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**plowshare** was a busy, colorful, and exciting two days, featuring great crowds of people, live music and a hearty hot lunch to take away the outdoor chill, and a wondrous display of arts and crafts by the sixty-some craftspeople present. Highlights: musicians Scott Luscombe (guitar) and Laura Wilansky (flute) moving among the busy crowds; the unveiling of SPC's "People's History" calendar for 1977 (completed in the wee hours just before Plowshare's opening); and Marcie Rothenberg

drawing her own name and winning the grand prize in the Sunday afternoon raffle, a down vest she had been anxiously coveting for two days.

Intended as an outlet for craftspeople engaged in creative, individual work, the annual Plowshare Craftsfair represents a pleasant alternative to the usual commercial holiday hustle. It's also a fund-raiser for SPC, as well as a lot of fun for the many, many people who participate in organizing and putting on the craftsfair. To everyone-- thanks for another successful year!

## Thank You!!

In the past few weeks our financial situation has improved -- due to numerous contributions as well as a successful fund-raising event (Plowshare) -- to the extent that we have been able to pay a number of bills. Among those paid during the past two weeks were:

Post Office (for PNL mailing)	210.00
PNL Headlines, Photos, etc. (2 mths.)	77.40
Payroll (2 wks. ending 10/22/76)	333.34
Offset printing (5 mths.)	343.70
Gas/electric (Nov.)	115.77
PNL/Calendar layout supplies (3 mths.)	70.87

Many thanks to those whose contributions of time and money made it possible to pay these bills!

Unfortunately, several important bills remain to be paid, among them:

Social Security taxes (3 mths.)	350.00
Typewriter repair (Sept.)	75.00
Mimeo paper (Sept.)	44.08
Mimeo supplies (July)	150.05
Envelopes (Nov.)	49.64
Telephone (Nov.)	71.36
Payroll (3 pay periods/6 wks.)	1000.02

If you haven't contributed recently, won't you please do so now? SPC needs you!

## "specifics"

Would you like to do something with the Peace Council? SPC needs you! Pick a "specific" from this month's list:

--- Help plan and organize a meeting of the Upstate Nuclear Action Coalition to take place in Syracuse on Jan. 22 (Planning meeting Jan. 5 - See calendar on back cover)

--- Write a letter to your Congressperson, Senator or local newspaper opposing the B-1 bomber and increased military spending - send a copy to SPC for the PNL letters page - then call other SPC members and ask them to do the same.

--- Research and write an article for the PNL (staff members can suggest a topic, or write on a subject of special interest to you!)

--- On-the-job training in layout! - come and help with PNL layout Jan. 24 & 25.

-The Front Room needs help in staffing the book store - how about a three hour shift once every week or two? Call Lisa Johns or Barb Kobritz, 472-5478.

- The next Peace Newsletter mailing party is Wed., Jan. 26 from 2 pm on. Someone must cut, staple and label your PNL before you can get it. This month, should that someone be YOU? !

# LETTERS

"Justice"

[The following letter was written by SPC member Charles Russo in response to a plea for mercy for Jon Holcombe by a "Politician's Wife" (Post-Standard, 9/21/76). This sharp political commentary on the travesty of justice in the Syracuse community and elsewhere in the US was, of course, never printed by the P-S.]

To the Editor:

In response to the "Politician's Wife" (Sept. 21) who bemoans the "human vultures" who "consumed" Jon Holcombe's "dignity":

Bull!

Your letter is very revealing in how politicians view the people they were supposedly elected to serve. You see the public as troublesome, even hostile. You view the people as a "gloating public lurking in the background". And you say to the public: "...we (politicians and families) feel uncomfortable in your presence."

But equally disturbing are your comments about Jon Holcombe's "punishment": "...will he receive the same sentence as others?" you ask, continuing: "No, he has already received a monumental sentence."

Is that public that you and your politician husband find so troublesome supposed to be blind? Can you honestly believe that they don't see every day that there are two systems of justice in this country -- one for the wealthy, powerful and influential and the other for the working class and poor?

Richard Nixon, Spiro Agnew, John Mitchell & Co. -- champions of "law and order" -- all "suffered enough". No jail sentences. They are free to write books and make speeches and carry on business as usual. But they have "suffered enough".

Just look at the newspapers:

-- Bernard Bergman, accused of defrauding Medicaid and Medicare of \$1.2 million in his nursing home operations, sentenced to a four-month jail sentence.

-- Jake Jacobsen, convicted in the milk bribe scandal, no jail sentence. The judge said he did a terrible thing, but if he went to jail his sick wife might have to go to a public institution, and that might kill her.

-- A Utica funeral director paid

no taxes on \$260,240 income and probably would not receive any jail term, the Post-Standard reported in August, after plea bargaining "a deal with the U.S. Attorney's Office."

-- A Syracuse man convicted of failing to pay \$330,809 in income taxes was fined \$2,500 and sentenced to one-month in jail. The sentence recently was suspended. The taxes remain unpaid.

-- Fleming Town Attorney Vito M. Pastore, convicted of charges stemming from a kickback scheme on a \$1.4 million sewer project, had his jail term reduced from six months to two months.

All of these individuals, of course, have "suffered enough".

(Let's not forget the corporations and bosses who receive no punishment for deaths and injuries to workers in unsafe work places and for their poisoning of our environment).

Now let us look at "justice" for the working class, as exercised by the peers of Jon Holcombe (and using only a quick glance at two editions of the Post-Standard):

-- A 22-year-old man sentenced to a prison term of 18 months to three years for breaking into a clothing store.

-- A 17-year-old youth sentenced to four years in prison for possessing two women's suits from Sibley's valued at \$500.

-- Bail of \$500 each for two 22-year-old men accused of possessing a stolen 10-speed bicycle. (For the benefit of the wives of politicians who are "forced" to live on high salaries, it is quite difficult for poor people to raise \$500 bail or to pay the high fees to blood-sucker bondsmen).

"I'm not going to have a robber walking out of this court with a smile on his face," County Court Judge Patrick J. Cunningham recently told a 28-year-old man in a lecture before passing out a 7 1/2 to 15-year jail sentence for a \$78 robbery.

The publicity-seeking Judge Cunningham is always tough-speaking when it comes to working class citizens appearing before him. But let's not forget last April 30. That's when Cunningham sentenced Clay Justice Harry Heath to five years probation for embezzling \$31,000 worth of court funds.

What did the law and order judge say about Heath's "punishment" at that time? Heath "should probably go to jail," said Cunningham. But, he told Heath: "You are entitled to some consideration for the good you have done and the time you have spent on behalf of others."

Did Heath walk out of the court with a smile on his face?

(The same day as the Heath decision, a 26-year-old man was sentenced to one-year for possessing \$200 worth of stolen stereo equipment. The sentencing judge: Patrick J. Cunningham).

The working class, of course, has never "suffered enough" in the eyes of the law -- despite excessive bail, biased judges, inadequate counseling, names in newspapers, loss of jobs, etc.

As I write this, I notice Leonard Bersani is calling for "harsh, mandatory sentences for all criminals convicted of serious crimes," and for a "quick end to lenient sentences and speedy paroles." Does Mr. Bersani intend such treatment to be used on fellow party members? Is he saying there should have been no plea bargaining for Jon Holcombe? Is he advocating harsh jail sentences for Nixon, Agnew, Mitchell, Bergman, Pastore, Jacobson, Heath, etc. etc.?

He must, for he states: "Our State Legislature cannot continue to sit by while thieves and rapists get off with slap-on-the-wrist sentences."

