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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.

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Jack and Felice Cohen-Joppa, editors
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SIX COLORADO WOMEN

TEST SITE OCCUPIERS GET SIX MONTHS

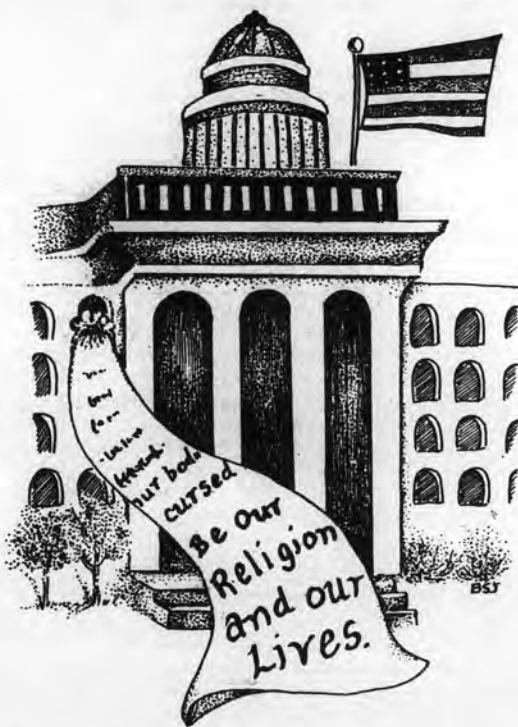
Six women arrested in the backcountry of the Nevada Test Site last May will be going to jail for six months, beginning in January, 1988. Under an agreement with Nye County, the women have dropped the appeal of their trespass conviction in this case, and Nye County dropped conspiracy charges against the six. The conspiracy trial for Donna Diamond, Donna Hickey, Laura Larson, Naneky Scialla, Trish Wilson and Paula Zoller was set to begin October 16. Their trial would have been the first conspiracy trial for test site resisters.

Shortly after this deal was struck, District Attorney Phil Dunleavy also moved to dismiss outstanding conspiracy charges against two American Peace Test [APT] staff, Jesse Cocks and Peter Bergel. Bergel and Cocks were charged for their role in organizing a November, 1986 direct action during which they were not arrested. Their trial would have begun on November 16, and several expert witnesses were scheduled to testify. Although at least eleven people have been charged with conspiracy following actions at the test site, all such charges have eventually been dismissed.

Three other people convicted last spring of trespass at the test site, whose cases were on appeal, have also had their charges dismissed. The Nye County District Attorney's office

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Fourth Jury Convicts Epiphany Plowshares



On September 25, the fourth and final trial of the Epiphany Plowshares ended in Philadelphia federal court with the jury convicting Greg Boertje from Baltimore, a former U.S. Army officer, and Lin Romano from Washington, D.C., an advocate for the poor. They were found guilty of conspiracy, damaging government property and trespassing for their disarmament action at Willow Grove Naval Air Station on January 6, 1987.

At Willow Grove the Epiphany Plowshares had hammered and then poured their own blood on a Navy P-3 Orion anti-submarine plane, and two Army helicopters of the types used for third world intervention.

Sentencing is set for November 17, but both activists were immediately taken into custody after the verdict to begin serving twenty-five days for contempt of court. They were released from that sentence on October 19.

The day before the verdict was delivered, five people unfurled a banner two stories long from a courthouse window, quoting Dorothy Day: "If they come for the innocent without crossing over our bodies, cursed be our religion and our lives." They were arrested, released and barred from the courthouse for the rest of the trial.

The other two members of the Epiphany Plowshares, Rev. Thomas McGann and Rev. Dexter Lanctot, both Catholic priests from the Philadelphia Archdiocese, are currently serving 100 day sentences in a federal prison that once was a seminary. The priests decided to accept a plea bargain after the second trial and pled guilty to trespass. They were sentenced September 9.

The government was desperate for a conviction after the first two trials ended in hung juries and the third was declared a mistrial. One juror from the second trial stated that he believed the defendants did not act with "criminal intent".

Judge Raymond Broderick presided at all four trials and became progressively more punitive. After repeated interruptions from supporters in court forced the third mistrial, Broderick tried to ban spectators from the courtroom during the fourth trial. He was stymied when the defendants, their supporters and the American Civil Liberties Union argued that closing the courtroom was a blatant violation of basic constitutional rights.

While Judge Broderick was forced to keep the courtroom open, he never rescinded his gag order, introduced during the second trial, which ruled out any testimony or statements mentioning such issues as nuclear weapons, U.S. foreign policy, Central America, God's Law and international law. This order made it impossible for the defendants to explain their reasons for disarming weapons of war.

When the defendants persisted in trying to bring these issues before the jury, the judge found them in contempt and refused to allow them to speak on their own behalf. Instead, court appointed attorneys took over the case. Yet the activists refused to deny their actions at Willow Grove, and would

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BACK TO THE BRINK

National Actions Mark 25th Anniversary of Cuban Missile Crisis

Twenty-five years ago this week the world was perched on the brink of nuclear war over the issue of nuclear missiles in Cuba and the American ultimatum that they be removed.

Twenty-five years later, despite several arms control treaties, we're still at the brink with U.S. forces threatening to intervene around the globe to protect American economic interests with nuclear force if necessary.

Mobilization for Survival coordinated nine regional demonstrations over the weekend of October 24-26 to draw attention to the anniversary and pursue the goal of abolishing all nuclear weapons by the year 2000.

Legal demonstrations involving no civil disobedience took place at the Honeywell Corporation in Minneapolis; the Strategic Air Command in Omaha, Nebraska; Kirtland Air Force Base and Los Alamos National Labs in New Mexico; the Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant near Denver; and the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in eastern Washington state.

About 1,000 people gathered at Cape Canaveral on October 24 for the second major demonstration this year opposing flight tests of the Trident II

(D-5) missile. Seven people who climbed the fence were arrested. Six first-timers were charged by the state, and one pled no contest, receiving a \$100 fine. One woman who had crossed the fence for the second time this year was charged in federal court. All were released pending trial.

The same day in Pennsylvania, about 200 people marched four miles to the General Electric Space Center, where 25 people were arrested blocking the entrance. Their banner proclaimed "This Path to Nuclear War is Closed." All were released on citation.

Further north along the coast, about 200 people marched October 26 on the Electric Boat Corporation in Groton, Connecticut. For the first time in many recent actions, activists blockaded workers arriving in the morning. No friction was reported, however, as daily leafletting for the past month had informed workers that they were not the target of the protest.

