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Project ELF Closes

On September 30, the plug got pulled on Project ELF. A surprise Navy announcement signaled the end of 36 years of first local, then global, opposition to the Navy's giant transmitter system. The system was built to send one-way messages to submerged British and U.S. submarines around the world, allowing Trident ballistic missile submarines to get close enough to the USSR to launch a sneak attack or first-strike with nuclear weapons.

Calling the twin ELF transmitters (one in Clam Lake, Wisconsin and another in Republic, Michigan) "outdated and no longer needed," the Space and Navy Warfare Systems Command in San Diego said on September 17 that it will cease operating the devices and over the next three years disassemble over 100 miles of above-ground heavy cables and cedar poles that carry the extremely low frequency signal into the earth's crust.

Anti-nuclear weapons activists celebrated the unexpected end of a 36-year long campaign against what they dubbed a "nuclear war trigger." The struggle involved state-wide referendums, federal law suits, marches, pole-cutting disarmament actions, and a 18-year-long campaign of line-crossing civil resistance. Over 40 of the nuclear weapons resisters who refused to pay court-ordered fines have been incarcerated in county jails and state and federal prisons. Altogether, more than nine years of incarceration have been served by the activists.

The dead-end of constitutional protest methods - including a successful state-wide anti-ELF referendum in Michigan, the repeated introduction in Congress of the "ELF Termination Act," and a 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversal - led to the campaign of civil resistance. Five times since 1984, antenna poles have been cut down by activists who temporarily shut off the system. In 1996, two pole cutters won a jury acquittal on state sabotage charges after expert testimony showed that the Trident system was unable to act defensively, but is only useful as a first-strike or offensive nuclear war machine. Since 1991, 636 trespass citations have been issued to activists who converged on the site 58 times in 13 years.

"We did it," said John LaForge of Nukewatch, which has helped coordinate the Coalition to Stop Project ELF. "This is another victory for nonviolence, because everybody who has confronted this nuclear war system has been made stronger by the experience," LaForge said. "No attention was ever paid to ELF unless we were out there putting ourselves in legal jeopardy. After so many years of actions, trials, and jail-going, cynics said to us, 'You've failed.' But we hadn't lost, because we never gave up."

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GOODBYE PROJECT ELF

by Bonnie Urfer

The three decades long resistance campaign to shut-off Project ELF has come to an end. Nukewatch joined the renewed STOP Project ELF effort in 1991 and for the past 13 years has been organizing primarily with the Loaves and Fishes Community in Duluth, Minnesota and the Anathoth Community Farm in Luck, Wisconsin, to keep activities creative and meaningful.

Activists gathered at ELF a minimum of three times and often 6 or 7 times each year. In 1992 resisters crossed the line in nine out of 12 months.

In total, 58 actions have taken place since 1991, including two Plowshares acts of disarmament. Three pole cuttings happened in the 1980s -- two in Wisconsin and one at the Upper Michigan site. Rough estimates put total jail and prison time served for resistance to Project ELF at more than nine years. With that much incarceration, we'll take some credit for the facility shut-down.

Thank you and congratulations to everyone who participated in person or with contributions for this grand success in the movement for peace.

"Geezer" Strikes Back at Empire

In mid-October, 2003, Michael Poulin traveled through four western states loosening the bolts of electrical towers. His sabotage was not an attempt to bring the towers down - confirmed in court by industry engineers - but rather to bring attention to the need to live very differently in the world, and to rise up and stop the U.S. government's obscene quest for Empire.

In a long, post-sentencing letter to family and friends, many affiliated with the Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane, where he lived, Poulin described his action and the indictment - *U.S. vs. Michael Devlyn Poulin* as

"...A gratifying exclamation to the end of my life, the latter half of which was largely about contesting the almighty United States of America one way or another--a suicide mission for most.

"Suicide. What does it take? Personally, not hypothetically. I mean you, what does it take you to commit? And me? The question recurred to me with every suicide attack in Palestine, Iraq, wherever the requisite level of desperation prevailed. How unbearable, how desperate must life be? Even for the

kids and mothers who commit. Unimaginable for most of us. Dismiss the thought, we must, because it is too painful to imagine. Otherwise discount and demonize the suicides when they must be considered. And never, never explore motivations. Remembering General Westmoreland discount orientals because "they don't value life as we do." Only we know better. How many of us remember the public self-immolation of the Vietnamese Buddhist monks? Suicide is the unwelcome movement of the elephant under the rug.

"I bear responsibility for suicidal desperation. My taxes paid for the Viet Nam massacre, for 35 years of Israeli occupation. My taxes are paying for the 12 years of sanctions, embargo, bombing, invasion and occupation of Iraq. Am I absolved by sharing responsibility with 200 million other taxpayers? Am I crazy to worry about it? Why not just change the television channel and have another beer?

"After dissipating my youth in the privileged milieu of middle class, I had for much of my adult years marched, demonstrated, picketed, organized, written letters to legislators, governors, presidents and

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Hiroshima Nagasaki Anniversary Days Resistance Actions

The 59th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki was observed with peaceful protest and nonviolent resistance around the world.

STRATCOM

"Hippy Terrorist →" read the sign of the solo counter-protester, pointing across the road. It was an odd anachronism for the pacifist, mostly clean-cut crew who spent 3-1/2 days - Hiroshima to Nagasaki days - vigiling for peace outside the gate of Offutt Air Force Base. The handful of vigilers swelled to sixty on Saturday, August 7, when Speak Out at StratCom and Nebraskans For Peace joined in a Farewell To Arms Rally at the home of the Strategic (StratCom) and Military Space Commands near Omaha.

At 11 a.m. Monday, August 9, the hour of the bombing of Nagasaki in 1945, Elton Davis crossed the line into Offutt Air Force Base, seeking to pray at the base chapel. He was briefly detained by Air Force security, then released with a letter barring him from the base. On October 1, he was charged in federal court with trespass.

Greg Boertje-Obed has begun serving a three month prison sentence for trespass at Offutt. On August 25, Boertje-Obed and Paul Gallagher were the last of the eight Catholic Workers who crossed the line at Offutt last March to be sentenced in federal court in Omaha. Gallagher received one year unsupervised probation. Boertje-Obed received the only prison sentence among the eight when he refused the terms of probation offered.

For more information, contact Frank Cordaro, Des Moines Catholic Worker, POB 4551, Des Moines, IA 50306, (515)282-4781.



Letters of support should be sent to Greg Boertje-Obed, 08052-016, FPC Duluth, POB 1000, Duluth, MN 55814.

Silo N-8

Shortly before 8 a.m. on August 6, Carol Carson drove herself to the gates leading to nuclear missile silo N-8, near New Raymer, Colorado, the same silo where Fr. Carl Kabat was arrested last April. Hiroshima Day coinciding with the Roman Catholic celebration of the Transfiguration of Jesus, Carson prayed from the liturgical readings for that day.

"I had a white handkerchief, crystal plate, crystal goblet, bread and fruit juice, a candle, the bible, and crucifix. I blessed the bread and fruit juice... After praying I placed the items in a tapestry bag... then proceeded to take the hammer, wire cutters and bag, and I cut a hole through the gate..." Carson also cut through a second gate, then walked up to the silo and hammered on the lip as she recited the words of Isaiah from the Bible: "Beat your swords into plowshares and your spears into pruning hooks."

Coming through the second gate, Carson accidentally cut her hand. With her forefinger, she took her blood and "made the sign of the cross in blood on top of the missile silo."

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Military Refusers Locked Up

Another G.I. whose conscientious objector claim has been rejected by the army was recently sentenced to 45 days in the brig. It took young army private David Bunt a tour of duty in Afghanistan to bring him to the realization that he would not in good conscience pull the trigger and kill another human. At a court martial at Fort Bragg in late September, the father of three pled guilty to missing a parachute jump. He began serving his time September 22 at the Camp Lejeune brig.

For more information, contact Quaker House, 223 Hillside Ave., Fayetteville, NC 28301.

An Army hearing officer has rejected the conscientious objector (CO) claim of Pvt. Camilo Mejia. Mejia was informed on August 20 that his CO claim had been denied since it was "based solely on his view of the war in Iraq." At the June hearing in Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, Mejia presented several witnesses who attested to his sincerity and integrity. Catholic Bishop Thomas Gumbleton of Detroit and a CO counselor, Louis Randa of the Peace Abbey, near Boston, both testified about the centrality of Mejia's religious beliefs as the foundation of his CO claim. Louis Font, Mejia's civilian defense attorney stated, "This ruling flies in the face of both the facts and the law. Camilo is entitled to hold political views about the war in Iraq as long as he meets the CO legal standard of opposing participation in all war." Tod Ensign of Citizen Soldier, who has sponsored Mejia's defense, observed, "This nonsensical ruling may explain why the Army has been reporting that the number of CO applications is down during the Iraq war. If CO claims of other GIs are being handled in the same manner, it's no wonder that GIs would be discouraged from filing them." After a review at the base, a final decision will be made by the Army's Conscientious Objector Review Board in the Pentagon. (via *Citizen Soldier*)

Sgt. Abd Allah Webster (previously reported as Abdullah Webster) has submitted a new claim for conscientious objection, and his 14-month sentence for disobeying orders and missing his unit's deployment to Iraq has Amnesty International considering whether to adopt him as a prisoner of conscience. In a recent interview, Webster's wife Susan, a British citizen, told Roshan Muhammed Salih of *Al Jazeera* that "His faith is so important to him that if it were a choice between being executed and going to fight in Iraq he would just ask for time to say goodbye to his family before the execution date... Islamic scholars say that Muslims can fight in a just war but not an unjust one. Abd Allah thinks this war is unjust - innocent people are dying for no reason."

Salih writes "Abd Allah Webster says his grievance is not with his nation or the U.S. army, but with individuals in the army and the bad decisions that were made to send the country to war."

Two more public military refusers have reportedly fled to Canada. Navy enlistee David Sanders from Arizona and Marine Dan Felushko are seeking asylum, as are the previously reported Jeremy Hinzman and Brandon Hughey. Felushko has dual U.S./Canadian citizenship, so can remain in Canada even if asylum is not granted.

The internet website www.tomjoard.org lists other military refusers, some who have been discharged, some who are less public now as their cases are being settled without court martial, and others whose status after initial press reports is not known.



David Bunt is very interested in Bible study and scripture reflections are particularly welcome. Letters of support can be sent to David Bunt, Bldg. 1042 PSC 20140, Camp Lejeune, NC 28542, and to his wife Peggy Bunt, c/o Quaker House, 223 Hillside Ave., Fayetteville, NC 28301.

Letters of support can be sent to Pvt. Camilo Mejia, Building 1490, Randolph Rd., Fort Sill, OK 73503.

Sgt. Abd Allah Webster is reportedly at the U.S. Army-Europe Confinement Facility at Mannheim, but no confirmed address is available.

G.I.s in need of assistance concerning any phase of determining or applying for conscientious objector status are encouraged to call the GI Rights hotline at 1-800-394-9544, or visit www.objector.org, internet home of the Central Committee for Conscientious Objection, CCCO.

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WRITINGS FROM JAIL

~ from Alderson

Ponderings From the Eternal Now

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by Carol Gilbert

Dear Friends,

A beautiful card arrived this past month with a quote from the French philosopher, Marcel: "Hope is the memory of the future." All month I pondered those words and found them so appropriate. As most of you know, our lawyers had oral argument on our appeal October 1st. While I hold no optimism that we will win the appeal, I am filled with hope.

Hope is of the spirit, Hope is of the heart. Our lawyers have been filled with both spirit and heart as they have once again spoken/written "truth to power." I have hope because once again folks gathered at the missile silos in Colorado and exposed America's Weapons of Mass Destruction while standing for nonviolence and life. As my friends at the 8th Day Center in Chicago wrote, "We don't know the way, we hope the way."

In 1934, Federal Prison Industries, Inc. (UNICOR) was established by Congress. The primary mission was and is to provide prisoners with work opportunities and training while in prison. Our UNICOR factory closed last month to get ready for a new function - a telemarketing call center. Our former factory was a garment industry for the military. For example, one of the contracts was for the flight jacket President Bush wore last Thanksgiving in Iraq.

The transition will take about 4 - 6 months. This new prison work is dubbed "insourcing". About a dozen states have call centers in state and federal prisons. These jobs would have been "outsourced" and gone to countries like India and the Philippines. While prison officials are praising the program for lowering recidivism rates the unions have criticized them for taking jobs from the public sector.

The women here (about 125) will work for slave wages for a private company that was going to move off-shore. Rumor is that the contract here will be with AT&T. Fact is that between 250 and 275 employees at AT&T in Charleston, West Virginia are losing their jobs and benefits in November. Some of the women here are consciously choosing not to return when the new contract begins because they realize it is taking jobs from people on the streets - their families....

We have been watching all the woolly creatures and wondering how severe our winter will be. We stand in awe of the mountains and the changing colors...

My heart is full of gratitude for each of you. May you take time for the gifts of the Autumn season. May you know how very much you are loved. May you find hope and remember, "Hope is the memory of the future."

[Sr. Carol Gilbert is serving 33 months in federal prison for inspecting, exposing, and symbolically disarming a nuclear missile in Colorado, as part of the Sacred Earth and Space Plowshares.]

this issue

This issue continues our effort to bring the chronicle of contemporary war resistance in the United States up to date, following our 15-month publishing hiatus from April, 2003 to August, 2004. We know there are still some gaps in this coverage, particularly regarding legal updates and final disposition when charges were not simply dismissed.

