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The Nuclear Resister is published about every six weeks to help support jailed and imprisoned anti-nuclear activists. Since 1980, the Nuclear Resister has strived to provide a comprehensive chronicle of anti-nuclear civil disobedience in the United States and Canada. The Nuclear Resister networks this nonviolent resistance movement and is recognized as a clearinghouse for information related to contemporary nonviolent resistance to the nuclear threat.

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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THE WHITE ROSE ACTION

Missile Guidance Computer Damaged



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In the early hours of June 2, at the unlocked gate, she left a bouquet of flowers, a box of Mrs. Field's cookies, and this note:

"I have no gun,
you must have lots.
Let's not be hasty,
No cheap shots.
Please have a cookie and a nice
day.
In Peace, Katya"

Once inside Vandenberg Air Force Base, Katya Komisaruk made her way to a building labeled "NAVSTAR", for Navigation System Time and Ranging.

Breaking a window to open the door, Komisaruk entered the building with her hammer, crowbar and cordless electric drill. Uninterrupted for more than two hours, she damaged the IBM mainframe computer and a satellite dish atop the building. Using a crowbar, she removed the computer's chip boards and danced on them. On the walls of the building, she spray-painted "Nuremberg" and other slogans.

After completing her task, and still not discovered by base security, Komisaruk walked back to the road and hitchhiked back to her home in San Francisco.

The next morning, during a press conference at the Federal Building in San Francisco, Komisaruk explained her action and surrendered to the FBI. She was released later that day on \$10,000 bond.

The NAVSTAR system, when fully operational in 1988, will consist of 18 orbiting satellites broadcasting navigation signals to any point on the planet. These signals will provide Trident II and other nuclear missiles with the necessary guidance from three or more satellites to give their warheads unprecedented accuracy - accuracy sufficient to knock out hardened targets like Soviet missile silos and command centers in a nuclear first strike. The satellites and their ground-based computer support system are integral to U.S. plans for such first-strike capability.

Air Force authorities acknowledged the damage, but claimed that the computer she damaged was no longer used for NAVSTAR, and that NAVSTAR control operations had been transferred 18 months earlier to Colorado Springs, Colorado. Told of their assertion that she had disarmed an obsolete computer, Komisaruk noted that if it was true, "I'd be disappointed. On the other hand, I am really pleased with what I did. Even if what I've done has no real effect [on NAVSTAR], people will hear of it. It will have its effect. There is more work to do, if not for me then for other people."

Despite the Air Force claim that the disarmament action had no effect on their programs, Komisaruk, 28, has been charged with destruction of government property and, more seriously, destruction of national defense materials (sabotage). The only

KATYA'S STATEMENT PRIOR TO ARRAIGNMENT

I certainly hope that I'm not sentenced to the full twenty years. I'll consider my efforts at disarmament worthwhile, however much time I spend in prison - but I'd just as soon it were less rather than more. The longer I spend behind bars, the longer it will be 'til I can become a mother. I want so much to have a baby - more than anything else in my life - and I didn't feel I could legitimately become a parent unless I made a serious attempt at making the world safer for my child. When I talk with my mother about being a parent, she tells me how important it is to prepare: to have health insurance, a comfortable home, a safe neighborhood, a good school. Yet what good are all these nice things, if my child will perish in a nuclear fire-storm? To raise a child is a great responsibility; I had to take what responsibility I could to protect my baby's future, before I could bring that baby into the world.

In a lighter vein, I've been considering the matter of security at Vandenberg Air Force Base. I imagine there were some very red faces among the security personnel, in the wake of my activities at the NAVSTAR complex. Naturally, I was inspired to verse:

Regarding those who guard the base
And thus have suffered loss of face:
I'm sure they're honest, true and
staunch --
But just a trifle out to launch.

civilians successfully prosecuted in peacetime for sabotage are the four Silo Pruning Hooks and Martin Holladay, all of whom damaged nuclear missile silos in Missouri. Komisaruk faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in jail and a \$500,000 fine.

At her arraignment July 13 in federal court in Los Angeles, Komisaruk pled not guilty to both charges. A trial date of September 8 was set.

Komisaruk feels very identified with Sophie Scholl, a young German woman executed by the Third Reich for her public propagandizing against Nazi atrocities as part of the White Rose group.

For more information and to express support or make donations to her defense, contact the Katya Komisaruk Defense Collective; 1716 Felton St.; San Francisco, CA 94134; (415)821-3392.

MISTRIAL DECLARED FOR EPIPHANY PLOWSHARES

The third prosecution of the Epiphany Plowshares ended July 15 with the declaration of a mistrial. Before the prosecutor even completed his case, he asked for the declaration because, he said, the jury was "hopelessly tainted". Throughout the trial, supporters in court persistently spoke out about the issues the judge had barred the jury from hearing. Two previous trials had ended with hung juries.

On July 13, Greg Boertje and Lin Romano returned to federal court in Philadelphia, facing charges of trespass, destruction of government property and conspiracy. The previous week, their two co-defendants, the Reverends Thomas McGann and Dexter Lanctot, pled guilty to trespass. Both felt it was time to end their participation in the protracted proceedings and move on to other projects. In return for their pleas, their other charges were dropped.

After a day of jury selection, District Judge Raymond Broderick ordered strict limits on defense testimony. References to nuclear war, foreign policy, international law and the law of God were among the forbidden topics.

In his opening statement, Greg Boertje began by referring to the indictment the defendants left at Willow Grove Reserve Air Station on the Christian holiday of Epiphany, January 6. On that day, the four activists had damaged an anti-submarine aircraft and two combat helicopters like those used in Central America. Boertje was cited for contempt because the indictment referred to International Law. A second contempt citation came when Boertje continually asserted God's law as the basis for their action.

As the prosecution began building its case, supporters, who filled the court, one by one rose to speak on the subjects forbidden to Boertje and Romano. Whenever the judge would sustain an objection to a defendant's statement or question, a supporter would stand in the courtroom to address the taboo truth. By the end of the first day of testimony, at least 25 people had been ejected from the courtroom and barred from re-entry for the rest of the trial.

The next day Judge Broderick did not convene court until nearly noon. In the meantime, several supporters were dragged limp from the courtroom after being identified as among those ejected the day before. When Broderick arrived, he heard and granted the prosecution motion for a mistrial. Broderick also ordered that for their fourth trial, Boertje and Romano must be represented by an attorney.

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Resistance Reflections

Impressions of Resistance in Germany
May 1987

by Suzanne Schmidt

Harsh realities of nuclear madness keep interrupting my normal life, routine, business, pleasure, recreation. How others manage to keep denying these realities and numbing fears and pains is a mystery -- and may even be our doom...for in denial, silence, blindness, paralysis there is cooperation and complicity with the monster. The only hope for change, the only way out of the trap of nuclear horror is through awareness, knowledge, faith and commitment that leads to action.

