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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. Broader awareness of and support for the imprisoned activist is essential to the success of the movement for a nuclear-free future.

With each issue we provide the most complete listing available of currently imprisoned North American anti-nuclear activists. Readers are encouraged to provide active support by writing letters to those behind bars and in other ways requested by the prisoners.

Additionally, the Nuclear Resister seeks to educate anti-nuclear activists about prison issues and the daily destruction of lives in the prisons of this country.

Our information comes from a variety of sources - local activists, the resisters themselves, and other movement publications. We are deeply indebted to all who send us information.

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438 ARRESTED AT LARGEST TEST SITE PROTEST EVER



The largest protest in the history of the Nevada nuclear weapons test site (NTS) occurred on February 5, when 2,200 people came to the desert to protest the first nuclear test of 1987. Four hundred and thirty-eight people were arrested as they crossed the cattle-guard boundary on the entrance road, and taken to Beatty, Nevada for booking. Transport of many of the arrestees was delayed while authorities scrambled to shanghai buses normally used to ferry test site workers to and from their homes in Las Vegas. The size of the crowd and numbers arrested prompted one Department of Energy (DOE) spokesperson to tell local press they'd be happy never to see such a large protest there again.

Originally scheduled for the day of the demonstration, the test was detonated two days early, on February 3. DOE admitted that the planned protests at the gate and in the backcountry contributed to their decision to act early.

The test marked the beginning of the end of the unilateral Soviet moratorium on nuclear testing, in effect since July 29, 1985. In response to the U.S. test, the Soviets resumed testing nuclear weapons on February 26. They also reiterated their continued willingness to again stop all nuclear tests whenever the United States agreed to a comprehensive test ban.

Public outrage at the U.S. decision to continue testing was evident in the fact that this demonstration was organized in only three weeks time.

In mid-January, Nye County had dismissed charges against all persons arrested on September 30 and November 17 at the test site. Most of these defendants were scheduled to participate in a highly publicized mass trial on January 21. In response to the dismissal, members of the American Public Health Association (APHA) Peace Caucus, sponsors of the September 30 action, decided that the strongest statement possible would be to return to the test site once again, and soon. With the help of the American Peace Test, plans were quickly made to protest the first test of the new year.

Shortly before the February 5 rally got underway, a Greenpeace balloon touched down just inside the fence from the rally site. Taken a bit by surprise, test site security pleaded, "Just get them out of here", and did not arrest the four balloonists.

Beneath a banner proclaiming "Nuremberg Requires That We Act", six members of Congress, several entertainers (including Carl Sagan, Martin Sheen and Kris Kristofferson), former Attorney General Ramsey Clark and the Rev. Tim McDonald of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, briefly addressed the crowd before the civil disobedience action.

Clearly moved by the size and spirit of their collective presence, many in the crowd opted to cross the line at the last minute. As the announcement was made for all civil disobedients to gather at the rear of the demonstration site, a rush of resisters swarmed the civil disobedience information table. The length of the line forming to walk onto the site grew beyond the organizers' most optimistic dreams, while supporters lined the roadway approaching the cattleguard.

Seventy of the 125 APHA members arrested September 30 were among those arrested again on February 5.

All of those arrested were released the same evening, except one man held

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Welcome Trident II Resisters -

The Courts & Jails of Florida

The second flight test of the Trident II missile has yet to be launched, but the resistance at Cape Canaveral, Florida has not diminished. A strong outside support group and the ongoing prison witness of several activists is building on the success of last January's action.

In a rare case of activists receiving the brutality commonly reserved for other prisoners, four men were assaulted and shocked by cattle prods and stun guns. While being transferred to a new prison, their personal property had been confiscated. As a protest, No More Nukes #16, Rev. Silent #18, Turd #19 and Martin Luther King #40 staged a sit-in, demanding an explanation for the harassment. The guards set upon the circle of men, forcing them back into their cells. Mattresses and blankets were removed, and the four were locked in for 72 hours.

No More Nukes, age 62, had been fasting since January 16. In the chill of the air conditioned cell, he felt compelled to resume eating for warmth.

Willie Elam was released from the women's prison on February 24. Her trial was the first to come up during the week of March 9. As with all trials that week, supporters and the press were locked out of the courtroom during jury selection process. The officials packed the courtroom with prospective jurors. Elam, a black attorney, was convicted by a jury of six middle-aged white men. She was jailed and on March 19, sentenced to six months in jail, with credit for time already served.

On March 12, occupier George Thompson argued against prosecution motions to limit certain defenses and testimony. Unsuccessful, he then changed his plea to no contest. He was sentenced to time served (24 days) plus a \$105 fine or four more days. Thompson chose jail.

Next up was Adam Kinsey, who made a statement regarding the denial of his defense and also pled no contest. He then turned his back on the judge and held out his arms to be handcuffed. Kinsey had also served 24 days after his arrest, and he received the same sentence as Thompson.

The last morning case of the 12th was Greg Zolad, who had already served 14 days. In light of the court's attitude, he also pled no contest and paid a \$100 fine.

Friends,

How does it happen that two former Grand Knights of Columbus, one a retired rancher and World War II veteran whose son is director of campus ministry for the Archdiocese of Seattle, the other a retired public school teacher from rural New York and 1944 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, find themselves incarcerated incommunicado in cell 314 of the Brevard County Jail, Titusville, Florida?

It might suffice to say it is because of the threat we perceive against the lives of our sixteen grandchildren--and all the children of our planet--in the initial test launch of the Trident II D-5 missile, a first strike force.

Each came as a peace pilgrim to the gates of Cape Canaveral, Florida in the spirit of and in the name of Martin Luther King on his birthday, January 15, 1987. In an attempt to prevent the launch, we crossed a yellow line blocking traffic at the entrance. It was an act of civil disobedience--divine obedience.

In the light of the moral law, the Nuremberg Principles of International Law, the findings of the Pontifical Academy of Science and the teachings of the Methodist and Catholic Bishops of the United States, an act of necessity. Reasonable and justifiable. Patriotic.

Save the children.

We have been arrested, abused, intimidated, interrogated, fingerprinted and photographed a dozen times. By this late date, our true identities should have been well and sufficiently documented here and elsewhere.

Nonetheless, we remain in custody and we have resumed fasting and silence. We expect further efforts will be made to induce "voluntary" disclosures of whom we really are.

*Love,
Martin Luther King #40*

That afternoon, three of the four men who had been assaulted were brought up for trial. No More Nukes refused to participate in the hearing and was set

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Please help us keep our phone bill down by mailing action reports, updates, jail information, statements and clippings by April 29, or calling (602)323-8697. Thanks!

German Judges Resist

Helen Woodson's letter from prison (page 4) refers to a blockade by German judges, which occurred on January 12.

Twenty-two members of the German group, Judges and Prosecutors for Peace, including their bus driver and Plowshares activist Wolfgang Sternstein, sat-in on the entrance road to Mutlangen Air Force Base. As the site of the first deployment of Pershing II missiles, Mutlangen is the focus of much German resistance.