Eighty-four people were arrested, including one group that held a banner reading "Workers Deserve Jobs for Peace." Most were charged with disorderly conduct and released pending future court dates. A few who did not

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Resistance Reflections

by Jack & Felice Cohen-Joppa, editors

As a nonviolent resistance campaign grows, activists hope that their number will increase and that their understanding of the dynamics of social change will mature. It is often the case that when no relief is seen from the injustice which prompted the campaign, many activists will seek to escalate the tactics used.

They may increase the level of risk taken or challenges posed, or perhaps resist with more frequency and persistence. The decision to escalate is sometimes essential to the success of the campaign, and often the springboard for debate.

Nuclear resisters are a diverse group, and so local debates on these "where do we go from here" questions range over many different issues. Much of this debate takes place in essays and letters published in a handful of local, regional and national periodicals we receive. A brief look at a few of these discussions reveals a vibrant movement.

It is a growing movement, too. Figures we compile indicate that participation in nonviolent resistance actions, nuclear and non-nuclear as well, is on the rise in 1987.

At the Nevada Test Site, where much of the movement's growth has been expressed, the American Peace Test seeks to bring 10,000 or more to engage in sustained protest and resistance next March. The tactical question being debated now is how to challenge Nye County's non-prosecution policy. Attempt to compel federal prosecution? Repeated actions? A mass walk-on and occupation of the site? Move direct actions to a different jurisdiction like Bullfrog or Clark County? While in many cases being arrested is not the goal of a resistance action, for the American Peace Test the publicity of arrests serves the goal of making nuclear testing a political issue in the '88 elections.

This goal is also served by better integration of the direct action campaign with the electoral and public education wing of the movement. As part of this process, SANE/FREEZE is sponsoring a December action at the test site. This demonstration and civil disobedience coincides with the National League of Cities convention. Organizers hope to encourage these local officials to join the protest's call for a comprehensive test ban.

The H-Bomb Truck Watch, successful with short-term actions which monitor and publicize this weapons traffic nationwide, is confronting its own success. The campaign's commitment to nonviolence included fully informing the public and the Department of Energy prior to each watch. Recently, DOE has shifted routes and cut the number of shipments during the time of the watch. In response, Nukewatch, the original sponsoring organization, has encouraged more "soft surveillance" along regular truck routes; unannounced local group efforts that "regain the element of surprise".

When Truck Watch VII delivered a hot convoy to the Nevada Test Site, peace campers attempted a blockade. This action renewed speculation about a role for Truck Watch in assisting other local groups who will risk arrest attempting to stop an H-bomb truck.

Although train shipments of nuclear weapons have declined recently, resistance to rail traffic continues at the Bangor Subbase in Washington. Missile motor trains arrive more often than the warheads did, and the "element of surprise" is steadfastly avoided in the Gandhian atmosphere here. Tactical escalation is seen in growing numbers of resisters taking part in more frequent actions. The solid, spiritually based organizing of the Ground Zero and Agape communities nurtures depth of commitment as it grows.

When county authorities refused, after a 1985 jury acquittal, to prosecute future train blockaders, more people began crossing into federal property to blockade the arriving shipment, thus risking jail sentences again.



Among resisters who engage in nonviolent destruction of nuclear weapons, principally the Plowshares movement, there is debate about how hard to hammer and why so few seem willing to risk the likely though not inevitably long sentence behind bars.

George Ostensen, Katya Komisaruk and the Silo Pruning Hooks, for example, all sought actual disarmament; to render, in turn, the ELF transmitter, NAVSTAR computer and Minuteman missile silo inoperable. By contrast, the Epiphany, Paupers and Transfiguration/East Plowshares groups demonstrated symbolic disarmament. In part, they consciously limited "damage to property" so that the issue of disarmament would not be overshadowed by misplaced public concern for the sanctity of private property.

Although plowshares actions continue, some activists wonder aloud about why so few seem willing to go to jail. Helen Woodson dismisses much debate about resistance tactics by declaring that the "political/philosophical analysis ... begins with the scarcely veiled admission, 'I am unwilling to go to jail', and then hunts up rational justification for that."

"Smiling Picodae", in another essay on this page, encourages those people to act who would prefer "clandestine" disarmament actions over willingly waiting for arrest. Yet a great risk here, it seems, is that such surreptitious actions could easily involve unknowing friends and family of the activist to a level of risk (surveillance, police harassment, and arrest) which they are even less prepared for than the activist her/himself.

Through all this we sense a new vigor in the resistance movement. Yet we wonder about the immediate future. 1988 is a major election year, and just as in 1984 the disarmament movement is challenged to sustain its momentum through the distraction of presidential elections.

Rick Jahnkow, writing about "The Ballot Trap" in the August, 1987 issue of *The Progressive* magazine, reminds us that:

"Political office-holders in this country, whether democrats or republicans, do not take the lead in promoting change; rather, they reflect the wishes of movements that make it safe for them to favor change. If the activists who play a crucial role in building and sustaining such movements allow themselves to be sidetracked by electoral campaigns, they leave open the possibility that the power base will shift in another direction."

Based on the experience of the late 1960's, Jahnkow reminds us that when liberal politicians recruit peace activists to work in their electoral campaigns, they siphon off the energy that could otherwise be increasing the pressure first generated by the resistance movement. As 1988 draws near, and the electoral drama begins to unfold, let us in the peace movement carry on with the work and witness we must sustain for the long haul.

More Reflections

BY WHOSE AUTHORITY?

We see the immediate and accelerating danger to all of life that is posed by nuclear weapons and we act. We go to the weapons facilities, be they military bases or corporate manufacturing sites and, to the best of our puny abilities, we turn thermonuclear swords into plowshares.

Until now it has been de rigeur to "assume responsibility" for these disarmament actions by hanging out until "the authorities" arrive to place disarmers under arrest. There are variations - working until discovered, turning oneself in the following day - but the bottom-line is that one hasn't really done a regulation act of disarmament unless one arranges for arrest.

This writer would like to suggest that there may be some middle roads for those of us willing to settle for something "less".

First, would it not be an experiment in truth for one, ten, fifty, or two hundred people to announce their complicity, their act of conspiracy, with those who do acts of direct disarmament? It may expand the community, deepen the risk level for those unable to find the strength to do an action themselves, and simply provide "legitimacy" and real support for those on the edge of this struggle.