So it is in the Hunsruck, a beautifully hilly area of fields, pastures, forests and small towns, located about 50 miles west of Frankfurt. The 100,000 inhabitants are thinly scattered, villages are quiet and simple, the air is clean and delicious, the scenery is soothing and lovely, especially with the surge of Spring. Yet this "idyllic" region has been militarized for centuries. After 1945, the American military took over Nazi sites and continued to expand, expropriating land...Now over 60 military bases and thousands of soldiers occupy the region, with airfields, bombers, missiles, nuclear warheads, war games...For 25 years no industry has developed, thus forcing the impoverished country-folk to accept employment with the military. Two towns have responded differently--one with silence and denial, one with resistance and hope.

Luttenhausen is being engulfed by Hahn Air Force Base. Townspeople refuse to see beyond the fence which borders their homes, shops, restaurants, farms and even their cemetery ("rest in peace" on many tombstones, but a constant roar of military equipment and traffic should warn the living that this is not peace!). They create their own silence, a deadly one, that allows the madness to grow, to eat them up slowly but surely. More American soldiers come, often with their families, dealing in English, dollars, drugs, alcohol, gambling, prostitution, and used cars...just to "do a job"...also not looking at what they are doing. "Cancer" consumes the village.

Resistance and hope are obvious to one who approaches Bell (only 10 miles from Hahn Air Force Base): from one side, one sees a rainbow across the side of a house; from the other side, a lonely barn proclaims a response fittingly painted by artists from Dusseldorf: a giant cow with a cruise missile caught in her horns, a broken missile at her hoofs; the next side with a huge crow and side-view of a missile-bunker; and around the corner the open bunker with missile jutting out, with 2 skeleton-figures above it, ringing the black bell...A few years ago, the cancer began creeping into Bell's land: cutting beloved forests and constructing a helicopter landing-pad -- for delivery of nuclear warheads (don't worry, "no immediate danger"); extension of a runway; talk of their land being expropriated; plans for an emergency hospital and elementary school; homes and other buildings being measured (to be occupied in times of "tension"). Over the past 3 years, "bomb-proof" sites have been constructed on the Bell/Hasselbach base, the largest and "safest" base of cruise missiles in Western Europe...with a total explosive force (in 96 cruise missiles) six times greater than the total destructive force of World War II, within 175 acres of "renovated" forest.

But word gets around; information is distributed; protests, demonstrations and blockades take place; women collect signatures and the community decides against the construction (declared null and void by the war ministry); a cross is placed at the main gate to the construction site/base and every Sunday afternoon peace-prayers are spoken (sometimes

hundreds of people come); people take courage and speak out. Ninety-six crosses are put up in a field between the barbed-wire fence and the Hunsruck-Ridge highway...Fourteen times they have been sawed off or taken down, and 14 times the people have put the crosses back on again (hard work, re-digging 3-foot-deep holes and sometimes reconstructing the life-size crosses)...an important lesson and practice of faith and nonviolence. People come from distant places of the world to be there among the 96 crosses, to go to the increasingly fortified main gate and pray, to paint their peace messages on the entire cement wall (now being covered over with "graffiti-resistant" paint, just as the Pentagon has tried to coat its pillars against blood-pourings and spray-paintings).

These are a quiet, reserved but friendly, gentle people. Stepping out of their everyday "norm" to speak and act out against the madness growing around them takes great courage. They are encouraged by their protestant minister-family, Jutta and August Dahl, who radiate warmth, joy, vitality, wisdom, compassion, determination. One feels at home here, just as Jutta when she first came seven years ago: "The people here are as beautiful as the land." Aware of this paradise endangered, Jutta says: "Human factories of annihilation have all been built in the midst of people, and here I live so close and simply cannot let us act as though nothing had changed. I don't want the people here, myself included, to hush up while the most brutal machines of death arise in our midst." And slowly people face the realities, and some of them join the Sunday vigil. In Jutta's words: "Up at the peace prayer a new kind of community has developed. There is so much that united all those who come, such an absolute trust among one another, so much love, that overcomes the many differences of people's backgrounds. I wouldn't want to miss all this."

Love and responsibility and hope have led August Dahl and others to blockade the cruise missile base, and to share the lives of the people of the community, always open to others.

Government negotiators talk of reducing missiles in Europe. Fear, caution, doubt...Meanwhile, the U.S. military expands its Pershing II and cruise facilities in Germany. For 2 weeks in May the Pershing convoys are out on maneuvers in southern Germany, the missiles perched in hiding on the launcher-transporter trucks, winding through the countryside to their "hidden" positions in the forests. Accidents and breakdowns occur often. It is frightening but hopeful to stand next to a stalled truck and missile, face-to-face with a soldier and his/her machine gun, defending the monster from nonviolent friends. All week long, senior citizens and others, who have come from all over Germany to Mutlangen and Heilbronn, express their resistance in blockades and vigils and sharing, refusing to be silent in the face of war activities.

Many hundreds of citizens are joining the pledge of resistance... refusing to remain silent. Never again...

[Suzanne Schmidt participated in the Trident II Pruning Hooks action in April, 1985, and served a one-year jail sentence in Rhode Island.]

THANKS

THANKS to George, James, Miriam, Karen, Carrie, Ariah, Rob, Jan, Michael and Andy for helping to mail the last issue.

This is the first issue we've done on our computer! Thanks to our friends at Green Action for donating it--

More Reflections

18 June 1987
H.D. Thoreau
Of Late,
Concord, Mass.

Editors
Nuclear Resister
Tucson, AZ

Dear Editors:

Blabbergasted at the suggestion of Todd Kaplan that others pay his restitution, I offer the following from my essay *On the Duty of Civil Disobedience*:

"If others pay the tax which is demanded of me, from sympathy with the State, they do but what they have already done in their own case, or rather they abet injustice to a greater extent than the State requires. If they pay the tax from a mistaken interest in the individual taxed, to save his property, or prevent his going to jail, it is because they have not considered widely how far they let their private feelings interfere with the public good."

Sincerely,

Henry David Thoreau
(aka John Michael LaForge)



Draft Registration Resister Sentenced

Gillam Kerley, a public non-registrant from Madison, Wisconsin, represented himself through four and one-half years of litigation in federal court, before finally being convicted by a jury last April. On May 29, Kerley received the stiffest sentence since the Viet Nam war for registration refusal when District Judge John Shabaz handed him a three year jail term and \$10,000 fine.

Letters of support can be sent to Gillam Kerley, 01988-090, D-1; Federal Prison Camp; P.O. Box 1000; Leavenworth, KS 66048. Contributions to his appeal can be sent to Madison Society of Friends; Legal Defense and Bail Fund; P.O. Box 606; Madison, WI 53701. Letters of support and requests for more information can be sent c/o Madison Draft Resistance Coalition; 731 State St.; Madison, WI 53703.

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BACK ISSUES AVAILABLE

Back issues of the Nuclear Resister and its predecessor, the NENPSC Newsletter are available individually or in sets. This is the most complete chronicle of anti-nuclear civil disobedience in the United States since 1980 available. It is an invaluable resource for historians, libraries, archives, collectors of the alternative press and movement junkies. Please inquire for a complete price list.

Unless otherwise noted, the views expressed on these pages are those of the author and not of the Nuclear Resister or the National No-Nukes Prison Support Collective.

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Montana Childcare Provider Jailed for Caring

As a child care provider, Cheryl Wishneski opens her home to many children every day. When she crossed the line at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, Montana last Easter Sunday, she was fulfilling her daily commitment to provide for the wellbeing of not only her own children, but many others as well.

