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TRANSFIGURATION PLOWSHARES REMEMBER HIROSHIMA

In memory of the victims of Hiroshima, and in celebration of the Catholic Feast of the Transfiguration, two Plowshares groups, each without the knowledge of the other, engaged in nonviolent acts of disarmament. Each named themselves the Transfiguration Plowshares.

The Feast of the Transfiguration, August 6, celebrates the occasion of Christ's revelation of His divinity as Lord of heaven and earth, and not the bomb or the state. It is considered a foreshadowing of His Resurrection.

EAST

Early on the morning of August 6, three Catholic Worker friends crawled under the fence at the Naval Air Station at South Weymouth, Massachusetts. There they disarmed, symbolically and literally, two aircraft which are integral to the United States interventionary and nuclear first-strike arsenal.

Meg Brodhead, Dan Ethier and Tom Lewis, all of Worcester, hammered and poured blood on the bomb-bay doors and parts of the sono-buoy system and antennae of a P-3 Orion plane, which can use nuclear depth-charges and homing torpedoes to attack foreign submarines in a nuclear first-strike scenario. They also hammered on the magnetic anomaly detector of a Sea Sprite helicopter, and placed drawings and a photo of a Hiroshima victim on both aircraft. The same types of aircraft are currently deployed by the United States in the Persian Gulf.

They were discovered and arrested at about 4:30 a.m., as they knelt in prayer in front of a hangar at the base, holding a banner that read "Christ Transfigured - Death Into Life." They left at the scene an indictment of the "nuclear national security state, its weapons of death, and its functionary offices," charging all with violation of the Constitution, International Law and the Law of God. Their statement, also left at the scene, explained the meaning of their action on that particular day: "...The blinding light of that first atomic bomb turned life into death, but the blinding Light of the Transfiguration revealed that death would be turned to Life in Christ's Resurrection..."

Following a hearing later in the day, the three activists were released on their own recognizance, facing federal charges of degradation of property and trespass. At their arraignment August 24, the degradation charge was not mentioned, and the three pled not guilty to trespass. Because the charge carries only a six-month sentence, they will not be permitted a jury trial. A November trial is expected.

Meg Brodhead, recently resigned from her position as a reporter and feature writer for the Catholic Free Press in Worcester, was quoted in that paper about the possible community reaction to their witness.

Without dismissing the possibility of genuine questions about the nature of the action, I would hazard that at least some of the negative response arises out of the sheer disorientation of seeing the orderly global nuclear apparatus that defines our world, challenged, symbolically and actually. This not by force of arms, not by another military power, not by terrorist threat, but by a small group of people walking across a field, disabling the doors that would release a nuclear bomb, pouring their own blood in remembrance of the dead, and praying for peace.

It may somehow be unnerving to learn that a rock-solid fact of life - that nuclear weapons are here to stay and that there's nothing we can do about it - can no longer be trusted.

That fact of life, which we have come to trust in real spite of ourselves, is an ideology that obscures the meaning of the Plowshares actions, makes them seem complicated, rarefied, beyond the pale of acceptable behavior.

But - what shall we take as acceptable behavior? Paying for the world's death, and building it, and voting for it, and trusting in it as we pray for peace?

Or may disarming death as we pray for life and peace be acceptable?

For more information, and to express support, contact Transfiguration Plowshares Support; 52 Mason St.; Worcester, MA 01609; (617)757-4293.

WEST

In Missouri, at 5:15 p.m., August 5, which coincides with the moment 42 years earlier that the United States dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Jerry Ebner, a Catholic Worker from Milwaukee and Joe Gump, husband of imprisoned Plowshares activist Jean Gump, entered Missile Silo K-9. They locked themselves inside with kryptonite bicycle locks. After pouring their own blood in the shape of a cross on the concrete silo lid, they used sledge hammers to beat on the

CONVERGENCE ON E.L.F. ~

Harmonic Disarmament for Life

*In the wee hours they said
More roses? And who is it
this time? they said. Male friend
or woman?*

acquaintance close or casual?

And I said -

getting closer all the time.

*A red and a white for this budding conspiracy
and five ELF poles under sleepless night later
a convergence of sorts
harmonic to its heart
and I am twice and very fully blessed.*

Helen Woodson

Several poles were cut down and ground communicators damaged and splashed with blood at the Navy's Project ELF submarine communication facility near Clam Lake, Wisconsin early in the morning of August 16. George Ostensen, acting as others did ten days earlier in conspiracy with imprisoned Silo Pruning Hooks activist Helen Woodson, brought the spiritual focus of the Harmonic Convergence to the material plane by disabling the Extremely Low Frequency (ELF) transmitter.

In a statement left at the scene, Ostensen explained that the ELF frequencies are in "direct opposition" to the electromagnetic field of the Earth. In accord with the spiritual and cosmic changes that proponents of the Harmonic Convergence claimed were to begin on August 16, Woodson prayed while Ostensen labored to dismantle the first-strike submarine communications system.

Ostensen began at about 2:30 a.m. by hammering, pouring blood and dumping ashes upon

tracks used to open the lid, on electrical connectors and other apparatus, and cut various electrical wires with bolt cutters. After completing their task, they gathered in prayer and song to await arrest.

The men carried into the silo this statement from Helen Woodson, herself serving a twelve year prison term for participating in the first silo disarmament action in November, 1984:

*When the world faces nuclear destruction,
people of peace must join in a conspiracy
for life. To conspire (breathe together),
to act for life is to bring hope into a
suffering world. Hope breaks through
prison walls when the body cannot; hope
hammers the nuclear idols when the arms
cannot; hope pours the blood exposing
nuclear death when the hands cannot; hope*

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four ground wells and their attendant amplification devices. While dismantling one of the ground boxes, Ostensen touched the wrong wires and was thrown to the ground by the shock. Recovering, he offered thanks to the Lord and resumed work. Slogans were spraypainted on the boxes, and flowers and pictures of children left at each site.

At dawn, he paused to hang two banners, reading "ELF: Trident: The Global Crucifixion of Christ Today" and "The Lord God Said, Why Do You Do This Terrible Thing? The Blood Of My Brother Cries Out To Me From The Earth." The second banner was one used by the four Silo Pruning Hooks at a Missouri missile silo in November, 1984.

After a brief breakfast and morning reading, he made a small fire of cedar, sage and sweetgrass, then proceeded to fell three of the poles carrying the transmitter cable, so that they lay across the road leading to the transmitter site.

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Resistance Reflections

THE OUTSIDE LINE

(Writings by those who occasionally give up true freedom and get fresh air)

Oh, what a breathtaking world it is, warm and green and full of life! Look there, walking down the street, a woman with a baby in a stroller! And what's that light above the trees? The sun! The sun has risen and will shine upon this wasted flesh! Oh God, I can't believe it. E-Block is not all there is. Here is Morristown! Here is Thomas Paine still standing in the park. Here is my old high school. Here is the post office where I used to sort mail. Here is the church where we have meetings. It's all still here! And what's that sound coming from the woods? No! It's a dove, I can't believe it. I haven't heard that sound since last October!