The chronicle beginning on page 8 is a supplement to the Day-by-Day record of war resistance appearing in the *Nuclear Resister* #132-133, April 24, 2003 (available on-line at www.nonviolence.org/nukeresister/133iraq.html or as backissue for \$5 postpaid.) The first section includes all new arrest reports from 2003 and 2004. The second section updates some of the arrests first reported in that issue.

Despite the late date for publishing some of this news, we believe it is important to bring it all together in one place. How else will we come to understand the breadth of our struggle, and learn from each other's experience?

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Felice and Jack Cohen-Joppa, Editors

TWO YEARS FROM RELUCTANT JUDGE FOR FRAMED ACTIVIST

Phoenix social justice activist Laro Nicol appeared for sentencing in federal court September 27, after pleading guilty to reduced weapons and explosives charges. But the judge wondered if he should have, given the outrageous circumstances surrounding the prosecution.

"I don't know if the court can accept this plea," said District Judge Paul Rosenblatt, as he criticized the government for relying in large part on statements from "unreliable" informants. He said he could either accept the plea and proceed to sentencing or reject the plea and schedule Nicol for trial.

For the sake of his family, Nicol told the judge, he could not risk the greater charges and longer prison terms of the original indictment. "By accepting the lesser of two evils, I can get on with my life."

Rosenblatt acknowledged the many letters in support of Nicol, praising his charity and commitment to social justice. "They all say that Mr. Nicol is the victim. This court," protested the judge, "is not in the practice of sentencing the victim."

Nonetheless, at the end of the day Rosenblatt sentenced Nicol to two years in prison, and ordered him to self-surrender by December 1.

Nicol's situation bears the clear marks of a convenient political prosecution. One of the police informants had met Nicol while the former editor of The Current, a Phoenix peace newsletter, worked Phoenix's urban core neighborhoods with Copwatch, a police accountability group. Police offered the informant a deal to avert her own prosecution, and got a brief statement in return with enough references to guns, drugs and explosives to persuade a judge to issue a search warrant.

The Nicol home was raided two weeks before the invasion of Iraq, while Nicol was at his job as an air traffic controller at the municipal airport in suburban Goodyear. Federal agents seized his safely locked gun collection and model rocketry supplies to build their case. No evidence of methamphetamine use was ever found, but the allegation nonetheless led to enhanced criminal charges as a "prohibited possessor."

Although Nicol had gone to the police on his own hours after learning of the house raid, the arraignment judge declared the father of three a danger to the community and he was held without bond for more than two months, causing job loss and hardship for his family.

Last April, the former Marine reluctantly agreed to plead guilty to possession of an unregistered destructive device (a small homemade firework) and possession of an unregistered machine gun (legally purchased gun parts that the FBI claimed could be assembled into a machine gun).

For more information, visit www.phoenixcopwatch.org/freelaro. To contribute for family support, please contact freelaronicol@yahoo.com.

Kabat Gets Four Months

For violating his probation, Fr. Carl Kabat was resentenced August 19 to four months in prison. Kabat was arrested April 9, Good Friday, at Minuteman III nuclear missile silo N-8 in northeast Colorado, and originally sentenced to community service, six months house arrest in St. Louis, and three years probation. Kabat returned to a St. Louis Catholic Worker house, but, as he had pledged, did not report to the Missouri probation office. Federal agents arrested him at the Catholic Worker house in July.

Once again in court, the Oblate priest invited Federal Magistrate Craig Shaffer and others to follow their conscience and consider the horrendous power to destroy humanity buried in missile silo N-8. Magistrate Shaffer insisted he had followed his conscience when he first sentenced Kabat to probation, but observed now that any sentence involving probation would not likely be followed. Against the prosecutor's request for six months in prison, Shaffer sentenced Kabat to only four months, and no probation. Kabat's sentence ends on November 5.

For more information, contact Bill Sulzman, Citizens for Peace in Space, POB 915, Colorado Springs, CO 80901, bsulzman@juno.com.



Letters can be addressed to Carl Kabat 03230-045, FCI Englewood, 9595 W. Quincy, Littleton, CO 80123.

Another Vieques Defender Jailed

Andy Santiago, sentenced to one year probation for charges resulting from the May 1, 2003 celebration of the Navy's departure from the Puerto Rican bombing range, recently had his sentence revoked and was taken into custody. He is due to be released December 10.

Although the Navy has departed, agents of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, who now have jurisdiction over the abandoned bombing range, have repeatedly abused "Vieques residents and tourists who visit the areas rescued from the Navy. Fishermen, old persons, children and women of Vieques as well as visitors to our island have been fined and their civil rights violated by this new invading force on Vieques," according to the Committee for the Rescue and Development of Vieques (CRDV). In May, a F&W agent detained 15-year-old Viequense, Brian Camacho, pointing a pistol to his head and placing him in metal handcuffs. Last July 19, Vieques resident Tindaro Granata, an Italian national, was thrown to the ground and handcuffed by a F&W official at Playa Caracas, apparently after remaining on the beach 15 minutes past the posted

closing time. Granata was detained for more than five hours in the agency office.

For more information, contact the Committee for the Rescue and Development of Vieques, P.O. Box 1424, Vieques, PR 00765, (787)741-0716, bieke@prorescatevieques.org



Letters of support can be sent to the Vieques May 1 defendants - José Vélez Acosta 23883-069, USP, POB 1033, Coleman, Florida 33521-1033; José Pérez González 21519-069, Atlanta USP, 601 McDonough Blvd SE, POB 150160, Atlanta, GA 30315; Jorge Cruz 26318-069, FPC Edgefield, P. O. Box 725, Edgefield, SC 29824-0725, and Néstor de Jesús Guishard 21716 069, José Montañez Sanes 26317-069, and Andres Santiago 19829-069, all at MDC Guaynabo, PO Box 2147 San Juan, PR 00922-2147.

Inside & Out



Name ID# (if needed) (sentence - in/out date if known)
prison or support address
(action & date)

IMPRISONED NUCLEAR RESISTERS, USA:

Greg Boertje-Obed 08052-016 (3 months, out 12/21/04)
FPC Duluth, POB 1000, Duluth, MN 55814.
(Repeat trespass at StratCom headquarters, Offutt AFB, Nebraska, 3/04)

Jackie Hudson 08808-039 (30 months - out 3/06/05)
Federal Prison Camp, Victorville, POB 5100, Adelanto, CA 92301.

Carol Gilbert 10856-039 (33 months - out 5/23/05)
Alderson FPC, Box A, Alderson, WV 24910.

Ardeth Platte 10857-039 (41 months - out 12/22/05)
FPC Danbury, Pembroke Station Rt. 37, Danbury, CT 06811-0379.
(Sacred Earth and Space Plowshares disarmament of Colorado nuclear missile silo, 10/6/02; convicted of sabotage)

Helen Woodson 03231-045
Bates County Jail, P. O. Box 60, Butler, MO 64730.
(Anti-war protest at the federal courthouse, Kansas City, Missouri, 3/11/04 violates parole following 3/9/04 release from prison. Pled guilty to violation and four new charges, 6/18/04 - Awaiting sentencing 11/5/04)

Carl Kabat 03230-045 (four months - out 11/5/04)
FCI Englewood, 9595 W. Quincy, Littleton, CO 80123.
(Prayer atop Colorado nuclear missile silo, 4/9/04, convicted of trespass)

Leonard Peltier 89637-132 (life)
POB 1000, Leavenworth, KS 66048.
(Native American political prisoner)

OVERSEAS, THESE NUCLEAR RESISTERS ARE KNOWN TO BE IN PRISON:

Yuri I. Bandazhevsky (8 years - due out 12/04)
Valiuk for Bandazhevsky Y.I., 231318 Grodnenskaya oblast, Lidski raion, Peskovtsy, ul. Oktiabrskaya 2, Belarus.
(Chernobyl researcher and whistleblower fraudulently convicted of corruption, 6/01 - moved to pre-release penal colony, 6/04)

Igor Sutvagin (15 years)
c/o Irina Petrovna Manannikova (wife of prisoner), Zvezdnaya, d. 1A, kv. 82; Obninsk, Kaluga region 249039; Russia.
(Imprisoned since 10/27/1999, now convicted of espionage for researching public nuclear weapons information - sentenced 4/07/04)

THE WOMEN AND MEN LISTED HERE ARE IN
PRISON FOR ACTS OF RESISTANCE
TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND WAR.

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THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE ARE NOW IN PRISON FOR ANTI-WAR RELATED ACTIVITIES

Michael D. Poulin 14793-097 (27 months - out 1/25/2006)
Shelby B, POB 34550, Memphis TN 38184.
(Convicted of damaging electricity transmission towers to show fragility of empire - 11/03)

VIEQUES:

José Vélez Acosta 23883-069 (33 months - out 1/27/06)
USP, POB 1033, Coleman, Florida 33521-1033.

José Pérez González 21519-069 (5 years - in 9/5/03)
Atlanta USP, 601 McDonough Blvd SE, POB 150160, Atlanta, GA 30315.

Néstor de Jesús Guishard 21716 069 (14 months - out 12/9/04)

José Montañez Sanes 26317-069 (18 months - out 5/15/05)

Andres Santiago 19829-069 (out 12/10/2004)
MDC Guaynabo, PO Box 2147 San Juan, PR 00922-2147.

Jorge Cruz 26318-069 (18 months - out 6/06/05)
FPC Edgefield, P. O. Box 725, Edgefield, SC 29824-0725.
(Conspiracy, damage to federal property, &/or probation violation 5/1/03 - resisting U.S. military bombardment of Vieques, Puerto Rico)

Please send economic support for prisoners and families, and any returned letters to: May 1 Arrestees Support Committee, P.O. Box 191792, San Juan, PR 00919-1792.

SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS:

Jerome Zawada 04995-045 (6 months + 30 days)
Project ELF sentence - out 11/01/04)
FPC Oxford, POB 1085, Oxford, WI 53952.
(Trespass at the School of the Americas, Ft. Benning, Georgia - 11/22/03)

MILITARY REFUSERS

Pvt. Camilo Mejia (One year - out 3/05)
Building 1490, Randolph Rd., Fort Sill, OK 73503.
(National Guard member went AWOL after 2003 Iraq duty, turned self in as conscientious objector, 3/15/04)

David Bunt (45 days - out 10-31-04)
Bldg 1042 PSC 20140, Camp Lejeune, NC 28542.
(Conscientious objector petition rejected; pled guilty at court martial to missing training.)

Sgt. First Class Abd Allah Webster (14 months - in 6/3/04)
[address currently unavailable]
(Refused Iraq duty, convicted after CO petition rejected)

PREVIOUSLY LISTED, RECENTLY RELEASED:
Craig Adams, Richard J. Wekerle, Donald Beisswenger, Cynthia Brinkman, Frances E. Lamb, David L. Corcoran

Plowshares Updates

Sacred Earth & Space

Attorneys for the three nuns convicted of sabotaging a nuclear missile site in Colorado presented oral arguments for their appeal on October 1. One major issue is the severity of the charge compared to the nature of the protest, where only a fence was cut and damage to the silo was negligible. Bill Sulzman sat in on the brief hearing: "Judge Hartz questioned the government with 'So the fact that this was a protest case is what made it sabotage and only damage done in a protest case can rise to the level of sabotage?' The prosecutor had admitted that if a farmer had done the same amount of damage because he wanted the fence out of the way for some reason that that would not be sabotage even if the same level of security forces responded (helicopters, dozens of troops and multiple vehicles). This assertion seemed to trouble all three judges. It is impossible to know if they were only playing devil's advocate or if they really were troubled by this assertion." A decision from the 10th Circuit is expected within 2-3 months. Prison writings of the women are available at www.jonahhouse.org/sacred_earth.htm



Letters of support can be sent to Jackie Hudson 08808-039, Federal Prison Camp, Victorville, POB 5100, Adelanto, CA 92301; Carol Gilbert 10856-039, Alderson FPC, Box A, Alderson, WV 24910; and Ardeth Platte 10857-039, FPC Danbury, Pembroke Station Rt. 37, Danbury, CT 06811-0379.

Silo Pruning Hooks, etc.

Helen Woodson has been notified that she will be sentenced in federal court in Kansas City on November 5. A sentence of up to nine years in prison is expected on charges of threatening federal judges and other officials, and damaging government property. She also expects to be sentenced for probation violations dating back to her

original sentence for the 1984 Silo Pruning Hooks disarmament of a Missouri nuclear missile silo. Curiously, the pre-sentencing report concludes that no restitution is warranted, because any permanent damage done when she poured red paint over security equipment at the courthouse last March 11 was in fact caused by the cleaning solvents used, and not the paint.

Woodson's action came two days following her release from federal prison, and involved letters and statements declaring that the judges who legitimize nuclear war by protecting the weapons while punishing the resisters have become part of the weapons themselves.



Letters of support may be sent to Helen Woodson 03231-045, Bates County Jail, P. O. Box 60, Butler, MO 64730.

Ploughshares Ireland

As the looming invasion of Iraq darkened the winter of 2003, sparks of hope flashed in Ireland, where iron tools struck steel warplanes. Mary Kelly, who used a fire-axe to disable a U.S. Navy troop transport plane on January 29, was charged with "criminal damage without lawful excuse." At her June, 2003, jury trial in Kildush, Co. Clare, she put forward a defense of acting to save lives and prevent crime, justified under both domestic and international law. She had the opportunity to act because Shannon Airport is a major refueling stop for U.S. soldiers and their gear en route to the Mideast, defying Irish constitutional claims of neutrality.