And so it was, that at her trial before a federal magistrate in Great Falls on June 25, the parents of those children she cares for also took the stand to testify on her behalf. And although the magistrate listened with interest to their testimony and that of Wishneski and her pastor, upon conviction he handed down a sentence of six months in jail. Five months would be suspended if she also paid a \$125 fine.

Weighing the options, the other parents have organized a benefit picnic on Cheryl's behalf to raise money for the fine. That way they can have her back in person caring for their children each day at the end of her month in jail. She began serving her sentence on July 15.



Letters of support can be sent to Cheryl Wishneski; Cascade County Jail; 326 3rd Avenue North; Great Falls, MT 59405.

Faith & Resistance II Update

In April, 1986, following the Faith and Resistance II retreat, Ron Renkoski and Mary Knebel were the only two among 78 people arrested at Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri to be charged with re-entry. Both were convicted in October.

For several months, Renkoski called on the magistrate in his chambers to inquire about just when he would be sentenced. Finally, on May 21, some 57 weeks after their arrest, Renkoski and Knebel were sentenced. Knebel was sentenced to two years probation and a \$500 fine, and Renkoski to 90 days in jail.

For more information, contact Lana Jacobs; 509 Clinkscales Rd.; Columbia, MO 65201.



Letters of support can be sent to Ron Renkoski, #03968-045; Dorm D-1; L.U.C.; P.O. Box 1000; Leavenworth, KS 66048.

HONEYWELL UPDATE

The first trial group resulting from the April 30 action at Honeywell earned sentences slightly stiffer than has been the norm. Eight people were convicted July 15 and sentenced the next day.

When sentencing, the judge considered previous arrests, and gave longer terms to the repeaters, regardless of whether those arrests resulted in trial and conviction. First-timers were given a choice between two days in jail and a \$110 fine, plus ten days more in jail if convicted again within one year.

Second-timers spent at least two days in jail plus ten more days or a \$200 fine, with 28 jail days left "hanging" for one year.

One third-timer spent five days in jail, plus 20 more days or \$300 fine, with 40 days hanging. Jim Carman, arrested for his fourth time, is spending at least ten days in jail, plus 30 more days or a \$400 fine, with 20 days hanging.

For more information, contact the Honeywell Project; 1929 S. 5th St.; Minneapolis, MN 55454; (612)339-3524.



Letters of support can be sent to Jim Carman; Hennepin County Adult Correctional Facility; 1145 Shenandoah Lane; Plymouth, MN 55447.

ARRESTS IN NEVADA & D.C.

STOP NUCLEAR TESTING

Resistance to nuclear weapons tests continued in June, both at the test site and in Washington D.C.

On June 9, about 250 Unitarian Universalists from across the nation travelled to the Nevada desert. Their action in Nevada coincided with the Test Ban Caravan to Washington, D.C., where activists from around the nation engaged in intensive lobbying of Congress and a nonviolent direct action in front of the White House.

Eighty-seven arrests were made at the test site, with most of those occurring at the cattle guard marking the boundary at the Mercury, Nevada gate. A few people crossed the barbed wire fence onto the site nearby. All were released shortly thereafter, and will not be further prosecuted. This is in accord with the present district attorney's policy of dealing with such protests.

In Washington, about 400 people rallied in Peace (Lafayette) Park on June 9. After the rally, demonstrators crossed Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House fence. A few people handcuffed themselves to the fence, while others tied family photos, pictures of friends and yellow ribbons to the iron bars. Some spread cans of food out along the base of the fence, demonstrating the need to feed the hungry of the world.

One hundred and six people were arrested and charged with demonstrating without a permit. Fifteen refused to cooperate with the booking process and were jailed overnight. At arraignment the next day, all identified themselves and were released. Seven entered a plea of no contest and were sentenced to 90 days unsupervised probation.

Most defendants chose to pay a \$50 penalty. At an arraignment June 24, 26 people appeared in district court. Many pled no contest, receiving a probation sentence. Eleven people are moving for a bench trial before a district judge, while the remainder will appear in magistrate's court in late July or August.

On June 15, about 250 people again converged on the Nevada test site for a demonstration sponsored by the American Peace Test. As a challenge to the present prosecution policy, those who chose to cross the line and risk arrest

returned again and again after being cited and released. After issuing about 190 citations, sheriff's deputies stopped writing any more, noting that everyone had already received up to four citations. The protest action then concluded, as it was clear there would be no prosecution no matter how many times a person crossed the line.

TEST SITE UPDATES

On July 8, American Peace Test (A.P.T.) co-founder Jesse Cocks and staff person Peter Bergel were arraigned in Nye County on charges of gross misdemeanor conspiracy, primarily in regards to their work organizing the November, 1986 A.P.T. demonstration. Trial is set to begin November 16. A similar charge against Nevada Desert Experience staffer Duncan MacMurdy has been dropped.

BACKCOUNTRY

Four groups of activists arrested this year in the backcountry of the Nevada test site were scheduled for consecutive trials July 15-17. On July 15, the first three trial groups were given the option of pleading no contest to trespass, in exchange for an agreement that sentencing would be postponed for one year - and then, if the individuals were not convicted of similar acts in Nye County, charges would be dismissed. Accepting this agreement were four Greenpeace activists arrested February 2; five Boulder, Colorado activists arrested at or near ground zero on February 8 and 9; and two Boulder men arrested at the test control center on May 7.

The two men arrested at the control center, John Chanin and Greg Gable, had also been charged with conspiracy. A Las Vegas Review Journal reporter who had interviewed the two before they left for the test site backcountry was subpoenaed to testify on this charge. He refused, and the conspiracy charge was dismissed.

Six Boulder, Colorado, women faced trial on July 17 for trespass arrests in the backcountry of the test site last May 13. They were convicted in a bench trial and sentenced to the maximum six months in jail. Out on appeal, the women face a second trial on conspiracy charges October 5.

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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.



Ron Renkoski 03968-045
Dorm D-1; L.U.C.; P.O. Box 1000; Leavenworth, KS 66048.
(Whiteman AFB trespass, 4/86 - 90 days - out 8/20)

Cheryl Wishneski
Cascade County Jail; 326 3rd. Avenue North; Great Falls, MT 59405.
(Malmstrom AFB trespass, 4/87 - 30 days - out 8/14)

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

Brent Taylor, Ann Hansen, Doug Stewart, Gerry Hannah, Julie Belmas
c/o the Nuclear Resister, P.O. Box 43383, Tucson, AZ 85733.
("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.]

