and to also express your support to your elected representatives in Washington.

For up-to-date information about Dr. Hyder's fast, call (202)462-0757 or (202)462-3542.

ARRESTS MARK ANNIVERSARY OF 1ST N-TEST

January 27 marked the 36th anniversary of the first nuclear weapons test at the Nevada test site. In commemoration of the "downwinders" who have since died as a result of the first 12 years of atmospheric tests at the site, testing opponents again rallied at the site on the 27th. The American Peace Test organized the demonstration, which brought about 200 people into the desert.

A new district attorney for Nye County, where the site is located, brought some new twists to the civil disobedience scenario. Even before most of the demonstrators had arrived on the site, actor Martin Sheen was taken into custody for "intention to commit a crime". He was held until he promised to post a \$5,000 bond. The previous week, Sheen had appeared on the "Good Morning America" television show and acknowledged his intention to commit civil disobedience on the 27th. Two other people, situated on the highway exit ramp with "SLOW" signs to warn arriving workers, were also taken into custody. At previous demonstrations, organizers were told by the state police that such warning signs were a good idea.

The major portion of the civil disobedience action consisted of a blockade at the test site entrance by successive small groups of people. They were arrested and charged with being a public nuisance. A few others stepped over the boundary line and were arrested for trespass. One organizer, who was directing demonstrators with a bullhorn, was arrested and cited for "inciting" the others. In all, 73 people were arrested and taken by bus to the Nye County Jail in Beatty.

En route, the group discussed various tactics they could take in solidarity with the few people unexpectedly arrested. Once the buses were unloaded, the group formed a circle in the large room where they awaited processing, and continued the discussion. Many expressed a desire to dialogue with the new District Attorney (D.A.) regarding the change in arrest procedures, and his own attitude about the protests.

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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, P.O. BOX 43383, TUCSON, AZ 85733.



Lin Romano
Philadelphia Detention Center, 8201 State Road, Philadelphia, PA 19136.

Greg Boertje
Chester State Prison, 501 S. Wavaset Road, West Chester, PA 19382.
(Anti-submarine aircraft and assault helicopter disarmament, 1/6/87 - awaiting trial)

Willia Elam
16 John Does
c/o Cancel the Countdown, 249 E. Merritt Island Causeway, Merritt Island, FL 32952.
(Trident-II test blockade and occupations, 1/9-1/17 - awaiting trial)

Jennifer Haines
Kris Selvig
c/o Denver Catholic Worker, 2420 Walton St., Denver, CO 80205.
(Prayer witness at Rocky Flats, 12/25 and 12/28 - awaiting trial)

Brian Larkin
David Braun
Oakland County Jail, P.O. Box 300, Pontiac, MI 48053.
(Williams International blockade 1/19 - 30 days - out 2/27)

Peter Sprunger-Froese
El Paso County Jail, P.O. Box 1675, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.
(Space Symposium trespass, 1/21 - probation violation - out 2/20)

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

Brent Taylor, Ann Hansen, Doug Stewart, Gerry Hannah and Julie Pelmas
c/o Free the Five Defense Group, P.O. Box 48296, Bentall Station, Vancouver, B.C. V7X 1A1, CANADA.
(("Vancouver Five" anti-nuke, feminist, radical environmental political bombings in Canada, 1982 - varying sentences, six years to 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.]

Sr. Carol Gilbert 10856-039
FCI Cottage 12, P.O. Box A, Alderson, WV 24910.
(18 weeks - out 2/13/87)
Sr. Ardeth Platte 10857-039
FCI Box 39, 3150 Horton Rd., Ft. Worth, TX 76119.
(28 weeks - out 4/87)
St. Elizabeth Walters
(90 days - out 2/4/87)
(all three women, trespass at Wurtsmith AFB, multiple dates)

Mike Miles
Ashland County Jail, Ashland, WI 54806.
(Project ELF trespass 1/17 - awaiting trial 3/6)

Barb Katt
John LaForge
Greg Klave
Grand Forks County Correctional Center, P.O. Box 276, Grand Forks, ND 58206.
(Grand Forks AFB trespass, 1/19 - 45 days - out 3/4)

Fr. Peter Dougherty
c/o Covenant For Peace, P.O. Box 1831, E. Lansing, MI 48823.
(Wurtsmith AFB trespass, multiple dates - 21 days beginning 2/18)

Kurt Miron 05768-040
FPC, PMB-821, P.O. Box 1000, Duluth, MN 55814.
(Project ELF trespass, 5/86 - six months - out 2/6/87)