Local authorities were delayed in removing the blockade because of confusion over how to handle the prosecution of so many judges. After their arrest and release, they were formally rebuked for the action and threatened with disbarment.

The judges acted in part to repudiate the complicity of German judges during the Holocaust. The War Crimes trials held German judges particularly accountable for their actions.

Among the support this action has received is a letter from Inge Aicher-Scholl. Aicher-Scholl is the sister of Sophie Scholl, whose life of resistance to Nazism during the war is depicted in the film "The White Rose". Aicher-Scholl wrote that she is somewhat consoled to experience another generation of German judges.

Other support came four days after the action, with the first acquittal of a Mutlangen resister in nearly 2,000 arrests. It came from a judge who also announced he would acquit all future blockaders appearing in his court.

One group focusing its attention at Mutlangen is the Campaign for Civil Disobedience until Disarmament.

In an open letter to Chancellor Kohl, the campaign initiators significantly and convincingly place nonviolent resistance in the larger context of alternative security strategies and civilian based defense:

"We consider our nonviolent blockades to be the first step towards an alternative defense concept for the Federal Republic of Germany. The question whether our lives and freedoms would be better protected by a purely defensive military strategy or by a nonmilitary system of 'social defense' has hardly begun to be explored. Our ongoing blockades are meant to intensify this discussion. We not only demand alternative defense concepts, we also attempt to put one of them, social defense, into practice.

"We are defending ourselves, with our blockades, against the Pershing II missiles and the threat they pose to our lives, our country and world peace. Each blockade is a small personal step towards disarmament, taken in the hope that more and more people will do likewise. We intend to increase the actual and political pressure to the point where it becomes impossible for the police, the military and the courts--and ultimately for you and your government--to evade serious debate of our arguments and to continue with deployment. In this sense our demand that you cancel deployment becomes a test, if a limited one, of the efficacy of social defense."

In considering the role of nonviolent resistance in the North American peace movement, this perspective deserves to be adopted and promoted as part of the rationale for resistance.

More Reflections

The Lesson at Beatty, Nevada

These notes are directed primarily to those who were held at the Beatty, Nevada courthouse on February 5th following their arrest at the test site. The lesson of that gathering may be useful for those who find themselves in an analogous situation in the future.

All 438 of us were being held in a hall meant for a much smaller number. At one point I got up and suggested that we use the time to organize for the future, and in order to get a sense of the experience of those gathered there asked for a show of hands as to whether this was their first arrest. A surprising 75% answered in the affirmative. Had the percentage been otherwise I believe I would have spoken to the issue of solidarity with demands for equal treatment, no fines and no probation.

After a while the DA announced that because of fire regulations it was going to be necessary for some of us to return to the busses in which we came, and that furthermore the booking procedure would not begin until this took place. While we were attempting to decide who should leave the hall, the DA further stated that those who refused to sign a citation release form would be booked and put in jail. Under these circumstances a confrontational atmosphere began to develop.

Actually we were in a potentially powerful situation. Had we let it be known that we were prepared if necessary to refuse to sign the citation release, we would place the Judge and DA in a very difficult situation. The jail available to the county was probably already occupied (as are most jails in the country). The county jail at Tonopah is designed to hold about thirty prisoners. The hall could not legally accommodate us even during the time it would take to book us if we refused to cooperate.

However, the officer in charge announced that he preferred that we all remain quietly seated and that the judge had already ordered every one to be released on their own recognizance with or without a signature. And so the possibility of all refusing to sign never came to a head.

Those of us who have been involved in mass arrests at the Livermore Weapons Lab, Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant and at Seabrook, New Hampshire have experienced the power of jail solidarity and have been able to have a major impact on the ultimate sentence imposed by insisting and obtaining 1. equal treatment for all, 2. no probation and 3. no fines.

I feel sure that, had a substantial proportion of us been prepared to remain in jail for at least till arraignment on Monday, we might have saved ourselves one more trip back to the court later.

This was my first arrest in the state of Nevada. If we go to trial I would prefer to enter the courtroom knowing that all of us are to be given equal treatment. Unequal treatment is a divide and rule technique that must be defeated.

Another thing to be remembered is that remaining in jail until we have secured concessions escalates the issue and may bring more favorable publicity than the demonstration at the gates. Remember the circus tents at Livermore!

Sometimes it is desirable not to use the power we have and this may have been true at Beatty. It was a glorious day, February 5th. The next time I hope we can do as well or better.

Eldred

THANKS

Thank you to Michael & Cecil for their help in mailing the last issue.

A special thanks is in order for the many readers who have continued to support us in this work with their generous, and in some cases regular, donations. The cost of a regular subscription covers only production costs of the Nuclear Resister. So we're especially grateful for the extra donations received since we've arrived in Tucson, which have enabled us to give the Nuclear Resister the full-time attention that it demands of us.

Please continue your support! Use the enclosed envelope to send a donation, or to keep us informed of what you're up to--

Our family will be heading out east during April, to spend the spring holidays with our families there. We plan to join the Atlantic Life Community at the Pentagon on Good Friday, and will attend the April 25 Spring Mobilization rally in Washington, D.C. After our return to Arizona, we'll try to get the next issue out before heading up to the Nevada Test Site for the Mothers and Others action on May 10. We hope to run into you someplace!



THIS NEW BROCHURE DESCRIBES THE NUCLEAR RESISTER, THE EDITORS, THE ROLE OF PRISONER SUPPORT IN THE MOVEMENT, AND ENCOURAGES OTHERS TO SUBSCRIBE. IT IS AVAILABLE IN BULK TO INSERT IN MAILINGS, FOR MOVEMENT OFFICE AND BOOKSTORE LITERATURE RACKS AND FOR GENERAL DISTRIBUTION. LET US KNOW HOW MANY YOU NEED!

Sanctuary Worker Jailed

Stacey Merkt, a sanctuary worker convicted of conspiracy to transport undocumented Central American refugees in March 1985, is currently serving a six-month sentence in federal prison. You may send letters, notes and cards of solidarity to Stacey Lynn Merkt #26698-079; FCI, Box 319; 3150 Horton Rd.; Ft. Worth, TX 76119.

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SENTENCES CUT

TWO SILO PRUNING HOOKS RELEASED

Following a hearing before Federal Judge Brooks Bartlett in Kansas City, at which their sentences were substantially reduced, Fr. Paul Kabat and Larry Cloud Morgan (Whitefeather) have been released from prison.

In accordance with federal procedures, a motion for reduction of sentence had been filed on behalf of both activists at the conclusion of their legal appeals. In court on Friday, March 13, Cloud Morgan's eight year sentence was reduced to 38 months, and Kabat's ten years cut to 40 months. Taking into account Fr. Kabat's vow of poverty and Cloud Morgan's material poverty and experience in drug and alcohol rehabilitation counseling, Judge Bartlett also ordered that the \$2,933 restitution they were to pay to the Air Force could be fulfilled by community service at a rate of \$10/hour. Finally, both men made verbal agreements not to violate the law in their efforts to change public policy.