Greg Boertje
Philadelphia Detention Center; 8001 State Road; Philadelphia, PA 19136.
(Epiphany Plowshares trial, contempt of court, 7/14 - 20 days - out 8/4)

Jim Carman
Hennepin County Adult Correctional Facility; 1145 Shenandoah Lane; Plymouth, MN 55447
(Honeywell headquarters trespass, 4/87 - 10 to 40 days - in 7/16)

Helen Woodson 141-242 (12 years)
c/o Dixon, 622 Water St., Ashland, WI 54806.
Fr. Carl Kambat 03230-045 (18 years)
FCI, P.O. Box 1000, Milan, MI 48160.
(Jackhammer disarmament of Missouri missile silo, 11/84)

Larry Morlan 03788-045
PFC, P.O. Box 1000, Marion, IL 62959.
Jean Gump 03789-045
Cottage 17, P.O. Box A, Alderson, WV 24910.
(Missouri missile silo disarmament, 3/86 - eight years)

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

John LaForge 12388-047
PFC, P.O. Box 1000, Marion, IL 62959.
Barb Katt 12387-047
Box 120, 3150 Horton Rd., Ft. Worth, TX 76119.
(Strategic Air Command, Omaha, trespass, 12/86 - six months - out 10/87)

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

PREVIOUSLY LISTED, RECENTLY RELEASED:
Daria Bradley, Ken Rippetoe, Johnny Baranski, Felton Davis, Tom Hastings.

DELAWARE PUMP RESISTANCE RESUMES

The Delaware River is the last major east-coast waterway to flow unimpeded and undiverted into the sea. In the early 1980's, construction of a major diversion project in Bucks County - the Point Pleasant Pump - began. The pump would drain up to 100 million gallons of river water daily to supply the Philadelphia Electric Company's (PECO) Limerick nuclear power plant with an adequate cooling source.

When construction began, long-simmering public opposition to the project came to a rapid boil. In early 1983, a citizen's blockade sought to prevent bulldozers from preparing the riverside for the massive pumping station. (see *The Nuclear Resister*, #15, 3/9/83) The blockade further fueled public opposition. A local referendum confirmed overwhelming opposition to the diversion plan, and pump opponents were elected to control the county commission. The new commissioners then appointed the director of Del-Aware Unlimited, the citizen's group leading the opposition, to head the local water resources board. This board had previously worked with PECO in promoting the pump.

For a time, the battle seemed won; a notable victory for democratic action and anti-nuclear and conservation advocates.

PECO, however, continued to work against the public will for the diversion project. They sought and received state permits to construct the Bradshaw Reservoir to store diverted Delaware River water, and sought a court order compelling the county to resume pump construction.

That order was issued in May, 1987, by Bucks County Judge Isaac Garb, a long time pump sympathizer. On June 2, three years after construction was stopped, it resumed again. This, in spite of the fact that the new Governor, Robert Carey, had also just ordered the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources to conduct an independent review of the entire project. Carey himself is on the record as opposing the pump.

Despite the heaviest thunderstorm of the year striking on the same day that construction resumed, some 350 people assembled at the pump site that morning to protest. PECO meanwhile sought an injunction from Judge Garb, restricting protests at the site.

On June 4, the injunction was granted, and posted at the site the following morning. Del-Aware responded

by agreeing to respect the limitations of the injunction, while respecting the rights of individuals to acts of conscience.

The morning of June 5, 33 people chose to sit in front of the gate and prevent access to construction equipment. They were arrested and taken to a hearing before Judge Garb. Since that time, 60 more people have been arrested for violation of the injunction.

All but one of the 93 arrested have purged themselves of any civil penalty by promising not to violate the injunction again. One man is seeking to have Garb removed from the case because of his bias towards the pump project.

Meanwhile, pump opponents also sought a court order to suspend construction at the pump (which is on state land) until the completion of the independent review. This relief was granted, and on June 22, construction at the pump site again halted.

ARRESTS AT RESERVOIR SITE

Also in June, PECO began clearing the site for the Bradshaw Reservoir, which will be located on land the utility owns. In early July, 18 people were charged with criminal trespass as they attempted to impede bulldozers clearing the site.

After several days of resistance local authorities stopped arresting protesters at the reservoir site. PECO sought injunctive relief again and on July 13 protests at the pump site were also restricted. Ten people were arrested that morning for violation of the injunction, a civil charge; they were released after promising not to violate its provisions again. A pre-trial hearing for the 18 facing criminal charges is set for September 18.

Del-Aware is calling for people who care about democracy and community control over resources and the environment to join in the struggle, which is quickly coming to a climax. Activists are encouraged to come to Bucks County for a large rally August 1 and lobbying and civil disobedience thereafter. Donations can be sent to the address below, checks payable to "Democracy Summer."

For more information, please contact Del-Aware Unlimited, 6 Stockton Avenue, New Hope, PA 18938; (215)862-9862. 24-hour taped hotline: (215)862-3333.

MX - Faith & Resistance

About 200 people came together in Fort Collins, Colorado on the weekend of June 5-7 for the MX-Faith and Resistance Retreat. Participants gathered at the Engineering Building on the campus of Colorado State University to listen to several speakers and take part in religious services and small group discussion of the issues of faith, nonviolence as a way of life, the MX missile, and the challenge to become resistance faith communities.

Organizers invested considerable time in planning integrated activities for the children attending the retreat. This was much appreciated by the parents and other adults and seemed to contribute to the number of children who took part in the concluding action on Sunday.

On Pentecost Sunday, June 5, the retreat drove in caravan about an hour north of Fort Collins to F. E. Warren Air Force Base, in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Warren Air Force Base is notable for the absence of any runways for aircraft. Its mission consists solely of maintaining, operating and preparing to launch about 200 Minuteman nuclear missiles and, most recently, the first ten of a planned 50 MX nuclear missiles.

After a brief rally at the gate near the MX missile assembly building, affinity groups began to walk across the line onto the base. A total of 98 adults were taken into custody, along with 14 of their children ranging in age from a few months to their teens. The adults were all issued letters

barring them from the base for two years, and released a couple of hours later with their children. Among the adults were seven Wyoming residents, including state representative Lynn Dickey, Democrat from Sheridan.

For more information, contact MX-Faith and Resistance Retreat; 1660 Ogden St.; Denver, CO 80218.

"The Harvest of Cruise is Blood & Ashes!"

About 20 activists gathered at the gate to greet an estimated 75,000 people attending "Commander's Day", June 27, at Griffiss Air Force Base at Rome, New York.

Peter DeMott and John Pendleton joined the throng entering the base. In front of a cruise-missile capable B-52 bomber they unfurled a banner originally used by the Griffiss Plowshares group in November, 1983. The banner read: "The Harvest of Cruise is Blood and Ashes!"

The men were quickly apprehended, photographed, fingerprinted and questioned before being taken off the base and issued permanent ban and bar letters. Prosecution for disorderly conduct was mentioned, but no charges have been filed.

For more information, contact Peter DeMott; 133 Sheffield Rd.; Ithaca, NY 14850.

Seabrook Joe Dragged Out of Governor's Inaugural

At the January 8 inauguration of New Hampshire Governor John Sununu, Stephen Comley arrived early to ask the Governor about his advocacy of the Seabrook nuclear power plant.

After initially allowing Comley into the Hall of Representatives, guards asked him to leave. Instead of leaving, Comley moved quickly down the aisle toward the podium, shouting questions to the crowd awaiting the Governor's appearance.

While security officers wrestled him out of the hall, Comley shouted "This is America. Isn't this wonderful?"

At his trial, Comley claimed he never intended to disrupt the proceedings, and that his actions were protected by the First Amendment. A judge found him guilty and imposed a \$100 fine.