Darla Bradley 03790-045 (8 years)
MB 99, 3150 Horton Rd., Ft. Worth, TX 76119.
Jean Gump 03789-045 (8 years)
Cottage 11, P.O. Box A, Alderson, WV 24910.
Ken Rippetoe 03787-045 (8 years)
FPC, P.O. Box 1085, Oxford, WI 53952.
Larry Morlan 03788-045 (8 years)
John Volpe 03792-045 (7 years)
FPC, P.O. Box 1000, Marion, IL 62959.
(Missouri missile silos disarmament, 3/86)

Helen Woodson 141-242 (12 years)
MCF Shakopee, P.O. Box 7, Shakopee, MN 55379.
Fr. Carl Kabat 03230-045 (18 years)
FCI, P.O. Box 1000, Milan, MI 48160.
Fr. Paul Kabat 03229-045 (10 years)
FCI, P.O. Box 1000, Sandstone, MN 55072.
Larry Cloud Morgan 03232-045 (8 years)
FCI, P.O. Box 33, Terre Haute, IN 47807.
(Jackhammer disarmament of Missouri missile silo, 11/84)

Jeff Leys
P.O. Box 128, Winnebago, WI 54985.
(Project ELF disarmament, 8/85 - probation revoked, out 8/87)

Felton Davis
Morris County Jail, 23 Court St., Morristown, NJ 07960.
(('Shut Down TMI' graffiti, 10/86 - one year - out 6/87)

Rich Miller 15249-077
c/o Kindred Community, 1337 6th Av., Des Moines, IA 50314.
(Nuclear train track dismantling, 7/85 - four years)

Vince Eirene 11385-077
(Pantex prayer witness, 3/86 - one year - out 2/12)
c/o Duncan and Porter, P.O. Box 99332, Pittsburgh, PA 15233.

PREVIOUSLY LISTED, RECENTLY RELEASED:
Jerry Berrigan, Fr. Bill Cuddy, John Mahoney, Kathleen Rumpf, Joan McCoy, Sheila Parks, Suzanne Schmidt

WRITINGS FROM JAIL

THE INSIDE LINE



from Philadelphia

[From the statement of the Epiphany Plowshares. See story on page one.]

We witness here at Willow Grove today as a people of faith, to responsibly say "no" to our nation's nuclear and interventionary war-making policies. These policies are, at present, killing innocent people and seriously endangering the existence of all life on our planet.

We choose this day to act here because it is the Christian feast of the Epiphany, which celebrates the revelation of the Christ Child to the nations. This feast is also known as "little Christmas", when the Magi travelled great distances, guided by the Star of Bethlehem, to find the child who came in the name of peace for all peoples. Epiphany anticipates the peaceful co-existence of all nations, which was also the vision of the ancient prophet Isaiah who proclaimed the message of the Lord, "And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks"...

In this action we plead with the nations and their people to seek the disarmed way of peace - learn the way of war no more.

Greg Boertje
Rev. Dexter Lancot
Rev. Thomas McGann
Lin Romano

HOLY INNOCENTS REM

KING'S BAY

(thanks to Mary Rider)

More than 200 people gathered outside King's Bay Submarine Base in Saint Mary's, Georgia, on December 27, 1986, to protest the planned homeporting of Trident submarines there. They gathered on the eve of the Feast of the Holy Innocents, a time when Christians commemorate the slaying of the children of Jerusalem by King Herod.

Twenty of those gathered approached the base's main gate, walking onto the base and kneeling in prayer. In their statement they explained their actions as attempts to: "...witness to one another and to others the grotesque similarity between King Herod's crime of infanticide and the Superpowers' preparation for global genocide..."

The twenty entered the base in waves of three or four. The gate was closed after the first two waves entered. As police rushed in to make arrests, the members of the second wave went limp. The four were placed on stretchers. One remained limp throughout the arrest and detainment.

Although the authorities had been forewarned of the possibility of activists going limp, police and military personnel were confounded by this non-violent action and ordered the gate shut. The 13 people left outside remained there for more than an hour, singing, dancing and praying, until the gates were once again opened.

The remaining people passed through the gate in pairs, each being arrested until the gates closed again leaving three people outside. When the gates again opened, the three entered and knelt to pray. They went limp as police approached, and were carried off the base on stretchers. The gate again was closed, and the three sat in front of it for 90 minutes before finally being arrested.

Sixteen of the seventeen people detained on the base were served ban and bar letters.

Fr. Bob Cushing, previously barred from the base, was charged with trespass. Julie Jackson, Renard Thompson and Mary Rider, the three arrested outside the base's gates, were charged with obstruction of government activity. All were released and face trial in April.

For more information, contact Jack and Judy Cumbee, 517 Moores Mill Rd., Auburn, AL; (205)826-3378.