HYDER'S FAST ENTERS 7th MONTH

Peace Fester Dr. Charles Hyder's lust for life continues to sustain him. His water-only vigil for nuclear disarmament in Peace (Lafayette) Park, opposite the White House, has drawn global press attention, despite poor coverage in the American and British press.

While in Geneva on January 29 Hyder and his aide Dr. Jim Evans called on both the U.S. and Soviet negotiators. The U.S. delegation offered to permit the physicist to speak with a public information officer. Hyder declined. The Soviets agreed to arrange a meeting with their delegation's Executive Secretary Artemiev.

The next day, Hyder, in defiance of his demonstration permit, established a quiet presence across from the gate to the U.S. Mission. When police arrived and told him he must get away and not return to the Embassy, he complied.

The meeting with Artemiev was held on February 2, and Hyder returned to Washington on February 3. Since that time, he has received a letter from Gorbachev asking that he end his fast. Gorbachev also invited Hyder to Moscow; an offer Hyder also declined.

Charles Hyder says he will stop his fast when the Congress passes this proposed amendment:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

WE, human beings threatened with nuclear fratricide, HEREBY call upon the Congress of the United States of America and of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to pass joint resolutions to amend their Constitutions and codify the following commitments:

The United States government, and all its agencies, shall jointly agree with the Soviet Union to: disable and dismantle all nuclear warheads by the year 2000 and not replace them with any weapons of mass destruction at any time; enter into a vigorous good faith effort to eliminate war, armed conflict, and all military operations from their relationships; aggressively promote policies intended to induce all nations on Earth to join in these commitments for world peace; and use recent annual levels of military and weapons program resources to convert all weapons, industry, employees, processes, plants, programs and complexes smoothly into constructive peacetime industries during the three years following the ratification of this Amendment.

Signatures on petitions bearing this proposal are being collected by the Peace Park Anti-Nuclear Vigil at the White House; P.O. Box 27217; Washington, D.C. 20038. Please add your signature to the list, for presentation to Congress, and send a SASE for a copy of the petition to circulate in your community.

With credit for good time served in prison, Kabat expected to serve about two more months, and Cloud Morgan another three weeks. Both men were granted a furlough for the weekend and ordered to turn themselves back in to their prisons the following Monday, thus avoiding the lengthy journey common for federal prisoners in transit within the system.

On Monday, March 16, Kabat presented himself at the federal prison in Oxford, Wisconsin, and was released within two hours. Cloud Morgan was released from the Terre Haute, Indiana federal prison that night.

Fellow Pruning Hook activist Helen Woodson long ago renounced any participation in appeals to higher courts or for a reduced sentence, and Fr. Carl Kabat, Paul's brother and the remaining member of the group, still has an appeal of his sabotage conviction awaiting possible review by the U.S. Supreme Court.

*"Touch gently the grass blanket
of our sacred Mother Earth...."*



*cover her with your life
if you must.
whitefeather '85"*

Valentines for GTE Workers

On February 13, at noon, about 70 members of the Atlantic Life Community came from as far away as Toronto and Washington, D.C., to GTE Strategic Systems Division plant at Westboro, Massachusetts. Nine members of the group first crossed onto the plant property, where Clare Grady, George Ostensen and Scott Schaeffer-Duffy poured blood on the snow-covered ground.

"This blood cries out from the soil for all nuclear victims--past, present and future: for the people of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, for people exposed to cancer by nuclear radiation, for people displaced from their homelands by nuclear testing. It cries out also for the 42,000 children who starve to death each day--children who could be fed by the dollars wasted on military madness."

GTE receives hundreds of millions of tax dollars producing command, control and communications systems for Minuteman and MX missiles, in addition to other military contracts in the billions of dollars.

Shortly after the nine crossed onto the plant property, they were followed by the entire crowd bearing large Valentine's Day cards for GTE workers.

Eventually, police arrested and took into custody Theresa Allen, Kimberly Crawford, Clare Grady, Dan Lawrence, Marian Mollin, Peter DeMott, Deirdre Nunez, George Ostensen and Scott Schaeffer-Duffy. The nine refused to make any promise to appear for trial, contending that they had done no wrong. All were released anyway, pending trial for trespass on Good Friday, April 17. Another action is planned for that day.

For more information, contact Peace Witness at GTE; 21 Jacques Ave.; Worcester, MA 01610; (617)753-3588.

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.



Willie Elam (six months)
Charles Mills III (awaiting sentencing)
Martin Luther King #40 (awaiting trial)
c/o Cancel the Countdown, 249 E. Merritt Island Causeway, Merritt Island, FL 32952.
(Trident II flight test site occupation, 1/87)

Sr. Ardeth Platte 10857-039
FCI Box 39, 3150 Horton Rd., Ft. Worth, TX 76119.
(Trespass at Wurtsmith AFB, multiple dates, 28 weeks - our 3/84)

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 Belmas
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.]

Ron Booth (out May 2)
Art Casey (in April 6-30)
Nye County Jail
P.O. Box 831
Tonopah, NV 89049
(Nevada Test Site trespass, 2/87)

Darla Bradley 03790-045 (8 years)
MB 99, 3150 Horton Rd., Ft. Worth, TX 76119.
Jean Gump 03789-045 (8 years)
Cottage 17, 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.
(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)

Richard Miller 15249-077
FCI, P.O. Box 33, Terre Haute, IN 47808.
(Nuclear train track dismantling, 7/85 - four years)

PREVIOUSLY LISTED, RECENTLY RELEASED:

Lin Romano, Greg Boertje, 12 John Does, Jennifer Haines, Kris Selvig, Brian Larkin, David Braun, Peter Sprunger-Froese, Sr. Carol Gilbert, Sr. Elizabeth Walters, Mike Miles, Barb Katt, John LaForge, Greg Klave, Fr. Peter Dougherty, Kurt Miron, Fr. Paul Kabat, Larry Cloud Morgan, Vince Eirene.

THE ARMY - NAVY GAME

For the seventh year in a row, a group from St. Francis Inn, a hospitality house in the Kensington section of Philadelphia, protested at the "Army-Navy Football Game" on Saturday, December 6. After unfurling a banner which read, "Hear the Cries of the Poor" and pouring blood and ashes at the main entrance to Veterans Stadium, the group held up the Cadet-Midshipman parade for about ten minutes. Removed forcefully by the mounted police,

nine people were arrested for trespass, cited and released.

In court the following week all were fined \$50. A letter was written informing the court that the fine--\$450--would be used for fuel for the poor people who need it much more than Caesar. That is the last that was heard from the court.