Secondly, why has there not been many, many "clandestine" acts of direct "hands-on" disarmament? Where is it written in stone that we need to subject ourselves to the power abuses

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For readers who have not heard yet, Brian Willson is recovering well from injuries he sustained last September. A Vietnam veteran, Willson lost both legs when a munitions train in California ran him down on the tracks he and others were blocking. Willson has been able to return to the tracks outside Concord Naval Weapons Station and join the vigilers and fasters keeping watch and bearing witness to U.S. aggression in Central America.

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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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John Doe #5; Peace Walker Jailed & Convicted

At the conclusion of the month-long New England Walk for Nuclear Disarmament, September 8, 32 people were arrested at the Electric Boat shipyard in Groton, Connecticut, where Tridents and other submarines are built. All but one man were released soon. John Doe #5 has remained in jail since his arrest due to noncooperation. He was convicted on charges of resisting arrest and disorderly conduct, and will be sentenced October 28.

Other arrestees have had their charges dismissed, and some await trial in November.

For more information, contact the New England Walk for Nuclear Disarmament; c/o 80 Birge St.; Brattleboro, VT 05301 (802)257-5024.



Letters of support can be sent to John Doe #5; Montville Correctional Center; Rt. 32; Box 1000; Uncasville, CT 06382.

TRANSFIGURATION PLOWSHARES CONVICTED

In Kansas City, October 22, a jury found two nonviolent activists guilty of disarming a Minuteman II missile silo last August 6.

During a three day trial, punctuated by religious and technical arguments against the United States' possession and intended use of weapons of indiscriminate, mass destruction, Jerry Ebner, 37, from Milwaukee, and Joe Gump, 60, from Morton Grove, Illinois, continually asked the jury to decide for themselves, in conscience, if disarmament is a crime.

Though Judge Howard Sachs allowed a great deal of breadth to the defense evidence and testimony, his instructions to the jury were typically and heavily weighted against their returning anything but a guilty verdict for destruction of government property and conspiracy to do so.

During his opening statement, Ebner said that he and Gump had performed an act of citizen intervention to stop an act of premeditated, mass murder. In his testimony, he told how he began to think of this action a year and a half

earlier when another judge, Hunter, sentenced a group of silo activists to eight years to deter others.

"I thought then, that nothing can deter those who try to be faithful to God's law," he said.

When asked by the prosecutor whether the value of damage he did exceeded \$100, the minimum required to sustain the charges, Gump said that "These weapons had no value before or after Jerry and I acted on August 5."

Ebner stirred the courtroom on three occasions as he sang songs he'd sung while at the missile silo. The jury and crowd of supporters also saw a video of Hiroshima, filmed just after the bombing in 1945. The men had carried it onto the silo site with them.

During closing arguments, Ebner reminded the jury that this was not a simple criminal case, but an opportunity for the jury to make a difference as the conscience of the community. The jury deliberated for 20 minutes before announcing their verdict.

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HOMEPORT RESISTANCE, EAST & WEST

N.Y.C.

New York and New Jersey activists have vowed to turn the site of the proposed Staten Island nuclear navyport into a "nonviolent battlefield" in the campaign to halt the arms race. On July 9 the Coalition for a Nuclear Free Harbor launched a civil disobedience campaign to resist construction. Coalition activists scaled a 150 foot dredge tower at the site and unveiled a 50 foot banner proclaiming "NO NUKEPORT."

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of an illegitimate authority? Why do many of us who simply see it as a morally correct act fail to dismantle these arsenals of hell? If it is out of intimidation from both "the authorities" on one hand and an institutionalization of the disarmament witness on the other, can we not take our own path? Does the axe have to fall every time the hammer does?

Naturally, to do an act of direct disarmament may lead to discovery, arrest, trial, conviction and up to thirty years in prison if one hasn't been shot by guards during the event itself. There is a major risk and to blithely bang on a Trident without preparation for that is not a neat idea. But to not engage in direct disarmament is, to this simple mind and heart, dead wrong. May I mention as well that few who wait for arrest are really ready for the consequences. They may think they are, but most have folded in some way to the immense personal pressure generated by the court system. Very, very few achieve true preparation yet I rejoice in their witness.

We wimps who do not wish to wait for arrest should still "go for it" as often as possible. It may not be pure, it may not be witness, but it's disarmament where so little is happening and it helps remove the notion that our authorities are the hacks who run these places, the courts and the prisons. I have no state I recognize so I'll be out trying to nonviolently disassemble their utterly immoral war arsenal now and then. Sooner or later the axe will come down. I can only hope to dismantle my share of the evil first. Would you consider your own possibilities?

--Smiling Picodae

[We are respecting the author's desire to remain anonymous. We of course welcome your response to these reflections--Eds.]

Six demonstrators were arrested after they used canoes to successfully halt the offshore dredging for several hours by placing their boats under the giant scoops. Trespass charges were later dismissed because in error they were cited under the section pertaining to dry land.

Five days later 38 protesters were arrested during a peaceful occupation of the site. Some occupied the dredge tower again and hung banners, others blocked an equipment pen. At about 7:15 a.m., the pen's fence was cut down and the dredging equipment hauled out. Some people moved to blockade the large digger, and were also arrested. Court dates have not been set on various charges of trespass, possession of handcuffs, and resisting arrest.

More resistance is planned. For information contact Mike Immerso, NJ SANE/FREEZE; 324 Bloomfield Ave.; Montclair, NJ 07042 (201)744-3263.

(Thanks to SANE/FREEZE Impact for this account)

S.F.

Navy ships bound for Fleet Week festivities sailed into San Francisco Bay on October 10, greeted by the Peace Navy's floating banner gauntlet. Banners from around the region voiced opposition to homeporting and the Navy's policy of neither confirming nor denying the presence of nuclear weapons on board ships. Five Greenpeace activists - pilots of small inflatable craft and swimming blockaders - were taken into custody. Three were released (no charges yet) and two jailed for a federal charge of assault on a Coast Guard vessel. Colin Green and Morgan Locke pled not guilty in court the following Tuesday, and were released on bond pending trial.

Five Greenpeaceers arrested while altering freeway signs on the Bay Bridge last August 6 have had their charges dismissed, and are barred from the military property where the freeway signs are located.

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

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.



John Doe #5
Montville Correctional Center; Rt. 32; Box 1000; Uncasville, CT 06382.
(Electric Boat Co. blockade, 9/8 - awaiting sentencing 10/28)

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

Gerry Hannah
P.O. Box 50; Harrison Mills, BC; VOM 110; Canada.

Ann Hansen
Prison for Women; Kingston, Ont.; K7L 4V9; Canada.