Summing up, the trial judge stated that international law does not apply in Ireland and practically demanded a guilty verdict. But independent minded jurors produced a deadlock after five hours of deliberations, and a mistrial was declared.

Two days into her June 2004 retrial, Kelly's defense

counsel abruptly resigned, causing another mistrial. Her second retrial will begin October 19.

No sooner had the plane Kelly disarmed been repaired, than a group of Catholic Workers, calling themselves the Pitstop Ploughshares, went to work on it again. Deirdre Clancy, Nuin Dunlop, Karen Fallon, Damien Moran and Ciaran O'Reilly spent up to several weeks in jail after the February 4, 2003 action. All are now out on conditional release: banned from County Clare and from a mile radius of the U.S. embassy, and required to sign on twice a week at a police station. They face two counts of criminal damage and a maximum 10 year sentence if convicted. Trial has been repeatedly postponed as the prosecution fights defense pretrial demands for evidence about Irish complicity in U.S. war plans.

Trident Ploughshares



The Trident Ploughshares campaign in Great Britain continues to convene several action camps each year, aimed at exposing and dismantling Britain's nuclear weapons force of four missile-launching Trident submarines. In addition to gatherings at Faslane submarine base and Coulport weapons store in Scotland, action camps have been held in the south of England at Devonport and Aldermaston, where Britain's nuclear weapons are manufactured. Although only 214 people have actually signed the Trident Ploughshares pledge to engage in nonviolent direct action, hundreds more attend or support the action camps.

As of September, 2004, the campaign had recorded 2,184 arrests, 497 trials completed, 2,154 nights in prison, and £71,836.50 in fines and compensation ordered. Those who do not pay fines have been sentenced to jail, usually for 7-28 days. British practice is usually that only half of a jail sentence is spent behind bars. In the last two years, at least 22 people have served such a sentence, including five women who have served from two to four short terms.

Ulla Roder, a Swedish pledger who is one of three women acquitted in a landmark Ploughshares disarmament case from 1999, is currently underground. Roder entered an unguarded airplane hangar on March 11, 2003, and with her hammer caused over \$1M damage to a Tornado warplane at RAF Leuchars. She refused bail for five months, but at the end of August was released unconditionally when an interpreter could not be found to translate in court. When she did not appear for a hearing on October, 2003, a warrant was issued for her arrest. In December, she explained her absence in a long letter to supporters.

"The trial date has been changed 5 times, the case has been adjourned 15 times and the whole defense has been undermined in various ways in an absolutely outrageous manner by practically all parties involved. I wish to make this statement to alert the public and people supporting me of the problems that I have faced in the preparations for trial so far..."

"Before opting out, I felt that the whole situation was becoming so Kafkaesque that if I continued to participate in the circus I would be in imminent danger of being deprived of my right to speak and express myself during the case. Comprehending this danger, and after having talked this through with a friend, I felt confirmed that I had to take time to get this situation sorted out."

"Now... I am determined to present myself to the court and respond responsibly to the charge brought against me, at the earliest possible date which can be arranged after I am satisfied of receiving a fair trial before a jury of my peers and with proper legal assistance."

Now, almost one year since the warrant was issued, Roder remains at large, still waiting for a fair day in court.

PLOUGHSHARES AT RAF FAIRFORD

Five activists who took action to stop U.S. warplanes from using RAF Fairford in the week before the invasion of Iraq, including two Trident Ploughshares pledgers, had their cases consolidated as they fought for the right to challenge the legality of the war in their defense. Josh Richards, Phil Pritchard, Toby Olditch, Paul Milling and Margaret Jones, who all did or intended to disarm warplanes and support vehicles, have alternately lost and won the right at different levels of the appeal. Last summer, an appeals court in London confirmed the defendants' right to argue that they were acting to prevent war crimes, with lawful excuse and out of necessity to protect life and property in Iraq. Trial dates for the five are pending.

For more information on the Trident Ploughshares campaign, visit <http://www.tridentploughshares.org>

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editors, wrestled with U.S. marshals, even been arrested for civil disobedience. I marched and worked for the Central American struggles of the 70s and 80s, the anti-apartheid struggle for South Africa, the Irish hunger strikers, for Palestine, in addition to nuclear weapons and reactors. It made little difference. Throughout my life under eleven different administrations from liberal to fascist, everything got worse--more corruption, more unemployment, more imprisonment, more injustice, more inequality, more concentration of media, wealth and power, more poverty; internationally, more diabolic, comprehensive instruments and agencies of oppression, American troops quartered in more than 110 countries - largely in support of rapacious corporations which now own everything from national water systems to street signs. All of this was much worse than the world I was born into in 1941. I had, at age 62, little time remaining to make a difference, and I dearly wanted to make a difference. But how?

"What is my responsibility in all this? I'm neither into suicide nor harming others. Nor am I particularly brave. What could I do? I took inventory of my strengths and weaknesses. On one side, I am little cowed by external authority or the force that it wields. I am less concerned with public opinion, "common sense" or the expectations of others. I am also white (privileged), educated, middle class, articulate, respectable looking, personable when I want to be. On the other side, I'm 62, partially blind, overweight, arthritic, diabetic with high blood pressure, high cholesterol, neuropathy, skin cancer, etc. ad nauseum. I take eleven pills a day and need to nap and take blood samples daily and see a diabetic nurse every three months. Reasons all to sit home and play with the grandkids as would any sensible grandfather who cared little about any other kids; but unable to get those Iraqi and Palestinian kids out of my head, it seemed like now or never, so let's get this geezer on the road.

"Now the hard part. What to do? Direct action always made the most sense to me. But what? Where? How? I was not a military person, let alone a commando or technician. Nor was I into hurting anybody. But damaging property--things--was OK. But what? How? So I took inventory of the apparent, the possible, the vulnerable. What might bite the gorilla in its homeland security? What might make him take notice? ...I finally came to decide upon the electric power towers as offering the most shock value with the least risk to people..."

"High voltage transmission towers are both highly conspicuous and obscure, that is we both see them and we don't because we never give them a thought, and we never think of them as critical to our existence or, at least, lifestyle. More to my point, we never think of them as vulnerable to attack by anyone at all, let alone one old fart with a wrench, which is all it took to provoke the ensuing panic. While I never believed anything I did was going to cause injury, we later learned from a highly-credentialed high-voltage tower engineer that my work had negligible structural effect on the towers, that the fundamental pyramid configuration of the towers minimized the possibility of toppling in the strongest of winds."

After a week of work, the "bolt-weevil" was identified by witnesses and he learned from friends that the FBI was in pursuit. He contacted an attorney in Oregon who attempted unsuccessfully to negotiate a surrender and plea agreement. Days later, weary from the road and all that wrenching, this military veteran of some of the last atmospheric nuclear weapons tests in the Pacific was driving towards Sacramento and the office of the U.S. attorney when he learned that the homes of friends and relatives were under surveillance. He found a convenient highway patrol station and turned himself in. The media had a field day, hooked by the blather of "activist turns domestic terrorist."

Michael Poulin agreed to plead guilty and was released on bail December 23. He was sentenced February 18, 2004, to 27 months in federal prison, and turned himself in on April 2. In the interim, he wrote:

"Time for reflection. What good did I do? What was the point? What else could I do? Legal means of dissent have not worked in a very long time, if ever. I had tried them all and then some. I was sitting on my hands at home watching the continuing brutal, illegal occupations of Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan. I couldn't stomach the thought of another sign-carrying demonstration yet wanted to address the feeling of political impotence. So the answer is also the question turned on its head: What good did I do by not doing?"



Letters of support should be sent to Michael D. Poulin 14793-097, Shelby B, POB 34550, Memphis TN 38184.

Pre-emptive Arrests Mark Republican Convention

Outside of New York, Boston and the independent media, the corporate dailies carried little news about protests at the Democratic and Republican National Conventions.

Half a million people marched through the streets of Manhattan on Sunday, August 29, the eve of the Republican National Convention. While most had more than one reason to oppose the Republicans under George Bush, the demonstrators' greatest common denominator all week long was opposition to the invasion and occupation of Iraq.

Tuesday, August 31 was dedicated to decentralized nonviolent direct actions across Manhattan. Police used a variety of tactics and equipment to isolate activist groups where they gathered, before large masses could converge. Typical was the response to a march sponsored by the War Resisters League, SOA Watch, and others, from Ground Zero, where the World Trade Center once stood, towards Madison Square Garden and the convention. Thousands had gathered and begun marching, when just a block away, police surrounded more than 200 marchers in the lead and several bystanders with orange plastic net construction fencing, then arrested them all. Most of those not arrested made their way towards the Garden nonetheless, where many more were arrested in a die-in.

Throughout the day, at more than a dozen locations across Manhattan, police preemptively plucked peaceful protesters and luckless locals off the streets, arresting more than 1,000, and nearly 2,000 total during the week. Hundreds were held for up to 48 hours in a large, toxic-contaminated warehouse at Pier 57, hastily converted for the purpose. A court order September 2 finally brought about the release of over 500 of those detained, some for 60 hours by then. The Mass Defense Committee of the New York City National Lawyers Guild is coordinating legal defense of those arrested, and has also filed suit against the NYPD over the false arrests and dangerous temporary jails.

Code Pink and Act-Up activists managed to defeat the high security checks on several nights, only to be pushed, pulled and carried off the convention floor after giving voice to their convictions.

Protests at the Democratic National Convention in Boston were muted by comparison, with less than a dozen arrests reported.

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Bonnie Urfer, co-director of Nukewatch said, "I feel relief for the people of the area and the local environment, knowing that ELF's million-point-three watts of electricity will no longer be jolted into the ground, shocking the aquatic life and increasing the threat of leukemia and other cancers."

Nukewatch said the Navy's closure announcement, while welcome, raises more questions than it answers. The Navy said "improved technologies" and "changing requirements of today's Navy" made ELF obsolete. However, "very-low-frequency (ELF) alternatives to ELF have been around for 30 years and the 'changing requirements' refer to the end of the cold war that happened 14 years ago," LaForge said.

Urfer, who served 6 months in jail in 1995 for refusing to pay fines, and later spent two years in federal custody for cutting down three ELF poles, also announced that, "We (the Coalition to Stop Project ELF) will gather at the site September 30, all day, to confirm the shutdown and to celebrate, and if they don't shut it off we'll cross the line to continue the resistance."

John Heid, of Anathoth Community Farm near Luck, Wisconsin, who along with LaForge served 60 days in Ashland County Jail in 2001, said of the announcement, "Today ELF, tomorrow Trident."

Jane Hosking, also at Anathoth, and who was jailed for 60 days in 1998, commented that, "We still have a few issues to work out with U.S. nuclear weapons policy -- like disarmament and clean-up."

The U.S. still deploys 14 Tridents, the deadliest and most expensive weapons system in human history. The \$155 billion Trident fleet carries over 2,880 intercontinental ballistic missile warheads, some of which -- the 475 kiloton D-5s -- are 38 times the power of the Hiroshima bomb.

Twenty trespass defendants still await trial for actions at the site on Mother's Day, May 16, and August 8 (see story page 7).

For more information, contact Nukewatch, POB 649 Luck, WI 54853, (715)472-4185, nukewatch@lakeland.wi www.nukewatch.com

(thanks to Nukewatch for this account)

Peace Activist Charged as Iraqi Agent

A Maryland peace activist who initiated personal, back channel discussions with Iraqi officials in the final years prior to the U.S. invasion has been charged with conspiracy, acting as an unregistered agent of a foreign government, and taking money from a government that supports terrorism. Susan Lindauer was arrested by FBI agents on March 11, 2004, at her Takoma Park, Maryland home, and briefly jailed. Following her arraignment in New York the next day, she was released without bond to her father, a former candidate for Governor in Alaska. The indictment also names two adult children of a former Iraqi diplomat, who were first indicted on espionage charges in 2003.

Lindauer is accused of meeting with Iraq's U.N. diplomats and members of the Iraqi intelligence service in New York and Baghdad between 1996 and early 2003, and with accepting cash payments of \$5-10,000 while in Baghdad in late winter 2002. During the 1990s, Lindauer worked variously as a journalist and as press secretary for a few liberal democratic congresspeople. A long-standing interest in finding peaceful solutions to conflicts in the Middle East and elsewhere led her to initiate many contacts from Muslim and Arab nations.

As the Bush administration came to power, Lindauer delivered what she believed were significant messages from the Iraqis to the home of her second cousin, President Bush's Chief of Staff Andrew Card. Card turned the messages over to "appropriate officials", leading to undercover surveillance of Lindauer and the introduction into her circle

of an agent posing as a Libyan intelligence officer. Evidence was brought before a grand jury, leading to the indictment and Lindauer's arrest. Lindauer denies working as an agent for Iraq or any other country, insisting that her personal efforts were in pursuit of a peaceful, humanitarian resolution to the sanctions and threat of war.

Greenpeace Confronts Traffic in Plutonium

Protest against plutonium shipments on the high seas is now focused on the impending export of 500 lbs. of plutonium oxide from Charleston, South Carolina, to France for reprocessing into experimental MOX fuel and back to the United States. In recent years, such shipments have been the target of an international Greenpeace anti-nuclear campaign, and possibly terrorists as well, warn critics. On September 16, one hundred people rallied at the Charleston waterfront, while at the port of Cherbourg, France, 11 Greenpeace activists were arrested after canoeing into the military arsenal and hanging a "Stop Plutonium" banner along the dock.