And so began a sojourn in the world which has lasted over two months, the longest time I have stayed out since 1983. From Vermont to Georgia it seems that I have done nothing but gasp and blink at the bright summer days. This is my favorite season and here are my favorite people, friends and family, a 6-year-old niece who lost a tooth but will grow another, and Grandma Alice who's not really my grandmother, and here are walks to take and pianos to play and extra bedrooms in which to sleep, with no radios blaring all night long.

It is almost too much joy for these poor old nerves, and it is not over either. There are more rides to catch and people to visit, and a peculiar legal situation which deserves some careful thought. I used to make jokes about being exiled from New Jersey, but since I have served jail time for it, it is no laughing matter. I'm not allowed inside my own state. But for the rest of 3 year's probation, I'm also not allowed to leave my own state. And since there is no place anywhere that is not either in or out of New Jersey, compliance with the law has become a logical impossibility.

Like Archimedes searching for an appropriate platform on which to stand and move the earth, I cast about for a place to stand, which logic makes even more impossible than the platform Archimedes needed!

I thought I might try for a job on the maintenance crew of the George Washington Bridge. So that if the probation officer showed up to check on me, I would work on the New Jersey side of the bridge, and if the state police came by to make sure I wasn't violating exile again, I would scoot over to the New York side of the bridge. That way I would always be in some sort of compliance. It would be a difficult life, but I

We took pause this week, felt righteously outraged, and then humbled by the unpleasant reminder that at times peacemaking exacts a costly toll. A call from a friend in San Francisco on Tuesday evening brought the news that a munitions train leaving the Concord Naval Weapons Station had run over Vietnam veteran S. Brian Willson, severing one leg below the knee, necessitating the amputation of the other foot, and inflicting serious head wounds as it dragged him along the tracks.

Willson and two other veterans were blocking the railroad, protesting the shipment of arms from Concord to Central America. The blockade was announced in advance, Navy officials had been informed of the men's presence on the tracks, and the press, military police and other protesters were at hand to witness the train as it made no effort to stop or even appreciably slow down. The other men jumped clear, but Willson, one of four veterans who fasted for 47 days last year on the Capitol steps for peace in Central America, "caught the bullet on the U.S. end," as his friend and fellow faster Charlie Liteky said.

Hundreds of people in recent years have blocked H-bomb and missile motor trains. A group in Memphis once had to jump clear when an H-bomb train made no attempt to stop, and in other instances police have had to pull or carry peacekeepers from the tracks to prevent their injury from trains made to run on time.

Willson apparently escaped severe brain damage, and was able to remind us through his wife that we are all obligated to stop the train.

Thanks, Brian, for your witness and your reminder.

Jack and Felice Cohen-Joppa, coeditors

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Editor's note: We had other reflective essays we'd have liked to include in this issue, but we ran out of room. We'll save them for next issue, rather than cut short any of the other action reports and essays we have printed here.

would have a great view from the high bridge as consolation.

The only problem would be if a probation officer and a state police officer decided to save gasoline and came over to check on me in the same car. If that happened, I would have to run to the exact center of the bridge, stand with one foot on either side of the state line, and perhaps shift my weight back and forth depending on which officer got out of the car.

If it came to arrest at that point, I would have no recourse but to ask Werner Heisenberg, if he's still alive, to come to court and testify on my behalf. Prof. Heisenberg discovered the famous Uncertainty Principle, which states that atomic particles, though they may have a definite mass, have no definite location. That means that if an electron microscope were brought to the center of the George Washington Bridge, and the atomic particles that make up my body were closely examined, it would be impossible to say exactly where I was, and the judge would have to give me the benefit of the doubt.



graphic by Lourdes Fuentes-Williams

Correction

Barb Katt, whose statement at sentencing for trespass at the Strategic Air Command headquarters was excerpted in the *Nuclear Resister* #46/47, June 1, 1987, recently wrote to offer this correction: "...Part of what was printed as my sentencing statement I'd read in the car in an old issue of *Commonweal*. In court I cited who it was but I guess it got lost because I didn't have my sentencing statement all written out for support people before hand. When I get out I'll find the article in the car to find the other strong woman who wrote those words to let you know..." Katt and her partner in disarmament actions John LaForge were released from federal prison on August 24, and are now taking a camping vacation.

THANKS

Thanks to Michael, Carrie, Dan, Elaine and Miriam for helping to mail the last issue and with other mailings.

Thanks also to Renee, Daniel and Ariah for helping with childcare during this issue. While Cassidy now spends much of his day at school, Emma is happily exploring everything, and of course is particularly fascinated with the computer.

That is, if Prof. Heisenberg were allowed to testify. I think that if the Uncertainty Principle is a law in physics, it should be a law in New Jersey, but whether a judge would see it that way is another question.

I have had great difficulty in getting judges to accept what seems to me nothing more than ordinary consistency. In 1986 when I refused to pay a \$1000 restitution to General Public Utilities, a judge waived the restitution and revoked my state driver's license, even though I informed the judge that I had long since given away my car and allowed my license to expire.

"Don't two negatives cancel each other out?" I asked the judge.

"Excuse me?" he answered.

"If Your Honor revokes a license which does not exist, does not that revocation in effect reinstate that license, since invalidity invalidated makes validity?"

"You have the right to appeal," he explained, "and we'll let the higher court consider ... that other question."

And so it goes. This year I owe \$1680 in fines and court costs, and though I still have no intention to pay, there are plenty of non-existent things for them to take away. Logically speaking, I can offer up no end of non-privileges to the court. If spatial location is a problem, which it certainly is under these conditions, I can offer that up too, and return to jail. What is the difference between the outside and the inside when life itself has become like a Tom Stoppard play, and no one can figure out how it goes on, nor whether the characters are onstage or not?

Well, there are a lot of laughs in a Tom Stoppard play, and I laugh every day, to think of the mad contradictions people put up with, while the nuclear sword hangs over our heads. To think that this is what has come of the world, that people must deliberately get locked up, again and again, with no end to the insanity in sight. To think that Unit I at Three Mile Island was restarted only 6 years after the accident at Unit II. To think that it's "three minutes to midnight," and Picatinny Arsenal is the largest employer in the county. These things seem impossible, yet there they are.

So, dear friends, we have difficult choices to make, and we are running out of time to make them. We may think we have a place to stand, and that place may turn out to be nowhere. New Jersey has its problems, but it is somewhere, and it is precious to me, so I guess I will stand there, come hell or high water. High water itself will be no laughing matter in this state if the polar ice caps melt, so the time to take that stand is now, when my particles is tired but my soul is rested, and there is ground upon which to walk.

--Felton Davis

[Felton Davis was recently released after serving a one year sentence for spraypainting anti-nuclear graffiti at the corporate headquarters of GPU, owners of Three Mile Island.]