(Thanks to Pat Sieber, OFM)

WRITINGS FROM JAIL

THE INSIDE LINE



from Shakopee ~

Dear Ones,

Alderson is considered a high security prison. There are no locks, and prisoners have almost unlimited freedom to roam the 90 acre grounds. Alderson is high security because, while it's easy to walk away from, there's no place to go...Thus it was somewhat mystifying when suddenly my security level plunged downward, and I was headed out for low security Shakopee. My friends said there must be a catch, and there is. "Low security" Shakopee is bundled as tightly as an infant in a backpack. Buildings are locked, and when I exit my room, a light flashes in the guard's station. Movement between buildings takes place only hourly with a guard standing between buildings to count bodies. Stopping to chat along the way is forbidden. The reason for all this is that if one walked away, there are all kinds of places to go, including all of metropolitan Minneapolis/St. Paul...Alderson had rules, and most prisoners obeyed, but the attitude was frequently one of barely concealed contempt. Shakopee has many more rules, and I was told by several prisoners that this is good for us, because we need to learn "accountability"... Accountability, being a buzz-word even in resistance, is worth some evaluation, and I find the concept existing on two levels--vertical and horizontal. Vertical is for young children who must accept authority in order to avoid danger. Vertical accountability protects the child from the consequences of immature judgement...Horizontal accountability is for adults, reaching out to sisters and brothers in an attempt to respond to their needs. It requires constant questioning of society's assumptions in order to perceive those needs correctly and to act accordingly. Most authority, including that of state and church, actually interferes with horizontal accountability and must, therefore, be resisted...It would be a mistake to assume that prisoners have never experienced vertical accountability and need to be trained in it, for most grew up under the harsh demands of brutally abusive parents. Likewise, it would be an error to believe that the prison intends a progression from vertical to horizontal accountability, for what actually exists is simple transference--from the present staff to future employer, from present guards to future cops, from present regulation to future law. Good prisoners become good citizens, unquestioning and obedient, and the reward is "success"...Success is pushed here in all its American obscurity. Personal property allowances are liberal, and mail order is available to supply luxuries. The ultimate reward is a supervised shopping trip into the community. When I refused to take the psychological exams, I was told this privilege would never be mine, so I assume there is some positive correlation between certifiable sanity and

cash registers. My refusal to accept the entrance gift (a \$30 outfit from Penneys) and money for work performed here raised many eyebrows, and so I assume there is a positive correlation between material simplicity and presumed insanity. May we all become as mad as hatters!...It will be a different lifestyle here. Alderson meant socializing (how I miss my friends!); this place will involve, of necessity, much more in the way of serious study and reflection. If you think I'm opinionated now, just wait til I learn something! It will surely be a good sojourn, and I look forward to this time... Speaking of time, those familiar with the federal system may have heard of the 180-day rule under which a prisoner who refuses to sign parole agreements can be released 180 days short of the maximum sentence--a kind of state-sanctioned grace period. Alderson honors the 180-day option; Shakopee does not, so the date I've been given here is November 11, 1996, one day before the 12th anniversary of the Silo Pruning Hooks. With any luck, I'll be able to party for 23 hours and then mark the anniversary with a return to Missouri. My state of sobriety will not matter at all, since anything bashed at a missile silo deserves it...New mail rules: Please note the new number which must appear on letters. No personal checks are accepted; postal money orders only. Stamps may be enclosed with a letter, and a small quantity of either paper-back or hard cover books may be sent in by individuals. Visitors must be on an approved list, and hours are limited, so please tell me in advance when you're coming...The marshalls were considerate of my medical needs and provided a direct flight on commercial airlines. I was escorted by four pleasant marshalls in trenchcoats who stood in a semi-circle around me looking like nonchalant KGB agents ready to nab a defector. Transit can involve horrendous weeks in county jails, so I am grateful that they followed the doctor's orders and got me here quickly. I will express my thanks to the U.S. Marshalls Service, Prisoner Coordination, Federal Courthouse, Washington, D.C., and perhaps some of you may wish to do the same. It may be helpful to other prisoners if the marshalls realize that people are aware of the usually brutal conditions of transit and support and are grateful for the humane movement of all prisoners...Thus ends my first week of "orientation" wherein the values of a sick culture are presented as bribes for compliant behavior. Someday, we really must rid ourselves of prisons and get on with the work of healing and reconciliation...Part of my serious study will involve upgrading my joke collection, and your contributions are welcome (standard and off-color equally enjoyed). Thanks for all your continued support, and a special thanks to the Epiphany Plowshares who, on January 6, damaged a first-strike airplane and two assault helicopters, of the type used in Central America, at Willow Grove Air Force Base near Philadelphia. Also my gratitude to the European Plowshares who, on December 12, damaged Pershing missile launchers at Mutlangen Air Force Base, W. Germany. I eagerly await word from the German judges who planned civil disobedience for yesterday. Life/resistance (one and the same) go on and on. Enjoy!

Love and peace,
Helen

[Helen Woodson is serving a 12 year sentence for her part in the disarming of a Missouri missile silo in November, 1984.]

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back to jail. So was Turd, who also refused to participate.

Rev. Silent identified himself as Charles Mills III. He was convicted of trespass and is now also in jail awaiting sentencing.

The next day, Turd and No More Nukes were brought back to court. Turd gave his real name, Rolean. He presented to the court affidavits concerning the judge's prejudicial remarks to other protesters. The judge disqualified himself, and set a new trial for March 30.

A recess was called before the next case, that of No More Nukes. During the recess, the prosecutor prepared a response to the disqualification motion, and conferred at length with the judge.

No More Nukes identified himself for the court as 62 year old grandfather Norb Drouhard. Representing himself, he presented the same affidavits and motion for the judge to disqualify himself. Again, prosecutor and judge conferred. Drouhard was kept from approaching the bench. The prosecutor convinced the judge to throw out the motion, and reinstate himself as Rolean's judge as well.

The courtroom was cleared and refilled with a new jury pool. Drouhard found himself stymied by the system, which was pressing his case through "fast and furious". So he began to pray. In prayer, he refused to walk to the bench to be sworn in, repeating to the judge, "I have to pray."

The judge ordered a mental competency exam, to which Drouhard replied, "Does this mean you're taking me off to an asylum in Florida or Siberia?"

Drouhard then told the court that he likened himself before the court as a prisoner captured by the enemy. His training in World War II was that in such situations, you give the enemy only your name, rank and serial number. Turning to the jury pool, Drouhard called out his name, rank and serial number repeatedly until the judge ordered him taken back to jail.

A new trial date of April 20 has been set.



A flower blooms
in the winter.
Comrades go to jail.
But they don't go
alone.
They hold high
the blooming Flower
of Resistance.

Helen Woodson

Back at the jail, Adam Kinsey, the youngest and most vulnerable looking activist, was separated from the other peace prisoners. Placed in a "pod" with felons, he was verbally harassed and sexually threatened. He endured the situation for a day and a half, before convincing guards that he should be moved back with the other misdemeanor cases and fellow resisters.

Norb Drouhard and Rolean decided to post bond on Friday night, March 13, and Kinsey and Thompson were released Sunday, March 15. Martin Luther King and Charles Mills are the only men remaining in jail at this time.