Justice? The Post-Standard on Sept. 16 ran an editorial begging that Jon Holcombe be given a fair trial. Has the newspaper ever asked for fair trials for others? (Except, of course, for other big shots: Nixon & Co., for example).

Not only do the wealthy, powerful and influential get "fair trials", but when it comes time for sentencing, it is decided by "fair-minded" judges that the guilty have "suffered enough".

One last contradiction: On Aug. 15 the Herald-American ran on p. 75 a story on the new program of the district attorney's office aimed at helping victims and witnesses of crimes. The program had been launched by Jon Holcombe. Seven pages earlier, the paper tells of Patricia Adams -- the victim of Holcombe's crimes -- being fired by County Court Judge William J. Burke because of her part as a victim in the Holcombe case. Earlier, Annie Papworth Hagan -- a

witness to the Holcombe incident -- lost both her job in the DA's office and her day care services for her children because of her testimony.

Is the District Attorney's office helping these crime victims???

By the way, "Politician's Wife", your statement about Holcombe's salary further reveals your distance from the public: "I doubt most of you think Holcombe's salary is worth this," you state. I would wager that most families in the county receive less than half of Holcombe's salary, with many earning only a fraction of it.

It is also interesting that while you bemoan the poor politician's fate -- your fears that such responses from a hostile public will keep "good" people from running for office -- your husband is seeking re-election. I have yet to hear of any office going vacant because no one wants to hold it. Clearly, from your letter, it is not the opportunity to serve a hostile and troublesome public which makes public office so attractive. I question, then, what rewards these politicians do obtain to keep them in the running.

No, "Politician's Wife", I will not shed any tears for Jon Holcombe. But with the "gloating public lurking in the background", we will struggle to reveal and overturn the real injustices in this country. Perhaps, then, people in power have justification for feeling "uncomfortable".

Charles Russo

Dear Congressman Hanley,

Your strong stand against the proposed dumping of nuclear power plant wastes in central New York is much appreciated. But, of course, as these wastes are too dangerous for densely-populated central New York, they are also too dangerous for any sparsely populated part of the US or of the earth -- we can't in conscience gamble with even a few human lives, or with our "life-support system", our environment. Since nuclear power plants do produce dangerous radioactive wastes, the solution to the wastes problem is to stop using nuclear power. Many people are already experimenting with clean and safe energy sources, and are trying to conserve energy in various ways. Government support, local and federal, of these experimenters and conservers -- and this doesn't need to be heavy financial support -- will go a long way toward solving our energy problem. Marge Rusk

## If You Can't Win with the Truth, Try...

misleading ads. That was the route followed by the growers in their successful fight to defeat Proposition 14, the referendum which the United Farm Workers' Union hoped the Ca. voters would pass on Nov. 2. Prop. 14 would have strengthened the Agricultural Labor Relations Board (ALRB), which oversees union elections for farmworkers. Before the ALRB ran out of money and stopped holding elections (due to a grower-Teamster lobby to block supplementary funding), the UFW had won the majority of elections.

The growers hired a p.r. expert, Bill Roberts, to head the campaign to fight Prop. 14 (Bill Roberts handled Ronald Reagan's winning gubernatorial campaigns and Gerald Ford's successful primary against Reagan in Fla.) Roberts based his strategy on a public opinion survey, which indicated that the growers should not attack Cesar Chavez, the farmworkers, collective bargaining, elections or the existing ALRA. Instead, Roberts distorted the truth by making the issue one of danger to private property rights. He orchestrated a blitz of ads on TV and radio which portrayed small farmers having to defend themselves against labor organizers encroaching on their land and endangering their families. This fantasy was built around the access rule of the ALRB, which allowed union organizers to talk to workers during lunch and an hour before and after work on the growers' land. This was necessary because many farmworkers are housed on the growers'

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by Linda Maddaus

graphic/Los Angeles Times



"Help preserve the property rights of us small farmers... vote NO on 14."

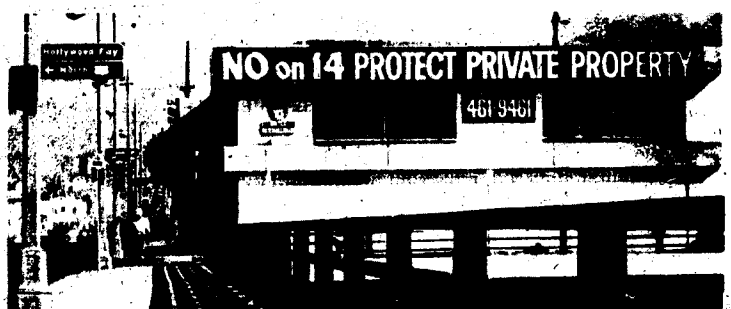
land and cannot be reasonably reached elsewhere.

According to a poll taken 2 days before the growers' media blitz, voters favored Prop. 14 by 51% to 42%. After two weeks of uncontested ads (the UFW couldn't afford the ads), the result was changed to 53% against to 31% for.

Although the ALRB still exists, it is more vulnerable now to attacks from the growers-Teamsters. On the positive side, the ALRB now has enough funding to again supervise elections, and the UFW intends to win a majority of those elections, as it did before. UFW now has 54 contracts covering about 16,000 workers in Ca., Ariz. and Fla.

In spite of UFW-winning elections at grape ranches, many growers have stalled on signing contracts so the UFW is asking, especially during the holidays, **BOYCOTT GRAPES.**

graphic/Liberation News Service



# ONEIDA COMMUNITY



THE ONEIDA COMMUNITY (1849-1880) had its actual beginning as the "Putney (Vermont) Perfectionists." Perfecting their lives according to Biblical precepts included commonly sharing all property and money (Bible communism), and, in 1869, led to the questionable practice of "astriculture" or voluntary attempts to perfect the human species through selective breeding.

This small group of Perfectionists, under the leadership of John Humphrey Noyes, was forced to move to Oneida,

NY. The Community, numbering over 300 at its largest, was the most successful and enduring of all 19th century experiments in communism in the U.S.

Community women adopted short skirts and hair (perhaps the greatest scandal to the outside world) "to be as independent of the weather as man"; and motherhood was not the chief end of a woman's life.

All industry was commonly owned in the nearly self-sustaining Community. Children were loved by the whole

Community which believed in fewer but better cared for children. Child bearing was controlled by male continence.

Happiness, love and cooperation pervaded the Community. Noyes resigned the presidency in 1876; the loss of a strong, unifying leader was a major factor in its demise. The Community's last publication, "American Socialist" restated their commitment, in its Dec. 25, 1878, final addition, to the "ultimate triumph of Socialistic principles."

## People's History THE 1977 SPC CALENDAR

"People's History" attempts to change so called "official" upstate NY history. Using beautiful, multi-colored illustrations & brief histories the calendar depicts 12, mostly successful, people's struggles in upstate NY.

- The 12 are:
- Oneida Commune;
  - Suffragettes Seneca Falls convention;
  - Quaker peace vigil;
  - Syracuse Gay Freedom League Founding;
  - Ganienkeh;
  - IWW Labor Strike;
  - Reverend Betty Bone Schless;
  - Anti-Renter farmers;
  - Auburn prisoners;
  - "Jerry Rescue";
  - Opposition to Syracuse urban "removal";
  - Syracuse Peace Council founding.