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JAIL WITNESS & FAST

DELAWARE PUMP PROTEST AT CRITICAL STAGE

Construction continues on the Point Pleasant pumping project along the Delaware River in Pennsylvania, but not without mounting civil resistance. (See the Nuclear Resister, #48) Eight people remain jailed on charges of civil contempt for refusing to pledge not to interfere with construction at the pump site and at Bradshaw Reservoir, where the diverted river water would be stored prior to its primary use as cooling water for the Limerick nuclear power plant.

In late July, six people were arrested on two occasions impeding construction at the Bradshaw site. About 1,000 people attended a major demonstration on August 1, and two days

later 43 were arrested as they removed a fence to blockade the heavy equipment at work there. Two days later, 19 more people were arrested at Bradshaw.

On August 11, direct action shifted to Point Pleasant. Arborist Steve Redding, one of 21 people arrested that day, was jailed when he refused to "purge" his contempt citation with a pledge to stop protesting. Redding began a water-only fast, demanding his release on an appeal to conscience or the cessation of construction as conditions for ending his fast.

Five more actions over the next two weeks resulted in 32 more arrests and fourteen more people refusing to purge themselves. In the latest action on Arbor Day, September 1, nine members of the board of directors of Del-Aware, the main organization opposing the pump, were among the eleven arrested. Three of those arrested climbed down into the deep hole dug for the pump, and delayed construction for an hour while authorities figured out how best to remove them. The four people in this group who would not purge themselves of contempt were not jailed immediately, pending a hearing on September 8.

At press time, three of those jailed in August had also purged themselves, leaving the total of eight people in jail. Bucks County Judge Isaac Garb ordered they be jailed only during the daytime hours when construction is in progress.

Judge Garb, a long time pump sympathizer who had ordered the construction to resume over the objections of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (DER), is up for a tenure election in November. Pump foes believe this is his reason for allowing those jailed for contempt to go home at night.

The State of Pennsylvania is appealing Garb's order to resume construction to the state Supreme Court. A DER review of the entire project is scheduled to be released sometime in September, and the state feels construction should not have been allowed to proceed unless and until the DER review favors the project.

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



Letters of support can be written to Steve Redding, Rich Myers, Ralph Myers, Burt Shepp, Joe Grinrod, Margaret Dardis, Scott Fleisher and Fern Brodwin; c/o Del-Aware Unlimited at the above address.

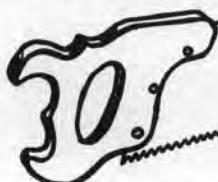
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Eventually, he walked to the transmitter site, and went right to the center pole, from which all four of the seven-mile legs of the antenna run out into the woods. He painted slogans on the pole, and then notched it with his saw. Climbing over the fence into the compound, and still undetected, Ostensen began walking around the transmitter building. As he searched for an unlocked door, he turned off all the generator and air conditioning switches he saw on the outside wall. At last, he found an open door and informed the technician who answered his knock that ELF is in violation of International Law. The door was shut in his face.

A security guard came along then, and after a brief dialogue, the guard departed, apparently to call the sheriff. Meanwhile, Ostensen spraypainted more charges and slogans on the building, then climbed back over the fence and set to work on the center pole again. A technician came from inside the building and turned on the switches Ostensen had turned off, and when he returned inside, Ostensen climbed the fence again to turn them all off. Two more times this alternating scene was repeated.

Ostensen was about one inch away from severing the center pole when the sheriff arrived. He left his saw in the pole, labeled as it is on one side, "Harmonic Disarmament for Life" and on the other, "Tear Down Their Alters; Smash Their Sacred Pillars and Cut Down Their Sacred Poles. Ex. 34:14." As he was being arrested, Ostensen informed the ELF technicians that the north ground was damaged, and they should shut the transmitter down.



Ostensen is being held in the Ashland County Jail in Ashland, Wisconsin, charged with two state counts of sabotage; taking actions which one reasonably believes would interfere with national defense. The Navy has publically acknowledged that the action interfered with the operations of the facility and had an impact on the defense of the country. He faces a maximum of 20 years in jail and possible federal indictment on similar charges.

Trial is set to begin October 16 in Ashland. Supporters are encouraged to attend, and to join as well in a Festival of Hope from October 15 - 17, sponsored by the residents of The Greenhouse resistance community in Ashland.



For more information, and to send support, write George Ostensen; c/o The Greenhouse; 622 Water St.; Ashland, WI 54806; (715)682-8260.

COMMUNITY NEEDS

THE OLIVE BRANCH COMMUNITY, a Catholic Worker experiment in nonviolent resistance to the nuclear arms race is newly established in Washington, D.C. We are seeking additional community members committed to the Catholic Worker's vision of faith-based nonviolence, voluntary poverty, community and service, as well as a specific willingness to practice civil disobedience versus the arms race. Contact Paul Magno or Marcia Timmel at P.O. Box 3087; Washington, D.C. 20010.

Toronto Resists U.S. Warship



On August 22-24, the USS Oliver Hazard Perry, visited the Toronto Harbourfront. Because the ship refused to confirm or deny the presence on board of nuclear weapons, Toronto activists staged a number of protests during the visit, resulting in at least 14 arrests.

Two Greenpeace members were charged with navigating infractions during an attempted boat blockade as the ship arrived on the 22nd. That night, two more people were arrested after they were able to go on board the ship and engage the crew in discussion until police arrived.

The next day, police tried to arrest four youth who marched with a torn flag and carrying a sign that said "We don't want your fucking war." Many other demonstrators followed the police, yelling "Let them go, the real offence is the ship." Police relented, and the four were released with a warning not to return. Other demonstrators took the banners as their own, and all returned to the demonstration. Soon, police on horseback moved in and cut six people away from the rest of the crowd, and arrested them for trespass. They were all released later that day.

The same day, two women boarded the ship while it was open to the public, and on board unfurled a banner which read "Oliver Hazardous Perry." They too were charged with trespass and released later in the day.

One other woman was arrested after handcuffing herself to the gangplank. She refused to identify herself and spent two days in jail before being identified by the court due to her previous record. One man charged with mischief to property and obstruction of justice after he poured ketchup on the Toronto Harbour sign was held for three days before being released.

Trial dates in these cases have not yet been set.

Also in Toronto, there have been numerous harassment arrests of people postering around the city, advertising protests and other progressive events. In all cases, the posters, glue and brushes are confiscated. Police then fail to show for trial and the charges are dismissed.

For more information, contact Brian Burch; 448 Spruce St.; Toronto, Ont.; Canada M5A 3H9 (416)967-5822

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(Point Pleasant pump project blockades, 8/87 - civil contempt - jailed during daytime construction hours)

Jerry Ebner, Joe Gump
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(Missouri missile silo disarmament, 8/5/87 - awaiting trial 10/87)

George Ostensen
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(Project ELF disarmament, 8/16/87 - awaiting trial 10/87)

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(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.]

VANDENBERG AFB

Just prior to a scheduled Nagasaki Day vigil at Vandenberg Air Force Base, three people charged with trespass there last December read in the newspaper that their charges had been dismissed.

Because they had been arrested along a public highway that crosses the base, in an area they understood to be open to the public, the three - Jason Schwartz, Marilyn Fahrner and Ned VanValkenburgh - recognized the need to again press the issue of First Amendment access to this area at the Nagasaki vigil.