To date, all trials have been of persons arrested occupying the launch area. Some people have forfeited their bail and pled no contest, but most trial dates are yet to come.

Vietnam vet Jim Welsh, defending himself, has won the only acquittal, and that from a six-person jury. They accepted this argument, backed up by cross-examination of his arresting officers, that he could have been where he was arrested without having willfully trespassed.

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Ash Wednesday

FMC

The innocently named "Feed Materials Corporation" of Minnesota operates a huge ordinance factory just north of Minneapolis. Included in Navy contracts which comprise much of its work are launch systems for the sea-launched cruise missiles.

Since groundbreaking at a new seven-story research center in downtown Minneapolis began, a group of people have maintained a vigil at FMC's big factory.

On January 16, a demonstration honoring Dr. Martin Luther King's vision included ten people walking on to FMC's property. At their arraignment, four people pled guilty. Their sentencing statements challenged the judge concerning her responsibility to render justice in such cases. She listened attentively, and fined each \$25, sentence suspended. The other defendants pled not guilty and are awaiting trial.

Then again on Ash Wednesday, March 4, seven more people were arrested at FMC, including some from the previous action. Arraignment for this group is set for March 20. All were released following their arrest.

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briefly on an additional charge due to a scuffle with his arresting officer. Nye County authorities, intent on avoiding the high-profile group trial that had been planned for January, are prosecuting each case individually over a period of several months. A small number of those arrested January 27 and February 5 have already served a five day sentence or paid a fine.

OTHER ACTIONS

One person was arrested at the test site entrance on February 12, when the second test of the new year was detonated. Four more were arrested there the next day, and on March 16, two men were arrested after entering the test site at the main gate. One of the March 16 resisters pled guilty and served six days in jail.

BACKCOUNTRY ACTIONS

In anticipation of the test originally scheduled for February 5, two teams each from Greenpeace and the Rocky Mountain Peace Center (RMPC) in Boulder, Colorado, began hiking onto the site in early February. One Greenpeace team of four was arrested on February 2.

Also arrested that day was Ron Booth. Acting independently, he was taken into custody several miles into the site as he walked along the Mercury Highway. Booth pled no contest and is currently serving a six month sentence. Now a jail trustee, Booth is getting double time credit and expects to be released May 2.

On February 5, one RMPC team left the site, while the remaining team of five was re-supplied by a three person team of "sherpas". One of the four left with a "sherpa", and two "sherpas" remained with the original team to await the next test.

Due to the continued human infiltration of the test site, security has been increased substantially. More sensors have been added on the many old roads traversing the Rhode Island-sized restricted area. At least two more helicopters are believed to be involved in searches, and ground personnel equipped with special night-vision goggles are at work.

Early on the morning of February 8, two of the RMPC team were arrested. In their possession were the packs and supplies of five people, prompting a more intense search for the owners of those packs.

With the supplies of only one person at hand, the four remaining activists split into two groups. The first two people proceeded without any extra clothing or water. The next morning at 3 a.m. they turned themselves in at ground zero. In the interim, the remaining two people had been found and arrested about four hours earlier.

All ten Greenpeace and RMPC backcountry activists were released after posting a \$510 bond per person.

Riverside

Also on Ash Wednesday, 18 people were arrested blocking both of the first floor entrances to the Riverside Research Institute in midtown Manhattan. Employees were compelled to enter their offices at the nuclear weapons and star wars research facility through fire exits on the 8th and 9th floors.

On March 12, Fordham University's Pax Christi blockaded the entrance at Riverside, resulting in the arrest of seven students and one professor.

In both actions, the blockaders were issued a summons and released.

Fifteen people arrested at Riverside on the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. were acquitted by City Judge York. In a verbal ruling, he noted that blocking the door is essentially a symbolic act, and that people could still get into their offices. The action, he determined, was thus within the constitutional rights of the protesters. A written version of this ruling is being sought by organizers of the Riverside actions.

For more information, contact Kairos Community, 225 Lafayette St. #207, New York, NY 10012; (212)226-4151.

LEGAL UPDATES

In March, Art Casey, who has been camped near the test site gate since the summer of 1986, was sentenced to 24 days in jail for crossing the line a third time. He begins serving his sentence April 6.

Casey's sentence indicates another increase in the severity of sentence anticipated for test site protests. Nye County Judge Bill Sullivan is now giving out sentences of six days in jail or \$150 fine for first offenses; 12 days or \$300 for the second time; 24 days or \$600 for the third time and 40 days in jail or a \$1000 fine for fourth convictions.

Attorneys working on behalf of some of those arrested at the test site recently have subpoenaed the contract Nye County signed with the federal government to handle test site prosecutions. Nye County is resisting the subpoena, and a decision on the matter is not expected until sometime in April or later.

For more information on actions at the Nevada Test Site, please see the contact addresses listed under Future Actions, page 7.

As we go to press, the Lenten Desert Experience is underway, with daily vigils at the test site gate and arrests anticipated on Good Friday and possibly before as well.



Letters of support can be sent to Ron Booth and (after April 6) Art Casey at the Nye County Jail; P.O. Box 831; Tonopah, NV 89049.

Women of Faith

As activists were assembling in a Las Vegas parking lot for the early morning caravan out to the test site, across the country in Springfield, Massachusetts, the Women of Faith affinity group staged a stop testing support demonstration of their own.

Six women stretched a thirty-foot banner proclaiming "Stop Nuclear Testing Before It Stops You" across State Street outside the Hampden County Hall of Justice in downtown Springfield at 9 a.m. Traffic was blocked for about 15 minutes as about a dozen supporters released white balloons in a simulated nuclear test and leafletted stalled motorists with a true/false "nuclear test".

Arrested and charged with disorderly conduct were Gail Kielson, Alice Christian, Thelma Grossholtz, Kathleen Swayze, Rachel King and Veronica Combs. The six women were released later pending arraignment March 30. For more information, contact Women of Faith, c/o Frances Crowe, 3 Langworthy Rd., Northampton, MA 01060.

Peltier Update



During the week of November 21, a blood vessel burst behind Leonard Peltier's left eye. This caused a blood clot in the retinal vein and a partial loss of vision. Prison doctors told him the damage was permanent and there was no further medical treatment. Peltier, however, is seeking the independent evaluation of a Kansas City retinal specialist. The physician's laser treatment, if appropriate, can be performed during the same visit. The Bureau of Prisons is so far denying this request, and has refused to allow the specialist access to Peltier's medical records.

Letters in support of Peltier's right to independent medical care should be addressed to Norman Carlson, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, 320 First St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20534, and Jerry O'Brien, Warden, U.S. Penitentiary, P.O. Box 1000, Leavenworth, KS 66048.

The new magazine format edition of *Crazy Horse Spirit*, the newsletter of the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, has just been released. It provides background information on Leonard's case. Contents also include the story of his recent receipt of the International Human Rights Prize awarded by the Human Rights Commission of Spain, and efforts in the Canadian Parliament to seek Peltier's return to Canada due to false evidence presented by the U.S. government to secure his extradition from Canada in 1976.