"People's History". By mail \$3.25; 3 or more \$3 each. At stores \$2.75; \$2.50. Bulk rates available. SPC/Calendar 924 Burnet Ave. Syracuse NY 13203 (315)472-5478

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- Burnett Pharmacy/701 S. Crouse;
- Campus Conveniences/823 University Ave.;
- Consortium/123 E. Water;
- Everson Museum Sales Gallery;
- Sister Bear/401 2nd St. L'pool;
- Raintree/F'ville Mall;
- Owl & Mushroom/417 E. Genesee F'ville;
- UNA Mart/127 E. Onondaga;
- Walden Books/F'ville Mall.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>January</b>						Coffee House riot in Syracuse, 1844
		Full Moon	Last Quarter	New Moon	First Quarter	New Year's Day 1
2	3		4	5	6	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24					Abolitionist meeting broken up in Syracuse, 1840 1850 abolition women in Albany and they begin deaths of several months' duration, rather than except 570 per cent, 1850
30	31	25	26	27	28	29

(Calendar shown is 1/2 actual size.)

**A Great Gift! Cards Sent.**

# UNAC Protests Nuclear Waste Storage

by William  
Sunderlin

The Upstate Nuclear Action Coalition (of which the SPC Nuclear Power Com. is a member) protested the possible use of Central New York as a repository for nuclear wastes at a press conference at the SPC office on Dec. 8.

Rep. James Hanley revealed on Dec. 2 that the U.S. Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA) is exploring the Salina Salt Basin (which extends from Central N.Y. west to Michigan and south to West Virginia) as a choice site for burying nuclear wastes. Hanley also indicated his opposition to any such plans for waste storage, citing threats to population centers and agriculture.

Dick Oot (a member of Citizens Concerned About Sterling and a UNAC spokesperson at the press conference) commended Hanley's statement of opposition and carried Hanley's point one step further, indicating that no place on earth has been found to be an adequate site for nuclear waste deposits. "At present, there is no technical solution to the problem of storing radioactive elements, some of which remain highly toxic and lethal for over 250,000 years." He also cited the "recklessness, negligence and ignorance" demonstrated in the attempts to store wastes at Hanford, Washington; Maxey Flats, Kentucky; and West Valley, N.Y..

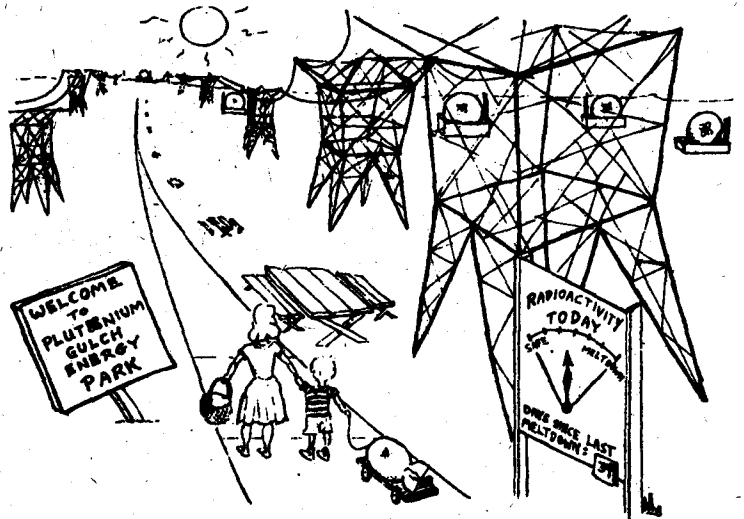
Ruth Mueller (a second UNAC spokesperson) stressed the fact that not only human-kind, but also our entire biosphere, is being subjected to grave dangers at the hands of the nuclear power industry. Plutonium, Ruth pointed out, "if allowed to vent or seep into our natural life support system, can unhinge the chain of life... water, air, plant tissue, animal tissue..."

Dick Oot emphasized the importance of understanding that the waste-dumping proposal is just one component of a larger menacing plan that the utility companies are trying to foist on the people of Upstate N.Y. The power companies project that there may be as many as 20 nuclear power plants on the Lake Ontario/St. Lawrence River shores by the 1990's, one of the largest concentrations of nuclear power plants in the U.S., supplying power to cities throughout the Northeast.

Under the guidelines of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), such a concentration of nuclear power plants in Upstate N.Y. would be allowed because of the region's relatively low

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graphic/Liberation News Service



Mommy, if this is a park, why are all the trees made out of metal?

by Bill Gruen

population density.

The Salina Salt Basin, and particularly that portion lying within N.Y. State, would be a prime choice for waste disposal not only because of their intrinsic value as a stable geological formation, but also because there is increasing resistance to the transport of nuclear waste across state lines.

Another crucial link in the regional juggernaut is the network of 765 kilovolt power lines now being developed. Plans for the construction of these lines show that they are intended to collect the power of the nuclear plants along Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence and transmit that power downstate and to other states.

It has been found that the 765 kv lines present hazards of skin cancer and hyper-tension to inhabitants near the power line, and have been shown to cause sterility in cattle (among other dangers).

The North Country Defense Committee (a UNAC member organization) has been leading the fight against the 765 kv lines now about to begin construction in the North Country. On the morning of Dec. 8, Supreme Court Judge John Soden of St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties issued a temporary court injunction against attempts to block construction of the 765 kv lines in those counties. The injunction was requested by the Power Authority of the State of New York (PASNY).

That same morning, 10-20 North Country farmers blocked the construction of the lines. Upon being notified of the court order, June Black, one of the Fort Covington farmers who is blocking construction, stated "I love my family, friends and neighbors too much to stop now."

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# U.S. Banking on South African Apartheid

Major new bank loans totalling at least \$777 million are helping to shore up South Africa's white minority regime in 1976. Some of the United States' largest and most powerful banking concerns are involved -- New York Citibank, Chase Manhattan, Morgan Guaranty Trust, Manufacturers Hanover, Orion and Bank of America.

Black liberation groups within South Africa and their supporters in the US maintain that it is precisely this foreign assistance that has allowed the white-minority government to remain in power for so long.

The South African economy does need bolstering, for its balance of payments deficit -- the difference between the value of its imports and exports -- is growing. This is due largely to the decline in the price of gold. Since gold makes up well over one-third of South Africa's foreign exchange income, this loss is quite drastic.

While South Africa's income is declining, the cost of its imports is rising. For instance, South Africa must import all of its oil. The total cost of South African imports has doubled since 1972 to over \$9 billion in 1975. It is estimated that South Africa's current deficit is over \$2 billion a year.

Further, government spending is up drastically. Defense spending has increased 42% over 1975, in a direct reaction to the independence won in Mozambique and Angola, the growing strength of the national liberation movements in Zimbabwe and Namibia, and the recent black uprisings throughout South Africa.

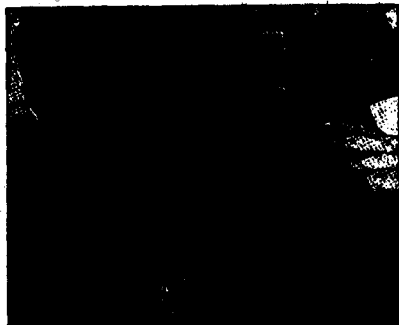
US banks and their overseas branches currently have some \$2 billion in loans to South Africa, according to Senator Richard Clark, Chairman of the Subcommittee on African Affairs.

Most of the loans made by US banks in 1976 were for South African government corporations involved in specific development projects. The largest single US loan was made to the Electrical Supply Commission (Escom), a government corporation

which supplies most of the country's electric power. Escom's current expansion plans include the construction of three coal-fired electrical generators. Since So. Africa has an abundance of coal, this will cut down on its need to import oil, a major saving in foreign exchange.

Another loan has gone to the Iron and Steel Corporation and several to companies involved in mineral extraction. These are aimed at increasing So. African exports, and thereby improving its balance of payments.