For more information, visit www.noplutonium.org and www.stop-plutonium.org

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THE INSIDE LINE



~ from Oxford

"DON'T GET WEARY" RECIDIVISTS IN THE MAKING

by Fr. Jerry Zawada

"Y'all don't come back here, now, y'hear?" Parting advice to Toni Flynn and myself from concerned guards at Crisp County Jail in Cordele, Georgia, January 10, 2003, the day Toni and I got released, having completed a six-month stint for crossing the line at the SOA/WHINSEC in Ft. Benning, Georgia.

Now, in early September, 2004, the advice given to Dave Corcoran and me here at Oxford Prison Camp in Central Wisconsin is basically the same: "Stay out—don't come back." This time the advice of soft-hearted inmate companions.

It's the second time at Oxford for each of us—Dave, just two years ago, for crossing the line at Ft. Benning and for me, fifteen years ago after fifteen of us, along with dozens of supporting friends, occupied nuclear missile silos in Missouri (Peace Planting '88).

We're sometimes referred to as "recidivists".

When people ask, "How many times have you been arrested?" I squirm. I actually have no idea, nor do I think it matters. Many others with fewer arrests, perhaps, have spent a lot more time than I have behind bars. That's true for the majority of our companions here at Oxford. That's true for someone like Mordechai Vanunu whose one sacred act of blowing the whistle on the hundreds of atomic bombs hidden by Israel in the Negev Desert has led him to all of 18 years in the harshest of conditions.

Then we have Phil Berrigan, Carl Kabat, Helen Woodson and currently also, Ardeth Platte, Carol Gilbert, Jackie Hudson—dozens of others who have and are pointing the way for me, for us—people of conscience in our violence-scarred generation, telling us: "Don't give up the struggle."

Liz McAlister at the ELF gathering this past Mother's Day (May 16, 2004) echoes her beloved Phil

Berrigan: "Don't get weary! Don't get weary in the face of a world that has embraced endless war and bankrupting military spending (\$12,000.00 every second of every day). A world where lies pass for truth, sound bites for wisdom, arrogance for understanding." These words brought to us by Liz from Phil's last major talk. We have to take them seriously.

Oxford, as the name suggests, has become a learning institution for me (and for my dear companion, Dave). It's not a fair place, it's not just—not only for us, but for every single inmate here. It must be discontinued as a punishment place and turned to a free-wheeling retreat home. The surroundings are beautiful—woods with animals and birds scurrying all about. There's a tennis court, ball field, bacchi ball, soon to be volleyball—all wasted on me. I've always been clumsy at sports and why should I go to the "hole" for throwing a ball through a glass window. I could find better reasons to do so.

"A pretty prison" I've dubbed it—and awful, like the majority throughout the country; punishing inmates and families alike, when there are other creative ways to deal with nonviolent "crimes".

Oh, there are crimes here—some new ones this week: The number of prisoners just escalated to 230 from 208, ten people relegated to windowless rooms, not quite the size of some closets I've seen. One urinal for 208—as of yesterday 2 more are in operation. With ongoing pressures of crowdedness (the camp was meant for no more than 140 inmates), I'm amazed at the patience and consideration of inmates, some who have to live in this environment for 10 – 15 years. Yes, Oxford is a learning place for me. I wonder how this happens.

Liz again: Commenting on Ardeth, Carol, and Jackie's trial and sentencing, she points out that such things "require a lot of reflection. Perhaps they are a mirror of our times, a mirror into which we must look long and close to better understand the nature of this empire and what we stand for and what we stand against."

Then she adds: "What I find myself reflecting on most is the long view—and it is a tough perspective for North Americans who have yet to learn that the quick fix is neither."

Dave Corcoran, along with others arrested at the SOA/WHINSEC will be leaving here on October 1, 2004. My out-date is November 2—election day?

From this experience some things will be emblazoned upon my heart. I'm receiving powerful encouragement from hundreds of letters, from powerful reading, from wise inmates, from plenty of time for prayer and REFLECTION. David too. We carry with us the words of Jesus: "I have not come to give you a palliative peace—The peace I bring is a more interesting one. It goes deeper, challenges more. Love as I love you. Take some risks and for heaven's sake don't get weary. I'll help you handle it. You too are a recidivist in the making." Y'all come back here now, y'hear?

[Fr. Jerry Zawada is serving a six month sentence for trespass at Ft. Benning, Georgia, home of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, better known as the terror-training School of the Americas.]

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Air Force personnel arrived soon thereafter. Carson was arrested and jailed overnight. She was released on her own recognizance the next day, charged in state court with criminal mischief to agricultural land and second degree criminal trespass.

In Weld County Court in Greeley on October 5, Carson pled guilty to trespass and was fined \$300 and ordered to pay restitution and court costs.

Air & Space Museum

Protest popped up all across the nation's capitol city from August 6-9 as the Atlantic Life Community and friends met for their annual Hiroshima/Nagasaki Faith and Resistance gathering. First it was at the Journalists of Color convention on Saturday, where President Bush was scheduled to speak. Most of the gathering joined other protesters outside with banners and signs, jeers and shouts to greet the motorcade. Scott Langley had a press pass, however, and went inside.

When the president began talking about compassion Langley called out: "Mr. Bush, Mr. Bush. How can you talk about compassion? It is not compassion to bomb people! It is not compassion to lie to the press and to the American people!" Turning to journalists around him, Scott said: "He is lying!" Langley was surrounded by Secret Service who led him out of the ballroom and questioned him at length before he was free to go.

On Saturday, August 7, the group visited the new Air and Space Museum and its sanitized exhibit of the Enola Gay, the plane that dropped the bomb on Hiroshima. At the signal, three banners were hung above the plane from the cat walk. They read: "The Enola Gay - A Weapon of Mass Destruction!" "Weapons of Mass Destruction - Nothing to Celebrate!" and "We Must Face the Shame of Our Horrific History!" In front of the plane, on the main level, activists unfurled a banner that read: "Hiroshima and Nagasaki - Never Again."

Brian Buckley poured ashes as other participants enacted a die-in in front of the plane. The ashes were beyond symbolic; they seemed to multiply and go everywhere - on the "dead" and the ground all around the plane. Buckley then joined the die-in, and he and Matt Ochalek were quickly cuffed by security.

The banners were pulled down, and the rest of the group was led to a secure area out of public view. They were all held for half an hour, then walked back to their cars through a museum that had been shut down.

Ochalek was bailed out that evening, and supporters posted bail for Buckley on Monday. Both men face several charges at trial scheduled for September 28.

Sunday, the retreat assembled with banners and signs at the White House. The Pennsylvania Avenue approach now entirely inaccessible, a few moved into the new photo zone to the south of the mansion. Susan Crane, Tom Feagley, Scott Langley, Liz McAlister and Sheila Stumph were arrested after nearly an hour of holding banners on this sidewalk. Others stayed across the street, holding signs and banners on the north side of The Ellipse. The five were released later in the day, with a November 17 court date.

Monday morning, Nagasaki Day, a few went to court to meet Buckley and "go his bail." The others converged to vigil with banners at the Pentagon. From the pedestrian walkway on the south side of the building, five people lowered large anti-war banners. Arrests quickly followed for Susan Crane, Tom Feagley, Art Laffin, Liz McAlister and Colleen McCarthy. They were released a short time later in the day with court dates of November 5 and 19. The remaining community members continued the presence on both the south side and the Metro entrance.

For more information, contact Jonah House, 1301 Moreland Ave., Baltimore, MD 21216, (410)233-6238, disarminow@erols.com www.jonahhouse.org

Lockheed Martin

On Friday, August 6, a couple of dozen people gathered at Lockheed Martin headquarters in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, for the Brandywine Peace Community's 28th consecutive Hiroshima Day remembrance. Bob Smith of Brandywine reports:

Joined by two Japanese Hibakusha - one a survivor of the Hiroshima bombing, the other a Nagasaki bombing survivor - we were reminded that in every war lies the threat of another Hiroshima or Nagasaki. In remembering Hiroshima and Nagasaki, we affirm that the very existence of Lockheed Martin and the continued war-making and nuclear weapons weapons industry, lies on the ashes of the 'nuclear cities'. After sprinkling ashes at and on the Lockheed Martin sign, seven people (Rich Conti, Beth Friedlan, Anne Geers, MJ Gentile, Mary Jo McArthur, Rev. Deborah Payson, and Bob Smith) were arrested for 'dying in' and blocking the main entrance with ashes, pictures of both Iraq war dead and the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings. To remember Hiroshima and Nagasaki is to resist the fact of Lockheed Martin, war, and the ultimate threat to humankind - nuclear weapons.

In 2003, the Hiroshima Day observance at Lockheed Martin resulted in seven arrests, and for the first time in recent years, those arrested were actually given court dates, but eventually the charges were dropped and no more prosecutions have been initiated.

As a faith-based resistance community, Brandywine sponsors an annual adaptation of the Stations of the Cross each Good Friday. In 2003, fifteen people were cited for trespass after entering Lockheed Martin property during the event. In 2004, fourteen people were arrested on April 9, following a procession past the Stations of Justice and Peace, set out alongside the Valley Forge weapons complex.

Brandywine also marks the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. with nonviolent resistance at Lockheed Martin. Frigid weather did not deter the January 19, 2004 celebration that featured a diverse range of poets, rappers and eloquent speakers. Nine people were arrested for trespass when they blocked the entrance.

For more information, contact the Brandywine Peace Community, POB 81, Swarthmore, PA 19081, (610)544-1818, brandywine@juno.com

Duluth

Around 12:30 a.m. on August 6, Michael Larson was cited for misdemeanor "damage to property" for refusing to clean up chalk outlines intended to memorialize the victims of the nuclear attack on Hiroshima. Around two dozen people had participated in a "shadow project", turning the entire downtown and lakefront of Duluth into a memorial. The arrest was the first time in ten years of "shadow project" actions in Duluth that anyone had been cited or even harassed by police. Larson's trial is set for November 16.

For more information, contact Loaves & Fishes Catholic Worker, 1614 Jefferson St., Duluth MN 55812, 218-728-0629.

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Oak Ridge Y-12

A series of events in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, once again drew hundreds of people to mark the anniversary of the atomic bombings at the original uranium enrichment plant, known as Y-12.

The commemorative events culminated Sunday, August 9, when more than 200 people rallied for nuclear disarmament at a nearby park. They marched two miles to the Y-12 gate, established a peace village in the road and shut down the bomb plant for the day. Twelve people were arrested. Their journey through the local court and jail over the next two weeks kept the issue in the media and public eye, and provided a community-building focus for the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance, organizer of the annual events.

As in years past, the Oak Ridge commemoration began before dawn on August 6, with recitation of the names of victims outside the factory fence. Friday afternoon, the Peace Pilgrimage from the Nipponzan Myohoji Atlanta Dojo arrived after walking 450 miles through Georgia and Alabama into Tennessee, meeting up with the Run for A Nuclear Free Future, a team of marathoners who arrived from Portsmouth, Ohio, and the uranium enrichment plant there. In the evening, peace lanterns were set afloat in the Tennessee River, in the tradition of remembrance practiced in Hiroshima.

Saturday brought a workshop in nonviolent action, preparing for the rally, march and direct action on Sunday.

Sunday, of the peace villagers arrested, Judy Burkhardt was released from custody and banished from public

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THE INSIDE LINE

~ from Adelanto

(excerpt from Epistle 6 - Fall 2004)

by Jackie Hudson

KPFK, an independent Pacifica Radio station out of Los Angeles, is my main source of news. They recently ran an 8 week series on prisons. The seventh in the series debunked the myth of surrounding the need for prisons. The prison system is beyond reforming. The soul of our nation demands the abolishment of this primitive enslavement of our citizens.

Recent statistics

Incarceration rates:

1950 Russia under Stalin = 1,423 per 100,000 population

2004 US under George Bush = 2,298 per 100,000 population

Increase in US prison guards:

2000 = 270,000

2004 = 476,000

Billions of dollars continue to pour into this evil system as homelessness, insufficient health care and education continue to wreak havoc on the multitudes. I recommend the web page: www.criticalresistance.org. It will put you in touch with the National Organization of Critical Resistance. Their goal is the abolition of prisons.

[Sr. Jackie Hudson is serving 30 months in federal prison for inspecting, exposing, and symbolically disarming a nuclear missile in Colorado, as part of the Sacred Earth and Space Plowshares.]

Nevada Test Site Bangor

About 150 people attended Nevada Desert Experience's August Desert Witness's Hiroshima Day event with keynote speaker Richard Rohr, who spoke Friday night and Saturday at Christ the King Church in Las Vegas. On Sunday, Fr. Rohr was the celebrant of the liturgy at the Nevada Test Site, where he first participated in a liturgy and protest 20 years ago. There were about 50 arrests for trespassing, as participants "crossed the line" in an act of nonviolent civil disobedience at the most nuked landscape on the planet.