The vigil, sponsored by the Santa Cruz and Santa Barbara meetings of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), met at Vandenberg Village and walked one mile down what is now California Highway 1 before being met by base security. The three, plus two others, crossed the arbitrary line, and went limp during their arrest. All were issued ban and bar letters, then released.

Again, five people crossed the line - the three repeaters and two new people. This time, Fahrner, Schwartz and VanValkenburgh were issued citations, and the others ban and bar letters, then released.

Before sunset, the three and one other person again crossed the line, and were cited for a second time, in the case of the three, and issued the ban and bar letter, in the case of the one who joined them. The citations called on the three to appear before a magistrate on the base for arraignment. This issue of arraignment location is under litigation, because the base commander claims he can prohibit or arrest previously barred persons who attempt to attend what by rights is an open and public court hearing.

Monday morning, August 10, the three returned again to the base by taxi, and were again arrested. A new citation was issued and the old citations for the three were re-written indicating arraignment in Lompoc. The three were held until early afternoon when the Lompoc magistrate released them.

At 4:30 that afternoon, the three returned to the forbidden highway right-of-way and were arrested for the fifth time. They were released

with another citation, but this time it did not indicate the location or time of the arraignment.

On August 27, even this arraignment was cancelled. The vigilers are now wondering whether the arrests are intended more as harassment than as a challenge to their right of access and free speech.

For more information, please contact Ned VanValkenburgh; 217 Marneil Av.; Santa Cruz, CA 95062.

NEVADA TEST SITE

For the third consecutive year, nonviolent direct action has followed memorial services at the Nevada Test Site for the victims of the second and third nuclear weapons tests. (The atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki are included in U.S. government tallies of such experiments.)

This year, the August Desert Witness, sponsored by Nevada Desert Experience, a faith-based peace group, attracted 300 participants on August 6, with 120 trespass citations issued to people who crossed the cattle guard boundary on the road, blocked the road or crawled through the barbed-wire fence. Three days later, 500 people assembled in the desert and 220 citations were issued.

Due to a policy of non-prosecution in effect since last April, all charges are expected to be dismissed. For more information, contact the Nevada Desert Experience; P.O. Box 4487; Las Vegas, NV 89127; (702)646-4814.

The nuclear weapons test "Tahoka" was detonated in Nevada on August 13, prompting the protest and arrest of one woman resident of the nearby peace camp. Prosecution is not expected, in accord with current Nye County policy.

The yield of this test was one of the largest in recent years, estimated at about 145 kilotons. The Soviet Union lodged a protest, claiming their instruments indicated the yield exceeded treaty limits.

HIROSHIMA

HANFORD

Although drawing fewer people than in 1986, the one hundred or so participants in Hanford Action Week at the U.S. nuclear reservation in eastern Washington took part in three separate nonviolent resistance actions.

Early on Hiroshima Day, five men and five women drove west on Highway 240, which traverses the huge reservation. Divided into two groups, they scaled one fence, then another higher one on the outer perimeter of a restricted area known as 200 West. The women were arrested near one building, the men near another. Taken to federal court in Spokane, the ten initially refused to identify themselves. They later did but were still jailed for five days. At a hearing August 11, all ten pled guilty and were given a six month suspended sentence plus \$660 fine and restrictions on similar protest or entering any DOE property for three years (except for public hearings).

Later on the morning of August 6, protesters from the peace camp had arrived at the federal building in Richland, where the Department of Energy (DOE) offices are. About 8:00 a.m., fourteen people formed a line to block the entrance used by DOE employees. All were removed by police after about half an hour and taken to the Benton County Jail. Two cited out immediately and one juvenile was taken to a separate facility and then released without charges. At an early afternoon court session, six women pled guilty and were sentenced to \$25 fine and one day in jail. One woman refused the fine and instead served a second day in jail. Two men were released later in the afternoon, and three women who were to have been released were held overnight, apparently due to the jailer's vindictiveness. At their arraignment the following day, all pled not guilty and await a trial.

Meanwhile, on August 7, a third action was underway at the local offices of Westinghouse, the new government contractor at Hanford. About 40 people sang and wove strands of wool among themselves to symbolize the interconnectedness and interdependence of all things. Nine people refused to leave when ordered to do so and were arrested on a city trespass charge. All were jailed overnight before being released, pending trial.

PEASE AFB

About 50 people gathered for a Hiroshima Day memorial service at Pease Air Force Base in New Hampshire. Pease is home for the Air Force unit that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima.

Mel Goertz, Jean Holladay and Macy Morse were charged with trespass after entering the base to pour ashes on the sculpture of a winged mushroom cloud that stands just inside the gate. The women also sought to place folded paper cranes on the sculpture. They were released pending trial in October.

For more information, contact Mel Goertz; Hidden Valley Orchard; Tunbridge, VT 05077.

WILLIAMS INTL

On the morning of August 10, about 50 people gathered for a prayer service to remember the victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the gates of Williams International Corporation, manufacturer of cruise missile turbine engines in Walled Lake, Michigan. The assembled group made a pledge to resist nuclear madness, and then stood in support as Rev. Peter Dougherty carried a 16' wooden cross up the driveway. Affixed to the cross were pictures of Japan's atomic victims and a copy of the pledge.

Once on Williams' property, Dougherty dropped the top of the cross so that the horizontal beam held up one end of the long vertical beam, while he held up the other to form a barricade across the drive.

The Catholic priest was arrested for trespass. He pled guilty to the charge and was released pending a pre-sentence investigation and sentencing on September 21.

For more information, contact Covenant For Peace; P.O. Box 1831; E. Lansing, MI 48823.

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stands faithful at the silo when the legs cannot. I am honored, privileged and overjoyed to enter into this life-giving conspiracy, to join my hope to the physical and spiritual witness enacted here today. Let us all choose life that the children may live.

Prior to entering the silo, the men had hung banners used by the Silo Pruning Hooks (Helen Woodson's group) and the Silo Plowshares (Jean Gump's group). They also used the same hammers and bolt cutters employed by the previous two groups. "All in the interests of conservation," Joe Gump said.

The men were arrested a short time later and jailed pending a formal indictment. Both men fasted on water for the first five days of their imprisonment.

On August 20, they were arraigned on felony charges of conspiracy and destruction of government property. The federal magistrate conducting the hearing entered pleas of not guilty for both men, rather than entertain the more imaginative pleas they offered. Trial is set in Kansas City for the docket beginning October 19. A Festival of Hope is scheduled for Sunday evening, October 18 in Kansas City.

Referring to the eight year sentence given to his wife by Judge Elmo Hunter for the same type of action, Joe Gump remarked, "Judge Hunter should understand that the severe sentences he levies to punish and deter such activists will not prevent people of conscience from breaking federal law to obey God's law."

Helen Woodson has not been charged with conspiracy in this action, but has been threatened with loss of four years statutory "good time," which she has already waived because such an early release would require her to promise restraint from future disarmament acts. When the prison warden discovered Woodson had used the xerox machine in the warden's office to duplicate her statements, she was permanently barred from the administrative offices.