Chase Manhattan has made a significant loan to the Industrial Development Corporation. While hardly the largest, it is important because this loan was guaranteed by the US Export-Import Bank. Since IDC is a government corporation, the US government is in effect guaranteeing a loan to the South African government.



To bolster its faltering economy, the So. African government is selling its gold. Advertising blitz in the US seeks to push 1 million coins before Christmas (= \$130 million). One question: Who mines the gold? Bugle American/LNS

A typical defense of loans and investments to South Africa was given by the Executive Vice President of Citibank, George Vojta, before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in September. He reasons that apartheid now restricts the functioning of capitalist economy since it restricts the purchasing power of blacks. Therefore, as Vojta put it, "By contributing to the creation of a pluralistic market place, we think we assist in the development of a more pluralistic system."

This is an old argument -- that investment and the pressure of the marketplace will create social change. Change will come, the argument goes, because it will benefit the white cap-

italists who will force the government's hand.

This rationale runs contrary to the historical facts. The So. African economy has always been a joint venture of foreign capital and white settlers who both profit handsomely at the expense of blacks. It is foreign capital, mainly English, which developed the mines, still the backbone of the So. African economy.

Indeed, contrary to the argument that with industrial growth the condition of Africans would improve, conditions have gotten worse. It was in the post WWII era of industrial growth that the Nationalist Party (now headed by John Vorster) came to power and much of the most repressive legislation was passed. In fact, real income for Africans has declined since the war. According to Barbara Rogers (White Wealth and Black Poverty) the average per capita income for Africans from 1958 to 1970 increased 3.3% per year while inflation was just under 5% a year.

It is unlikely that the So. African government would so actively seek loans and foreign investment if it thought that in the end it would remove itself from political power. It is also unlikely that US banks and corporate investors are willing to see apartheid disrupted when it is precisely that system which provides such a profitable source of cheap black labor.

South Africa has the largest known reserves of gold, platinum, chrome, manganese, vanadium and fluorspar. Its large uranium deposits will also be increasingly important as oil gets more scarce. These minerals are crucial for the industrial economies and military purposes of the West.

Furthermore, South Africa is an important foreign market for the US. Of the total US exports to Africa in 1975, 31% went to South Africa. And the country's share of direct US investment in sub-Saharan Africa has increased from 38% in 1972 to 47% in 1973 and 56% in 1974. This trend is unlikely to change. Accumulated US corporate investment in So. Africa is estimated at almost \$2 billion.

Increased opposition to apartheid inside South Africa comes in sharp conflict with white South Africa's economic and strategic importance to the West. It is in this context that the new US loans must be viewed.

--excerpted from an article by Richard Knight, LNS, 11/20/76



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## 10 Self-Employment

The irrepressible Bill Dunn (the elder), leading a discussion on the joys and sorrows of being self-employed -- as well as on the everyday, practical aspects of running your own business and surviving. Being self-employed is one alternative to having someone else run your life; this Potluck is for folks who already are, or think they might like to be. (Bill will lead another Potluck in February on the philosophy of repair. Watch this space.)

## 24 Worker Cooperatives

Another alternative (see above) is worker-owned and managed enterprises. Joseph Sewell, a member of the Ithaca chapter of the Federation for Economic Democracy, will talk about worker cooperatives and collectives, both of the traditional and the Movement variety. Discussion will focus on examples of worker-owned and managed enterprises, and the special problems associated with them.

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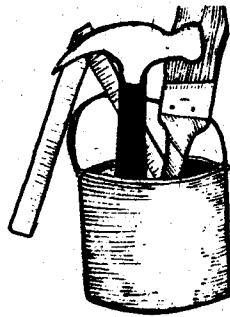
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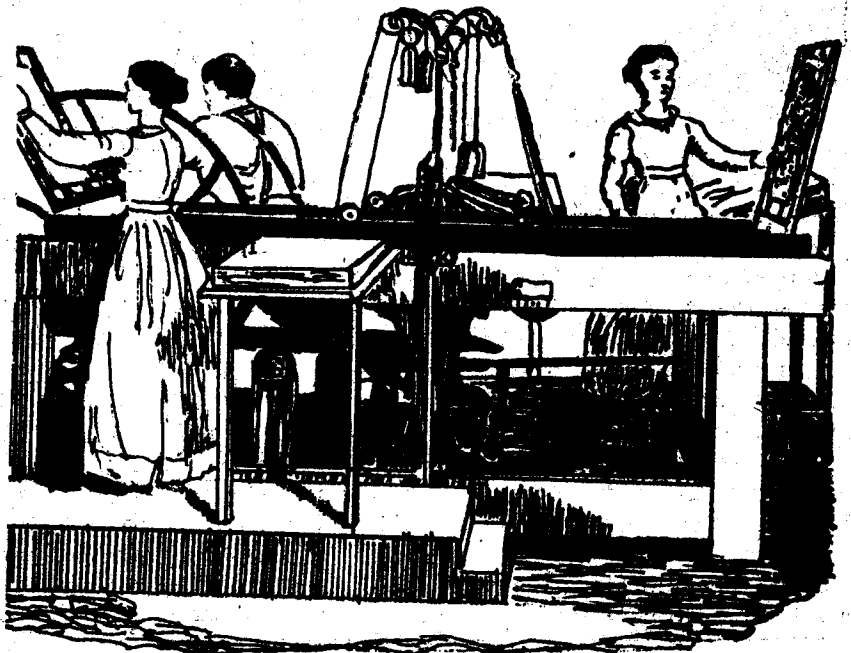


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# Philippines: Ed Gerlock Deported for Support of the Oppressed

Ed Gerlock, a Maryknoll missionary from Binghamton, NY, was deported from the Philippines Nov. 18 after a 7-minute hearing in which he had no legal counsel.

[One day later, Fr. Albert Booms of Michigan was also deported. Fr. Booms had been working in the Tondo slum area as a member of the Italian order, PIME.]

The abrupt decision brought to an end Ed's 13+ years of service to the poor and oppressed in the Philippines.

It was Ed's second experience with the Philippine Commission on Immigration and Deportation. Earlier proceedings lasting 14 months, during which he received strong support from his order, Philippine church leaders and interested Americans, had ended with Ed being placed on a 3-year probation, despite being found innocent of all charges brought against him (See reports in PNLs of Nov. '74 and Feb. & Oct. '75).

This time, Ed was accused of having violated one of the terms of his probation: that he obey all Philippine laws and martial law decrees. Specifically, he had participated in the following events:



(1) a delegation to the Korean Embassy to express concern regarding imprisoned Korean poet Kim Chee Ha; (2) a conference of Tondo slum-dwellers coinciding with the UN Habitat Conference in Vancouver, Canada last June; (3) a mass for workers demanding a higher minimum wage last May 1; and (4) a prayer service coinciding with Pres. Ford's visit to Manila in Dec. 1975.

Despite his "not guilty" plea, Ed was taken directly to Manila International Airport and put on the first airplane back to the U.S. He was unable to get his personal belongings, not even his passport. (A subsequent State Dept. letter, which he thought might contain a response to his protests concerning lack of due process, instead contained a bill for \$25 for having entered the US without a passport!)