SAC/OMAHA

Herod's slaughter of the innocents was also remembered at the headquarters of the Strategic Air Command (SAC) at Offut Air Force Base near Omaha, Nebraska. Midwest religious activists gathered there for a service on December 28, after which ten people crossed the line and were taken into custody. Six were served ban and bar letters, and three--Barb Katt, John LaForge and Sr. Clare Manhart--face charges of re-entry. Pat Stevens engaged in passive noncooperation, and was taken before Federal Magistrate Peck, in whose court she had appeared two years earlier. After some dialogue, Peck sentenced Stevens to three months in jail, suspending all but ten days of the sentence, which she then served.

Later in the day on the 28th, a group of Youth for Peace from Omaha came out to the base, and five of their members were issued ban and bar letters after crossing the line.

For more information, contact Midwest Resistance Network, 3014 Seward St., Omaha, NE 68111; (402)422-0592.

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during a blockade at the gate of the Air Force station.

As the arrests mounted, most occupiers became Jane and John Does, staying in jail as representatives of humanity. Court appearances, the continuing Peace Pilgrimage, daily new arrests, and the impending January 17th events were the dominant media story in Florida for a solid week.

Saturday, January 17, was the peak and the promise. Seven thousand demonstrators, more than twice as many as expected, converged on Port Canaveral for a rally. Following the rally, the Peace Pilgrimage led the last three miles to the main gate of Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, followed by everyone else. While Air Force helicopters circled dangerously low, 138 demonstrators climbed over or around the fence, bringing the total in custody to over 200.

Back at the rally site, Seeds of Peace (the logistical core of the Pilgrimage, which had evolved from the Great Peace March) set up their kitchen and served food to tired, hungry activists. The dishwashers were two young airmen--Air Force soldiers who, having piloted a helicopter earlier in the week to spot occupiers, decided to join the protest against the Trident II. First-strike policy had been a major topic of discussion among the local military that week, and many agreed with the demonstrators, but only these two had the courage to come to "a day we will remember the rest of our lives".

Over the next two weeks, Florida residents who agreed to identify themselves were released from jail on their own recognizance. Those from out of state were freed if they identified themselves and posted a \$100 bond, which would be forfeited if they did not return for trial. A handful of people had entered pleas of no contest or guilt

ty and received sentences of time served or a few days more, in lieu of a \$100 fine.

As we go to press, 16 men and one woman remain in custody, most intending to stay in jail until their trial. Trials are tentatively scheduled to begin in mid-February and extend through late March.

The next missile flight test is believed to be set for about February 25, and Florida activists hope to continue the nonviolent resistance at this and subsequent tests. People interested in participating in this on-going protest are encouraged to contact the Cancel the Countdown office (see below).

For more information, contact the Mobilization for Survival, 853 Broadway #418, New York, NY 10003; (212)995-8787 and the Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice, P.O. Box 2486, Orlando, FL 32802; (305)422-3479. For current information about those still in jail, contact the Cancel the Countdown Office, 249 E. Merritt Island Causeway, Merritt Island, FL 32952; (305)452-3719.



Letters of support can be written to the John Does and to Willa Elam, who are still in jail, c/o Cancel the Countdown at the above address.

(Thanks to Charles Scheiner for much of this article.)

E.L.F.

In northern Wisconsin, eight people were arrested January 17 as they crossed under the gate onto the Project ELF transmitter site. Project ELF is an extremely low frequency antenna, one transmitter located in Wisconsin and a second in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. At each site, 56 miles of heavy cable cross through the forest, creating a signal that resonates through the earth's crust to signal Trident submar-

ines hidden deep in the oceans. On ELF's command, the Tridents would rise to the surface ready to launch a first-strike nuclear attack.

The eight were charged with trespass and taken to county jail in Ashland, Wisconsin. College students Bill Bowen, Christina Peterson and Eric Lunn were released on bond. At their arraignment on January 26, the three pled guilty and are serving 12 days in jail instead of paying a fine. They are spending their nights in jail, while attending class during the day.

Laurie Franks and Angela Miller entered guilty pleas the Monday following their arrest, January 19, and served a jail sentence until their release on January 25. Peggy Cragun and Dave Gray remained in jail for more than a week before posting bond, and Mike Miles remains in jail at this time. Cragun, Gray and Miles all entered not guilty pleas and await trial March 6.



Letters of support can be sent to Mike Miles, Ashland County Jail, Ashland, WI 54806.

G.E. Space Center

In Pennsylvania, a third action on January 17 resulted in the arrest of 33 people. Outside the General Electric Space Center in Valley Forge, about 60 people gathered for a vigil and sharing about Martin Luther King and his vision.

Later, small groups of people occupied the sprawling property where G.E. brings to life instruments of nuclear war such as the MIRV's (H-bomb carrying Multiple Independently Targeted Re-entry Vehicles) for the Trident II missile. The 33 people arrested at various places around the Space Center were issued citations and then released.