Comley is appealing the conviction to the New Hampshire Supreme Court. This will be an interesting appeal, because all of the Supreme Court judges were witness to the "crime".

UPDATES

Three people arrested at the Merrill Lynch office in Boston on May 1 had their charges dismissed. They were told to pay \$50 costs and a \$15 victim's fee.

Seven people arrested the same day during a sit-in at Sununu's office were found guilty at a trial July 2. When asked by the judge what they thought their fine should be, they said they would not pay a fine but would consider community service. Sentencing was continued until some future date.

No trials have been held for people arrested May 2 at the Seabrook plant.

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



International Solidarity at Pease & Seneca

On July 5th the New Hampshire Womyn's Peace Network held an unannounced vigil at the main gate of Pease Air Force Base during an Open House there attended by some 200,000 people. The action was in solidarity with a blockade the previous day by over 300 people at the U.S. Early Warning System facility at Flyingdales, North Yorkshire, England.

Inside the base leaflets were handed out. Two women stepped onto the runway and unfurled a banner demanding "No More Amazing Weapons of Death." They were escorted off the base but not charged or barred.

For more information, contact the New Hampshire Womyn's Peace Network; P.O. Box 311; Concord, NH 03301. (Thanks to Cruise Alert! USA)

Also on July 5, the Women's Encampment for a Future of Peace and Justice celebrated Interdependence Day. Women attached momentos to the fence of the Seneca Army Depot, the major transshipment point for nuclear weapons to Europe. Ten women were issued ban and bar letters after crossing the fence onto the base.

For more information, contact the Encampment at 5440 Rt. 96; Romulus, NY 14541; (607)869-5825.

Homing in on Pigeon Mine

A successful three day exercise in jail solidarity ended on July 16 for nineteen people arrested during the second action this year at an uranium mine near the Grand Canyon. The group, held on \$685 bond each, were eventually released under a plea agreement.

In all, 21 people were arrested Monday morning, July 13 at Energy Fuels Nuclear's Pigeon Mine not far from the Canyon's North Rim. The action began with six people - the "A Team" - who arrived the night before and took cover at the back of the fenced mine site. The next morning, supporters of the Earth First! movement gathered at the mine's gate to protest the desecration of Mother Earth. While a group of seven people climbed over the fence and began dancing on a pile of overburden, the six who had camped overnight behind the site took advantage of the distraction the others created. They scaled the fence, and climbed to the top of the mine headgear. There they unfurled a banner - "Leave It In The Ground" - and with kryptonite bike locks secured two people to the apparatus.

Meanwhile, outside the mine, yet another group, acting in two waves, blockaded the road in front of an ore truck departing the mine for a distant mill. The first wave, all dressed in animal costumes, spoke for the wilderness creatures whose habitat is forever spoiled by the toxic mining.

Eventually, thirteen people were charged with trespass and eight with blocking the road. Much to the activists' satisfaction, a portion of the mine headgear's timbers had to be cut through to remove one of the locked tree-huggers.

At their arraignment that day in Fredonia, Arizona, all refused to identify themselves. After bond was



set, one man gave his name and paid the \$685 while the other 20 were bused five hours away to the county jail in Flagstaff. Arriving there at 3:00 a.m. Tuesday, the women were immediately placed in general population. The men were held in a tiny holding cell until nearly midnight Tuesday, and booked into general population only after they began walking around the perimeter of their cell loudly singing protest songs.

One woman was released on bond Tuesday, but the bond remained the same even after all of those in jail had given their names. Although no one had regarded such court treatment as very likely, group solidarity stayed strong while enduring selective harassment at the hands of some guards, as well.

A Flagstaff attorney negotiated the plea agreement, leveraged by the fact that the jail was overflowing. All but one pled guilty to their charge, and were sentenced to time served plus a suspended fine and one to two years probation. Only the man who bailed out on Monday faces further prosecution.

For more information, contact Earth First!; P.O. Box 5871; Tucson, AZ 85703; (602)622-1371.

BANGOR TRACK BLOCKADES CONTINUE

A train carrying missile motors for the Trident submarines was again blocked June 19 as it arrived at the Trident base at Bangor, Washington. Two people were removed from the railroad tracks just outside the gate by Kitsap County authorities and not charged. Ten others, many of whom have been previously barred from the base, were arrested inside the gate. The repeaters face future prosecution of federal trespass charges. All were released after being cited.

Updating previous actions at Bangor, nine people charged with trespass when they re-entered the base May 5 will go to trial on August 24, along with Karen Sticklin and George Edmonson, who were previously charged with re-entry trespass.

Another train blockade is being planned for the next train to arrive in July.

For more information, contact the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action; 16159 Clear Creek Rd. NW; Poulsbo, WA 98370.

Peace Walks to Rocky Flats

Widespread public opposition to the proposed incineration of nuclear waste at Rocky Flats has resulted in the indefinite postponement of a test burn. The plant, which manufactures plutonium triggers for nuclear weapons upwind of Denver, Colorado, had first planned the test burn for last May, then postponed it until July and then again until late August.

Over 300 people marched on June 7 from Boulder and Arvada to the west gate of the plant. At the gate, about 75 people walked onto the site. Eighteen who refused to leave when ordered to do so by plant security were arrested for trespass.

The eight juveniles in the group were released that night, while the adults were held for up to three days before sufficient bond was posted for their release. A trial date has not been set.

On July 5, 200 people participated in a pledged fundraising march from Boulder to Rocky Flats, and one man was arrested when he walked onto the plant property. James Lenteint was held overnight and released after arraignment the next day. Again, no trial date was set.

For more information, please contact Shut Down; c/o Penny Lane; 1738 Pearl St; Boulder, CO 80302; (303)443-2822.

PEACE PARK VIGILERS CHARGED

The federal government has appealed an April decision in Washington, D.C., which dismissed numerous camping charges lodged against the persistent anti-nuclear vigil in Peace (Lafayette) Park, opposite Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House. Concurrently, police harassment of the vigil, which had abated immediately after the dismissal, has again resumed.

Vigilars are now being challenged on regulations prohibiting storage of personal belongings at the site, with park police confiscating literature and petitions being circulated by Conception Piccioto, one of the longest-term vigilars.

Two vigilars were charged recently for interfering with the police when they stood on one man's signs to prevent police from confiscating it. Police claimed the owner of the sign had violated the "three foot" rule by moving more than that distance away from his sign.

Another vigilar, Steve Semple, was recently convicted of camping at the signs, and awaits sentencing.

For more information on the continuing presence at Reagan's door, contact the Peace Park Anti-Nuclear Vigil; P.O. Box 27217; Washington, DC 20038 (202)462-3542.

EPIPHANY PLOWSHARES, CONT.

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Broderick then launched into a lengthy statement about how the multiple disruptions seemed deliberate and carefully organized to mention each of the forbidden topics. Boertje was sentenced to 20 days in jail for contempt.

"I've never seen anything like this in my court in 17 years," Broderick told reporters later. He noted that for the next trial, "There will be a different arrangement," to avoid another mistrial.

Boertje remarked later: "I said a few words at the beginning of the trial about my conscience, and the government found me in contempt. Then I said a few more words and was found in contempt again. The government is afraid our consciences are going to speak to the jury's consciences."