For more information, contact Nevada Desert Experience, POB 46645, Las Vegas, NV 89114, nde@peacenet.org www.NevadaDesertExperience.org

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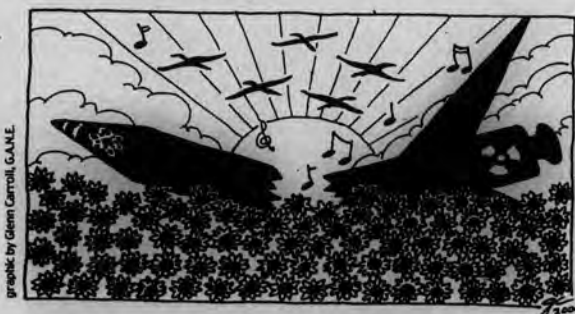
property in Oak Ridge. Sigrid Dale were released on bail that evening. The other ten did not post bail and stayed at the Anderson County Jail. They were all arraigned on Monday, returned to jail, and were back in court again on Tuesday. Burkhardt, Dale, and Justin Rubenstein were all first-offenders in the town of Oak Ridge. They were released with no fine, just \$200 in court costs. Pam Beziat, a second-offender, pled no contest and was sentenced to five days in jail. The eight remaining defendants pled not guilty, and elected to remain in jail while Beziat completed her sentence.

Trial for the eight was the following Tuesday. Judge Ron Murch frequently cut off the defendants' testimony, but their conscience could not be contained, and its expression had the support of a standing-room only crowd in court. Murch found them all guilty as charged.

Second offenders Ron Dale, Kim Redigan, and Kip Williams were fined and sentenced to time served. Jerry Bone, Erik Johnson, Libby Johnson, Lissa McLeod, and Judy Ross, each with more than two previous arrests, were sentenced to ten days in jail. With credit for time served, they finished their terms by the next weekend.

Plans are underway already for what OREPA hopes will be the largest demonstration in Oak Ridge history next year, on the 60th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

For more information, contact the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance, POB 5743, Oak Ridge, TN 37831, (865)483-8202, orepa@stopthebombs.org www.stopthebombs.org



Bangor

About 70 people demonstrated August 8 at the gate of the Navy's Trident submarine base in Bangor, Washington. Most had walked from the adjacent Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action to protest the continuing threat of nuclear war represented by the west coast home port for over 1,700 sea-based nuclear warheads. Twenty were counter demonstrators under the moniker Operation Support Our Troops, who greeted the arriving march from the opposite side of the highway, holding signs and waving U.S. flags.

Thirteen of the anti-nuclear activists stepped into the roadway, some carrying large pictures of Hiroshima and Nagasaki victims, and others blocking the entryway with a large banner declaring "We Can All Live Without Trident." Kitsap County sheriff's deputies arrested the group and released them later at the station, with the assurance they would not be prosecuted. The county has been unable to get convictions against nonviolent activists arrested at Bangor the last three times they have tried. Juries and judges have found that people arrested at Bangor protests have the legal right to redress grievances under International and U.S. law with nonviolent direct action.

For more information, contact Ground Zero, 16159 Clear Creek Road NW, Poulsbo, WA 98370, (360)779-4672, info@gzcenter.org www.gzcenter.org

Project ELF

Eleven people from across the United States, and as far abroad as New Zealand and England, were arrested August 8 after walking under an unlocked gate into the Project ELF transmitter compound near Clam Lake, Wisconsin. Just outside the gate, about 100 people rallied and held a die-in in remembrance of more than 200,000 people killed instantly in the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Eight of the nine people ticketed and released on site were from the Chicago-based Christian Peacemaker Teams, a human rights group that sends teams of volunteers and observers into trouble spots around the world. Two Wisconsin women, Bonnie Urfer and Gail Vaughn, were jailed for non-payment of fines resulting from past arrests at Project ELF. They were both released later the same day after their fines were paid anonymously. A trial date for the eleven has not been set. Nine people arrested last May 16 will be tried on November 5 before U.S. Magistrate Stephen Crocker in Madison. (see story about Project ELF closing, page 1)

For more information, contact Nukewatch, POB 649, Luck, WI 54853, (715)472-4185, nukewatch@lakeland.wi www.nukewatch.com

Never Again! Livermore

Five hundred people rallied at a Livermore, California elementary school on August 8 for a "Books Not Bombs" festival, and later marched to the gates of Livermore National Laboratory.

Marylia Kelly of Tri-Valley CARES told the crowd "Here in Livermore, where my child received his education, we are now closing schools because, we are told, there is no funding to keep them open. Yet at the same time we see the budget for new nuclear weapons development at Livermore Lab skyrocket. The government wants to give us smart bombs and dumb kids."

A peace camp was established nearby for the night. Early on the morning of August 9, Nagasaki Day, 60 people marched to the Lab's west gate, which some blockaded. Twenty-three were arrested for trespass, cited and released.

Religious and secular opponents engage in civil disobedience at Livermore Lab nearly every year on Good Friday and around the anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. In August, 2003, after a spring and summer of anti-war arrests around central California, more than 1,000 people marched as a human chain of "Hands Around the Lab," but no arrests were reported.

On Good Friday, April 18, 2003, 300 people engaged in ritual protest, and listened to Father Bill O'Donnell, who grew up in Livermore and had recently served six months in prison for trespass at the School of the Americas, deliver a keynote speech. He told the group their very presence would be the conversation of many a Livermore Lab employee that day, creating an internal dialogue of the morality of the nuclear weapons work happening there. Seventy-three people were arrested at the gate, and cited but not prosecuted.

This year, the April 9 Good Friday Action was dedicated to Fr. O'Donnell, who died suddenly at his desk last December, and several other faith-based activists who have died recently. Among several hundred participants, 61 were arrested at the gate.

[Editor's note: In the mid-1980's, the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory east of Oakland, California, was the site of thousands of arrests for nuclear disarmament. *Direct Action*, a historical novel by Luke Hauser (GroundWork, 2003, 767 pp.) tells the story of this era, an important crucible for many experiments in consensus and affinity group-based organizing for nonviolent direct action. The legacy of this experience can be seen in many contemporary direct action movements. Book available at www.directaction.org]

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'Keystone' Terrorism Cops Stumble Over Iowa Peaceniks

Iowa's nonviolent action campaign to "STOP THE OCCUPATION! BRING THE GUARD HOME!" from regular war-zone call ups continues, including weekly vigils with poster-size photos of Iowa war casualties at the "Iowa Pentagon" building, the STARC Armory National Guard headquarters in Johnston.

After an eight day trial in Des Moines in July, 2003, 13 people were found guilty of trespass at a post-invasion demonstration on March 22, 2003. All were fined about \$200. Frank Cordaro used his sentencing statement to announce the next armory occupation in November.

The day before that November 16 action, a statewide Anti-War and Occupation Conference was held at Des Moines' Drake University, including training for nonviolent civil disobedience. Two local sheriff's deputies infiltrated the training, among about two dozen people who attended.

The next day twelve people were arrested at the Armory action. One woman, Chris Gaunt, was also charged with assault and interfering with police after she went limp on arrest. An uninjured officer claimed she kicked him as they carried her off. Gaunt was convicted in March, 2004, and sentenced a few days later (see below).

In February, four months after the conference and action, the undercover investigation bore fruit. The federal prosecutor in Des Moines grabbed national headlines by

issuing subpoenas to four organizers - all associated with Catholic Worker communities - to testify before a grand jury on February 10. Authorities also subpoenaed membership and meeting records of the National Lawyers' Guild chapter at Drake, and any records about the conference from the University itself.

One officer delivering the subpoena to Brian Terrell, Director of Iowa's Catholic Peace Ministry, raised questions when he left his calling card, identifying himself as a member of the local FBI's Joint Anti-Terrorism Taskforce.

In addition to broad public support for the nonviolent activists, the subpoenas provoked editorial scorn across the country and even had Republican representatives in Washington asking questions. On the eve of the scheduled grand jury hearing, prosecutors belatedly confirmed their investigation was not about terrorism, but simply some alleged lawlessness organized at Drake and carried out the next day at STARC. The admission only stoked the outrage, and the next morning the subpoenas were withdrawn without further comment or explanation.

Organizing was already underway for a return to the STARC armory on March 21, to mark the anniversary of the invasion of Iraq. One thousand five hundred people marched for peace in Des Moines on March 20, and the next day a decidedly low-key police presence met the eleven people who crossed the line. They were cited for tres-

pass. Bonnie Urfer pled not guilty and asked for a jury trial. The others all pled no contest. Two spent the day in jail, seven others will do 15 hours community service, and Chris Gaunt, who spent the night of her arrest March 21 in jail, was sentenced March 30 for that charge and the three charges from last November's action.

Gaunt, a 47-year-old librarian at Grinnell College, told the court: "First I wish to express my regrets for any of my actions on November 16 that might have caused injury to another. If anyone other than myself was injured that day, I am truly sorry. I would never intentionally hurt anyone."

Gaunt received a suspended 60-day jail sentence, plus fines, restitution, community service and a compulsory "assaultive behavior" class.

Four codefendants who pled guilty or no contest were sentenced to time served or a fine. Five others were convicted and sentenced to their two or three days time served. Two who did not intend to risk arrest pleaded not guilty, and their charges were dismissed before trial.

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Day by Day

A continuing chronicle of war resistance

Our tally of anti-war arrests began in the fall of 2002, when the public build-up to the war against Iraq began. In late September of that year, police rounded up more than 600 anti-war marchers in Washington, D.C., on the occasion of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund meeting. At the same time, activists in more than a dozen states targeted congressional offices for civil disobedience actions directed at preventing congressional approval of the "use of force" resolution that the administration considers to be its declaration of war.

From that time until the present, more than 9,500 anti-war related arrests have been reported in the U.S. alone. And we're sure there were many more arrests we have yet to hear about. In many cases, our information about the legal consequences of these arrests is incomplete, and in a small handful, the number reported arrested varies a little between sources.

The following chronology is in two parts. First, new actions, previously unreported here, followed by updates on arrests reported in the *Nuclear Resister* #132/133, April 24, 2003.



NEW ACTIONS

- 10-24-2002 Columbia, SC** 1 arrested
Brett Bursey arrested with "No War for Oil" sign, outside designated protest zone. State drops baseless trespass charge; feds pick up prosecution for "threatening" the president and being in a "restricted" zone. In his defense, Bursey, the director of the South Carolina Progressive Network, challenges Secret Service policy permitting such zones. Tried in November, 2003, Bursey was found guilty in January, 2004, and fined \$500. He is appealing.
- 2-12-2003 Chapel Hill, NC - Dean Dome** 4 arrested
Four people ran onto court during prime-time broadcast of UNC-Virginia basketball game with anti-war banners. Two acquitted, two sentenced to community service, suspended jail term. One appealed.
- 2-24-2003 Boston, MA** 11 arrested
Arrested for blockading the downtown military recruiting center. Eight accepted probation sentence for their plea.
- 3-6-2003 Spokane, WA - Fairchild AFB** 7 arrested
Holding a banner reading "OPPOSE THE WAR - SUPPORT OUR TROOPS", activists blocked the entrance to Fairchild AFB, and were charged with disorderly conduct.
- 3-9-2003 Washington, DC** 23 arrested
Members of Iraq Pledge of Resistance held memorial service for Iraqi victims on the mall, then processed to the Capitol where arrests occurred. Eleven convicted at trial May 30, fined \$50.
- 3-15-2003 Boston, MA** 1 arrested
Woman arrested blocking traffic on Massachusetts Avenue bridge during anti-war Stand Out.
- 3-17-2003 Brattleboro, VT** 8 arrested
The downtown National Guard recruiting station was occupied by the Peace Guard, who hung their own banners and placed their own literature on the tables while engaging the Guard recruiters in conversation. Arrested later for trespass as they held a banner proclaiming "Love Your Enemies - Refuse to Kill." Released pending trial.
- 3-19-2003 Austin, TX** 3 arrested
Members of Campus Coalition for Peace & Justice cited for criminal mischief while chalking demonstration announcements on University of Texas sidewalks - a long-standing tradition. One, PhD candidate Jonathan Bougie, was slammed against wall during arrest, requiring stitches to close wound.
- 3-19-2003 Plattsburg, NY** 1 arrested
Michael Bedoian left a bushel of composted manure at door of army recruiting office. Pled guilty March 29 to illegal disposal of solid waste; fined \$200.
- 3-20-2003 Alexandria, VA** 1 arrested
Matt Smucker arrested for intersection sit-in; fined \$100.
- 3-20-2003 Bennington, VT** 12 arrested
Rosemarie Jackowski, convicted in September, 2004 of "disorderly conduct with intent to harass and annoy", for stopping with her sign mid-intersection, head bowed, during peace march. Short jail sentence (suspended) and probation. Eleven others pled out before trial.