During 2½ years at the Asian Social Institute in Manila, Ed helped develop slideshows on US bases, squatters, labor, etc. He is interested in meeting with people interested in the Philippines. His future plans are indefinite. -- John Maddaus



## Carter, Congress Face Human Rights Decisions

The issue of U.S. aid to Third World dictatorships which violate human rights has been highlighted by a series of recent events, among them:

-- The assassination of Chilean exile leader Orlando Letelier in Washington last September

-- Revelations of U.S. Congress-people receiving bribes from KCIA-connected Koreans in return for support for continued U.S. aid to south Korea

-- Strong condemnation of Brazil's military rulers by Brazilian bishops, who cited torture and genocide

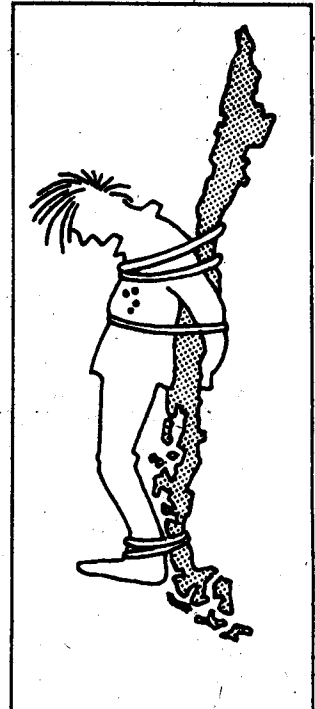
-- The continuing struggle for black majority rule in southern Africa

Jimmy Carter was critical of U.S. aid to dictators, especially Chile, during the presidential campaign. On Nov. 17, he claimed an early human

rights 'victory' when the Chilean junta announced the release of 280 political prisoners. But this announcement has obscured the fact that several thousand Chileans remain in prison or in exile, while many others have just 'disappeared'. It remains to be seen whether he will take strong action to back up its stand.

The record of Congress is less than reassuring. Last year it passed the Harkin amendment, stating the general principle that aid should not be given to governments which consistently violate human rights. But in subsequent votes on Chile and south Korea, aid was approved despite well-documented human rights violations.

The Coalition for a New Foreign and Military Policy is organizing a lobbying campaign to protect human rights. Clergy and Laity Concerned is setting up speakers and doing other educational work, as well as encouraging adoption of individual prisoners.



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# FOR A FREE CHILE.

On September 21, 1976, the Ambassador from Chile before the military take-over, Orlando Letelier, and Ronni Karpen Moffitt, a researcher at the Institute for Policy Studies, were murdered by a terrorist-bombing of their car as they drove in downtown Washington D.C. Michael Moffitt, Ronni's husband and a recent graduate of Cortland College, survived the blast. At the Memorial Service at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, Michael said, "If the purpose of the (Chilean) junta and its henchmen was to silence the voice that speaks for free Chile...they have not silenced that voice. They have multiplied it a hundred fold."

Senator George McGovern referred to the junta as "the grisly gang now dictating events in Chile." McGovern expressed the fear that if Orlando Letelier and Ronni Moffitt could die "because of unbridled power of madness, then there is no security for any of us."

Our government continues to support this "grisly gang" in Chile, and United States' multi-national corporations look-the-other-way as torture and repression guarantee their "right" to invest in Chile's "free-economy". The government and media continue the myth that the violent overthrow of democratically-elected President Allende was in the interest of the U.S. and the Chilean people. Kissinger arrogantly argues, "I don't see why we should allow a country to go communist due to the irresponsibility of its own people." (Has he learned nothing from Viet Nam?!) President Ford defends our "destabilization" of the legitimate government of Chile as in the national interest. Here are the facts.

FACT: There is simply no credible evidence to support the charge that Allende was elected undemocratically. Not even Nixon, Kissinger and the CIA, prime architects of his downfall, have made this claim.

FACT: The U.S. has been interfering in the internal affairs of Chile since 1964. Such activities have been documented by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, the New York Times, and the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Former CIA Director William Colby confirmed that the Agency secretly spent more than \$8 million from 1970 to 1974 in an "attempt to make it impossible for [Allende] to govern...". He said that the CIA did not do anything without the "knowledge and approval of the 40 Committee," a high level intelligence review committee headed by Henry Kissinger. Kissinger, as always, lied about his role to the Congress and the American people. He violated the U.S. Constitution and the U.N. Charter, and if justice were dispensed to high officials he would be in prison for his activities. There is not one shred of evidence that Allende was interfering in the affairs of other nations.

FACT: The Allende government was waging a successful struggle against economic deprivation, despite massive obstacles, while the present junta is engaged in a policy of economic terrorism against the people of Chile. A 1975 report for the World Bank stated that unemployment had risen FIVE TIMES since the overthrow of Allende; that Chile was in the "worst depression since the 1930's," with an inflation rate of 340% per year -- the highest in the world -- and a loss of 20% in national income. Ambassador Letelier, who

was an economist with the Inter-American Development, stated in the last article before his murder (Nation Aug. 28) that some 25% of the Chileans are now living on NO INCOME AT ALL, but surviving on aid given by church and humanitarian agencies -- all of which are being harassed for their charity. Another report stated that 85% are living at or below the poverty level, and the bankruptcy rate for medium and small businesses is at its highest rate in history (Chile: Hard Facts, WILPF). And the Auxiliary Bishop of Santiago said that by the end of 1975, one-third of the children in the capital were suffering from malnutrition (Seven Days, Feb. 16, 1976). The deprivation which did occur during the later Allende years -- 1972-73 -- was clearly the result of economic pressures by the US and internal sabotage by political opponents and US corporations, actively supported by the CIA. US Ambassador Korry threatened that "once Allende comes to power we shall do all in our power to condemn Chile and the Chileans TO UTMOST DEPRIVATION AND POVERTY ... (our emphasis). The TRUTH is that massive economic oppression is the daily reality for the masses of Chileans under the junta.

FACT: Systematic repression is widespread in Chile today, including imprisonment without charge or trial, torture, and the disappearance and murder of political dissidents. This has been documented by a Congressional study, Amnesty International, and two U.N. reports. The U.N. Commission on Human Rights stated in 1975 that some 30-40,000 people had been killed by the junta; perhaps another 8,000 were in prison; and another 2,000 had vanished, believed

makes them hard to detect, thus jeopardizing any chance of a meaningful U.S.-Soviet arms control agreement. However;

"Cruise missiles also create some unique opportunities for arms control. Limiting them would be a positive and much overdue step toward halting the 'qualitative' arms race, which is the continuing improvement in the characteristics of military weapons."<sup>7</sup>

### Missile X

The newest program for 'modernizing' the U.S. nuclear weapons arsenal is the proposed Missile X, with a price tag now estimated at \$30 billion. Missile X is intended to replace the land-based Minuteman missile.

The Pentagon uses the argument that "the silos in which Minuteman is buried in the upper Midwest are becoming more vulnerable to enemy attack."<sup>8</sup> But ironically, Missile X, if rushed to completion in the next few years as the Pentagon has requested, will be placed in these very same silos, since the technology for making Missile X mobile has not yet been developed.

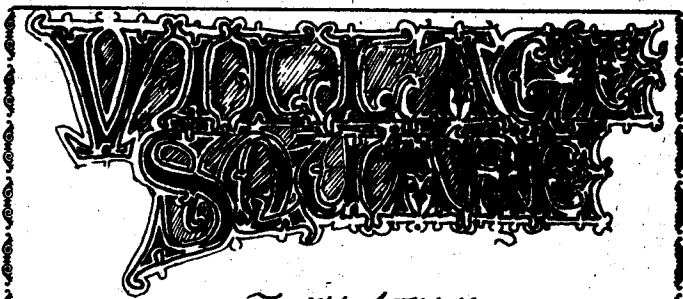
The reason given for rapid development of Missile X is its alleged improved accuracy, which is necessary to implement the Pentagon's new first-strike, counterforce strategy.