Subscriptions are \$12 for four issues, published seasonally, from the International Leonard Peltier Defense Committee; P.O. Box 6455; Kansas City, KS 66106; (816)531-5774.

Trial Set for Epiphany Plowshares

The Epiphany Plowshares will go on trial March 31 in federal court in Philadelphia, charged with destruction of government property, conspiracy to destroy government property (felonies) and trespass (misdemeanor). On January 6, Frs. Dexter Lanctot and Thomas McGann, Greg Boertje and Lin Romano entered the Willow Grove Reserve Air Station near Philadelphia. Inside, they used hand tools and blood to severely damage an anti-submarine aircraft and Marine assault helicopter. Their action was the first Plowshares action to specifically link opposition to first strike nuclear weapons systems and military intervention abroad.

On March 6, Romano and Boertje were released on their own recognizance, that evening joining the two Catholic priests (who had been released earlier) for a support rally with actor Martin Sheen. Continuing church hostility towards the action, the Philadelphia Archdiocese told the pastor of the Newman Center where the rally was held that the activists should not be welcomed there and that if they were, his position would be in jeopardy. On March 28, a procession of supporters will deliver to the home of Philadelphia Cardinal Kroll over 800 signatures on a petition protesting the injustice of his suspending the two priests from their positions.

As part of the events surrounding the trial, a Festival of Hope is scheduled for April 8, featuring Fr. George Zabelka, who chaplained the crew that dropped the bomb on Hiroshima. Hospitality will be provided for out-of-towners wishing to attend the trial.

For more information, contact the Montgomery County Coalition for Peace and Social Justice, P.O. Box 246; Ambler, PA 19002; (215)628-8086.

VICTORY FOR VANDENBERG VIGILERS

When last we left the Vandenberg vigilers, authorities at the Air Force Base had set a February 19 arraignment date for six people arrested on December 7 as they held banners along a public highway that passes through the base. For the second time in less than a year, the arraignment was set for a courtroom on the base, effectively preventing those who have been previously barred from the base from attending the public hearing.

And so once again, the vigilers filed suit against the base commander, who has repeatedly threatened to arrest anyone attending the arraignment who is currently barred from the base. The U.S. Attorney's office in Los Angeles, unwilling to get more involved than necessary in this imbroglio, at the last minute instructed base officials to announce that the arraignment had been indefinitely

postponed. This announcement was made over a bullhorn to the procession of defendants and their supporters as they again marched down the public highway into the base on the 19th. In response, the protesting procession stopped just short of the line, and served formal notice of their lawsuit to the base legal officer. Until then, he had refused to acknowledge receipt of notification of the suit, which is required before the legal battle can commence over the issue.

The vigilers presume that these latest charges have been dismissed, given the reluctance of the U.S. attorney in Los Angeles to prosecute the case there.

For more information, contact Ned Van Valkenburgh; 217 Marneil Ave.; Santa Cruz, CA 95062; (408)427-2399.

1ST AMENDMENT WINS IN PHOENIX

Arguing his first and only case in 40 years as a member of the Arizona Bar, businessman Herbert Kahn successfully defended his wife, Deanna, her son, Keith Shcolnik and Jim Driscoll, director of the Arizona Center to Reverse the Arms Race, on charges that they trespassed at the Phoenix offices of the Department of Energy (DOE) last August 6.

Along with two others who earlier pled no contest, the defendants had politely entered the public offices of the DOE last August 6 and requested that nonessential operations be shut down for the day in remembrance of the bombing of Hiroshima. Their request was denied, but the five declined the DOE's request that they leave the office lobby and they were eventually arrested.

Kahn argued that the mere presence of the defendants did not constitute trespass. Judge Michael Carroll, hearing the case from the bench, elicited from a DOE staffer who testified that aside from requesting that the office close for the day, the defendants did nothing further to disrupt business, and in fact were "as nice and orderly as could be".

Judge Carroll agreed with the first amendment argument and acquitted the three activists.

For more information, contact the Arizona Center to Reverse the Arms Race; 1210 E. Virginia Ave.; Phoenix, AZ 85006.

Update Files

ROCKY FLATS: Kris Selvig, arrested and jailed December 28 after walking across the line at Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant near Denver, was convicted on February 2 of trespass, and remained in jail until her sentencing on February 23. She was sentenced to pay the maximum \$1000 fine and released that day.

Jennifer Haines, facing a slightly different charge for stepping over a low barrier at the gate of the plant on Christmas Day, was tried and convicted by a 12-person jury on February 23. Federal Judge Carrigan sentenced her later that day to 90 days in jail, and then ordered her released two weeks early on March 11. She had also been jailed since her action...

NBAU/SUNNYVALE: Seven of eight No Business as Usual activists convicted on various charges during the Lock Down Lockheed action in April 1986, were sentenced on February 27 in Sunnyvale, California. Three people received 20 day jail terms plus fines up to \$340, up to 135 hours of community service and up to three years probation. One person received a 15 day jail term, and three others ten days, plus fines, probation and/or community service. All seven were released within five days after appeal bonds ranging from \$500 to \$6000 (for one woman characterized as a "leader") were posted. The eighth person will be sentenced April 3. All eight are appealing the convictions...

BANGOR: Fifteen people were arraigned in federal court February 6 on charges of trespass at the Bangor submarine base during a series of Nuremberg actions in 1986. Five of the 15 were arraigned on two counts each, and thus face a possible total of one year in jail should the maximum 6-month sentence be given consecutively for two convictions. On this basis, the defendants have all filed motions for a jury trial, which is their right in federal court only if they face a possible year or more in prison. The government is arguing against a jury trial, and has also filed motions in limine to bar defenses of international law and necessity. A trial date has been set for April 6...

SAC/OMAHA: Sr. Clare Manhart was sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended and one year probation for her re-entry at Offutt Air Force Base on December 28. John LaForge and Barb Katt, also charged with re-entry during the Holy Innocents Day demonstration at this Strategic Air Command Base, will appear for their hearing in Omaha on April 7...

PROJECT ELF: Mike Miles and Dave Gray were convicted of trespass at a bench trial March 9 in Ashland, Wisconsin. Miles, who had been jailed since the January 17 action, and Gray, who had served more than a week in jail before being released on bond, were both sentenced to time served. Peggy Cragun, who was arrested during the same action at the Trident submarine communications outpost, has requested a jury trial which is scheduled for June 5...

PENTAGON: For pouring blood on the steps of the Pentagon last December 29, Sunshine Appleby recently served 30 days in jail, courtesy of the federal government. Phil Berrigan, one of eight people charged with blocking the entrance that day, was convicted on March 17 and sentenced to pay a \$50 fine. He told the judge that in good conscience, he could not pay the fine. "Have you got the money?" the judge asked. "Yes, but I won't pay." "Then stay in jail until you do." Berrigan was held in the courthouse, expecting a ride to jail, until 5 p.m. when the judge ordered his release. Others arrested during the Holy Innocents actions in Washington face trial March 20 and in April...