Doug Stewart
P.O. Box 2000; Agassiz, BC; VOM 1A0; Canada.

Brent Taylor
P.O. Box 190; Kingston, Ont.; K7L 4V9; Canada.
("Vancouver Four" 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.]

Rev. Dexter Lancaster 36448-066
Rev. Tom McGinn 36446-066
FCI; P.O. Box 1000; Loretto, PA 15940.
(Epiphany Plowshares aircraft disarmament, 1/87 - 100 days for trespass - out 1/88)

George Ostensen
Ashland County Jail; 221 7th Av. East; Ashland, WI 54806.
(Project ELF disarmament, 8/87 - awaiting trial.)

Helen Woodson 141-242 (12 years)
c/o The Greenhouse; 622 Water St.; Ashland, WI 54806.

Fr. Carl Kabat 03230-045 (18 years)
FCI; P.O. Box 1000; Milan, MI 48160.
(Jackhammer disarmament of Missouri missile silo, 11/84)

Larry Morlan 03788-045
FPC; 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)

PREVIOUSLY LISTED, RECENTLY RELEASED:
Deborah Beadle, Joe Gump, Jerry Ebner, Steve Redding, Rich Myers, Ralph Myers, Burt Shepp, John Grinrod, Margaret Dardis, Scott Fleisher, Fern Brodtkin.

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contradict their attorneys when the lawyers tried to imply that the defendants didn't damage the planes. Boertje was quite emphatic in declaring "From day one, we said we did these things. We take responsibility. We want to explain why." Eventually Romano and Boertje sat with their supporters to avoid participating in the charade.

Supporters of the activists were quite vocal in the courtroom once it became evident that Judge Broderick would not allow the truth to be spoken in his presence. Numerous spectators were evicted and barred from further trial proceedings.

For more information, or to send donations and letters of support, contact Epiphany Plowshares; Montgomery County Center for Peace and Social Justice; P.O. Box 246; Ambler, PA 19002; (215)628-8086.

(Thanks to Max Obuszewski and Art Laffin for this account.)



Letters of support can be sent to Rev. Dexter Lancot, 36448-066; and Rev. Tom McGann, 36446-066; FCI; P.O. Box 1000; Loretto, PA 15940.

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cooperate with the procedure were charged with resisting arrest, and may be jailed pending arraignment in a few days. One woman who went limp at the time of arrest was roughly treated by police and may be seriously injured.

Finally, on the west coast, about 300 people converged early the morning of October 26 on the Santa Cruz, California operations of the Lockheed Corporation, a major Trident missile contractor. Activists engaged in a blockade of the facility were told by officials that all employees of the plant had been laid off for two days. This explained why little traffic was visible and the authorities declined to arrest blockaders all day.

Twenty-one people were taken into custody as they climbed the fence into the plant, including 16 juveniles. The five adults were released shortly and not charged, while the high school students were issued a summons.

Organizers anticipate the blockade will continue for the next two to four days.

For more information on these actions contact the National Mobilization for Survival; 853 Broadway, Room 418; New York, NY 10003; (215)995-8787.

Hiroshima Day at Quonset Point

While leafletting on Hiroshima Day at the Electric Boat facility at Quonset Point, Rhode Island, Suzanne Schmidt was arrested for nonpayment of a fine, and jailed overnight. Schmidt, part of the Trident II Pruning Hooks group, was ordered to pay a \$140 fine for her part in damaging Trident missile launch tubes at the shipyard. A hearing is set for November 17 to determine Schmidt's ability to pay the fine.

Faith & Resistance / Long Island

A Faith and Resistance retreat on Long Island concluded July 6 with a demonstration and civil disobedience at UNICYST (formerly Sperry) Corporation at Lake Success, New York. Seventeen people were charged with trespass and then released. All pled not guilty and are awaiting a trial date.

Local activists have sustained a weekly vigil at the site for four years, with arrests on several occasions. Once a case was dismissed in the interests of justice.

For more information, contact Long Island Catholic Peace Fellowship; 34 Jamaica Ave.; Wyandanch, NY 11798.

INTERNATIONAL NOTES

On October 8, 1987, Joanne Merrigan and Anthony Gwyther entered Richmond Air Force Base, 60 km northwest of Sydney, Australia.

Richmond hosts the USAF Military Airlift Command and serves as a stopover for USAF transport aircraft en route to the Command, Control, Communication and Intelligence facilities at Pine Gap, Numungar and North West Cape, and the Deep Freeze Project in Antarctica.

The two poured blood on the engines and fuselage of the US Starlifter aircraft, and spraypainted "TURN FROM IDOLATRY" on the tarmac. They displayed a banner reading "FOLLOW CHRIST DISARMED", and posted their statement of action on the fuselage of the aircraft.

Arrested after a short time, they were charged with trespass and damage



of Commonwealth property. If convicted they face a penalty of up to two years imprisonment.

For more information, contact St. Francis Community; 110 Oxford St.; Darlinghurst 2010; Sydney, Australia.

Transfiguration cont.

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On August 5, 1987, the two men began the disarmament of Minuteman Missile Silo K-9, near Butler, Missouri, using sledge hammers and bolt cutters. They poured their own blood in the shape of a cross and hung banners used by two earlier disarmament groups.

Ebner and Gump, who had posted a signature bond about two weeks prior to the trial to prepare for it, are free awaiting sentencing in about six weeks.

Gump's wife Jean is now serving what will amount to an eleven year sentence for one of these actions.

For more information and to express support, please contact Transfiguration Plowshares Support; 635 E. 61st St.; Kansas City, MO 64110; (816)361-1014.

Plowshares prisoner Helen Woodson, a conspirator in the Transfiguration Plowshares West and Harmonic

Disarmament for Life, is not facing state or federal charges at this time, but has earned the displeasure of the Bureau of Prisons. She has been removed from Shakopee Women's Prison in Minnesota and returned to the Federal Women's Prison at Alderson, West Virginia. Letters of support and financial contributions should still be sent c/o The Greenhouse; 622 Water St.; Ashland, WI 54806.

The Transfiguration Plowshares East - Meg Brodhead, Dan Ethier and Tom Lewis - are still awaiting a trial date. They are charged with depredation of federal property following an August 6 witness at South Weymouth, Massachusetts, Naval Air Station. For more information on their case and plans for celebration at the time of their trial, contact Transfiguration Plowshares East; c/o Schaeffer-Duffy; SS. Francis & Therese Catholic Worker; 52 Mason St.; Worcester, MA 01610; (617)753-3588.