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

D.C.

The Atlantic Life Community gathered in Washington, D.C. to commemorate the Feast of the Holy Innocents. This year's observance began with an awareness of the shame cast on the United States in 1986, for its assaults on the innocents of today in our name--such as the airborne attack on Libya, the violation of SALT II, the aid sent to the contras, Iranscam, the affirmation of apartheid, the launching of the first Trident II submarine, star wars, etc.

Fully aware, those gathered took this shame back to its place of origin--the Pentagon--where on the night of December 28, SHAME was written in flaming red paint on the pillars of the River entrance. With this backdrop, activists the next morning performed street theater on the steps and marked seven pillars with blood.

Phillip Joseph, Sunshine Appleby and Moira Moga were arrested and charged with depredation of federal property for pouring blood. George Ostenson was charged with destruction of such property for spraypainting on the pillars, and eight others--Brian Barrett, Phil Berrigan, Frank Carver, Peter DeMott, Tim Gordon, John Heid, Annie Maddox, Scott Rutherford and Brian Terrell--were charged with blocking the entrance.

On Wednesday, December 31, people gathered at the White House. A predominantly children's group took the public tour, singing "Give Peace a Chance" and "Child, Child", creating a very moving scene.

As the next tour group left via the north entrance, Phillip Joseph, currently a resident of the Peace Park anti-nuclear vigil across from the White House, stepped forward and threw blood on two of the white columns outside. Three others simultaneously unfurled a banner reading "Impeach Reagan". Joseph was arrested, and the others escorted from the grounds.

Later, four people held a similar banner in what has come to be known as the "zone of silence"; that area directly in front of the White House fence on Pennsylvania Avenue where no protester may remain stationary with a sign or banner. Scott Galindez, Andres Thomas, Ellen Thomas and Sunshine Appleby were arrested.

All those arrested at the Pentagon and White House were released shortly thereafter, pending trials in February and March. Moira Moga and Brian Terrell pled guilty and have had disposition of their cases transferred to their home states of Minnesota and Iowa.

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

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Each has been arrested three times before at the base.

For more information, contact Chris LaForge at (218)727-7641 or Bemidji Friends for a Nonviolent World; P.O. Box 462; Bemidji, MN 56601.



Letters of support can be sent to Barb Katt, Greg Klave and John LaForge; Grand Forks County Correctional Center; P.O. Box 276; Grand Forks, ND 58206.

Williams International

On the morning of January 19, about thirty people gathered outside the main factory of Williams International corporation in Michigan. From there the group processed to Williams' warehouse about 1/4 mile away, from which it is believed Williams ships their major product--cruise missile engines.

At the warehouse, David Braun and Brian Larkin chained themselves to a coffin which they placed in the driveway, blocking a semi-truck. The irri-

Yales at Riverside

The "Year of Resistance" at Riverside Research Institute (RRI) in New York City continues, with three recent blockades resulting in arrests.

On December 22, about 15 "old Yales, young Yales, Yales for a day" gathered at the Manhattan star wars and nuclear weapons research facility for the Yale Yuletide Witness. In the name of their alma mater, eight former and present Yale students blockaded the doors and were arrested. Their trial is set for February 3.

On Martin Luther King's birthday, January 15, fifteen people were arrested during a demonstration that included the playing of a tape recording of King's "Beyond Vietnam" speech, recorded in New York exactly one year before King was assassinated.

Then, on January 26, New York's Kairos Community, sponsors of the regular vigils at Riverside, again blockaded both entrances to the facility, resulting in ten arrests.

Trial dates have not yet been set for the two most recent actions. Arrests at Riverside are generally considered low-risk, with charges either being dismissed by the judge or because the arresting officers do not come to court, or "adjourned contemplating dismissal". With the more frequent blockades and vigils, however, some employees have taken to physically assaulting protesters by kicking them or shoving briefcases in their faces as they attempt to enter the think-death tank.

For more information, please contact Kairos; 225 Lafayette St. #207; New York, NY 10012.



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Shortly thereafter, the D.A.'s assistants demanded that the protesters line up in single file to await processing. The group pointed out that they were in line, but that their line formed a circle rather than a straight line. When the assistants attempted to pull people out of the circle and into a straight line, the entire group responded by sitting down in the circle.

At this point, the D.A. stepped into the circle, and a respectful question and answer period began. The D.A. made observations about how much the protests cost the county in time and money. Demonstrators, aware that the federal government has subsidized Nye County law enforcement to help with these costs, urged the D.A. to refuse to handle such cases anymore. He was challenged to turn that responsibility over to the federal government, where it really belongs.