Ten corporations, among them Rockwell and Honeywell, have received research contracts for Missile X. Not surprisingly, Business Week sees almost endless additional opportunities for more contracts (with their guaranteed profits at taxpayer expense) in Missile X's future.

The Pentagon and major weapons contractors will do everything possible to ensure that weapons procurement policies (and the military strategy and foreign policy which underlie them) begun under Nixon and Ford will be continued by Carter.

WRITE: President-elect Jimmy Carter, Plains, GA 31780. Send copies to your representative and Senators and to local newspapers.

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# Amnesty for All/Rehabilitation for Vets <sup>by</sup> Virden Seybold

Fritz Efav told a Nov. 9 Syracuse press conference with three attending commercial TV stations that amnesty for all is imperative. Fritz, himself a Selective Service resister, returned from several years in England to nominate Ron Kovic as a Democratic Vice-presidential candidate. His indictment was dropped since his return due to a technicality regarding his draft board.

Over 2 million people, about 1% of our nation, are in need of amnesty! This includes 790,000 veterans with less-than-honorable discharges who are unable to get employment, 500,000 - 1,700,000 non-registrants who are living underground; 4,400 indicted or indictable draft resisters, 7,500 convicted draft resisters, and 8,000 -40,000 deserters at large. Not included in this total are unknown tens of thousands of civilian resisters with criminal records or still imprisoned.

Mr. Carter is planning at least a "pardon" for the 4,400 indicted draft resisters, and he has also hinted at giving a case-by-case review pardon to deserters. However, there is a need for a concerted push to have Carter go much farther than that. On the one hand, a "pardon" for 4,400 persons is only a token gesture to the problem; and on the other hand, a case-by-case review insures preferential treatment to those who have able lawyers, discourages others who are not aggressive from even trying, and attempts to recall oral conversations and conflicts from a period beyond adequate memory for many.

Most people agree that the time from now to the Inauguration (Jan 20) is the most important period in the history of the amnesty movement. Mr. Carter has appointed David Berg to work on his "pardon" proclamation to be issued the first week of his term. Letters and telegrams to both President-elect Carter in Plains, Georgia, and David Berg (c/o Carter Transition Staff, H.E.W. North, Washington, D.C. 20201) are necessary in the insistence of a broad and sweeping inclusion of all categories of persons needing amnesty.

Virden Seybold is a member of the staff of the Upstate N.Y. Area Office of the American Friends Service Com., and a longtime active worker for a universal and unconditional amnesty.

Last July Ron Kovic told the Democratic National Convention, "I continued to go out on patrol until January 20th, 1968, when I was shot through the right foot and right shoulder, permanently paralyzed from the chest down for the rest of my life. I was sent back to VA hospitals that were like slums, with incredibly poor conditions, where paralyzed men cried to be treated like human beings. They became the forgotten wounded, the dead-while-still-living, the ones we didn't want to talk about because they so much expressed the truth of that war"

We might summarize the four most blatant failures of the U.S. government toward veterans as:

- 1) Neglect to the wounded as described by Ron Kovic.
- 2) Denial of detoxification treatment to 50,000-100,000 drug-addicted veterans.
- 3) Denial of psychological treatment of the "post-Vietnam syndrome." Veterans account for 22.5% of all suicides but make up only 7.7% of the U.S. population.
- 4) No concerted program to get employment for veterans. The unemployment rate currently for veterans is 19.6%.

What can be done for these veterans? Certainly government money has to be appropriated and administered by caring individuals if the needs of the remaining living veterans are going to be met. Write your Congressman and Senators to enlist their support.

There are only a few voluntary programs that are organized to help Vietnam-era veterans. The Emergency Ministry on Veteran Services of the United Presbyterian Church publishes a newsletter called Vetserv.

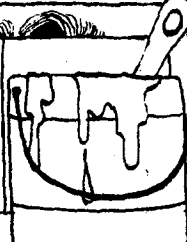
Needless to say, a lot needs to be done by churches, other voluntary agencies, and state and federal governments to meet the needs of Vietnam-era vets.

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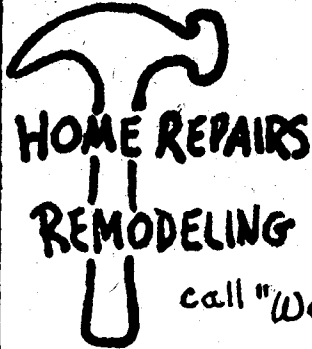
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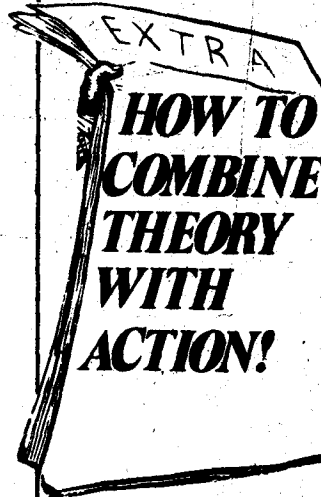


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## Foreign Agents Freely Operate in US

Agents of the Chilean secret police, the DINA, are widely suspected of the assassination of Orlando Letelier in Washington, and DINA agents were observed photographing participants in a memorial procession for Letelier shortly afterwards.

The lobbying activities of Korean agents among Washington politicians have made front page news, but Korean CIA agents are also charged with carrying out a massive campaign of harassment against Korean residents in the US who are critical of the Park dictatorship in Seoul. The NY Times has cited instances in which critics have even been beaten, or mysteriously disappeared.

And now it's Iran. Interviewed on CBS's "60 Minutes" program in October, the Shah himself acknowledged that members of SAVAK, the Iranian secret police, are in the US checking up on organizations and individuals "hostile to my country." Their main target is the Iranian student population here, numbering about 25,000.

It would be naive to suppose that US authorities are unaware of these goings-on; most likely they have decided to adopt an attitude of "benign" indifference for so long as it is politically feasible to do so.

## Playing Politics with Prisoners

With a flourish of publicity, the Chilean junta announced in mid-November that it was releasing almost all (about 300) political prisoners held in Chile under the state of siege--a cynical move no doubt connected to the election of a new president in the US, and Chile's concern with its increasingly vile public image in the world.

It should be kept in mind, however, that the UN estimates that some 4000 political prisoners are still being detained in Chile, many of them without official government acknowledgment. More ominously, Latin America, a respected London-based publication, states that growing numbers of people who are arrested simply "disappear." The journal suggests that "Chilean security forces, notably the DINA, are beginning to realize that named and numbered political prisoners are an embarrassment they can avoid by simply killing ('disappearing') those who cannot be released within a period of days."



## The flu is coming, the flu is coming!!

In March of 1976, President Ford launched a \$135 million national immunization program against swine flu. Now, nine months and more than 30 million vaccinations later, the first authenticated case of the flu in 1976 has been reported. The victim, a hired hand on a Wisconsin hog farm, was sick a few days with chills and a high fever, and is now reported completely cured.

Meanwhile, some \$100 million is being dispensed to four drug firms to produce vaccine, and a national press campaign is underway to convince the public that swine flu is a threat of epidemic proportions. It all started last winter when a Fort Dix, N.J. army recruit died of the flu, and another estimated 500 (only 12 confirmed) cases occurred at the base. Since then, no confirmed case of the flu has been reported anywhere in the world, until Don Harris's aches and chills made the national news.

While all this would seem to suggest a massive over-reaction to a nonexistent threat, it's still a no-lose situation: if the swine flu ever does materialize, it will show government officials to have been prepared; if it doesn't, they can claim the credit. In either case, the public will be grateful--and their attention diverted from the serious flaws in our medical care delivery system.