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acknowledged that Judge Bill Sullivan had given erroneous information to the defendants.

With these developments in the air, about 50 people came to Las Vegas October 17-20 for an extensive Peacekeeper Training Action. They prepared for organizing across the country to bring 10,000 or more people to the Nevada Test Site for a peace camp and direct action in March 1988 (see Future Actions, p. 7).

On the last day, many in the group hiked into Bullfrog County, an area including the southwest corner of the test site and offered as a home for high-level nuclear waste. About ten miles onto the site, 23 hikers were met by Test Site security forces under orders to remove the nonviolent interlopers to the town of Lathrop Wells, but not to arrest them. The action was intended to test the legal waters of Nevada's newest county, as part of ongoing exploration of March action scenarios.

In Washington, nine people arrested in front of the White House when the Test Ban Caravan came to D.C. on June 9 had a very unusual trial before U.S. District Judge Gasch, beginning October 16.

The defense attorneys had not disclosed their plans prior to trial, which meant that Gasch would not rule on a prosecution motion to restrict certain testimony. In court, when the defense announced its intention to call expert witnesses in international law and U.S. nuclear policy, Gasch announced that he would not listen to such testimony.

After conferring with counsel, each of the defendants then made a statement to the court of their wish to exercise their right to remain silent, and renewing their request to allow Law

Professor Francis Boyle and Retired Admiral Eugene Carroll to testify on their behalf.

Gasch appeared frustrated at the prospect of a trial where no defense is presented. He reversed himself, and allowed the men to testify. During Carroll's testimony, the judge questioned the admiral as sharply as would a prosecutor, engaging him in spirited discussion about the strength of Soviet conventional and submarine forces.

Near the end of the day, before any of the defendants had the opportunity to take the stand, Gasch declared that all remaining testimony and arguments were to be submitted in writing.

The defense lawyers spent the weekend preparing to challenge this illegal closure of a criminal trial. On Monday, Gasch reversed himself again and set final arguments to be heard in open court on Friday, October 23.

Court convened after 3:00 p.m., with Gasch insisting that all defense testimony and closing arguments for both sides would have to take no longer than one hour. Unable to meet this unexpected demand, the defense was forced by the judge to cut off their closing arguments, thus creating another appealable issue. The case has been taken under advisement and Gasch will issue a ruling soon.

For more information and details about the defense strategy in this case, contact Debbie Katz, Esq.; Burnabel & Katz; 1773 T St. NW; Washington, DC 20009; (202)745-1942; or Nina Kraut, Esq.; 1555 Connecticut Av. NW, #302; Washington, DC 20036; (202)745-0300.

For more information, contact the American Peace Test at the addresses and phone numbers listed on page 7.

Arsenal Visitor Arrested Again & Again

As surely as a swallow to San Juan Capistrano, Felton Davis returned to Picatinny Arsenal on September 2. Clutching a bulging file folder, he bid friends gathered with him at the gate farewell, and walked resolutely into the Arsenal. Davis was stopped before he could speak to many employees about their work on nuclear and conventional weapons, and arrested for trespass.

To his surprise, Davis was released without bail. True to form, the New Jersey native walked back into Picatinny the next day. One dollar bail was refused, and Davis was jailed for the next forty days until trial before Federal District Judge Clarkson Fisher in Trenton.

On October 12, Fisher pronounced Davis guilty.

"But as far as your reasons for doing what you did are concerned," he added, "I couldn't agree with you more. I think everyone in their right mind should be against nuclear weapons." Fisher sentenced Davis to 24 hours unsupervised probation.

Nine days later, Davis appeared before Federal Magistrate Chesler in Newark on the September 2 trespass charge. After waiting several hours for a prosecutor to arrive, the magistrate finally entered court with an order to dismiss Davis' charges. In an informal conversation afterwards, Chesler voiced opinions similar to those of Fisher.

Battle Force Meets With Truth Force

At a top secret, eyes and ears only technical conference at Johns Hopkins University on October 21, government, military and industrial planners met to discuss "Battle Force Evolution." A banner - "CHOOSE LIFE" - greeted those attending until the four human signposts were arrested for trespass. Trial is set for January 13, 1988.

For more information, contact Jonah House; 1933 Park Ave.; Baltimore, MD 21217.

Delaware Update

The last eight pump foes have been released from jail in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Protests there over the planned diversion of the Delaware River, in part to cool the Limerick nuclear power plant, resulted in many being jailed this summer.

Five were released September 8, pending their appeal of the civil contempt citation that held them in jail. Two men remained in custody with Steve Redding, who was fasting on water and appealing for an unconditional release or release on grounds of conscience. Redding was released from jail for health reasons September 11, and the other two men a few days later when they signed on the appeal.

Redding continued his fast at home, and about two weeks later representatives of the Philadelphia Electric Company, (PECO), called on Redding at home. After 53 days of water-only fasting, Redding began eating again on PECO's commitment to meet, "towards a time of healing", with Del-AWARE, the major group opposing the pump project.

On October 22, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources issued its long-awaited preliminary study of the entire Point Pleasant pump project. The report's author recommended completion of the entire project, while the DER wants to get more information and has asked for input on the final study. Del-AWARE was "shocked" at the superficial treatment of the preliminary study, and will file a point by point rebuttal.

For more information, contact Del-AWARE Unltd.; 6 Stockton Av.; New Hope, PA 18938; (215)862-9862.

TRIAL OF ISRAELI NUCLEAR CRITIC

Shrouded with the utmost security precautions, the trial of Mordechai Vanunu opened in Israel on August 30. Vanunu is the former nuclear technician who disclosed details of Israel's nuclear weapons capability to the London Times, was kidnapped by Israeli security agents in Rome one year ago, and has since been held in close confinement on espionage charges.

"An act like mine teaches citizens that their own reasoning is no less important than that of their leaders. If there is a case which calls for civil disobedience, it is this. Such an act undermines general confidence in the leaders. We saw that in the Lebanon war. Most people supported the war and today this has been reversed ... I had to overcome many personal barriers to do what I did. The chief barrier was the sacrifice of my private life to exposure and slander, and of my future plans, to this alter."

(Mordechai Vanunu)

Vanunu has been shielded from any contact with the public during the first phase of his trial, which is now in recess for the Jewish holidays. He has, however, been receiving and answering some of his mail from around the world, so supporters are encouraged to continue writing to Mordechai Vanunu; Ashkelon Prison, P.O.Box 17; Ashkelon; Israel.