Upon learning of the second Transfiguration Plowshares group, Helen Woodson wrote that group, tongue-in-cheek, suggesting that legal action for trademark infringement might be necessary. In the interests of peace, the agreeable participants in both actions settled out-of-court on the "East" and "West" suffixes.

FOR THE TRANSFIGURATION PLOWSHARES (WEST)

*They said there were flowers at noon
and I took them to my cell
hope incarnate FTD, my brothers' gift,
and I said to those who asked...
a celebration of our lives.
On the still at 5:15 love-budding, and I
in fragrant prayer
my brothers -- silo posies in the field --
bloomed.*

*Unfolded full next day they stood
petals softly gentle in Transfiguration's
light
the hammers still, the jail doors blossom-crushed
and free.*

*Today they bowed their heads and gave themselves
to life*

*2 red buds and a yellow.
Isaiah saw our landscape once
"The desert will rejoice and blossom
as the rose."*

*dedicated, in love, to Jerry and Joe
Helen Woodson*

THE JAIL WITNESS

On August 29, Ebner and Gump watched as a jail guard punched a young Hispanic prisoner who speaks no English and is believed to be a juvenile. When they objected, both men were told "Shut up, it's not your business. You don't run this jail." Ebner later questioned another guard present at the scene, who claimed he hadn't seen anything.

The next day Ebner and Gump were moved from the jail dormitory and placed in a small double-bunk cell. In a letter delivered to supporters by an attorney, the men wrote "It is clear to us we are being punished because they are afraid we will file a lawsuit as Helen Woodson did and she won it, against the Wyandotte County Jail...We are waiting to see the warden." (Woodson filed her suit in 1984 while awaiting trial.)

They never saw the warden, and two days later federal marshals moved the men to the Lafayette County Jail in Lexington, Missouri.



Letters of support and requests for more information should be sent to Jerry Ebner and Joe Gump; Transfiguration Plowshares Support; 635 E. 61st St.; Kansas, City, MO 64110; (816)361-1014, and to Helen Woodson, c/o The Greenhouse; 622 Water St.; Ashland, WI 54806.



GRIFFISS AFB

Acting out the theme of "bringing light into the darkness", seven people entered Griffiss Air Force Base before dawn on August 6. There they layed down cardboard shadows of people and animals and scattered ashes before circling to share readings from Japanese atomic victims and light a circle of candles. The group carried into the base the same indictment of Griffiss and its deployment of air-launched cruise missiles as was delivered there on Thanksgiving, 1983, by the Griffiss Plowshares action group. About 30 people vigiled outside the base as part of the memorial service.

Jackie Allen, Jerry Berrigan, Bill Cuddy, Claire Grady, Marian Mollin, Kathleen Rumpf and Carrie Stearns were soon arrested and charged with trespass. All but Mollin are also charged with re-entry, having previously been barred from the base. The group was released pending a federal bench trial September 16.

For more information, contact Griffiss Peace Project; P.O. Box 4194; Rome, NY 13440.

BANGOR

About 400 people gathered at the Trident submarine base at Bangor, Washington on Nagasaki Day. Colorful streamers with the words "Not In My Name!" were tied along the fence as the gathering walked to the main gate. Twenty-two people were arrested after walking through the gate. Ten were issued ban and bar letters, and twelve repeaters were cited for re-entry trespass. All were released within two hours.

Less than two weeks earlier, on July 29, a missile motor train arriving at Bangor was met by seven people blocking the tracks just outside the base, and another five people on the tracks inside the base on federal property. The seven outside were arrested by Kitsap County authorities and will not be prosecuted, in accord with current county policy. The five inside, all previously barred from the base, were charged with trespass and then released.

Two days later, yet another missile motor train arrived, and 9 more people were arrested - three on the county side, and six on the federal side of the fence. Five of those on the federal side were cited for trespass, and one issued a ban and bar letter.

BANGOR UPDATES

Ten people charged with trespass for actions on April 15 or May 5 will face trial in federal court September 8. Richard Warwick, originally part of this group, pled no contest and was fined \$100. He refused to pay and instead served three days in jail.

Five women charged with trespass for a June 19th action will face trial in federal court October 26.

For more information, contact the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action; 16159 Clear Creek Rd. NW; Poulsbo, WA 98370; (206)692-7053.

SAC/OMAHA

In Nebraska, as part of the Heartland Hope Festival, two actions on consecutive days at the headquarters of the Strategic Air Command (SAC) resulted in the arrest of 25 people. Nine people, including one repeater, were arrested and released with ban and bar letters on August 8, as they protested SAC's assistance to the contras by spy flights over Nicaragua.

On Nagasaki Day, sixteen people, including one repeater, were barred and then released after walking across the line at Offutt Air Force Base, where SAC commanders select the targets for all U.S. nuclear weapons.

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

WURTSMITH AFB

The "Second Michigan Faith and Resistance Retreat," held August 3-6, was a powerful experience for participants and a deepening of resistance to the arms race in the state.

Three hundred people attended the four-day retreat, which concluded with 89 people being arrested at Wurtsmith Air Force Base near Oscoda, a Strategic Air Command base that includes cruise missiles in its arsenal.

The morning of August 5, Methodist Bishop of Michigan Judith Craig, and Catholic Bishops Ken Untener of Saginaw and Thomas Gumbleton of Detroit shared with retreatants their journeys in peacemaking. It was publically acknowledged that nowhere else have three bishops been together and publically identified with such a resistance gathering. Episcopal Bishop H. Coleman McGehee, a co-sponsor of the retreat, desired to also be present but could not because of a pastoral emergency. The deepening of ecumenism was another enriching result of this resistance retreat.

About half of the participants were new to such a retreat, which spoke well to the broadening of the resistance movement and the value of this forum for introducing Christian-oriented folks into resistance to the arms race.

ROCKY FLATS

Early on Sunday morning, August 9, hundreds of activists converged on the East and West gates of the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons plant, northwest of Denver, Colorado. As a conclusion to Rocky Flats Action Week, scores of people linked arms and legs to blockade the roads leading into the facility where plutonium is machined into the triggers for all U.S. nuclear weapons.

For five and one half hours, while arrests were being made, no workers were able to enter the plant. All but one of 320 people arrested were taken into custody at the busier East gate. Blockaders restricted themselves to a narrow area on state land, and so were arrested by state patrol officers and Jefferson County sheriff's deputies. All were charged with obstructing a highway or refusing to obey orders to move. Most resisters did not cooperate with the arrest, having first to be untangled from the others before being carried away. Some of the arresting officers used painful "come along" techniques to compel cooperation. One person was additionally charged with assaulting an officer, and another with criminal mischief for letting the air out of the tires of a police car.

Once in custody, many refused to identify themselves or sign citations, and over 100 were held overnight in jail before being released. Still, many remained identified only as John or Jane Doe when released.