## High Level Insanity

Ready for this? The International Bulletin (11/19/76) predicts that the Pentagon is about to announce a new "gap" -- the civil defense gap. The reason is that, according to the Defense Department, the Russians are engaged in a large-scale civil defense program to enable them, so the theory goes, to sustain "acceptable" casualties in the event of a limited nuclear war. The Pentagon interprets this as a sign that the Soviets are preparing to fight a nuclear war, not simply deter it.

Far from being as ludicrous as it first sounds, this development may signal, according to IB, a shift away from a strategy of mutual deterrence (the "balance of terror" concept) to one of actual preparation for a limited nuclear war. Pentagon planners argue that such a war, in which opponents attack each other's military targets, is a viable option because such attacks would produce "relatively few" casualties--estimates range from a conservative 800,000 up to 18 million.

Critics of the Pentagon have hotly attacked this line of thinking, but one can't assume it will sink of its own preposterous weight. There seems to be a tendency, in the higher echelons of government, for insanity to escalate to yet higher levels of insanity. So stay tuned...

## Religion, Sex and Politics

The Syracuse Area Inter-Religious Council (SAIC) was formed in March, 1976, in order to facilitate "honest, open dialogue and the direct facing of issues" -- at least that's what the by-laws said. But among the first official acts of SAIC's Board of Directors was to reject an application for charter membership from Gay Community Ministries (GCM), a group which has been ministering to gay people in Syracuse for three years, and was represented at all the preliminary meetings leading up to the founding of SAIC. The Board stated that GCM's presence as part of SAIC "would result in numerous resignations."

On Thanksgiving Eve, SAIC held its first public worship at the Civic Center. GCM members and friends were there--not as participants, but as protesters. They handed out leaflets explaining the controversy, while wearing lavender armbands, and then attended the service--an unexcelled mish-mash of platitudes about freedom of religion and tolerance of differences, including a homily which called for "a renewed passion for social justice," an "Act of Commitment" in which we committed "ourselves anew to be instruments in the task of liberation," and a prayer for "flexibility of mind, a willingness to try new experiments, that we may... enhance human dignity and self-respect..."

It is indeed tragic that SAIC's deeds bear no relation to their lofty words.

## Hospital To Be Built At My Lai

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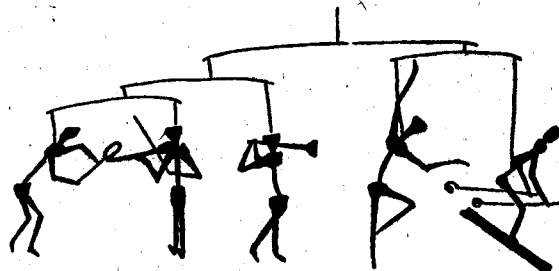
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SPC Nuclear Action Committee meeting, 7:30 pm at 125 Doll Parkway. Call SPC, 472-5478, for details.

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SPC Monday Potluck: Bill Dunn on self-employment. 8:00 pm at ECOH, with coffee and dessert. See p. 9 for details

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SPC Steering Committee meeting, 7:30 pm. Call SPC, 472-5478, for place.

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Peace Newsletter editorial meeting for special PNL supplement on nuclear power

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Peace Ministry meeting at Church Center, 3049 E. Genesee, 10 am

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## Why amnesty for all?



### WHY AMNESTY FOR DAVID MINUGH?

He left the army. Trained in interrogation and torture, he went to Sweden rather than use those skills in Vietnam. Exiled since 1970, he needs an Honorable Discharge to come home.

—There are 4500-30,000 "deserters-at-large" like Dave.



### WHY AMNESTY FOR GERRY CONDON?

He refused orders to Vietnam after training as a Green Beret. Although "home", he needs an Honorable Discharge for a chance at a job and social acceptance.

—There are 792,503 Vietnam-era vets with bad discharges, many just like Gerry.



### WHY AMNESTY FOR MARVIN WILSON?

He is a victim of the discharge system. Wounded and decorated, he had no due process when falsely accused by commanding officers. Stigmatized for life with a bad discharge, he needs an Honorable Discharge to get a job, and veterans' benefits.

—The rest of the 792,503 vets are like Marvin.



### WHY AMNESTY FOR JANE KENNEDY?

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Prepared by National Council for Universal Unconditional  
Amnesty and the Syracuse Peace Council

SIGNED: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: President Jimmy Carter, White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

(SEE PAGE 5 FOR MORE ON AMNESTY)

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**February PNL Production:** Sally Brulé, Dik Cool, Nan Ditch, Lisa Johns, Barb Kobritz, John Maddaus, Barb Mecker, Chris Murray, Bob Russell, Glenn Witkin.

## Next Month

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## Dear Jimmy, we totally support your goal of "nuclear disarmament". So stop the B-1 bomber!

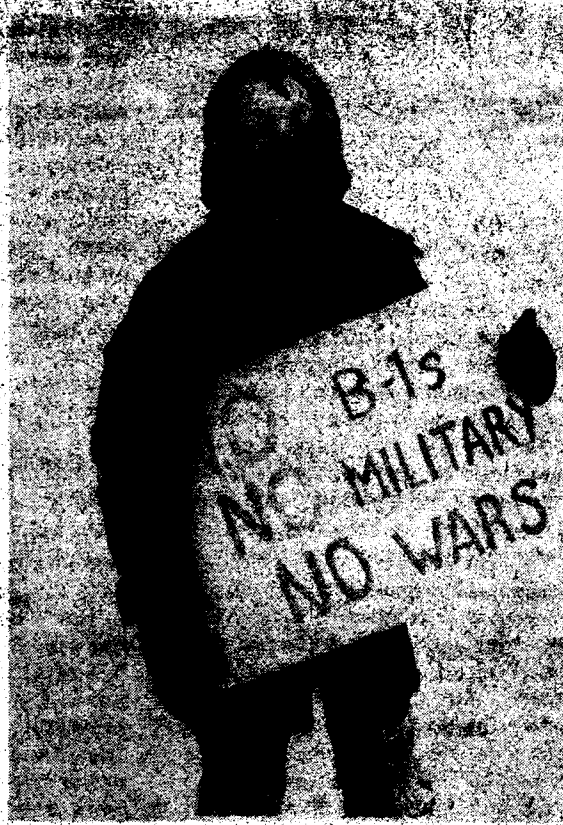
This was basically the theme of the demonstration held Friday noon, Jan. 21, by SPC and AFSC. Over 100 similar actions were held nation-wide at the same time to challenge newly inaugurated Carter to take a step towards escalating the disarmament race by eliminating the B-1 bomber. Demo spokesperson Bob Russell spoke very clearly to Carter's unique opportunity to introduce this compelling peace initiative.

About 15 hearty souls were buffeted by freezing winds at Lincoln Plaza, but managed to present "still-drama", leaflet the passerbys and get signatures on a petition to Carter.

Ed Hayes, Chris Murray, Bob Russell and Toppie Simonfay made up the committee for the public action. As part of the outreach effort, John Maddaus was interviewed on WCNY-FM and by Elana Saizman on "As We Struggle Together" (WAER).

The leaflet of the day, a letter of invitation to Carter to take disarmament initiatives -- from grounding the B-1 to creating real employment programs -- is available from SPC. Why not stop by for a copy, and send it off today?

Photo by Neen Ditch



Demonstrator of long standing, Christian Spates Rusk exemplifies the revolutionary spirit!