During the first phase, Vanunu was able to give only limited testimony concerning his illegal kidnapping in Rome and transport back to Israel. A Shin Bet (Israeli secret police) agent stood on either side of him in case he spoke about the country, the methods or the people involved with the abduction.

The trial resumes November 15. Letters supporting Vanunu and urging that all charges be dismissed should be written to local press, senators and representatives, and Israeli officials: Ambassador Arad, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Minister of Police Hayim Bar-Lev, and Attorney General Yosef Harish; c/o The Israeli Embassy; 3415 International Drive, NW; Washington, DC 20008.

For more information, contact the Committee to Defend Mordechai Vanunu; P.O. Box 45005; Somerville, MA 02145. Up-to-date information can be obtained by calling Judy Zimmet at (617)623-3264. The Committee is in great need of funds to continue publicizing his case in the United States. Small gifts can be sent directly to Mordechai Vanunu Legal Defense Fund Trust at the above address. Larger tax-deductible gifts can be sent to Survival Education Fund; 11 Garden St.; Cambridge, MA 02138 for the "Vanunu Project".

WRITINGS FROM JAIL

THE INSIDE LINE



from Ashland~

Good Morning, I am doing great. Smiling and shining brightly inside the Ashland County Jail. My trial from my involvement in disarming Project ELF the morning of the Harmonic Convergence [the Nuclear Resister, #49] has been postponed until January 7, 1988. I remain on \$10,000 bond and so will most probably remain here until then. The reason for this delay is that I have been joined in this witness by two lawyers (Susan Hedman and Brady Williamson) who want to challenge the legality of Project ELF and the Wisconsin statute of sabotage that I am being charged with. I have never worked with lawyers before and struggled with this decision over the last few weeks. After much reflection and prayer and sharing with many brothers and sisters I have decided to go this route.

I had planned on defending myself, using my faith as the basis for arguing necessity under God's law, International Law, Native American Treaties and our own Environmental Policy Act. When I was arrested I presented an indictment listing these violations to the GTE employees at the transmitter site. My first action in court was to ask the judge to consider this a citizen interventionary action and to shut down Project ELF until the outcome of the trial by jury. The judge refused to consider this and has since rejected all requests and motions I have presented to try and argue an affirmative defense. I could have just made my statement and gone to jail but I feel I am going to be in jail anyway and if someone wants to do what they can to increase awareness and possibly stop the injustice, then great.

ELF is clearly damaging the environment and all the people and animals that come in contact with it. Everything from micro-organisms to migratory birds are affected by the electric and magnetic radiation that is produced by this communication system that gives our nuclear weapon-carrying submarines First Strike capability. Extensive studies have found alterations in behavior, growth and physiology after long term and short term exposure as well as evidence to connect mutations and leukemia at exposure to 75 Hz, which is the frequency range. (ELF operates at 72-80 Hz.) Project ELF was stopped in 1984 by a Wisconsin court finding it in violation of the National Environmental Policy Act. This decision however was quickly overturned by a Federal Appeals Court in Chicago who ruled that because of National Security the environmental concerns would not be considered and the Navy and GTE could proceed. The system is now operating at full power, sending its one way message deep into the ocean.

So I will now do all I can to share my witness with the Jury and general public from my Faith perspective that the 1st amendment freedom of religion is being violated by a state religion known as Nuclearism and National Security, and also from a legal perspective with the help of these fine lawyers.

I have been operating with little or no money from the outset. I have very few needs so all the funds I have received have gone to mailings and telephone bills. But now with these lawyers I will have to raise additional funds to cover their phone calls and paper expenses. I have applied for status as an indigent which should reduce court costs.

We are still planning on having a Festival of Hope around the trial date. Contact me directly at Ashland County Jail; 221 7th Av. East; Ashland, WI 54806.

Smilin Trees
George Ostensen

[George Ostensen took hand tools to the ELF transmitter in northern Wisconsin on August 16, shutting it down for the day.]

Update Files

GRIFFISS AIR FORCE BASE: Seven people - Jackie Allen, Carrie Stearns, Jerry Berrigan, Kathleen Rumpf, Bill Cuddy, Claire Grady, Marian Mollin - arrested inside this Strategic Air Command base near Rome, New York last August 6, were convicted September 17 of trespass. Sentencing for the federal offense is set for October 28. All but Mollin have been convicted previously for actions at Griffiss, and expect sentences of up to six months in jail. For more information, call (315)733-7398...

HAMFORD: Deborah Beadle was released from jail September 24, after serving 20 days of a 90 day term. As with her ten co-defendants, the remainder of the sentence is stayed pending two years probation. Other defendants are expected to serve 20 day terms in lieu of paying a \$500 fine...

DRAPER: Three people spent the last 30 days in jail, sentenced for an action last April at the Cambridge, Massachusetts nuclear war lab. Deirdre Doran, Alden Poole, Mary Jane Rosati, and Jack Seery, SJ, had simply carried large photos of ordinary Soviet people into the lobby of Draper, where they stood with the simple message "Love your enemies." At their trial each defendant spoke out over the objections of prosecutor and judge about the world's children, their own work with the poor, nuclear arms and the Soviet people. Grandfather Poole was sentenced to 10 days, suspended because it was his first such conviction; Doran, Rosati and Seery each served 30 days in jail, and are due out as we go to press...

VANCOUVER FIVE NOW FOUR: Julie Belmas long ago renounced her participation in the actions of the group, and then turned against her fellow activists by making slanderous statements about them during her own appeal hearing. Her perfidy won a reduction in sentence, and some time ago she was released to a half-way house in Vancouver to study. She was later picked up for minor shoplifting and sent back to the big house...

KINGS BAY: Three people charged with trespass at the King's Bay Trident subbase in Georgia last December 28 have paid a bond forfeiture fee and had their charges dropped. Money to pay the fee came from what remained in the support fund for the Montezuma Five nuclear train blockaders...

WURTSMITH AIR FORCE BASE: Twenty-six persons arrested at this cruise-missile bomber base last August are in various stages of federal prosecution for re-entry trespass. Some also face an additional sentence for probation violation. Carol Gilbert, Joan McCoy, Ardeth Platte, Judy Sarmiento and Elizabeth Welch pled no contest on October 5, and will be sentenced November 9. Eight others will be sentenced October 28 - Barbara Jackson, Rev. Camillus Janus, Tom Sova, Mary Ann Mannion, Mary Carry, Bill Carry, Rev. Bill Kellerman, and Marge Darger. Two bench trials are scheduled November 9 and 18. For more information, call (517)799-4311...