Lacking any convincing answer to this challenge, the D.A. left the circle. The group then joined hands and visualized the conversion of the hearts of the D.A. and others in Nye County and at the test site. They then raised their voices in song.

All but one of those arrested were released after processing. One of the two people arrested holding the warning signs on the highway exit ramp, a juvenile, remained in custody until claimed by his parents.

Also on January 27, in Washington, D.C., plans for civil disobedience at the Department of Energy were put on ice by severe winter snowstorms. Instead, protesters gathered in vigil and prayer that snow in Nevada might prevent further U.S. nuclear tests.

ACTION AT WINCON

Simultaneous with the actions at the test site, activists in Orange County, California, took their protest to the arms merchants at the Winter Convention of Aerospace and Electronics Systems (WINCON). WINCON is perhaps the most significant nuclear and conventional arms bazaar in the country, and for many years has been met by vigils and protests.

Delegates stay at the Westin South Coast Plaza Hotel, from where they are bused to the closed sessions on the grounds of the El Toro Marine Base. On January 26, the night before the convention began, over 3,000 people joined a candlelight vigil at the hotel.

The next morning, delegates were delayed at El Toro by a blockade that effectively closed the base for at least two hours. Thirty-four people were arrested by the county sheriff for obstructing traffic at the main gate. Four more arrests were made on federal property at another gate. Los Angeles Catholic Workers Jonathan Parfrey and Gary Cavalier walked onto the base earlier in the morning, and were arrested by federal authorities at the theater where conventioners were to gather. They had surprised guards there when they arrived and announced their desire to pray for peace at the site.

All 40 people arrested were taken to the Orange County Jail, where they were issued citations and released. A standing court order against overcrowding at the jail prevented authorities from holding protesters for any length of time. Arraignment is set for March 3.

TEST SITE UPDATES

A few days before what promised to be one of the more significant anti-nuclear trials in history, charges against about 150 people arrested at the test site in September and November, 1986, were dismissed. An impressive roster of expert witnesses had been assembled to testify under the direction of defense attorney and former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark. Considerable attention from the national media on this trial is believed to have contributed to the dismissal of charges.

Many of the former defendants are members of the American Public Health Association (APHA), arrested on September 30. Vowing to continue the pressure to stop nuclear testing, the APHA peace

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SPACE SYMPOSIUM PROTEST

For the third year, the annual Space Symposium in Colorado Springs, Colorado, has provided corporate America the opportunity to peddle their star wars wares.

On January 21, local activists Peter Sprunger-Froese and Geoff Parken visited the Symposium with their own exhibit--two banners reading "Can we live with an eye toward the poor instead of domination and profiteering?" and "SDI--the only obstruction to a world nuclear testing moratorium".

About ten minutes after unfurling their exhibit, the two men were asked to leave. They refused, objecting to economic discrimination that prevented people lacking the \$600 fee from being exhibitors. Objection overruled, the two men were arrested for trespass.

Parken posted bond and was released pending arraignment on February 24. Sprunger-Froese was jailed for 30 days, after it was determined he had violated a previous sentence to perform 200 hours of community service. He had refused that sentence nearly two years earlier, telling the judge at the time that his whole life is dedicated to community service. A trial date on the current charge has not yet been set.



Letters of support can be sent to Peter Sprunger-Froese, El Paso County Jail, P.O. Box 1675, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

ONE MORE WURTSMITH FOE JAILED

Yet another Michigan resident will soon be serving a jail sentence for trespass at Wurtsmith Air Force Base, where air-launched cruise missiles are deployed. Fr. Peter Dougherty was sentenced in federal court on January 28 to serve three weeks in jail beginning February 18. Dougherty most recently entered the base with over 90 others at the conclusion of a Faith and Resistance retreat last August 6.

On December 10, Sr. Jean Reimer, John Martus and Fr. Cam Janus were arraigned on charges of re-entry at Wurtsmith. All entered pleas of guilty and were sentenced to ten days in jail, suspended, plus one year of probation. Maurice Clevering requested a trial before another judge, which is scheduled to take place February 20.



Letters of support for Dougherty and requests for more information can be sent to the Home for Peace and Justice, #1 Northlawn Court, Saginaw, MI 48602.

Now It's Your Turn...

Project E.L.F. opponent Tom Hastings traveled to Washington, D.C. in late January, to take his continued protest against nuclear arms to the Soviet government. On January 26, he entered the Soviet embassy to present his message to the representatives of government there. He let them know that he had been doing everything he could where he lived to avert nuclear war and the genocide of the Russian people. Now he was there to ask that the Soviets do their part and remove he and his family and friends in northern Wisconsin from their list of nuclear targets.

After making his feelings known, Hastings left the building but refused to leave Soviet soil as he continued his witness against communist nukes. Embassy authorities first requested that he leave, and when he refused they called in American law enforcement to remove him from their compound. He was arrested after telling police that if they just carried him off the property, he would return again immediately thereafter.