A fourth trial date has not yet been set. Lanctot and McGann will be sentenced on September 9.

For more information, please contact the Epiphany Plowshares, c/o MCCPJ; P.O. Box 246; Ambler, PA 19002; (215)544-1818.



Letters of support can be sent to Greg Boertje; Philadelphia Detention Center; 8001 State Road; Philadelphia, PA 19136. He should be released August 4.

RESURRECTION

Let us talk again about the events of the past, of how blood flowed outside the walls of Jerusalem and 2,000 years later blood flows at General Electric and at Litton and at Willowgrove and at Cape Canaveral and wherever people listen to the words "Blessed are the

peace makers" and witness with their blood the cry for justice that echoes for a cross outside the walls of Jerusalem.

Brian Burch

TRIDENT-II TEST TRIALS CONCLUDE

After hearing testimony from four expert witnesses, a Brevard County, Florida judge ruled June 11 that three Trident II resistors would not be allowed to use the defenses of necessity, international law or freedom of religion during their trial on trespass charges.

The three, Scott Yoos of New York, Berta Lambert of Ohio and Michael Fowler of Maine, were the last of almost 200 people arrested in January to face trial. The actions at Cape Canaveral were to protest the initial launch test of the Trident II (D-5) first-strike nuclear missile.

Following the testimony of the witnesses, attorneys from both sides presented their concluding arguments. Toward the end of the proceedings, the state's attorney, Warren Buck, cited a 1983 appellate court ruling, Linnehan v. State, which precluded the defense of necessity in a similar situation of nuclear resistance. After reading the Linnehan case, Judge Citak, who had earlier appeared on the verge of siding

with the defense, almost spontaneously ruled for the state and appeared unwilling to listen to strong defense arguments pointing out the clear differences in the two cases.

After consultation with their attorneys, the three defendants decided to change their pleas from not guilty to no contest, reserving the right to appeal the judge's ruling on the admissibility of the necessity defense.

Yoos was sentenced to time served (35 days) plus 12 hours community service in lieu of a \$125 fine. Lambert and Fowler were sentenced to time served (25 and 24 days, respectively) plus one year probation.

Since the January launch test, three more Trident II missiles have been test fired from Cape Canaveral, and more tests are planned. A major protest and more nonviolent direct action are planned for late October.

For more information, contact the Cape Action Committee; P.O. Box 1665; Cape Canaveral, FL 32920; (305)639-6293.

WRITINGS FROM JAIL

The government itself, which is only the mode which the people have chosen to execute their will, is equally liable to be abused and perverted before the people can act through it. Witness the present Mexican war, the work of comparatively a few individuals using the standing government as their tool; for, in the outset, the people would not have consented to this measure.

This people must cease to hold slaves, and to make war on Mexico, though it cost them their existence as a people.

--Henry David Thoreau
12 July 1817 - 6 May 1862

ANNIVERSARY OF A DISOBEDIENT: THOREAU AT 170

By John M. LaForge

This summer we celebrate the 170th anniversary of the birth of Henry David Thoreau. North Americans would do well to recall the sound and sober indictment of apathy, complacency, passivity and moral cowardice that was made by Thoreau in his essay "On the Duty of Civil Disobedience". The essay explains the purposes and principles behind his tax refusal, and stands today as the quintessential declaration of the superiority of individual conscience over and against the authority of the State. It is the one work by which Thoreau is best known throughout the world; a handbook and text of liberation struggles from Gandhi's Satyagraha and the British Labor Movement, to the Civil Rights Movement and present disarmament, non-intervention and ecology movements.

Thoreau's opposition to war and Black slavery in 1846 has two current parallels: the U.S.-sponsored war on Nicaragua and the State nuclear weapons industry. Public tax monies pay for and orchestrate an attacking mercenary (Contra) army in a war which has been declared aggressive and illegal by the International Court of Justice. One fired government official involved with the war effort even suggested staging an "Alamo style" battle, to muster support for the "defenders" who would then be allowed to invade outright. Alamo was of course the pretext under which president James K. Polk invaded Mexico, promoting Thoreau's protest.

Plutonium weapons systems that threaten the whole world, and permanently poison the ecosphere when manufactured, are still purchased and

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deployed at great public expense, in spite of meaningless overkill capacity, and government assurances that they can't be used successfully.

Thoreau was concerned that he not be an active participant in wrongdoing. To free himself practically from responsibility for Black slavery and war on Mexico, he had refused, as early as 1842, to "pay a (poll) tax to, or recognize the authority of, the state which buys and sells men, women and children, like cattle at the door of its senate-house." (Walden, The Village)

While bringing a pair of shoes to the cobbler for repair, Thoreau was "seized and put into jail", and spent but a single night there--"for someone interfered, and paid that tax". Yet how thoroughly he understood, and how clearly he played the hypocrisy of his "summer weather" supporters who "applauded (the soldier) who refuses to serve in the unjust war, (but) who do not refuse to sustain the unjust war."

Convinced of the injustice of the State in its treatment of both Mexico and the slave, Thoreau asked: "How does it become a man (sic) to behave toward this American government today? I answer that he cannot without disgrace be associated with it. I cannot for an instant recognize that political organization as my government which is the slave's government also." (Thoreau's emphasis) Would Thoreau as well recognize as his, that political organization which is the plutonium bomb's government also? Does not the State's possession, and ever-present threat, of one million Hiroshimas, all in the hands of "comparatively a few individuals," constitute a psychological enslavement by the nuclear masters not of a single race alone but of the human race entirely?

Tens of millions have voted for an end to the arms race, and petitioned the government to cease its military intervention in Central America. Thoreau has a ready answer for them: "Even voting for the right is doing nothing for it. It is only expressing...feebly your desire that it should prevail." And "There are thousands who are in opinion opposed to slavery and to the war, who yet in effect do nothing to put an end to them; who...say that they know not what to do and do nothing; who even postpone the question of freedom to the question of free trade..." (Thoreau's emphasis in both quotations) We are asked to cast our whole vote, "not a strip of paper merely, but your whole influence." Of course this may be against the law.

Principled public disobedience of laws respecting unjust institutions is a cherished North American tradition. We know that non-cooperation with the government by conscientious objectors has often been justified. Harriet Tubman defied the Fugitive Slave Act. Susan B. Anthony was jailed for voting. Martin Luther King, Jr. was arrested over 30 times demonstrating against segregation and Jim Crow.

If, in the defense of human and civil rights, such classic disobedience was well-founded (even considering the limited number of people who were oppressed by the State), how much more legitimate--and by how many orders of magnitude--must be today's "illegal" objections to this American government? It again unleashes its militarism against impoverished peasant nations, and, blithering the same purely economical justifications it used to support the barbarism of Black slavery, defends and rewards a giant and perhaps more barbarous arms industry that may well cause the massacre of the whole of humanity.

How much more atrocious is the fact or mere prospect of war today--because of the State's application of science to the study of mass killing--than when Thoreau wrote: "If a thousand men (sic) were not to pay their tax-bills this year, that would not be a violent and bloody measure, as it would be to pay them, and enable the State to commit violence and shed innocent blood."