SHADOW PROJECT/UKIAH: Charges of "paint advertising on a sidewalk" filed against eight Ukiah, California activists last August 6 have finally been dismissed. After defense attorneys indicated the prosecution would be challenged to prove just what the silhouettes of nuclear victims were advertising, the county attorney attempted to replace the charge with one for affixing political advertising to public property. The judge refused to permit this last-minute change, and charges were dismissed...

WINCON: Charges against 40 people arrested on the opening day of this annual weapons bazaar have been dropped. Unreported in our article about the WINCON protest in the last issue was the January 9 arrest of two people, Jackie Robison and Richard Hamel, for leafletting patrons in front of the Westin South Coast Plaza Hotel, in Costa Mesa, California. Bazaar participants are housed at the hotel, and the leafletting began several weeks before the conference as part of an effort to dissuade the hotel from participating. The two cases are still pending, and a defense on First Amendment grounds is being planned...

SEABROOK: Appeals to the New Hampshire Supreme Court are underway in the continuing effort to secure a trial by jury for a group of people arrested during demonstrations at the Seabrook nuclear power plant in 1986. Prosecutors seeking to avoid what would be the first major trial by jury of Seabrook opponents are attempting to reduce the charges from a misdemeanor to a violation...

SPACE SYMPOSIUM/COLORADO SPRINGS: Peter Sprunger-Froese has been released from jail, and charges against him for refusing to take his banner and leave the public exhibition hall of a Space Symposium have been dropped. Charges against Geoff Parker, who held the other end of the protest sign, are expected to be dismissed also.

In a related case, Peter, Esther Kisamore and Mary Lynn Sheetz were convicted in February on state trespassing charges resulting from a 1986 rally where George Bush was a featured speaker. Sprunger-Froese and Kisamore were sentenced to jail for 15 days, Sheetz for 5 days for unfurling a peace banner on what was private land, but where the public had been invited. Press accounts indicate that the landowner, county sheriff and Secret Service agents all claimed the others had been responsible for ordering the arrests.

Finally, Peter Sprunger-Froese, his spouse Mary Sprunger-Froese and Geoff Parker had city trespassing charges dismissed in early March. These last charges resulted from their arrest for holding signs at a rally for President Reagan at the Broadmoor resort last October. Dressed as Marie Antoinette, Mary's sign read, "SDI, let them eat pie in the sky"...

REMC0: Sunshine Appleby has lost the appeal of her conviction for trespass at this Willits, California manufacturer of hydraulic cylinders for MX and Trident missile systems. She is due to begin serving a 90 day jail sentence on April 30...

PANTEX: Richard Miller, serving a four year sentence for dismantling the railroad tracks at the Pantex nuclear weapons plant in 1985, has been moved to the federal prison in Terre Haute, Indiana, due to his noncooperation with prison work assignments...

WURTSMITH AIR FORCE BASE: Maurice Clevring was convicted February 20 in federal court on charges of re-entry trespass at this Michigan Strategic Air Command base last November. He will be sentenced March 24...

GROTON: Fifty-eight people arrested during protests at the launch of the Trident submarine USS Tennessee last December have had their charges dismissed...

FUTURE ACTIONS

HOLY WEEK

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.

livermore

For the fifth consecutive year, religious activists will come together for witness and resistance at the Livermore nuclear weapons laboratory in California on Good Friday, April 17. For more information, contact the Nonviolent Action Project; 3126 Shattuck Ave.; Berkeley, CA 94705; (415)644-3031.

pentagon

The Atlantic Life Community will gather once again in Washington, D.C. beginning Thursday, April 16, to confront the Pentagon and other institutions of war during the Holy Days. For more information, contact Jonah House; 1933 Park Ave.; Baltimore, MD 21217; (301) 669-6265.

riverside

Kairos Community and Plowshares/N.Y. are preparing for what they expect will be the largest resistance action ever at Riverside Research Institute in New York City on Good Friday. Riverside is traditionally the concluding point for a Stations of the Cross service that winds its way through the canyons of Manhattan. For more information, contact Kairos Community; 225 Lafayette St. #207; New York, NY 10012; (212)226-4151.

malmstrom afb

The ninth annual Easter Peace Action at the gates of Malmstrom Air Force Base, a Minuteman missile base in Great Falls, Montana, will include a rally, religious service and the opportunity for civil disobedience. For more information, contact Save All Living Things; P.O. Box 810; Great Falls, MT 59403; (406)453-2288.

faith & resistance 3

Three Faith and Resistance retreats are being planned for the summer of 1987. All will be based on the successful format of past Faith and Resistance retreats, being a time for people of faith to examine biblical nonviolence and their own response to the threat posed by nuclear weapons. May 23-25, the Prairie Peace Pilgrimage will gather at Faith Mennonite Church in Newton, Kansas. Featured speakers include Methodist Bishop Kenneth Hicks, Tom Cordaro, Molly Rush and Sam Day. The concluding nonviolent action will take place at McConnell Air Force Base in nearby Wichita, home of the B-1 bomber. For more information, contact Prairie Peace Pilgrimage; 1407 N. Topeka; Wichita, KS 67214; (316)263-0025 or 265-1292.

June 5-7, the MX Faith and Resistance retreat will take place near Fort Collins, Colorado. Nonviolent direct action will take place on the concluding day at Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyoming, control center for 200 ICBM's, including the first flight of MX missiles, which is now operational. For more information, contact MX Faith and Resistance Retreat; 2368 Emerson St.; Denver, CO 80205; (303) 837-1994.

August 3-6, Methodist Bishop Judith Craig is hosting a faith and resistance retreat in Midland, Michigan. Nonviolent direct action at Wurtsmith Air Force Base is Oscoda will conclude this retreat. For more information, contact the Home for Peace and Justice; 1 Northlawn Ct.; Saginaw, MI 48607.

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.