Hastings was jailed until January 30 when at a perfunctory trial he was convicted of failure to obey police requests to leave, and sentenced to time served.

First Trident II Sub Launched

About 1,000 people gathered at the Electric Boat shipyard in Groton, Connecticut on Saturday, December 13. They were protesting the launching of the ninth Trident submarine, the U.S.S. Tennessee. As the first Trident equipped with the Trident-II (D-5) missile, the U.S.S. Tennessee represents the "ultimate first-strike weapon".

Fifty people were arrested for crossing the police barricade and blocking the way of visitors and workers. Their banner, left on the barricade, read "DROP THE BARRICADE TO DISARMAMENT".

Eight more people were arrested later in the day at Groton Naval Base, as part of nationwide protests against the training of Nicaraguan contras in the United States.

All those arrested were cited for disorderly conduct and then released. Trials are expected in early March.

For more information, contact the Coalition to Stop Trident, P.O. Box 411, New Haven, CT 06502; (203) 776-4098.



"Choose Life" at Livermore

For the fifth consecutive year, three weeks in December have been set aside for spiritual witness at Livermore nuclear weapons laboratory in California. The annual tradition, called "Choose Life", includes leafletting, vigils, a children's day, religious services and forms of civil disobedience.

On December 22, 1986, Clancy Dunigan, Fr. Louis Vitale and Samuel Tyson were arrested at the lab. Dunigan and Vitale signed citations and were released the same day; Tyson remained in jail overnight before appearing in court and having his case dismissed. No charges have been formally filed against the other two men either.

For more information, contact the Modesto Peace/Life Center, 922 Sixth St., P.O. Box 134, Modesto, CA 95353; (209) 529-5750.

Seabrook Still Not Licensed

The Seabrook, New Hampshire, nuclear power plant remains the subject of growing concern and controversy in New England. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is hoping to reduce the emergency planning zone (EPZ) around the plant from a ten-mile radius to one mile. This would prevent local authorities who are holding up licensing by refusing to cooperate with emergency planning.

Recently, New Hampshire's all Republican Congressional delegation petitioned the NRC to keep the 10-mile EPZ, and a bill has been introduced in the Senate to mandate the current safety zone.

On January 20, P.A. Tricia, with the support of a handful of friends, blocked the Seabrook gate and was arrested.

People convicted during this latest civil disobedience campaign are consistently being sentenced to community service or a \$110 fine, regardless of the number of times they have been arrested at the plant.

For more information, contact the New Hampshire Seacoast Clamshell Alliance, P.O. Box 734, Concord, NH 03301; (603) 224-4163.

ROOFING IT AT A.P.L.

Residents of Jonah House and other Baltimoreans continue to keep public attention on the Applied Physics Lab (APL) at Johns Hopkins University with their vigils and civil disobedience. Last November 11, in the second such recent action, seven people were arrested after they climbed on the 2nd-floor roof of the APL and hung a banner proclaiming "APL Death Lab" down the wall.

Arrested in November were Phil Berrigan, Brian Barrett, Greg Boertje, Willa Bickham, Rick Kramer, Richard Ochs and Arthur Milholland.

Despite the claims of University president Steven Mueller that "We don't work on anything that goes boom", Johns Hopkins, because of APL contracts for missile guidance systems, star wars, etc., receives more money than any other university in Pentagon contracts.

On January 14, the eve of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, six more people climbed the roof. Their banner read, "We Still Have a Dream, Dr. King, Stars Without Star Wars". Kate Walsh, age 17, Frida Berrigan, age 12 and Jerry Berrigan, age 11, were released without being charged. Rick Kramer, John Heid and Betty Shroder were charged with trespass. Heid and Shroder were released, and Kramer was jailed for three days after refusing to post a \$25 bond imposed because he was on probation from the November action. After review by the probation department, bond was raised to \$100, which friends posted. All three adults will face trial April 30.

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

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SOSUS

On December 12, 1986, Robert Martell and Paul Encimer were convicted by a jury of trespass. Sixteen months earlier, on Hiroshima Day, 1985, the two men, along with Sally Bell, had climbed the fence surrounding the Centerville, California SOSUS facility, a nuclear submarine tracking station. Bell previously pled no contest and served 30 days in jail.

The men, acting as their own attorneys, had been prohibited from raising a defense based on international law and necessity. At one point, when the judge considered allowing such a defense, prosecutors threatened to file for a writ of mandamus against the judge. Encimer suggested that this indicated a pattern of repression, a governmental policy of Necessity in which the official flaunting of defendants' rights is done in the name of "higher law"--U.S. National Security.