Mass arraignments are set for mid-September before county Judge Kim Goldberger, the same jurist who tried the first group of Rocky Flats resisters in 1978.

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



UKIAH/ SHADOW PROJECT

For the second year in a row, residents of Ukiah, California, observing Hiroshima Day by painting shadows of potential nuclear victims on city streets and sidewalks have been arrested by zealous late-night police sweeps. Foiled last year by the eventual dismissal of eight cases because no city statute existed for appropriate prosecution, the protectors of public order and pristine pavement this year adopted an ordinance specifically forbidding chalk markings, etc., on public streets and sidewalks.

Susan Crane and Erika Enzer were arrested on the charge after laying down five symbolic silhouettes the evening of August 5. Crane signed a citation release while Enzer was held for refusing to do so until Friday morning, August 7. Both will plead not guilty at a September arraignment.

For more information, contact the War Resisters of the Redwoods; 215A S. Main St.; Ukiah, CA 95482; (707)462-6390.

HANFORD UPDATE: CONVICTION AND JAIL TERMS

Eleven people arrested at Hanford on the first anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster went to trial on August 31 in Richland, Washington. They were not allowed to present defenses of International Law or necessity, nor any expert witnesses. With the help of their attorneys, however, the trial continued for three days and the defendants were able to present for themselves much of the information about the hazards of the Hanford plant and its products.

The eleven were all convicted and sentenced to 90 days in jail, with 88 suspended on the condition they pay a \$500 fine and refrain from similar protests for the next two years. All eleven initially refused the fine and restrictions on their activity, and began serving the two-day jail terms on a staggered basis over this next week.

Deborah Beadle intends to serve her 90 days immediately, with the other defendants - Nikki Coyote, David Hastings, Vernon Huffman, Daniel Jones, Sheila Lynch, Al Mangan, Joanne Oleksiak, Dana Schuerholz, Lourdes Fuentes-Williams and Jackie Wolf - making their decision about the 88 days after serving their first two.

For more information, contact the Coalition Organizing Hanford Opposition; c/o Al Mangan; West 2122 Dean; Spokane, WA 99201; (509)325-3475. [Thanks to Al Mangan for this account.]



Letters of support can be sent to Deborah Beadle; Benton County Jail; W. Quinault St.; Kennewick, WA 99336.

PENTAGON

About four dozen people gathered at the Pentagon Metro (subway) stop to remind employees of the 42nd anniversary of Hiroshima's destruction. A blockade persisted for more than an hour as police attempted to keep access open to the Pentagon, until finally ten people were arrested. All were held overnight in jail, then released on personal recognizance pending trial September 17.

No arrests occurred on August 8 as the group demonstrated in front of the White House, though shadows were painted and blood poured there.

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

RIVERSIDE

The Year of Resistance at Riverside Research Institute in New York City continued with arrests on Hiroshima Day and again on August 10, the Monday following Nagasaki Day. After posting on the door an indictment of Riverside for crimes against humanity in the planning of nuclear war, 25 people were arrested early the morning of August 6. As usual, each was issued a summons and released at the police precinct house. Three of those arrested in the morning - John Dear, J. Jack Marth and Pasquale Strocchi - returned to Riverside in the afternoon with John Mahony, who had not been arrested in the morning. The four were arrested, but this time, only Mahony was released with a summons. The three repeaters spent one night in jail before being released with their charges dismissed.

On August 10, eight people were arrested and later released.

Earlier in the summer, 20 people, including actor Martin Sheen, were arrested on July 7. On July 28, Ascension Thursday, 18 members - mostly nuns - of a group of Catholic religious orders, the Intercommunity Center for Justice and Peace, were arrested. Participants in both actions were released shortly thereafter with a summons. No court action has yet been taken.

For more information, contact Plowshares /Kiaros Community; 225 Lafayette St.; New York, NY 10012; (212)226-4151.

White Rose Trial Postponed

A courtroom full of supporters wearing white roses turned out in federal court in Los Angeles August 31 for Katya Komisaruk's pre-trial hearing. Komisaruk is charged with destruction of government property and sabotage for an action on June 2 at Vandenberg Air Force Base. With a crowbar, cordless electric drill and hammer, she destroyed a computer used for coordinating satellite navigation of nuclear missiles.



Judge William Rea denied a motion for dismissal and refused to reconsider his order prohibiting Komisaruk from travelling beyond her home town to speak about the action. No decision was made on the government's motion in limine, and Komisaruk was ordered to prepare a written offer of proof regarding proposed use of defenses of necessity and International Law, to be heard at a pre-trial hearing September 22. A new trial date was set for September 29, in Judge Rea's court in Los Angeles.

The White Rose was the name used by a group of German students who nonviolently resisted the Nazi regime, and were executed for their efforts. Komisaruk's identification with the life of Sophie Scholl, a member of the White Rose, led her to give the group's name to her action.

For more information, contact the Katya Komisaruk Defense Collective; 1716 Felton St.; San Francisco, CA 94134; (415)334-2734 or (415)821-3392.

NO FREE SPEECH FOR GREENPEACE

To promote their intention to homeport the USS Missouri in San Francisco, the Navy has placed a series of promotional banners (like "Missouri = Jobs") on the Oakland Bay Bridge at the exit to Treasure Island.

Five members of Greenpeace were arrested on August 3 as they hung an equal-time banner ("USS MO = No Jobs, Toxic Waste, Nukes on Highway 17 - SAY NO!") at the same location. All were released the same day on trespass charges.

For more information, contact Greenpeace; Building E; Fort Mason Center; San Francisco, CA 94123; (415)474-6767.

Judge "Helpless" to Punish Space Center C.D.

Beginning on July 16, the 42nd anniversary of "Trinity", the first atomic bomb test, a three week series of actions occurred at the General Electric Space Center in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

The first week, the beginning section of a three-part narrative on the development and dropping of the bomb was read to vigilers. Shortly thereafter, two people drove onto G.E. property and dropped hundreds of paper cranes at the main entrance. Simultaneously, two people walked onto G.E. reading an indictment of its work. All four were arrested for trespass and then released.

On July 23, the second part of the narrative was read while ten people entered G.E. property to plant seeds of hope. The ten were arrested and released on a trespass citation.

On July 30, the final installment of the narrative was read, and eight more people were arrested and similarly dealt with.

A Hiroshima Day memorial service was held at G.E.'s Philadelphia plant, and there were no arrests.

On Friday, August 14, Bill Durland, Patrick McCarthy and Bob Smith of the Brandywine Peace Community entered the Space Center site before dawn. At 5:30 a.m., they used a kryptonite bicycle lock to secure the gate of the Star Wars test facility. They hung a banner on the fence reading "Stop G.E. & Star Wars: Silence Nuclear

War Preparations" and chained themselves to the gate.

Arrested a few hours later for trespass, the three men were taken before Montgomery County magistrate Donald Riehl, the same magistrate who has overseen the initial court proceedings since the start of the G.E. direct action campaign in 1978.