Bishop Rieger testifying at Bread Not Bombs Trial
graphic by Jonnie Lieberman

GTE: Judge and prosecutor listened without objection on September 30 while eight activists and several expert witnesses, including the local Catholic Bishop, testified in a Westboro, Massachusetts courtroom. The eight were charged with trespassing last Passover/Holy Thursday at the nuclear missile system contractor. The defendants in the Bread and Roses trial were nonetheless convicted, and sentenced to 50 hours community service. One person refused community service and was re-sentenced to the night spent in jail after the action...

WHITE ROSE ACTION: Trial for Katya Komisaruk has been postponed until November 10, in federal court in Los Angeles. Movement attorney Leonard Weinglass has agreed to assist Komisaruk's defense of her action, which disarmed a reserve computer for the NAVSTAR missile guidance system...

BANGOR: Nine people were convicted September 29 in federal court in Seattle, for repeated trespass at the Trident submarine base at Bangor, Washington. Judge Barbara Rothstein ruled that the Nuremberg arguments of the defendants were irrelevant in a court of law. Sentencing is set for November 13. As we go to press, five more women are on trial for the same charge in Seattle...

WILLIAMS INTERNATIONAL: Rev. Peter Dougherty was sentenced September 21 for his August 10 blockade of this southern Michigan manufacturer of cruise missile turbine engines. County Judge Michael Batchik offered a choice of 120 hours community service or 30 days in jail. Dougherty chose community service. Williams International has not asked for a contempt citation for the priest for violating an injunction prohibiting such protests at the site. An appeal of such citations is still pending in the Michigan State Supreme Court...

SEABROOK: Federal hearings on the proposed operating license for the Seabrook nuclear power plant on the New Hampshire coast are now underway, while the plant's major investor approaches bankruptcy. Meanwhile, seven people convicted in July for last May's sit-in at Governor Sununu's office were fined \$55. Five paid, and Laura Buxbaum and Jeanine Burns refused and were jailed for 11 days.

Two small trial groups from last May's demonstration at the plant gate were recently convicted and sentenced to 20 hours community service and a suspended \$200 fine...

ROCKY FLATS: Ten people arrested early last summer during blockades at the plutonium fabrication facility near Denver, recently pled guilty in Federal Court. All changed their pleas when the judge refused to hear a defense of necessity. Three were fined \$1000, seven \$500. A mass arraignment is set for Jefferson County Court on November 20. Before the bench will be 320 people arrested at Rocky Flats August 9. Trials are expected to begin in February, 1988...

HONEYWELL: The Minneapolis weapons contractor announced October 2 that they are scrapping plans for a weapons test range in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Opposition had deepened and spread significantly after Honeywell directed the bulldozing of a traditional Lakota sweatlodge on the sacred land. In Minneapolis, trials continue for groups arrested at corporate headquarters last April. In three trials, nine people chose two days jail over a \$100 fine; eight chose community service over fine or jail; five had charges dropped; and nine others were given jail terms of 10 or 30 days, stayed for one year...

SAC/OMAHA: Three people have been indicted for repeated trespass at the headquarters of the Strategic Air Command. Kate Kasten and John Spuve are scheduled for trial in federal court November 24. Bonnie Urfer received a sentence of 30 days suspended and 6 months probation...

PENTAGON: Ten people arrested August 6 were tried and convicted September 17. Sentencing was suspended for one year. Brian Barrett and Greg Boertje faced trial October 21 for splashing blood on the White House tour's exit portico, last Good Friday. They were convicted and sentenced to pay restitution of \$250...

WINCON: Trespassing charges filed last January against two people who leafletted the hotel lodging participants in this annual Southern California arms bazaar, have been dismissed...

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.

LETTERS



(Editors' note: The Nuclear Resister #49 noted that "The White Rose was the name used by a group of German students who nonviolently resisted the Nazi regime..." That prompted this response:)

Dear Jack & Felice,
...I know you want to convert us all to nonviolence, but posthumous conversions are no fair!

The White Rose group in Munich was not at all wedded to nonviolence. See "The White Rose" by Inge Scholl (Wesleyan University Press). They stated clearly that German fascism could only be overthrown by military means, but saw no possibility of doing that from within and thus counseled "passive resistance." But they went on to state: "The meaning and goal of passive resistance is to topple National Socialism, and in this struggle we must not recoil from any course, and action, whatever its nature." (Third Leaflet). And some of them did indeed attempt to stockpile weapons.

Like Thoreau, who fully supported John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry, the White Rose group has frequently

been misrepresented. They were great and noble heroines and heroes in the struggle against imperialist war, whose memory we should always hold dear...

Yours in resistance,
C. Clark Kissinger

Dear Friends,
Todd Kaplan "owes" money, so do I (\$621). How many resisters outside of prison have been ordered to pay restitution? Please write and let me know the details and how you are dealing with it. As for myself, I refused to sign the probation form because of the special condition requiring payment. Judge Hatfield of Cascade County/Great Falls, MT, told the Polk County officials here that they could leave me alone until the end of probation (late summer '88) and then lock me up if no money was paid. This opens up another question, for the legal experts - is there a good defense hiding in the bushes? They know I am determined not to pay, yet are willing to wait - is there some precedent sitting somewhere that deals with that?

Thornton Kimes
1337 6th Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50314



AEROJET: Four people arrested at this Sacramento, California manufacturer of nuclear missile propellants last April recently went to court. Bob Seiber, Sr. Laura Ann Walton and Dan Delany, all advocates for the homeless in Sacramento, were denied the chance to present a defense of necessity. Seiber then changed his plea to no contest, telling the judge he would go to jail because he had no other defense since the three were admitting everything that occurred during the action. The prosecutor and judge then took Seiber aside and successfully begged him to accept 54 hours of community service instead of a jail sentence. Delany and Walton were then convicted by the jury after a brief trial. A sentence of nine days in jail or community service plus three years probation was handed down. Both defendants indicated their intent to continue engaging in civil disobedience, and chose the jail time rather than the threat imposed by probation. The conservative jurist called the defendants up to the bench and together with the prosecutor begged them to accept the community service and not go to jail. "The probation doesn't mean anything," he said. "You won't have any repercussions if you do civil disobedience again." Feeling they could not refuse such an offer, Delany accepted 54 hours and Walton 30 hours of community service, plus probation.