Encimer and Martell were sentenced to 30 days in jail, stayed pending an appeal of their conviction.

For more information, contact the Centerville Action Group, P.O. Box 162, Piercy, CA 95467.

NBAU

Eight people were convicted January 27 on charges of obstruction and trespass. They had been arrested last April during the No Business as Usual protest at Lockheed Aerospace Corporation in Sunnyvale, California. Lockheed and other nearby corporate and military installations were the target of the boisterous, roving demonstration because of their involvement in star wars and other first-strike weapons systems.

Testimony at the trial revealed that at least six different law enforcement agencies had coordinated their re-

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INTERNATIONAL NOTES



Pershing to Plowshares

On the morning of December 12, 1986, the seventh anniversary of the NATO decision to deploy cruise and Pershing II missiles and the third anniversary of their actual deployment, three Germans and a Swede entered the U.S. Air Force Base at Schönbach-Gmünd. There, with carpenter's hammers and bottles of blood, they disarmed the tractor-launching mechanism and a Swedish-built crane manufactured exclusively for handling the Pershing II missiles.

Photos of children and children's poetry were placed on the tractor. A banner reading "Choose Life for the Children and the Poor" was draped over the tractor door.

Arrested were Heike Huschauer, 42, mother of two and city council member in Neuss; Susanne Mauch-Friz, 32, mother of two and social worker; Stellan Vinthagen, 22, from Sweden; and Wolfgang Sternstein, 47, father of two and full-time peace researcher and activist. They are charged with trespass, sabotage of a military installation and destruction of military property. The three Germans were released on their own recognizance. Vinthagen refused to pay a bail and is still being held.

From the collective statement of the "Pershing to Plowshares" group:

"We, all of us, have to consider our individual responsibility of what we do and what it leads to. And this moral responsibility we always have even though we obey orders from the authorities. With that awareness of our responsibility we understand that we are the ones who make the arms race possible by not trying to stop it. WHAT WILL WE ANSWER OUR CHILDREN, WHEN THEY ASK: WHAT DID YOU DO WHILE THERE WAS STILL HOPE?"

Stellan Vinthagen, who took part in the action especially to protest the double-dealing of his government in condemning the cruise and Pershing II deployments on one hand while allowing on the other the export to the United States of a crane they knew would then be sent to Germany to handle nuclear missiles, noted in part of his own statement:

"Why do the generals have so much power? It doesn't come from the stripes and stars of their uniforms, but rather from the obedience of the soldiers. The Generals, the superpower politicians and the economic leaders, would be nothing if people like you and I didn't obey them. We, the 'little ones', are nothing but tools of the military, and it will remain this way, until we see that it is us who give them the power."

For more information, contact Bill Boston; Gemeindefauststr. 7; 7070 Schwäbisch-Gmünd, FRG.

FUTURE ACTIONS

nevada test site

Several actions are being planned at the Nevada test site for the rest of the winter and spring.

The Lenten Desert Experience will sponsor their sixth annual Lenten Desert Experience, consisting of daily vigils and civil disobedience each Friday throughout the season of Lent. Nevada Desert Experience is also helping coordinate support vigils in communities across the country each Friday during Lent. For more information, contact the Nevada Desert Experience; P.O. Box 4487; Las Vegas, NV 89127; (702)646-4814.

The American Peace Test, in coalition with several women's peace organizations, is planning a Mother's Day demonstration and women's civil disobedience action at the test site, May 8-10. Childcare in Las Vegas will be provided for participants in the activities. Tentative plans are also being made for a major APT demonstration and civil disobedience in June. For more information, contact the American Peace Test; P.O. Box 26725; Las Vegas, NV 89126; (702)363-7875.

aerojet

A legal demonstration and civil disobedience are planned for Good Friday, April 17, at Aerojet General Corporation, a major missile propellant manufacturer near Sacramento, California. For more information, contact the Sacramento Catholic Worker; 619 12th St.; Sacramento, CA 95814; (916)447-3785.

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caucus is returning to the test site again on February 5, when the first U.S. test of the new year is expected to occur.

In another development, American Peace Test organizers Jesse Cocks and Peter Bergel have been subpoenaed to answer charges of conspiracy to commit a misdemeanor. The two join Duncan MacMurphy of the Nevada Desert Experience, who was subpoenaed on the same charges last month.

No arrests occurred at the test site in December. A back-country effort to delay a test on December 12 was scrubbed by freezing weather and decision-making difficulties within the action group.

For more information about U.S. nuclear tests, contact the American Peace Test's 24-hour recorded hotline at (702)363-7780. For other information, contact the American Peace Test; P.O. Box 26725; Las Vegas, NV 89126; (702)363-7875.