Riehl read a statement acknowledging the right to civil disobedience, but insisting that the disobedient "must not feel entitled to preach in Court to a captive audience on his (sic) claim of moral superiority to the free institutions of a democratic society." He went on to claim that "what you are saying is that all Americans have the moral obligation to break the law of the land if, in their judgement, the circumstances are sufficiently extreme to warrant such action. It does not require any stretch of the imagination to visualize the chaos that would ensue if that kind of reasoning is allowed to prevail".

Riehl then spoke of his "helplessness" (due to jail overcrowding) to enforce at this time the approximately 275 warrants from G.E. actions. Before dismissing the three men, he did say he was sure circumstances would change, and that he didn't think such actions at G.E. would stop.

For more information, contact the Brandywine Peace Community; P.O. Box 81; Swarthmore, PA 19081; (215)544-1813.

PAUPERS PLOWSHARES GET PROBATION

In a brief trial August 5 before Federal Judge Joseph McGlynn in Philadelphia, Rev. Patrick Sieber and his brother Rick were convicted of unlawful entry and sentenced to one year's probation and fined \$100. The two men had entered the Naval Air Development Center at Warminster last April 17, where they buried a coffin containing the names of more than five dozen homeless people buried in Philadelphia's Pauper's Field. The men were also ordered to make restitution of \$1,540 to the Navy for minor damage they caused to a P-3 anti-submarine airplane.

The evening prior to the trial, the defendants joined friends for a vigil at the city cemetery, and a sign posted which read "Forgotten In Life, Forgotten In Death."

Both prosecutor and judge acknowledged the concerns for the poor expressed by the Siebers. The judge observed, however, that "if everybody who has some compassion for the poor and homeless would take the law into their own hands, we'd have anarchy."

For more information, contact Paupers Plowshares; P.O. Box 389; Ridley Park, PA 19078; (215)521-1007.

THE UNKNOWN BOY (BURIED AT PAUPER'S FIELD)

A boy is buried here. He died on the streets a long time ago. Identity Unknown.
Perhaps the little match boy.
Perhaps the Christ child in disguise.
No one knows ... No one cares.
We do know how, though! We all know the streets.
We all know the poor.
We all see the tears, we all hear the cry.
He sold pencils at 16th and Market Streets.
He sold tooth brushes at 13th and Filbert.
He bummed nickels at K & A.
He ate people's leftover french fries at the McDonald's on Chestnut Street.
We heard about him every day. We read about him every day. We saw him every day.
He slept at the old mill on 4th and Somerset.
He slept under the bridge on 9th Street.
He slept at the train station on 30th Street. We saw him plain as day.
He died at Front and Lehigh.
He died at Kensington and Berks.
He died at 10th and Market.
He died at Front and Olney.
Then he came here (Pauper's Field), Identity Unknown.
We saw him born, we saw him live. We saw him suffer. We saw him die, yet we knew him not.
MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON US ALL!

Rick Sieber

WRITINGS FROM JAIL

THE INSIDE LINE



from Milan ~

August 1, 1987

Dear Friend,

Elie Wiesel, the Nobel Peace Prize winner of 1986, in "A Spark of Holiness" has written:

"One day the evil spirit came to God and said 'Master of the Universe, what is the difference between this group of people who are pure and those who are impure?' And God answered, 'They the pure ones protested. The others did not protest.' 'So,' said the evil spirit, 'had they protested, would you have listened to them?' And God said, 'No.' 'Did they know that?' asked the evil spirit. And God said, 'No, they didn't know it. Therefore they should have protested - against Me, against humankind, against everything wrong - because protest in itself contains a spark of Truth, a spark of Holiness, a spark of God.'"

"Blessed are the pure in heart/being for they shall see God." Matt. 5:8

It is a common experience to see a person ignore the spark of Truth, the spark of Holiness, the spark of God. In my present circumstances, I see myself doing it daily.

It is easier to see how we ignore the spark of Truth if we understand that truth is a matter of deeds. "It is not the one who says 'Lord, Lord' who will enter the kingdom of God, but the one who does the will of God in heaven."

Where there is God, there is truth and where there is truth, there is God. Even if the path of truth does not please the community, it pleases God. Many modern thinkers believe that modern civilization is atheistic and yet God is not outside us. God is in the hearts of us all and it is therefore our duty to theocratize our civilization.

Truth is more than abstinence from telling lies. All moral observances are summed up under the practice of truth.

It was Gandhi's conviction that the root of the evil of violence was the want of a living faith in a living God. He considered it a tragedy that "those who claimed belief in Jesus, the Prince of Peace, showed little of that belief in actual practice." He believed that "most Christians tended to reject the moral substance of Christ's teaching for the metaphysical symbols embodied in dogma or creedal formulas."

In our rejection of the spark of holiness, we know that the model of holiness is found in God. "Holy things are those which God has set apart" just as God's own holiness consists in being separated from what is profane. Concretely one attains to holiness when one "fulfills the will of God" following in the footsteps of Christ with an eye on the coming of the Kingdom which is here but not yet. King says, "The signs of

the holiness of the church and its members are in a particular way the signs of its suffering and its persecution because of its resistance". Holiness consists of continuing God's YES to the world of love and grace and NO to the world of sin. Sin is what kills human beings. In the face of moral evil, there is only one proper response: get rid of it.

To be holy for me is to follow the way of Jesus: a way of solidarity and sister/brotherhood, a way of controversy and conflict with power. That is why I see myself daily ignore the spark of holiness.

It is logical that if you don't want the effect, do something to remove the causes. There is no use loving the cause and fearing the effect and being surprised when the effect inevitably follows the cause.

The spark of God is rejected when we do not recognize God's parenthood of all and the consequent sisterhood-brotherhood of each individual whether it be a Hitler or a Ronald Reagan.

Peace, Love, Justice
Carl

P.S. 11/12/87 is our third year anniversary and 10/10/87 is my fifty-fourth birthday.

[Carl Kabat is serving an 18 year sentence for his part in the Silo Pruning Hooks action of November, 1984.]

Sea Blockades at Nanoose Bay

The Nanoose Conversion Campaign in British Columbia took to the waters of Nanoose Bay several times this summer to protest the presence of U.S. Navy vessels at the marine test facility there.

On July 21, Brian Mills climbed from a rubber dinghy up onto the rear guidance fin of the USS Guardfish, a Thresher class attack submarine. Mills was immediately arrested for mischief, thwarting his attempt to communicate a message to the sub's captain. He was soon released without bond, and to date no formal charges have been filed.

Other sea blockades on May 29 and June 11 did not result in arrest. In a "Pier Pressure" action on July 18, about twelve people chained themselves to the gangplank of a U.S. ship during a Vancouver Sea Fest "open house". Authorities responded by dropping a new gangplank at the far end of the ship, and then cutting the blockaders free with bolt cutters. No arrests were made.

For more information, contact the Nanoose Conversion Campaign; RR2, Arlington Rd.; Box 6; Nanoose Bay, B.C.; Canada V0R 2R0; (604)468-7335.