NEVADA TEST SITE

lenten desert experience

The sixth annual Lenten Desert Experience is now underway, with daily vigils at the gate of the test site and occasional civil disobedience. A major demonstration is planned for Good Friday, April 17. For more information, contact the Nevada Desert Experience; P.O. Box 4487; Las Vegas, NV 89127; (702)646-4814.

shalom seder

The Shalom Seder, a small gathering in Las Vegas and at the test site April 10-11 will explore peacemaking from a Jewish perspective. The gathering is sponsored by several progressive Jewish organizations in conjunction with the Nevada Desert Experience.

catholic bishops

May 3-5, Pax Christi USA will mark the fourth anniversary of the Catholic Bishops historic pastoral letter "The Challenge of Peace" with prayerful witness, fasting and nonviolent direct action at the test site. For more information, contact Nevada Desert Experience at the above address.

mothers & others

On May 10, Mothers and Others will gather at the test site for a Mother's Day demonstration and civil disobedience. Activities will begin in Las Vegas on May 9. Prior to the action, a women's desert peace camp on public lands near the Mercury, Nevada entrance to the site will be hosted by the women of the state of Oregon. For more information, contact the Mother's Day Action; P.O. Box 26725; Las Vegas, NV 89126; (702)363-5503.

backcountry

The Rocky Mountain Peace Center; P.O. Box 1156; Boulder, CO 80306; (303) 444-6981 is still recruiting activists to participate in backcountry attempts to delay specific nuclear weapons tests. These actions require stamina for several days of desert hiking with all gear and water. They also pose risk of injury due to ground movement at the moment of testing or radiation exposure in the rare case of an underground test that "vents". One day or overnight actions posing less risk and requiring less stamina are planned blockades of service roads and control centers in the testing areas. Please contact the RMPC for more information.

seabrook,

shoreham & chernobyl

The Clamshell Alliance is coordinating a week of demonstrations, April 26-May 2, to mark the first anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster and the tenth anniversary of the first mass civil disobedience action opposing nuclear power in the United States. On April 26, legal marches from Hampton Falls and Newburyport, New Hampshire will converge on the Seabrook station for a rally and vigil. On May 1, coordinated civil disobedience actions are planned for Concord, New Hampshire and Boston, Massachusetts at specific sites to be determined later. On May 2, the tenth anniversary of the arrest of 1,414 people occupying the Seabrook site, civil disobedience will again occur at the Seabrook plant. Demonstrators will build evacuation shelters just outside the gates, which is just outside the one-mile evacuation zone being promoted by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to circumvent local authorities' refusal to cooperate with a 10-mile radius evacuation plan. For more information on these actions, contact New Hampshire Clamshell Alliance; P.O. Box 734; Concord, NH 03301; (603)224-4163 or P.O. Box 877; Hampton, NH 03842; (603)926-2686, or Boston Clamshell Alliance; (617)387-1750.

Tentative plans are also being made for a May 2 action--"Remember Chernobyl, Bury Shoreham"--at the Shoreham nuclear power plant on Long Island. For more information, contact Long Island SHAD Alliance at (516)467-7879.

Around the country, legal actions in remembrance of the victims of Chernobyl are being coordinated for April 26 by Friends of the Earth, International; 530 7th St. SE; Washington, D.C. 20003; (202)543-4312 (attn: Kim Bobo).

canyon uranium mine

A healing action for the Mother Earth and nonviolent resistance at Energy Fuels Nuclear's Canyon uranium mine a few miles from the south rim of the Grand Canyon is planned for March 28. Earth First! and Canyon Under Siege are sponsoring the event as part of a continuing campaign against a new generation of uranium mines being drilled and planned near the Canyon. For more information, contact Canyon Under Siege; Owl Creek Star Route; Box 14; Flagstaff, AZ 86001; (602)774-8601 or in Tucson, (602)745-3907.

e.l.f.

EXPOSE THE LIES/RESIST THE LIES is the theme for an April Fool's Day action at Project ELF in Wisconsin. Among the lies being resisted at the noon-time circle of friends in the woods is the one told by the Navy on April 1, 1969. A press release that day promised the citizens of Wisconsin that Project ELF would be "dismantled and removed from the forest once testing is completed". For more information, contact Tom or Cassandra; 22 Water St., Ashland, WI 54806.

n.b.a.u.

No Business as Usual is coordinating a nationwide series of decentralized actions on April 1, focusing on star wars and preparations for WWII. University and high school students and youth are particularly being encouraged to make plans for a day of No Business as Usual on April 1. For more information, contact NBAU; 3309 1/2 Mission St. #127; San Francisco, CA 94110; (415)549-3077.

honeywell

One thousand and two (minimum necessary) or more midwest activists will encircle the corporate headquarters of Honeywell in Minneapolis the morning of April 30, in an "Arms against Arms" demonstration. The action will coincide with Honeywell's annual shareholders meeting, and challenge Honeywell management on four related issues--star wars, nuclear weapons, the use of non-nuclear weapons in Central America and around the world, and peace conversion without loss of jobs.

The demonstration will conclude with civil disobedience. For more information, contact the Honeywell Project; 1929 S. 5th St.; Minneapolis, MN 55455; (612)871-3753.

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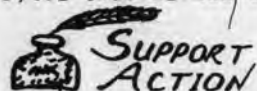
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The Cancel the Countdown office is not presently organizing more blockades or occupations, but encourages individuals and groups to come to Florida for future nonviolent actions nonetheless. Support for such independent actions will be provided. For more information, contact Cancel the Countdown, 249 E. Merritt Island Causeway, Merritt Island, FL 32952; (305)452-3719 or 453-8778.



Letters of support can be sent to Willa Elam, Martin Luther King #40 and Charles Mills at the Brevard County Detention Center; P.O. Box 800; Sharpes, FL 32959.



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Available for rental at \$10 or purchase at \$55. Cassette tape and text are included. Please contact Coalition to Stop Trident; Box 411; New Haven, CT 06502; (203)789-1932 or 562-7935.

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Dear Friends:

I am writing a book. The working title is "Secure the Doves!". I need your help.

The book is designed to present the cause of nuclear disarmament in such a way as to reach a wider reading audience. I plan to relate true incidents, anecdotes and quotations from anti-nuclear actions, arrests, trials and imprisonment which through their irony and humor underline the irrationality and grotesqueness of our national policies which have brought the world to the brink of destruction.

Please send me your own experiences and those of other people, also articles and clippings as soon as possible. You do not have to put them in publishable form. If you are short of time send me a description of them and quotations where possible. If I want to use them and need more information I will contact you again. Thank you in advance for your help.

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...Missile Silo E-46, near Starkweather, North Dakota will be surrounded by a small tent city for ten days this summer, becoming the home for the Starkweather Missile Silo Peace School. From June 19 through June 28, Nukewatch, the North Dakota Peace Coalition and the Lake Region Peace Network will sponsor the free, legal, nonviolent gathering. Campers can take part in and conduct workshops and presentations on the arms race, Central America, feminism, peace conversion, farm issues, civil disobedience and much more. Families and pets are welcome! Come for a day, a week or the whole ten days. For more information and to offer help in creating the Peace School curriculum, contact Nukewatch; 315 W. Gorham; Madison, WI 53703; (608)256-4146.

...Bombs Across America, a national H-bomb truck watch is scheduled for the week of May 10-17. This will be the first nuke-truck watch jointly coordinated by the National Mobilization for Survival and Nukewatch. For more information about participating, contact Mobilization for Survival; 853 Broadway, Rm. 418; New York, NY 10003; (212)995-8787.

...A national conference on nonviolence, "Nonviolence: Creating Personal & Political Power", will take place from June 19-23, 1987 in the Black Hills of South Dakota. For more information, contact The National Conference on Nonviolence; 802 11th Avenue; Brookings, SD 57006; (605)688-4518.

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