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

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sponse to the planned protest, and had used undercover informants to infiltrate pre-action planning meetings.

A twelve person jury, which included many employees of the area's defense contractors, deliberated for one and one half days before returning a guilty verdict. Several times the jury returned to the courtroom for more instruction or to announce that they were deadlocked. The judge refused to accept a hung jury, and each time sent them back for more deliberations.

After the verdict was announced and the jury dismissed, one juror stayed behind to express her frustration to the defendants. A former quality control worker on the Lockheed missile production line, she told how other jurors had harassed, browbeaten and finally broken her into voting for conviction.

Sentencing is set for February 27.

For more information, contact No Business as Usual; 3309 1/2 Mission St. #127; San Francisco, CA 94110; (415)549-3077 [M-F, 11-2].

gte

The Atlantic Life Community will join together in a Valentine's Day action, February 14, at GTE Strategic Systems Division in Westboro, Massachusetts. Workers at GTE design and develop the command, control and communications system for nuclear weapons deployment. For more information, contact Peace Witness at GTE; 21 Jaques Ave.; Worcester, MA 01610; (617)753-3588.

nbau

No Business as Usual is coordinating a nationwide series of decentralized actions on April 1 opposing star wars and preparations for World War III. For more information, contact the No Business as Usual National Office; 3309 1/2 Mission St. #127; San Francisco, CA 94110; (415)549-3077 [M-F, 11-2] or (415)550-8506 (message).

honeywell

The Honeywell Project will again sponsor a rally and civil disobedience to coincide with the 1987 Honeywell Corporation shareholders meeting next April 30 in Minneapolis. For more information, contact the Honeywell Project; 1519 E. Franklin Ave.; Minneapolis, MN 55404; (612)871-3753.

seabrook

Plans are being made for a major demonstration and civil disobedience at the Seabrook nuclear power plant in late April, to mark the first anniversary of the Chernobyl accident. For more information, contact the N.H. Seacoast Clamshell Alliance; P.O. Box 734; Concord, NH 03301; (603)224-4163.

rock island arsenal

A "Die-in" is being planned for the Rock Island Arsenal during next May's Armed Forces Day Open House at the manufacturing arsenal and weapons command post. Participants will mark a pre-arranged hour with individual and group "reality plays", dropping to the ground or engaging in other creative acts to depict the least often acknowledged aspect of war, death. For more information, contact Chuck Trapkus and Paul Fessler, c/o Rock Island Catholic Worker Community; 901 20th St.; Rock Island, IL 61201; (301)786-1737.

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LAKE OOST: Eight women arrested last August 3 at this U.S. naval weapons testing range near Vancouver, Canada, were acquitted by the court on January 15. In the small town of Parksville, British Columbia, supporters packed the courtroom while at least 60 people vigiled outside. The judge ruled that the women's picnic on Winchelsea Island, where the main computer complex for the test range is located, took place at low tide and below the high water mark. Canadian law holds that property boundaries on islands and coasts are drawn at high tide, unless otherwise specifically coded over to the landowner...

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.



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY/PHOENIX: The municipal judge set to hear the case of three Phoenix residents who sat in at the Department of Energy offices last August 6 has recused himself. Judge Pike Johnson took the action early in January after suspending \$20 fines he had imposed on 14 Pledge of Resistance defendants, with the comment, "You should all be commended for having a good deal more nerve, a good deal more commitment perhaps than many who feel the same way with respect to the actions of the government"...

BANGOR: Federal trespass charges have finally been filed against fifteen people arrested for re-entering the Washington state Trident submarine base during demonstrations last October and November. Five of the fifteen face two counts of re-entry. Arraignment is set for February 6 in federal court in Seattle...

LITTON/TORONTO: Len Desroches and Tom Joyce were tried on trespass charges November 17 for their part in a Canadian Thanksgiving Day (October 9) prayer and civil disobedience at this cruise missile contractor. Appearing before different judges, both were convicted. Desroches was fined \$100, Joyce \$500. Neither intend to pay the fines and will serve time in jail at some point in the future. Also in November, David Collins served seven days in jail as a result of a previous Litton conviction...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

...An exciting opportunity for the Jewish community to hear from three Jewish peace activists--all of whom have served recent prison sentences for their activities--will be possible this spring as the activists take to the road on a national speaking tour. The three activists are Todd Kaplan, 28, of the Pershing Plowshares disarmament group; Sheila Parks, 49, released just last month after serving one year in prison for the Trident II Pruning Hooks action; and Andy Mager, 25, who served six months for refusing to register for the draft. Stops on the tour will include Seattle, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C. and other cities. They plan to appear on the east coast in May and in the central and western United States in June. For more information, please contact Todd Kaplan; 14 William St.; Somerville, MA 02144; (617)623-7418.

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