Rancher Arrested at Honeywell Test Site

The Honeywell Corporation of Minneapolis is currently engaged in land and permit acquisition for a major testing facility for their weapons in Hell Canyon, South Dakota. Hell Canyon, located near the town of Hot Springs in the Black Hills, is considered sacred ground by Native Americans of the region.

Among the artillery Honeywell plans to test at the site are depleted-uranium tipped armor piercing shells. These shells burn in flight, leaving a trail of radioactive ash in their two mile path.

Rancher Bruce Murdock, an active opponent of the planned test site, was recently charged with trespass by a neighboring rancher who has sold much of his own ranch to Honeywell and favors their plans. Murdock has crossed the second rancher's property while showing his guests the area Honeywell covets, and also to retrieve his cattle who have wandered through broken fences the second rancher has not repaired.

More information about Honeywell's plans can be obtained by writing to Keep the Hills Attractive; P.O. Box 997; Hot Springs, SD 57747; or the Honeywell Project; 1929 S. 5th St.; Minneapolis, MN 55454. Letters protesting Honeywell's plans to desecrate this area of sacred and scenic value are requested, and should be addressed to James Renier, President; Honeywell, Inc.; Honeywell Plaza; Minneapolis, MN 55408.

UPDATES

Jim Carman was released after serving ten days in jail and agreeing to pay a \$440 fine for his trespass at Honeywell headquarters. Three other participants in actions taking place last April in Minneapolis have pled guilty. Two were fined \$50, and the third sentenced to 60 days in jail, 57 suspended. In a trial August 5, five people were convicted and sentenced to 10 hours community service. Several other trials are pending through November.

Update Files

EPIPHANY PLOMSHARES: The fourth trial for Greg Boertje and Lin Romano will begin in Philadelphia on September 21. Two previous hung juries and a mistrial led the judge to appoint "stand-by counsel" for the pro-se defendants, to be available to take over defense proceedings whenever the judge deems necessary. Courtroom disruptions will not be permitted, but the judge has not indicated how he will deal with spectators who speak out as they did during the third trial in July. The defendants are charged with trespass, destruction of government property and conspiracy after last January's direct disarmament action at Willow Grove Reserve Air Station...

OTTAWA: Forty-seven adults faced trial July 6 for last November's blockade of the Canadian Department of National Defense, during a protest of Canada's role in U.S. and NATO military testing. After conviction of causing a disturbance, eight people with previous protest arrest records were fined \$100, and the others sentenced to six months probation with the condition they not protest at any National Defense buildings during that time. Those fined have refused to pay and await further action. One juvenile arrested during a similar protest April 6 was fined \$50 following a conviction on July 24...



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Letter



July 3, 1987

Dear Friends,

Three years ago, I - together with seven others in a group called the Pershing Plowshares - took hammer to sword and started the conversion of component parts of Pershing II missiles into non-lethal materials.

After two years of prison and one year of probation I still strongly believe that civil disobedience is an appropriate response to the imminent danger of nuclear war. I have spoken to many groups and was planning to speak in a national speaking tour this spring until permission to travel was withdrawn by my probation officer shortly before the beginning of the tour. His position is that since I'm not complying with a condition of my sentence - the making of restitution of \$3,000 to the Army - he can withdraw my "privilege" to travel. I have offered to contribute community service in lieu of payments but this curtailment of my rights has been the only response to my offer.

After serving my time in prison for actions that I took as acts of conscience it is hard for me to even think of paying for the repair of missiles that are key elements of our first-strike strategy. But, the pain of prison and the restrictions of my "freedom" under probation are sobering. One initiative that I attempted recently was to ask supporters to forward contributions in the amount of one dollar

or less (which I labeled "ransom") to my probation officer. Thus I would be in defacto compliance with the restitution order while simultaneously costing the government an even greater amount in bookkeeping charges. This plan was perhaps ill conceived since if it had worked the Army would have gotten its money but the Justice Department would be out a few bucks. In any case, it didn't work and the probation office has spent about \$5 per contribution in postage and related expenses to refuse these donations and send personalized responses to the hundreds of contributions they have received.

In the end, I am the one that ultimately must deal with this restitution, to pay or to refuse, to risk five more years in prison or hand over the money to purchase my freedom.

Today, I am not going to ask you for "ransom" or to send letters to my judge. What I would like to ask of you is to consider moving towards civil disobedience, knowing that as in my case it is not without unforeseen consequences and pain. Future generations demand that we act in a way that protects and defends them against the threat of nuclear war. I admit with great sorrow that nuclear war will happen unless we prevent it.

Shalom u'Bracha,
Todd S. Kaplan

Test Site Peace Camp

There has been a continuous presence at the Peace Camp near the Nevada Test site since October, 1986. This presence provides an on-going witness against nuclear testing.

To protect the very fragile desert eco-system, during large actions the camp is located at a gravel pit, which is currently marked with a red flag. Provisions are made for a separate women's camp when the need is present.

Action participants are invited to stay at the peace camp, but must bring at least one gallon of water per person per day in addition to anything else required for your stay. Daytime summer temperatures often reach 115, and the nights are often quite cool.

Between actions, visitors are welcome at the camp for a day, a month, or until testing stops. Vigils are held daily, 6:00 a.m. at the cattle guard, and Tuesdays at dusk is pot luck night.

The Peace camp needs your support if it is to continue. Letters, visits, donations of tents, food, toilet paper, etc., and of course money are appreciated ways of showing support. Small amounts of cash can be mailed, personal checks should be made out to Ellen Buckley, and POSTAL money orders should be made out to Peace Camp; P.O. Box 726; Indian Springs, NV 89018. For further information, call (702)642-0035.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

...The National Mobilization for Survival will be holding their 11th annual national convention near Orlando, Florida, November 13-15, 1987. For more information, contact Mobilization for Survival; 853 Broadway; New York, NY 10003.

...Jewish war resisters Sheila Parks (a participant in a Plowshares disarmament action) and Andy Mager (a draft resister) will be on a speaking tour in the Midwest from October 29 to November 21, 1987. Their focus will be on the Jewish tradition and nonviolent resistance to war. Help is needed in finding synagogues to host engagements and in on-site organizing. Contact Andy Mager; P.O. Box 6628; Syracuse, NY 13217; (315)472-5478 (days).

...Juley Howard writes from the Seneca Women's Encampment for a Future of Peace and Justice, "The women's peace camp at Seneca Army Depot has existed now as a continuous presence/focus for nonviolent direct action since July 1983. The camp is situated on 53 acres of land next to the depot, about 20 minutes walk from the main entrance. The camp was initially set up as a response to the imminent deployment of Pershing II and cruise missiles in Europe, and has continued to take action as atomic warheads continue to be stored there.

"Obviously the camp as an ongoing project, needs ongoing support. Fundraising efforts are concentrating on paying off the mortgage on the land (currently about eight thousand dollars) before the fifth anniversary next year. If you can afford any financial contribution whatsoever, please don't hesitate to send it to us. Women are welcome to come and visit or stay at the camp for as long or as short a time as they wish. Please write for our autumn schedule and/or other information at 5440 Route 96; Romulus, NY 14541."

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