- 3-21-2003 Chicago, IL** 69 arrested
Most charged with trespass for blockading the Kluczynski Federal Building.
- 3-21-2003 Santa Cruz, CA** 13 arrested
In May, district attorney elects not to prosecute for trespass at recruiting center.
- 3-22-2003 Camden, NJ - federal building** 11 arrested
Cited and released same day. Tried and convicted April 7. Sentenced to 12 hours community service and court fees.
- 3-24-2003 Salt Lake City, UT** 9 arrested
Three federal building entrances blocked. Four no contest pleas, four convicted on July 21, 2003. All fined \$50.
- 3-29-2003 Tucson, AZ** 1 arrested
Ken Erickson drove his truck, mounted with large speakers and sound system broadcasting homemade "sounds of war" CD to a military academy recruiting event at high school. Parked outside with the sounds blasting, he later entered the auditorium to demand of the congressmen hosting the event why they're spending so much on war, not education and health care. Arrested as he drove, and cited for trespass and noise violation. Jailed six hours, convicted September 12, 2003, and fined \$310.
- 3-30-2003 Tucson, AZ** 1 arrested
Videographer Jeff Imig arrested as he stepped off crowded sidewalk during Cesar Chavez birthday and peace march.
- 4-1-2003 Portland, ME** 4 arrested
A 24/7 vigil that began March 19 in downtown Monument Square is evicted. Those arrested refuse bail, released 36 hours later on their own recognizance.
- 4-3-2003 North Andover, MA** 1 arrested
Jonathan Leavitt arrested for trespass during protest of unbalanced war coverage in front of local newspaper office. Found not guilty at September trial.
- 4-9-2003 Springfield, MA** 14 arrested
Following an interfaith worship service, defendants knelt in prayer where a police line stopped them, ten feet from the doors of the federal building. They were asked to leave after 45 minutes, and arrested for trespass when they refused. At their October, 2003 trial, the state court judge asked: "When do citizens become trespassers on federal property, which constitutionally they own?" Dissatisfied with the prosecutor's answer, the judge acquitted the eleven defendants in court that day.
- 4-11-2003 Portsmouth, NH** 1 arrested
Paul Pat Morse and about a dozen other protesters blocked the street in Market Square in April. Others left the street when ordered by police to do so, but Morse refused. He was convicted of disorderly conduct in September and served 12 days in jail. Morse wrote, "I am a former sergeant in the United States Air Force and a Vietnam veteran, and as I watched yet another war unfold I felt it was time for me to go beyond vigiling in Market Square and make a symbolic gesture to slow down the killing in Iraq... As I lay in the street with a steady rain coming down on my face the scene turned somewhat surreal. I heard car horns, police sirens, people yelling. One of the reasons that I was lying there was to be in solidarity with the people in Iraq who were being killed... I knew that I would be arrested shortly and was no longer nervous, as I had been all day."
- 4-12-2003 Ashland, OR** 3 arrested
Davis Stone and Alyosha Witness were charged with disorderly conduct and reckless endangerment after burning an American flag at an anti-war rally, and held on \$25,000 bond. Another person was cited a few days later for illegal burning at a "sombre and dignified" flag burning held in support of the two men.

Stone posted bail after 6 days, and Witness after 10 days. Nearly one year later, the charges were dismissed, and the police chief admitted to a misperception of the actual danger in the situation.

- 4-12-2003 Las Cruces, NM** 1 arrested
At peaceful anti-war vigil, NMSU professor David Boje arrested for refusing to identify himself when confronted by University police. Police were acting on complaint of a nearby sorority that the small group rallying for peace would not move off the public sidewalk by their house. Boje was in chains one hour, then released, and later given as apology.
- 4-14-2003 Pentagon** 1 arrested
Art Laffin arrested at weekly Pentagon vigil for "solicitation of pamphlets" and released pending court June 6.
- 4-16-2003 St. Charles, MO** 1 arrested
Christine Manes arrested outside "protest pen" as President Bush addresses workers across the road at Boeing missile and bomb factory. Her 5-year-old daughter was pulled from her arms and held separately until claimed by her father. Four charges include child endangerment; released on signature.
- 4-17-2003 San Francisco, CA** 8 arrested
Action at the federal building.
- 4-22-2003 Sunnyvale, CA** 52 arrested
Several action groups converged on weapons giant Lockheed Martin; hundreds block three entrances for hours.
- 5-3-2003 Crawford, TX** 5 arrested
Activists stopped at roadblock en route to protests at the President's ranch are initially convicted of violating the city's parade law, and fined. In July, 2004, a county judge overturns the conviction and local ordinance on Constitutional grounds.
- 5-4-2003 Kent, OH** 14 arrested
On the 33rd anniversary of the National Guard shooting four Kent State University students dead during Vietnam War protests, over 300 people marched on campus against the latest war and occupation of Iraq. Without a permit, they turned to city streets. Police had blocked traffic, but as the march filled the street police emerged to surround the marchers. Most moved safely to the sidewalks, but police picked off the pokey ones while commanders pointed out organizers and photographers. Fourteen people were arrested, most for misdemeanors. One woman being moved from one van to another reached down to fix her shoe. Police assaulted her and threw her against the bus window, breaking it. A charge of felony vandalism was later dismissed, as were some of the others.
- 5-5-2003 New York City, NY** 50 arrested
Operation Homeland Resistance, a coalition of racial justice and immigrant rights groups, organizes three days of 'No More Profiling - No More War' sit-ins at Javits Federal Building.
- 5-6-2003 New York City, NY** 30 arrested
More Operation Homeland Resistance actions.
- 5-7-2003 New York City, NY** 3 arrested
More Operation Homeland Resistance actions.
- 5-15-2003 Indianapolis, IN** 1 arrested
Carl Rising-Moore charged with punching police who tackled him as he "violently" waved a United Nations flag when Bush's motorcade passed by. Refused to post \$20,000 bail, and a week later refused \$1,000 bail. Jury found him not guilty at July trial.
- 5-17-2003 Andrews Air Force Base, MD** 2 arrested
Gary Ashbeck and Max Obuszewski arrested while picketing air show at base, from public area near gate. Judge acquits both at trial.
- 6-7-2003 Portland, OR** 2 arrested
Amy Harwood and Josh Raisler Cohn arrested on bridge facing docked warships where sign hangs: "WEAPONS OF DESTRUCTION, NOTHING TO CELEBRATE".
- 7-4-2003 Ft. Meade, MD** 3 arrested
Pledge of Resistance activists arrested as they approach National Security Agency. Released later without charges.
- 8-5-2003 Mesa, AZ** 5 arrested
"Shadow Project" event leads to arrests for violating a city graffiti ordinance. Charges are later dismissed with an apology from the police chief, acknowledging officers had overreacted to the chalked outlines of nuclear war victims intended as a Hiroshima Day protest.
- 8-14-2003 San Diego, CA** 4 arrested
Four man sit-in blocked road outside Bush fundraiser at Convention Center.
- 8-16-2003 Groton, CT - Gen. Dynamics** 5 arrested
At the launch of the first "most versatile ever" Virginia class attack submarine, five men knelt at the curbside pedestrian entrance to the ceremony. They implored those attending not to celebrate a weapon of mass destruction, and instead join them to create a world that is safe for children. Police arrested them on a charge of obstruction when they refused to move from the sidewalk. In September, they pleaded no contest and were fined \$35, suspended.
- 10-4-2003 Ft. Meade, MD - NSA HQ** 5 arrested
Fourteen members of Baltimore Pledge of Resistance, after fruitless written requests for a meeting with the head of the National Security Agency, presented themselves in person. At least 40 police kept them from even the visitor's parking lot, and arrested five who persisted in their right to petition the official. Videotape review of the encounter led to dismissed charges for three. Marilyn Carlisle and Cindy Farquhar were found not guilty of disorderly conduct, guilty of trespass, and fined \$260.

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10-28-2003 Honolulu, HI 4 arrested
Army plan to train Stryker brigades in Hawaii brought opponents into exclusive country club where environmental impact hearing was held. Security forces forbid their signs, leading to trespass charges that were dismissed before trial.

10-29-2003 Honolulu, HI 3 arrested
Phalanx of private security guards faced off with opponents seeking to bring signs into a different exclusive country club for EIS hearing held there (see 10/28, above). Trespass charges dismissed before trial.

11-14-2003 Baltimore, MD 8 arrested
Fifteen Pledge of Resistance activists, rebuffed by their requests for a meeting with their Senator, visited her office. Sen. Mikulski spoke with them by speaker phone from Washington, but after refusing their request for hearings on Bush's fabricated pretexts for war, she hung up. Eight of the group remained past closing time, in dialogue for six hours with two members of the Senator's staff. Around midnight, after they refused a request to leave, police were called and arrested them all. They were released within 12 hours, and no charges were filed.

12-22-2003 Nashua, NH 11 arrested
A dozen activists, ranging in age from 17 to 88, chained themselves together to block the driveway into BAE Corporation's Integrated Electronic Warfare Systems Division. Charges of disorderly conduct and trespass were negotiated, and a no contest plea led to sentences of 20 hours community service.

2-24-2004 Boston, MA 11 arrested
Blockade of downtown military recruiting center by Friends of Haley House Catholic Worker community. Sentenced to probation.

3-19-2004 Milwaukee WI 9 arrested
Arrests as some of 30 demonstrators in Reuss Federal Plaza crossed police lines. Police refused to arrest Verdell DeYarman, 84, because of her health problems. She told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, "I want to be arrested to make a statement. If I die today, I die for a purpose, to say no to war."

3-19-2004 San Francisco, CA 25+ arrested
Five hundred marchers converged on the anniversary of the invasion of Iraq at the corporate offices of Bechtel, a major profiteer from the occupation. Entrances were blocked and some were arrested before the march moved on to a related housing demonstration where more arrests occurred. Most charges dismissed at arraignment.

3-20-2004 San Francisco, CA 80 arrested
Mass arrests of the round-up fashion, confining hundreds in a break-away march from 50,000 in the streets. Charges all dismissed in April.

5-7-2004 Washington, DC 8 arrested
Eight Code Pink activists removed from Senate committee hearing on prisoner abuse in Iraq, after standing to demand the witness, War Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, resign.

5-19-2004 Houston, TX 5 arrested
In the hotel lobby just outside the Halliburton shareholders meeting, five "Corporate Pigs in Paradise" in snout-faced masks and business suits threw fake money around, then chained themselves to a railing. This gave them time to question and dialogue with shareholders until police could arrest and remove them. Charged with trespass, they posted bond on \$5000 bail that night. They later pleaded guilty and were fined.

5-26-2004 Boston, MA 1 arrested
College student Joe Previtera was charged with disturbing the peace and two felonies: making a false bomb threat and using a hoax device. His street-theater reenactment of the notorious Abu Ghraib photo showing a hooded prisoner, standing on a crate and wired for torture, was carried out for an hour in front of a downtown military recruiting center. The charges were later dismissed after widespread protest and derision.

6-5-2004 Groton, CT 6 arrested
Protesting outside the shipyard at the christening of the USS Jimmy Carter, the third Seawolf class nuclear submarine, four were cited for obstructing free passage, and two for disorderly conduct.

7-3-2004 Ft. Meade, MD 3 arrested
While attempting again to deliver a letter to the director of the National Security Agency, three people were charged with trespass, and released pending a federal court hearing 10/22.

7-10-2004 Highland Park, NJ 1 arrested
The Central Jersey Coalition Against Endless War's weekly peace vigil was disrupted by police, who cited serial peace chalker Leigh Davis with criminal mischief. The offending markings had been on a nearby public wall since shortly after the vigil was started. Charge dismissed in court July 21.

7-13-2004 Duluth, MN 5 arrested
Bush in Duluth drew two Catholic Workers into the path of his motorcade, bearing a banner reading "The Poor Can't Eat Your Weapons." The judge dismissed the charges of "obstructing the legal process" because the state failed to prove aggressive behavior, a necessary element of the crime. Michael Larson interrupted Bush's speech by shouting "Shame!", and pled not guilty to disorderly conduct. He will stand trial October 21, alongside Beth Olson and Angela Nichols, gay rights advocates arrested at the door as they tried to enter.

7-28-2004 Edina, MN 4 arrested
At the weekly peace vigil outside the ammunition factory operated by Alliant Tech, Wisconsin Green Party congressional candidate Mike Miles and three others from Anathoth Community were charged with trespass. They crossed the line to talk to the company brass about soldiers and depleted uranium, a product of the plant.

8-17-2004 New York City, NY 4 arrested
While the current and two former mayors rolled out the welcome mat for Republican National Convention protesters with offers of museum and restaurant discounts, Code Pink women unrolled a huge pink banner from a window of the Sheraton Hotel, across the street from the mayors' press conference. The banner read: "They Say Welcome, We Say Where? 8/29 Central Park?" to point out the hypocrisy in "welcoming" the RNC protesters while refusing to give them a rally permit for the huge event on August 29.

8-18-2004 Edina, MN 3 arrested
At the weekly vigil, Joel Kilgour, Rachel Johnson and Michael Larson attempted to deliver a platter of bloodied money to Alliant Tech chairman Paul David Miller in Edina, MN. They were stopped at the door and cited for trespass after police had to remove them from the area. They await a trial date.

9-16-2004 Hamilton, NJ 1 arrested
Sue Neiderer was arrested for trespass after interrupting First Lady Laura Bush at campaign event to ask why her Army son was killed in Iraq. Charge later dismissed.

10-2-2004 Washington, DC 28 arrested
On Gandhi's birthday, the National Memorial Procession walked from the Pentagon, past Arlington National Cemetery, to rally at the White House. Last-minute permit change moves rally and thousand-coffin display farther away; Military Families Speak Out leads delegation past police line. Two fathers of Iraq war fatalities are among those charged with violating park closure rules and released pending court date December 15.

"HOW DID WE GET TO THIS POINT?"

Sentencing Statement of Meenal Raval

Meenal Raval in one of over 30 people who spent seven days in jail following conviction for trespass at the Philadelphia Federal Building on March 20, 2003. She began serving her sentence on September 14, 2004.

I did not agree to this war, a year-and-a-half ago or now. If anyone is guilty, it is Mr. Bush, and it is he who needs to spend time alone, reflecting on his misdeeds.

I came to this country almost 30 years ago. For the past 25 years, I have worked hard, paid my taxes, been responsible and ambitious in pursuing the American dream for myself. And for most of that time I've been proud to be an American. Now I am learning the true meaning of being an American: to stand for a government that truly represents us, the people, not the interests of a small group of elite oilmen. When I became a naturalized U.S. citizen in '85, I agreed to bear arms for my new country. Instead, I now find myself bearing witness to a government that has lost its legitimacy.