[John LaForge is serving a six month sentence for walking across the line at the headquarters of the Strategic Air Command near Omaha, Nebraska, in December, 1986. He has crossed that line many times before.]

Update Files



LIVERMORE: A change of venue to Oakland has been denied for people arrested at the nuclear weapons lab on Good Friday and the Monday following Easter. As a result, most defendants changed their pleas on the minor traffic citation to guilty or no contest, and were sentenced to time served. However, the traffic commissioner in Livermore, who has not heard any of these recent cases where activists have received the lesser civil charge, has indicated he would like to hear a defense of international law on the charges. Four defendants intend to pursue this path, and a trial in traffic court has been set for August 21...

WHITE HOUSE: Kay Haffner, Kristy Higgs and Elizabeth McAlister were sentenced to 60 days unsupervised probation following their conviction on charges filed when they held a protest banner in front of the White House on Good Friday. Greg Boertje and Brian Barrett, arrested the same day for pouring blood on the pillars at the gate of the White House, will go to trial July 21...

ROCK ISLAND: Chuck Quilty, initially charged with re-entry trespass at the Rock Island Arsenal during an open house in May, has now received a letter barring him from the Arsenal for five years. Further prosecution is not expected at this time...

VANDENBERG AFB: Six people charged with trespass during vigils along a state highway that crosses through the base were arraigned on June 3 in federal court in Santa Ana. The six refused to have their case heard by a magistrate and are now awaiting a decision from the U.S. attorney concerning their prosecution in district court. The vigilers speculate that with the arrest of Katya Komisaruk, the U.S. attorney will not be vigorously pursuing their case. See Future Actions, page 8, for information about the next Vandenberg vigil...

DIABLO CANYON: Of the sixteen people arrested during a Chernobyl Day demonstration at the infamous California nuclear power plant, nine were adults and seven juveniles. The juveniles were released without being charged, while eight of the adults are preparing to represent themselves at a jury trial August 8. One person plans to enter a plea of no contest during pre-trial hearings...

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.

PERSHING PLOWSHARES UPDATE

In the last issue of the Nuclear Resister, a letter from Todd Kaplan of the Pershing Plowshares told of his being restricted from travel outside his home state. The reason for this restriction is his refusal to pay \$2,908 restitution to the U.S. Army for his share of the damage the activists caused to Pershing II missile systems. The action took place in Florida on Easter/Passover, 1984.

In fact, at least two other members of the Pershing Plowshares group, Paul Magno of Washington, D.C., and Patrick O'Neill of Florida, have also had this restriction placed on their travel for the same reason. In all three cases, the men were informed of the restriction after seeking permission to travel outside the state for peace-related events.

Kaplan is appealing the restriction in federal court, claiming that he has been denied his right to free speech, among other legal arguments.

[Thanks to Patrick O'Neill and the Plowshares Newsletter.]

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For more information, contact the American Peace Test; P.O. Box 26725; Las Vegas, NV 89126; (702)363-7780; and American Peace Test; 309 K St. NE; Washington, DC 20002; (202)546-5796.

For information about backcountry actions at the test site, contact the Rocky Mountain Peace Center; P.O. Box 1156; Boulder, CO 80306; (303)444-6981.

FUTURE ACTIONS

HIROSHIMA/NAGASAKI

g.e. space center

Small group acts of civil disobedience and accompanying legal vigils at the General Electric Space Center in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, will mark the two Thursdays before Hiroshima Day.

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

fmc

A Minnesota group that has been vigiling weekly at the construction site of a new computer research building for war contractor FMC is planning nonviolent direct action on Hiroshima Day. For more information, contact Moira Moga; 2201 W. 49th St.; Minneapolis, MN 55409.

pantex

The fifth annual Pantex Peace Encampment will gather adjacent to the Pantex Nuclear Weapons Assembly Plant in Amarillo, Texas, August 6-9. Memorial services will be held on both August 6 and August 9, and nonviolent direct action at the Pantex gate is planned. A bicycle pilgrimage beginning July 28 from Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant in Glen Rose, Texas, has plans for direct action as well at the Hereford High Level Waste Site in Deaf Smith County before cycling on to Pantex.

For more information, contact the Amarillo Advocate; P.O. Box 1396; Amarillo, TX 79105; (806)335-1715.

bangor

A legal gathering outside and prayer witness inside the main gate of the Trident nuclear submarine base at Bangor, Washington, will mark the anniversary of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki, August 9. For more information, contact the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action; 16159 Clear Creek Road, NW; Poulsbo, WA 98370.

heartland hope festival

The Heartland Hope Festival: A Midwest Peace Celebration, takes place in Omaha, Nebraska, August 7-9. The celebration will include a rich harvest of visual and performing artists from the midwest, workshops, vigils, leafletting and civil disobedience at Strategic Air Command headquarters nearby.

For more information, contact Heartland Hope Festival; 3014 Seward; Omaha, NE 68111; (402)422-0592.

whiteman afb

The sixth annual peace walk to Whiteman Air Force Base will depart from Kansas City the morning of Hiroshima Day, August 6. Walkers will gather at the regional headquarters of the Internal Revenue Service at 7:00 a.m. for a brief memorial service, then depart on the 65 mile walk to the gates of the base. The walk will arrive on the afternoon of Nagasaki Day for a vigil and the opportunity for those who wish to carry the vigil onto the base. Overnight hospitality along the walk will be provided. For more information, contact Lana Jacobs; 509 Clinkscales Rd.; Columbia, MO 65201 (314)445-4348 or Andy at (314)875-4913.

grandforks afb

The Bemidji Friends for a Nonviolent World will host their annual peace walk from Bemidji, Minnesota to Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota, beginning August 29. People are invited to walk with the group for an hour, a day, or the whole distance. Arriving at Grand Forks on September 6, the Friends will draw attention to the B-52 bombers and Minuteman missiles based at Grand Forks with a legal vigil and civil disobedience.

For more information, contact Bemidji Friends for a Nonviolent World; 1517 America Ave.; Bemidji, MN 56601; (218) 751-0225.

vandenberg afb

The Santa Cruz, California Friends Meeting is sponsoring a vigil August 6-9 at Vandenberg Air Force Base, along the public highway that runs through the base. The site is the subject of a pending suit challenging the Air Force's authority to limit first amendment activity on an area of the base commonly used by and open to the public. For more information, contact Ned VanValkenburgh; 217 Marnell Ave.; Santa Cruz, CA 95062; (408)427-2399.

rocky flats

Rocky Flats Action Week will begin August 3, with the establishment of a peace community in Boulder, Colorado. Participants attending from out of town will be given hospitality by local residents, and venture to the site daily for legal demonstrations and nonviolent direct action. A Hiroshima commemoration will take place August 6, and on Sunday, August 9, a peace walk, legal rally and blockade of the plant are planned. For more information, contact Shut Down; c/o Penny Lane; 1738 Pearl St.; Boulder, CO 80302; (303)443-2822.

michigan

faith & resistance II

The second annual Michigan Faith and Resistance Retreat, hosted by Methodist Bishop Judith Craig, Episcopal Bishop Coleman McGehee and Catholic Bishop Kenneth Untener is scheduled for August 3-6 in Midland, Michigan. Nonviolent direct action at Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda will conclude this retreat on Hiroshima Day. For more information, contact Sr. Leona Sullivan, (517)799-7910, 752-3527; or write Covenant for Peace; P.O. Box 1831; E. Lansing, MI 48823.

washington, d.c.