Kathy Mechling, the last of the sixteen originally arrested to face trial, was convicted by a judge who then lectured her on how protests such as hers had helped make this country great. He also pointed out that the heroines and heroes of such protests in the past also accepted the consequences of their actions. Mechling engaged the judge in further dialogue about International Law before he pronounced her sentence to have been filled by their 15-minute conversation...

PIGEON MINE: The one man released on bond the day of the Earth First! action against uranium mining last July settled up with the court and served no jail time, this time...

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

...The 1988 War Resisters League Peace Calendar and Appointment Book, *A Matter of Freedom--Writings by Activists for Activists*, is now available. This spiral-bound desk calendar is a unique collection of articles, speeches, stories and poems written by activists over a span of nearly thirty years, accompanied by illustrations. \$6.75 each, four for \$25.00 from the War Resisters League; 339 Lafayette St.; NYC, NY 10012.

The 1988 *Carry It On* peace wall calendar contains beautiful full-color reproductions of paintings, photographs, batik, fabric art and mural art which commemorate the Great Peace March, Gay Pride, the struggle of homeless people, early unionizing efforts, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and many more symbols of the on-going struggle toward a just and humane society. \$8.95 each from Syracuse Cultural Workers; P.O. Box 6367; Syracuse, NY 13217.

These are great calendars and make wonderful holiday gifts. Don't forget to get one for yourself, too, and support the work of the War Resisters League and the Syracuse Cultural Workers.

NEVADA TEST SITE ~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.

~sane/freeze

SANE/FREEZE will sponsor a demonstration and civil disobedience in mid-December at the Nevada test site. This action will coincide with the convention of the National League of Cities in Las Vegas. For more information, contact the American Peace Test at the address below.

~march '88

The American Peace Test has announced plans in formation for ten days of nonviolent resistance to nuclear testing at the Nevada Test Site, March 11-20, 1988. APT seeks to facilitate the arrival of at least 10,000 people to camp for a week or more just outside the gate of the site. From the Peace Camp, it is expected that thousands of people will be prepared for sustained direct action at the site, intended to challenge the federal government and Nye County's current policy of non-prosecution of minor offenses at the site. Affinity groups are encouraged to attend and take responsibility for their own camping needs and actions. Individuals are likewise encouraged to come prepared to stay and join affinity groups at the site.

For more information, contact the American Peace Test Clearinghouse; 333 State St.; Salem, OR 97301; (503)371-8002. In Las Vegas, contact the American Peace Test, P.O. Box 26725; Las Vegas, NV 89126; (702)363-7780.

sac/omaha

The annual Feast of the Holy Innocents witness at the Strategic Air Command headquarters near Omaha begins on the evening of December 26, concluding with divine obedience the morning of December 28. For more information, please contact Tom Cordaro or Joyce Glenn at Mustard Seed; 3014 Seward St.; Omaha, NE 68111; (402)422-0592.

...Two new publications of note have passed through P.O. Box 43383.

On Gogol Boulevard is an attempt to publish at least quarterly a bulletin networking independent peace activists, East and West. ONLY \$5/year, payable to Aspect Foundation; On Gogol Boulevard; 151 First Ave. #62; New York, NY 10003.

Anumukti (trans. "Atom Liberation") is the first journal of the anti-nuclear movement in India, and promises to be very informative. \$7.50/year, and eager to exchange with other related magazines, bulletins, etc. Editor Anumukti; Sampoorne Kranti Vidyalaya; Vedchhi 394641; INDIA.

...Speaking of independent peace activity in the East, the young West German aviator Mathias Rust remains in a Soviet prison camp. Letters supporting his pardon and release can be sent to General Secretary Gorbachev; The Kremlin; Moscow, USSR.

...Catholic Workers invite people to join them in prayer and fasting, "against the demon of nuclear deterrence policy", during the Catholic Bishops' National Conference in Washington, D.C., November 16-19. For more information, contact The Olive Branch Catholic Worker; Box 3087; Washington, D.C. 20010; (202)332-6247.

ottawa

The Alliance for Nonviolent Action, a coalition of resistance groups in Ontario and Quebec, is organizing a civil disobedience action at the Department of War in Ottawa for November 9. For more information, contact the Alliance for Nonviolent Action; Unit 235; 253 College St.; Toronto, Ont.; Canada M5T 1R5.

nrc-d.c.

Civil disobedience and a legal rally at the Washington, D.C. offices of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will mark the 13th anniversary of the death of nuclear worker and union activist Karen Silkwood. Demands include the shutdown of all nuclear plants, and full disclosure and accountability to the public of information about nuclear hazards and environmental damages. For more information, please contact L.I. SHAD Alliance; 333 Terry Rd.; Hauppauge, NY 11788; (516)360-0045.

mcconnell afb

The B-1B bombers begin arriving February 29, 1988, to the skies above Wichita and Kansas. A demonstration and civil disobedience are planned to conclude three days of activities, February 27-29. For more information, contact Peace House; 1707 N. Topeka; Wichita, KS 67214.

rocky flats

Rocky Flats Truth Force activists who took part in early actions at Rocky Flats, please contact us at once. Tentative plans for April 22-24, 1988 include our 10th anniversary reunion, rally and direct action at Rocky Flats nuclear bomb factory near Denver. Truth Force members from around the world are invited. Contact Reunion Committee; 1520 Euclid, Boulder, CO 80302; (303)443-3680.

C.S.O.C.

Citizens for Peace in Space will sponsor a national demonstration and nonviolent direct action on May 14, 1988 near Falcon Air Station at Colorado Springs, Colorado, the home of the Consolidated Space Operations Center (CSOC). Falcon Air Station is also the site for several key star wars test programs. For more information, contact Citizens for Peace in Space; P.O. Box 915; Colorado Springs, CO 80901; (303)389-0644.

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SHADOW PROJECT/UKIAH: Susan Crane and Erika Enzer were convicted by a jury October 20, having violated a local ordinance forbidding sidewalk graffiti. Judge Gustafson allowed the women to present testimony about International Law, Nuremberg, the Constitution, etc., but would not give the jury an instruction to find them not guilty if it thought they were upholding International Law. Nor would he give the jury an instruction about jury nullification, although he acknowledged the fact of it. After rendering their verdict, the jury wrote the women a note commending their sense of purpose and nobility of cause, but requesting that they seek other means to educate the public about nuclear war. Both refused a sentence of \$62 to pay the clean-up, noting that they had offered before hand to remove any shadows that remained after a short time. Sentence was modified to time served in jail after their arrest...

LIVERMORE: Charges have been dismissed against four people arrested last April at the California weapons laboratory...

Prisoner Wants Letters

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