I never thought I'd be here. While blockading the entrance to the Federal Building at the start of this

illegitimate war on Iraq, I was reassured that I could disappear into the crowd at any moment. For some reason, I stayed at the door, arm-in-arm with other patriots.

Since then, I was told I could pay the citation and still, disappear into the hubbub of everyday life. For some reason, I didn't. Well, now I'm here and I don't regret any of it. I say NO to war and militarism. I consider blockading the Federal Building to be my most patriotic act.

Mr. Bush's government has tried to sell us a perpetual war on terrorism. I think this is fear-mongering, a ploy to steal our civil liberties and a grab for increased government control of our lives and our privacy. We now live in times when any brown person, dressed a little differently, any of my brothers and sisters, can be locked up and tortured without access to a lawyer, all under the guise of "preventing terrorism". How did we get to this point? More importantly, what will the courts, empowered to check the power of the executive branch, do to restore the legitimacy to our government?

UPDATES

9-25-2002 Seattle - Senate offices 12 arrested
On March 24, 2003, Jean Buskin and Anne Hall went to jail, serving 19 and 5 days, respectively. Probation sentence for 10 others.

12-5-2002 Englewood, CO 8 arrested
Found guilty of trespass at Sen. Allard's office, 7/25/03.

12-10-2002 Nashua, NH - BAE Systems 3 arrested
Charges of trespass at arms plant dismissed at trial.

12-20-2002 Duluth, MN 2 arrested
For recruiting office protest, Joel Kilgour and Michele Naar-Obed each served 30 days in jail, May - June, 2003.

1-16-2003 Tucson, AZ - federal building 6 arrested
Convicted in city court of trespass, 6/14/04; sentenced to community service.

1-19-2003 Washington, DC 16 arrested
All "Friends of Phil Berrigan" who crossed a barrier at the White House were convicted in April, \$50 fines suspended.

2-4-2003 Boston, MA 2 arrested
Ninety days probation for sit-in at Sen. Kerry's office.

2-21-2003 Tucson, AZ 5 arrested
Die-in defendants convicted of trespass at Sen. McCain's office and sentenced to fine or community service.

2-27-2003 Somerville, MA - Tufts Univ. 6 arrested
Bush Sr. hecklers removed from auditorium at Tufts University, but no charges filed.

3-1-2003 Towson, MD - Shopping Mall 8 arrested
Nearly one year later, mall drops "ban for life" against leafletters and prosecutor declines to prosecute, leaving first amendment issue unsettled.

3-8-2003 Phoenix, AZ - Peace march 6 arrested
Judge irritated by police provocation acquits one; last charge dropped when arresting officer unable to testify because his license had been revoked. Other charges dismissed earlier.

3-12-2003 Los Angeles, CA 7 arrested
L.A. Catholic Workers Catherine Morris and Martha Lewis served 15 days in federal prison beginning late January, 2004, for trespass at federal building.

3-13-2003 Chicago, IL - Boeing 11 arrested
Seven were convicted October 5 and sentenced next day to conditional discharge or supervision. In the case of David Corcoran, released October 1 after six months in prison for trespass at the School of the Americas, he must wear an ankle-locked monitor for one month, beginning in January. Four others had earlier entered pleas and served no jail time.

3-14-2003 Vandenberg AFB, CA 1 arrested
Dennis Apel served two months in prison for pouring blood on the main gate sign.

3-15-2003 Aurora, CO 19 arrested
In April, 2003, a jury acquitted four and convicted 13 on misdemeanor charges from sit-in at Buckley Air National Guard. A juvenile's prosecution was deferred. Two Aurora police officers, posing as a couple, had infiltrated the action group. According to the Rocky Mountain News, 12/27/03, Sgt. Tim O'Brien of the Aurora Police Department's intelligence unit, "testified the agents were planted because the demonstrators had announced they were going to commit a crime, namely the acts of civil disobedience. But [O'Brien] said he had no way of knowing if the demonstrators were telling the truth. 'We wanted to make sure that their real plans weren't to suddenly stage a riot and start throwing bricks and bottles and stuff like that,' O'Brien said, and pointed to demonstrations in other parts of the country that did get out of control. 'Who's to say that a member of a very violent faction joins this organization and starts to preach violent protest and-or turns it into a violent protest while it's going on - that we don't know,' O'Brien said."

3-15-2003 Tucson, AZ - No War March 3 arrested
Charges dismissed, prosecution diverted.

3-17-2003 Ithaca, NY 4 arrested
After 20 hours of deliberation during the April, 2004 trial, the jury was deadlocked - three for conviction, nine for acquittal on felony criminal mischief charges resulting from blood-pouring throughout a recruiting office. The defendants, all Catholic Workers, had been denied all motions to introduce expert testimony about international law and the effects of invasion. Acting as their own attorneys with eloquent effect, however, they used their jury voir dire, opening statements and sworn testimony to persuade most of the jury of their conviction that they had a right and a duty to be in the office taking nonviolent measures to stop recruitment for the imminent war, and they strongly felt they had reasonable belief that their action was right, justified and legal.

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VANUNU STILL UNDER RESTRICTIONS

Israeli nuclear whistleblower Mordechai Vanunu, still under severe restrictions imposed by the Israeli government after his April release from prison, continues to live at St. George's Anglican Cathedral in East Jerusalem. Among other things, the restrictions forbid him from leaving Israel.

Yoko Ono named Vanunu as a recipient, along with investigative journalist Seymour Hirsh, of the Lennon Ono Peace Award. Because he was forbidden to travel to New York to receive the award, his adoptive American parents, Nick and Mary Eloff, attended the October 7 private dinner at the U.N. to accept it on his behalf.

He celebrated his 50th birthday on October 13 with friends at St. George's, his first birthday in 18 years outside of Ashkelon Prison.

Vanunu is out of prison, but not yet free. He would like to leave Israel and begin a new life, and has applied for asylum to various countries. In violation of one of the restrictions, he also has been giving interviews to international media, refusing to allow his right of free speech to be violated.

International efforts continue for Vanunu's complete freedom, including actions at Israeli embassies. On September 30, the anniversary of his kidnapping, six supporters wearing Vanunu masks chained themselves in front of the Israeli Embassy in London. On Vanunu's birthday, Irish supporters held a protest at the Israeli Embassy in Dublin. Monthly vigils continue at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C.

For more information, including about writing letters to Israeli authorities to urge them to lift the restrictions, contact the U.S. Campaign to Free Mordechai Vanunu, PO Box 43384, Tucson, AZ 85733, (520)323-8697, freevanunu@mindspring.com www.vanunu.com

You can write to Mordechai Vanunu at the Cathedral Church of St. George, 20 Nablus Rd., P.O. Box 19018, Jerusalem 91190, Israel, or email vanunumvc@hotmail.com

Russian Arms Control Researcher Gets 15 Years

Igor Sutyagin is among the most recent victims in a series of espionage prosecutions of environmentalists, journalists, and scientists by the Russian government. Last April, Sutyagin was convicted and sentenced to 15 years of hard labor in prison for spying for the United States. On August 17, the Russian Supreme Court upheld the conviction on appeal.

A researcher with Russia's USA-Canada Institute, Sutyagin was originally arrested nearly five years ago while doing legal freelance arms control research into public documents for a British company. Though Sutyagin never had clearance to access secret documents, prosecutors charged that the contractor, Alternative Futures, was a CIA front group, and that the researcher had passed along secret information about nuclear submarines and missile warning systems.



Sutyagin endured years behind bars as his trial was repeatedly delayed. Knowing his own innocence and believing that justice would triumph in a jury trial, Sutyagin and his family did not seek public support. For the final postponement, the appointed judge was replaced by another with a history of espionage convictions, who proceeded to pick his own new jury. Sutyagin's defense team angrily charged that the new jury included agents of the FSB, Russia's successor to the Soviet KGB, and that the judge further manipulated proceedings by instructing the jury to consider the wrong questions.

To underscore the message of Sutyagin's prosecution and sentence, an FSB colonel, who asked his name not be used, told Bellona Web, a Norwegian environmental website, "This should serve as warning to scientists, ecological organizations, journalists and others who often exchange information with foreigners. There has been far too much of that over the past few years and that will change."

Now, Sutyagin has the support of Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International, among other groups. An appeal to the Presidium of the Supreme Court remains, and then the case will be taken before the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

In September, Sutyagin was transferred to the maximum security prison colony M-222 in the Komi Republic.

For more information, visit <http://sutyagin.org/eng> or e-mail support@sutyagin.org. Donations to help support Sutyagin and his family may be made online via PayPal.



Letters of support should be sent to Igor Sutyagin, c/o Irina Manannikova, Zvezdnaya, d. 1A, kv. 82, Obninsk, Kaluga region 249039, Russia.

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3-17-2003 Salt Lake City, UT 10 arrested
Eight came to federal court in July, 2003. Four pled no contest, and four were convicted of blocking access to federal building. \$50 fines.

3-19-2003 Milwaukee, WI 9 arrested
Corrected date (from 3/20) and # arrested (from 2) at federal building.

3-19-2003 Washington, DC 26 arrested
Gary Ashbeck refused to pay \$50 fine or do community service, so served 30 days in July, 2003.

3-20-2003 Albany, NY - street blockade 21 arrested
Correction: 21 not 15 reported arrests

3-20-2003 Albuquerque, NM 17 arrested
Complaints of excessive force by those arrested during a march prompt civil rights lawsuit by 14 plaintiffs, including two minors.

3-20-2003 Bangor, ME 16 arrested
Justice Allen Hunter of the Maine Superior Court had this to say, upon sentencing Nancy Galland, 60, and Richard Stander, 71, to 20 hours community service:
"I remember that in the 1960s there were actions of civil disobedience that, eventually, made our life better," he said. "We all have derived benefits from acts of civil disobedience like the Boston Tea Party. That act of civil disobedience has played an extremely important and vital political role in our history. From time to time in our history, we see events that involve civil disobedience that make us all uncomfortable," said Hunter. "I'm not sure that's a bad thing." (*Bangor Daily News*, 11/1/03) A jury had earlier convicted them both of trespass during protest at U.S. Senators' offices.
Earlier in the year, fourteen others were sentenced to suspended 2-day jail terms, fines and/or community service.

3-20-2003 Berkeley, CA 120 arrested
Criminal charges from university sit-in were quickly dropped, but three UC Berkeley students were convicted in absentia of "disturbing the peace" by a university disciplinary panel.

3-20-2003 Binghamton, NY 12 arrested
Twelve were arrested at federal building (originally reported as 6). Some entered pleas, others convicted for trespass. Fines paid and community service done.

3-20-2003 Chicago, IL - mass arrests 900 arrested
All charges were eventually dropped or thrown out of court. Civil rights suit filed against city by National Lawyer's Guild; city countersuit seeks reimbursement for costs under rarely used law.

3-20-2003 Philadelphia, PA 104 arrested
Eighty refused to pay \$250 for "summary offense" and went to trial. Several small groups were convicted and 27 people served seven days in jail for their refusal to pay a fine. On October 20, six more people, including Quaker peace activist, Lillian Willoughby, age 90, will go to jail for 7 days.

Excerpts from Mordechai Vanunu's acceptance speech for the Lennon Ono Peace Award

Delivered on his behalf on October 7 in New York, by adoptive parents Nick and Mary Eloff

In the 21st century, people all over the world are beginning to acknowledge and appreciate the importance of the whistleblower. The one who has the courage to take responsibility on behalf of all humanity, the one who has the courage to act on behalf of all humanity. The whistleblower has in mind the safety of life on this earth, the people. He or she acts to prevent catastrophe by informing the public directly through the mass media - such is the combined power of knowledge and of conscience. In this age of mass communications information should no longer be secret, and in a democracy it should be open and available to the people. It is the task of the individual, who later becomes a whistleblower, to be the eyes and ears of the people, even if it will cost him his liberty.

... I have no regrets. I am proud and happy to publish Israel's nuclear weapons secret to all the world through the mass media. I have stood firmly behind this act of truth-telling for 18 years, and I continue to do so. Despite the personal suffering I have endured, kidnapped in Rome, being isolated from the world and feeling no respect or honor for my actions, I continue to believe that the public has a right to know, and must know the truth about Israel's nuclear weapons secrets. I was released after 18 years, 11 and half years in the most appalling conditions of solitary confinement, and I deserve to be able to speak now, but Israel is not ready to respect the freedom of speech and the rights of the people to know about the catastrophic nuclear weapons that Israel continues to clothe in secrecy. That is the point of a whistleblower; the world needs these phenomena of WHISTLEBLOWERS.

... My reason for speaking out was to bring this news to the people, to inform them and encourage active questioning of Israeli weapons policies. In addition to the threat posed by the use of such weapons, a stockpile of nuclear weapons without inspection, such as at the Dimona reactor, is a danger to the health of the people of the region as well as the environment of the Middle East and beyond.

My message to the United Nations and to influential democratic governments is "Open Dimona for inspection by the International Atomic Energy Agency and take all necessary steps to prevent the use of nuclear weapons in any war". Al Baradei and the International Atomic Energy Agency should insist they have a right to inspect. Next, take all steps to make Israel a nuclear weapons free zone, and all the Middle East free from nuclear weapons.

I believe the U.N. should now have the courage to pass a resolution calling for the abolition of all weapons of mass destruction by making them illegal. BAN the production, possession and use of atomic bombs - that is potentially the greatest gift the United Nations and the U.N. Secretary General could give on behalf of 6 billion people in this fragile world. We cannot continue to exist with the threat posed by nuclear weapons...