Jonah House invites friends to gather together in Washington, D.C. for reflection and resistance on the anniversaries of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The gathering will begin with supper August 5 at St. Stephen and the Incarnation Church. For more information, contact Jonah House; 1933 Park Ave.; Baltimore, MD 21217; (301)669-6265.

august desert witness

Nevada Desert Experience is sponsoring the August Desert Witness III, a remembrance of the victims of the second and third nuclear tests at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, on the anniversary of those bombings.

For more information, contact the Nevada Desert Experience; P.O. Box 4487; Las Vegas, NV 89127; (702)646-4814.

hanford

Hanford Action Week, August 3-10, at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in Washington state, will include a peace camp, workshops, legal demonstrations and civil disobedience.

For more information, contact COHO (Coalition Organizing Hanford Opposition); c/o Al Mangan; West 2122 Dean; Spokane, WA 99201.

back to the brink

Nation-wide protests and resistance, October 24-26, will mark the 25th anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis. Mobilization for Survival is coordinating regional actions at Electric Boat Company in Groton, Connecticut; General Electric Space Center in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania; Cape Canaveral, Florida; Honeywell Corporation in Minneapolis; Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque; Hanford Nuclear Reservation in Washington State; Lockheed Missile and Space Company, Sunnyvale, California; and possibly the Strategic Air Command in Omaha, Nebraska. For more information, contact the Mobilization for Survival; 853 Broadway, Room 418; New York, NY 10003; (212)995-8787.

honeywell

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, a lawyer from Delhi, dropped by the office this morning. He said he would be interested in defending some of the resisters who would be going to court over the summer.

"Thanks," I said. "Really. But most of the Project folks like to go it alone nowadays. Pro se, no lawyers."

He pleaded with me, saying that this was a big step for him to come to a place as radical as the Honeywell Project. "I haven't done anything overtly political since my death in 1948," he commented.

I told him we'd love to accommodate him. "Perhaps next time."

"Perhaps you have a need for a Sanskrit interpreter?" he offered shyly, sitting in the lotus position on the floor.

"Well," I hedged, "Probably not. The judges seem mystified enough already. I think the Sanskrit would just confuse them."

"I see," he said, dejected.

Just then, Marv Davidov arrived and offered the saint a bite of his pastrami sandwich.

"No thanks," said the lawyer, who was a vegetarian like myself. "I've been trying to stay off meat."

Sensing an awkward topic, Marv changed the subject. "How about an action at Honeywell?" he suggested. "Maybe this autumn when things are cooler?"

"Sure," I said, flipping through my calendar. "What about Cyndee Doll's birthday? It's a Friday. We could all spend the weekend in the Hennepin County slammer."

"Good ideal" agreed Marv. "What's the date?"

"October 2nd," I said.

"What a coincidence," said the Mahatma.

For more information on the Gandhi's Birthday Action, contact the Honeywell Project; 1929 S. 5th St.; Minneapolis, MN 55454; (612)339-3524.

dorothy day's birthday

An international gathering of Catholic Workers and friends plan to celebrate the 90th birthday of the late founder of the Catholic Worker movement, Dorothy Day, at the Nevada nuclear test site, November 6-8, 1987. For more information, please contact the Los Angeles Catholic Worker; 632 N. Britannia St.; Los Angeles, CA 90033; (213)267-8789.

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Review

SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES: Nonviolent Direct Action for Disarmament.

Arthur Laffin and
Anne Montgomery, editors

I am hard to please. "What!" you say. "Oh no, not you!" you say. Well yes, or should I qualify: when it comes to the written word, I am hard to please. After a few dreadful encounters, I ceased granting interviews, became considerably exercised at the proposal of a TV movie and once even threatened to sue Amnesty International if they didn't leave me alone.

All this stems from my fervent belief that if folks are going to address issues, they ought, at the minimum, recognize what those issues are. The issues are not the demeanor of judges, the nature or length of sentences, the recreational proclivities of prisoners, the sweet children at home or Juicy Fruit gum. The issues are the Bomb, personal responsibility and disarmament. We had better hope that these are the issues -- publicly, because it's a matter of life and death; privately, because if not, a whole bunch of us have made some serious and costly mistakes.

And so it is that after 7 years of "Plowshares" disarmament actions, I have finally read something on the subject that pleases me. Anne Montgomery and Art Laffin have studiously avoided sensationalism, the cult of personality and fluff, focusing instead on the truth in a resistance primer which manages, at the same time, to be the final word (my humble opinion).

Need concise information on U. S. first-strike policy? Wonder about the legal basis of resistance? Curious about the diverse spiritual underpinnings of "Plowshares" actions and serious campaigns of nonviolence? Desire a better understanding of the prison witness? Want a list of communities, organizations and

resources to further your inquiry and involvement? It's all here, as are action statements, legal briefs, poetry, reflections and photographs beautifully blended by the skillful editing.

Oh yes, there is a chronology and profile of the 18 "Plowshares" actions and 66 participants (Sept., 1980 - March, 1986; 4 more have occurred since). It's brief and accurate, and after you read it, you won't have the slightest idea what we eat for breakfast. Isn't that wonderful! Notice I have not named the more than 25 contributors who run the gamut from famous to obscure. I would even omit reference to Laffin and Montgomery who, depending upon the circles in which you travel, are famous or obscure, but you couldn't find the book if I did. My point is that if you're attracted chiefly by high visibility, you need to refocus, but if you're interested in a serious reflection on resistance by

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...The War Resisters League 1987 National Conference will be held August 13-16 in Raleigh, North Carolina. This year's conference theme is "Challenges for the Nonviolence Movement: Learning From The Past, Looking Toward the Future." Deadline for registration is August 1. For conference brochure and agenda, write WRL; 604 West Chapel Hill Street; Durham, NC 27701 or call (919)682-6374.

those living it, this is the book to buy.

I would be happy if no one ever again wrote a word about "Plowshares." Someone undoubtedly will, but I won't ask you to read it. I am asking that you spend a few hours with "Swords into Plowshares." Thanks, Anne and Art! You've pleased the toughest critic.

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Paupers Plowshares Trial Set

The Paupers Plowshares will go to trial August 5 before Federal District Judge J.L. McGlynn in Philadelphia.

On Good Friday, April 17, Fr. Pat Sieber, OFM, and his brother, Rick Sieber, were arrested at Warminster Naval Air Development Center. They had buried there a symbolic coffin containing the names of some of Philadelphia's deceased homeless, and then hammered and poured blood upon an anti-submarine warfare aircraft parked nearby.

Supporters are encouraged to pray for the activists and their families and attend the trial if they can. Financial support is also needed to assist in sustaining the families of the Paupers Plowshares during and after their trial.

Donations and requests for more information can be sent to Paupers Plowshares; P.O. Box 389; Ridley Park, PA 19078; or call John Harrison at (215)521-1007