Update Files

WAR TAX RESISTERS: Three New Jersey residents, members of The Restored Israel of YAHWEH, a small religious society long opposed to warfare, now indicted for refusing to file federal income tax returns and pay a tax "which... supports the killing of innocent people", will present oral arguments on pretrial motions on November 12, 2004. Trial is set to begin on November 29....

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE: MacGregor Eddy faces trial in federal court November 16 for trespass at the California space warfare base last January, and Dennis Apel's trial for his May 15 arrest there will take place in January, 2005...

AIR FORCE ACADEMY: Three people cited for trespass May 29, 2002, while picketing a speech by Donald Rumsfeld, were acquitted in municipal court in Colorado Springs when trial testimony revealed the place of the picket was on state highway land, not under Air Force jurisdiction...

ALBUQUERQUE: Four people who chained themselves to gas pumps in an April 2002, "No Blood for Oil" protest were convicted and sentenced to unsupervised probation. Another was acquitted, and two had charges dismissed before trial...

FT. BENNING, GEORGIA: The Georgia state Court of Appeals has dismissed Karl Meyer's appeal of a conviction for refusing to be searched and scanned at checkpoints before entering the School of the Americas Watch rally sites in November 2002 and 2003. He remains on two years probation, prohibited from coming within one mile of the army base within Muscogee County, without the judge's permission. Meyer writes, "I have not yet decided whether I will return to the SOA/WHINSEC protests this November. If I do it is very unlikely I will seek permission... or consent to unconstitutional searches... But I don't know whether it's worthwhile for me to again defend our constitutional liberties to assemble peacefully in Georgia, without unreasonable searches, unless others in SOA Watch express their intent to join with me..." SOA Watch has a separate civil case against the searches pending in the U.S. Court of Appeals.

The last issue of this newsletter missed reporting on the sentencing in May, 2003, of SOA opponents Becky Johnson, Charity Ryerson and Jeremy John. Ryerson and John were sentenced to six months in federal prison, \$1000 fine and one year probation for destruction of property, having cut a lock to open a gate at the Fort Benning protest in November, 2002. Johnson was sentenced to six months in prison, and a \$1000 fine for trespass. In the summer of 2002, at the end of the trial of a large group of 2001 SOA line-crossers, Johnson locked herself to a closed gate at Ft. Benning and held a banner reading "Lock Up SOA/WHISC, Not Peacemakers." All three have since served their prison sentence. Between August 1 and October 2, 2004, SOA Watch prisoners of conscience Craig Adams, Richard Wekerle, Donald Beisswenger, Cynthia Brinkman, Frances Lamb, and David Corcoran were released from prison...

FUTURE ACTIONS

starc armory

STARC Armory in Johnston is the headquarters of the Iowa National Guard and the site of a weekly memorial vigil featuring large photographs of all of Iowa's Iraq War military fatalities. Join Iowa resisters for nonviolent action training 7 p.m. Monday, November 1, Trinity Methodist Church, 8th and College in Des Moines, and Election Day rally and direct action 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, November 2 at the Armory. For more information contact Frank Cordaro, Phil Berrigan Catholic Worker House, 713 Indiana St., Des Moines, IA 50314, (515)282-4781.

school of the americas

Go to Fort Benning, Georgia November 19-21, 2004 to raise your voice and perhaps cross the line to demand an end to counter-insurgency training of Latin American armies at WHISC, formerly known as the School of the Americas. For action schedule and other details, contact SOA Watch, POB 4566, Washington, DC 20017, (202)234-3440, info@soaw.org www.soaw.org

bangor

Dismantle the Missiles: Build Peace is the theme for January 17, 2004, a day to honor Martin Luther King through witness and direct action at Bangor nuclear submarine base in Washington state. For more information, contact Ground Zero, 16159 Clear Creek Road NW, Poulsbo, WA 98370, (206)545-3562, info@gzcenter.org www.gzcenter.org

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3-20-2003 Pittsburgh, PA - mass arrest 122 arrested
Most pled no contest, had record cleared after 80 hours community service. One charge dismissed, and three people convicted at trial of obstruction and failure to disperse, sentenced to 100 hours community service and \$150 fine.

3-20-2003 San Francisco, CA 1500 arrested
Correction from 1,200 reported arrests. Reports varied, but the National Lawyer's Guild estimated that in the two days, March 20-21, at least 2,300 people were arrested throughout the city as widespread anti-war protest disrupted much of normal commerce and traffic. In late June, 2003, citations issued these days were all dismissed.

3-20-2003 Tucson, AZ - federal building 8 arrested
Charges dropped for 7 people arrested for die-in on street already blocked by police. Keith McHenry convicted of assault and criminal damage after Marine with bullhorn, one of many who barged into crowd of demonstrators, accused the Food Not Bombs co-founder of pushing him into a fountain. One police "witness" acknowledged he did not see the alleged assault, because his attention was taken by another demonstrator demanding the officer do something about the Marine who had just shoved him aside. Sentence: 40 hours community service, one year probation and \$119 restitution for the bullhorn.

3-21-2003 Allentown, PA 11 arrested
Community service sentence in May, 2003, for all who sat-in at Rep. Pat Toomey's office, in return for guilty or no contest pleas.

3-21-2003 Belfast, ME - street blockade 3 arrested
Maureen Ostensen and Nan Stone pled no contest in May, 2003, and were sentenced to time served after their arrest - two days in jail. Larry Dansinger pled guilty and was fined \$100.

3-21-2003 Duluth, MN 10 arrested
One pled guilty, seven others convicted in September, 2003, and fined \$100 for trespass at federal building.

3-21-2003 Prescott, AZ - street blockade 7 arrested
Five people were convicted of failure to heed an order from an officer, and one, who the judge doubted could hear the order, was acquitted. Sentenced to probation and 16 hours community service. Another had earlier pled guilty and did 2 days of community service.

3-21-2003 San Francisco, CA 800 arrested
Responding to the National Lawyer's Guild tactic of supporting everyone's right to trial or dismissals for all charged during these two days of mass arrests, city supervisor Tony Hall groused: "Destroying the economy of San Francisco and other parts of the country, that's the real mission of the NLG. They know it costs a lot to prosecute these people and they want to make it tough. It's not playing within the rules."

3-22-2003 Johnston, IA - Nat'l Guard 16 arrested
Thirteen found guilty of trespass in August, 2003; fined \$200 plus costs.

3-22-2003 Los Angeles, CA - blockade 78 arrested
Most charges from march on CNN to protest war cheerleading are dismissed as part of diversion from prosecution agreement.

3-22-2003 San Francisco, CA 40 arrested
See San Francisco, 3-20-03.

3-22-2003 Tucson, AZ 1 arrested
Keith McHenry was acquitted of anti-war "tabling without a permit" at major arts & crafts fair.

3-22-2003 Vandenberg AFB, CA 3 arrested
Sanderson Beck served 4 months in prison; Sister Mary Pat and Sheila Baker are on 3 years supervised probation.

3-24-2003 St. Paul, MN 28 arrested
Sen. Colman requested the charges of trespass at his office be dismissed, and they were.

3-27-2003 Madison, WI 2 arrested
Inflated charges against demonstrators peppersprayed at recruiting center protest are dismissed.

4-1-2003 Saratoga Springs, NY 1 arrested
Michael Bedoian pled guilty in August, 2003, to two counts of disorderly conduct and one of resisting arrest. Felony assault charges were dismissed, and for three years Bedoian is to keep clear of the navy housing project where the altercation with police ended his anti-war leafletting of incoming traffic. He was also fined \$220 and agreed to a psychological evaluation by a doctor of his own choice.

4-7-2003 New York City, NY 100 arrested
Two arrestees were acquitted of disorderly conduct, all others' charges were dropped, and the activists are now suing the city over their illegal arrests during day of action outside war profiteer Carlyle Group offices.

4-7-2003 Oakland, CA - Port 31 arrested
In late April, 2004, all criminal charges were dropped.

4-12-2003 Washington, DC 3 arrested
The Partnership for Civil Justice filed *Frucht et Morales v. District of Columbia* in D.C. Federal Court in April, 2004. The lawsuit seeks to recover damages (Frucht's beating was caught on videotape) and also asks for an injunction against the police's use of motorcycles and bicycles as weapons against peaceful marchers, the use of police and cycle lines to flank marchers and prohibit persons from leaving or joining demonstration activities, and the use of the rush tactic, in which police officers charged and assaulted assembled demonstrators.

4-14-2003 Englewood, CO 6 arrested
Guilty of trespass at Sen. Allard's office, fined \$50. Sixth "defendant" Darren Christensen was in fact an undercover sheriff's deputy, who testified that most of such work he did involved being solicited on-line for deviant sex. Defendants were outraged. "We're lumped in with pedophiles... it was like, whoa," defendant Sara Jane Gerardi told the *Rocky Mountain*

News. Christensen attended nonviolence training with the others yet testified he remained concerned about weapons until the end, simply because they were visiting a Senator's office. As reported in the *News*, supervising Sgt. Al Holstein told the court he "wanted Christensen to build up rapport that could be useful in monitoring the group in the future. 'Yeah, in case, down the road we would do that again, and he could go to other protests, organizational meetings, or whatever, just to gather intelligence in the future,' Holstein said."

4-14-2003 Lexington, MA - Raytheon 3 arrested
Judge ordered "unsupervised pretrial probation" leading to dismissal of charges.

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...First Annual War Resisters League Organizing Network Gathering will take place November 12-14, 2004, at St. Boniface Church, 175 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA. Everyone is welcome who identifies in any way with the WRL pledge: "Since 1923 the War-Resisters League has affirmed that war is a crime against humanity. We therefore are determined not to support any kind of war, international or civil, and to strive nonviolently for the removal of all the causes of war." The Organizing Network (ON) is a new WRL body to bring peace activists together from across the country to strengthen ties with each other and with the WRL national office in New York, to share visions, skills and resources to better utilize our collective strength and build a bigger movement. For more information about the Organizing Network or the November gathering, contact Jim Haber in San Francisco, wrwest@riseup.net, (415)282-6580, or Simon Harak in the national office, amc@warresisters.org, (877)269-0138.

...A Space for Peace is an excellent video introduction to space warfare, with images of nonviolent resistance at Vandenberg AFB in California. Young filmmaker Daniel Reilly made the film with a personal touch and designed it to appeal to younger people and those new to the peace movement. Features Helen Caldicott, Loring Wirbel (author, *Star Wars, US Tools of Space Supremacy*) and Phil Coyle, former Assistant Secretary of Defense. \$10 includes postage from the Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space, POB 652, Brunswick ME 04011. Specify DVD or VHS.

...Disturbing the Peace - The Story of Father Roy Bourgeois and the Movement to Close the School of the Americas by James Hodge and Linda Cooper (Orbis Books). Paperback, 240 pp. \$20. Order at 1-800-258-5838.

...America's Military Today is a critical look at the military from the recruit's perspective, by soldier's rights activist and *Citizen Soldier* attorney Tod Ensign. (W. W. Norton, publishers) Hardcover, 408 pp. \$27.95.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

...The Assault on Free Speech, Public Assembly, and Dissent: A National Lawyers Guild Report on Government Violations of First Amendment Rights in the United States (August 25, 2004) details dozens of such violations in 20 cities since 1999, most in the context of protest against war and corporate globalization. *The Nuclear Resister* has chronicled many more such incidents in other cities and towns: this report includes those where NLG members were involved as legal observers, defenders or in subsequent civil rights litigation. The report's political and legal analysis of media, police, prosecutorial and judicial restraint on First Amendment protected liberties is important reading for protest defendants and their attorneys. Available for free download at www.nlg.org, or in print from North River Press, (800)486-2665, www.northriverpress.com

...Keeping America a Free Speech Zone (or what to do when George Bush comes to town) is a fine companion volume to the report noted above. It's "a primer on working with police when protesting the president," based on the experience of Brett Bursey and the South Carolina Progressive Network (see p. 8 *Day by Day*, 10/24/2004, Columbia, SC) Available online at http://www.scpnet.com/free_speech_manual.pdf or call 803-808-3384.

...Nonviolence Speaks: Communicating Against Repression by Brian Martin and Wendy Varney (Cresskill, NJ: Hampton Press, 2003) US\$23.95 (paper). Within the nonviolence literature, communication has been almost entirely neglected, while within the communication literature, nonviolent action is seldom mentioned. This is the first major study to focus on the joint dynamics of nonviolence and communication. Case studies and analysis to develop effective communication strategies for the struggle.

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Since 1980, the Nuclear Resister has provided comprehensive reporting on arrests for anti-nuclear civil resistance in the United States and Canada, with an emphasis on providing support for the women and men jailed for these actions. Beginning in 1990, the Nuclear Resister has also reported on anti-war arrests in North America, plus overseas anti-nuclear and anti-war resistance efforts and peace prisoner support.

The Nuclear Resister is published about every two months and serves to network this nonviolent resistance movement while acting as a clearinghouse for information about contemporary nonviolent resistance to war and the nuclear threat.

We believe that in any significant movement for social change, many committed individuals are imprisoned. Behind bars, they are physically isolated from their supporters and their own resistance activity is limited. Broader awareness of their actions and support for the imprisoned activist are essential to the movement for a peaceful, nuclear-free future.

Each issue provides the names and jail addresses of currently imprisoned anti-nuclear and anti-war activists. Readers are encouraged to provide active support by writing letters to those behind bars and in other ways requested by the prisoners.

Our information comes from a variety of sources, primarily the local activists themselves. We are deeply indebted to all who send us information.

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