## Why Support SPC?

Sometimes, the thought of writing a request for funds is not at all appealing to me! I asked myself questions like, "Why am I doing this?" and "Is this really a priority for me?" Then the ideas began to fly...

Since I've become acquainted with the Syracuse Peace Council, I've received a variety of opportunities:

- Opportunities to gain more information and awareness
- Opportunities to work and share with other people
- Opportunities to develop friendships
- Opportunities to participate in "people-oriented" activities

Even if I didn't become actively involved in any project, I still know that there is a dedicated group of people striving to promote peace and a concern for human beings. Unfortunately, these people have to deal with many obstacles and need some financial support as well as human energy.

Now I've arrived at the difficult part. The Syracuse Peace Council needs your total commitment--time, energy, and money. So please give your support--peace is a priority issue.

--Charlotte Haas

## High Times at the Lowlife!

Laura Wilansky, George Johnson and Scott Meyer packed up their flutes, guitars, a violin, and even a tambourine and journeyed up to Oswego on Jan. 22 to present a lively evening of folk music. The occasion was a benefit for the Syracuse Peace Council, arranged by Dick Reinert at the 'Lowlife Caffe'. About 85 people attended, including 2 carloads of groupies from Syracuse.

The 'Lowlife Caffe', on Water Street in Oswego, is a coffee house styled in the Greenwich Village tradition. It serves espresso, the original cappuccino, a variety of teas and pastries and incredible hot chocolate. And through folk music, drama and readings, the Caffe' makes its political statement. It's well worth the trip north, even in the winter!

We really appreciate the thought and efforts of Dick and Sue Reinert, owners of the Lowlife, and the lively consort from Syracuse!

This "happening" also inspires the thought that Peace Council members in other outlying communities might get together, perhaps do some local outreach, or just get to know each other a little better and break down that sense of isolation that tends to occur. (SPC can easily furnish names and addresses of members in your area.) Why not give it a try.

# LETTERS

## Creative Nonviolence

Community for Creative Nonviolence  
1345 Euclid St. nw  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Friends,

On any given day, furniture may be seen piled high on the sidewalks of this city, a mute reminder that 2,260 evictions occurred in 1975. Not far from the White House, human beings huddle through the freezing nights on the heat gratings in front of the Corcoran Art Gallery. Clusters of the homeless can be seen hovering over fires in barrels or garbage cans. An occasional death by freezing may make the newspapers.

In April, we proposed to the city government that it place a large, Re-development Land Agency-owned abandoned building in a neighborhood land trust. The Community would rehabilitate the property and maintain it as an emergency shelter for evicted families. In June, the Dept. of Housing and Community Development responded negatively. In August, several members of the Community were arrested for unlawful entry when they tried on two separate occasions to enter the house and begin the work of rehabilitation. Since that time, there have been many meetings and discussions with city officials in an attempt to resolve the situation. A decision was promised by Nov. 19. It was not forthcoming.

On Dec. 9, in a letter to city officials, we shared our feelings and plans with them. On Jan. 7, four of us "will set up cardboard boxes in front of City Hall, and that is where we will live until the campaign is ended... If we are not arrested, we will invite others to join us. If we are arrested, we will return to our 'homes' as soon as we are released. Once again we would invite others to join us. Other forms of witness and action would follow, some involving the possibility of arrest, some not. Those would be discerned as the campaign grows and matures. We will attempt to make visible and concrete what has been made invisible and abstract."

This letter is primarily an invitation, a call for help. We invite people to share some of their financial resources with us, since we are extremely short of funds. We invite

people to join us in cardboard boxes, people who are not only willing to face arrest but are prepared to shed all of the privileges that normally accompany these kinds of encounters. People who would say no to special release programs, bail, and fines. People who are willing to admit their guilt and suffer the consequences. People with organizing skills and people who want to learn. We need your ideas, criticisms, suggestions, and your prayers. Those are the needs, that is the invitation. Please join us in whatever way your conscience dictates.

Much love to you,  
The Community for Creative Nonviolence

### A Small Victory

On Jan. 5, 1977, we narrowly averted a tragedy on our street, Avondale Pl. A tree cutting crew appeared at the Westcott St. end, blocked off the street, and began cutting down a beautiful old poplar tree located between the sidewalk and street (city property). Our first response was something like "gee that tree seems pretty healthy but they must know what they're doing." That was our first mistake. And, in talking to other people on our 1 block street, we realized that was everybody's mistake. We should have trusted our gut responses and not trusted our city's unconcerned bureaucrats.

In talking to the tree crew we found out their instructions from Parks & Recreation (which is responsible for city trees) were to cut all 4 of the stately poplar trees at the end of our street. Our reaction was anger and amazement. Each person in our family walks by these trees almost every day of our lives. They make our neighborhood more beautiful and a nicer place to live. Yet Parks & Rec had arrogantly decided to cut them down without even talking to anyone who lives on our street.

We called P & R and talked to Stan Beers. We had met him last year when we were trying to stop the destruction of 2 lovely live sycamores by a nearby neighbor. Even though on city property, the sycamores were destroyed because the neighbor felt they were "messy". Stan Beers said at the time that he had been reluctant to give the permit, but the man had persisted, had offered to pay the costs, and plant replacement trees. As of now, there are no replacements planted. And, once again, almost no one who lived around the sycamores knew they were going to be cut.

Stan Beers was no help in stopping the cutting of the poplars. His reasons were feeble! His final reason was that the property owner had complained of some damage from the trees. It's interesting to note the owner is the influential real estate firm, Longley Jones. And, of course, the owner is decidedly not a resident of our street. With the sound of chainsaws in our ears, we frantically called every city office and representative we could think of. Finally, at Joyce Ross' suggestion we called Vince O'Neill and he called Frank Kelly (Commissioner of P & R) who stopped the cutting! We were amazed! The next day, Joyce Ross' office called to say the trees would not be cut and there was going to be a revision of city tree cutting policy.



Here are our proposals for this revision:

1. Dead trees should be given top priority for cutting.
2. If a live tree is being considered for destruction, the city should set up a neighborhood meeting and notify neighborhood residents in a 1 block radius of the tree. A notice about the meeting should be distributed door-to-door. At the meeting, the final decision should be based on the feelings of the majority of the residents. Absentee landlords should have no more weight than residents who occupy their buildings.
3. New trees should immediately be planted to replace destroyed ones.

Sincerely,  
Dik Cool for  
Grassroots/ Dandelion Collective



# SEND A MESSAGE TO CARTER!

## Amnesty



### REPORT

Jimmy Carter's first major act as 39th President of the US -- on his first day in office -- was his pardon of draft resisters. For those convicted of draft law violations, this means an end to legal liabilities. For those still under indictment, many of whom are still in exile, it means an end to prosecution and a chance to return to their families. And for those who failed to register for the draft -- by far the largest number (100,000 - 200,000, according to best estimates) and unlike the others more likely to be poor and/or Black -- the threat of future prosecution, however slight, has been eliminated.

But as even the New York Times (1/22/77) was quick to point out, Carter "offered immediate, full legal relief to a relatively small number -- estimated by the Justice Department at about 10,000 -- of predominantly white, middle-class and upper-class young men who either fled the country or refused to enter military service.

"For the nearly 100,000 men who entered but then deserted the armed forces, many of whom were poor, Black or disadvantaged, Mr. Carter..."

For the latter, Press Secretary Powell promised "President Carter will act immediately to initiate a study involving the military looking toward a possible upgrading by category and expanded and accelerated review process."

This compromise solution still leaves uncertain the fate of the vast majority of those in need of amnesty, primarily those with less-than-honorable discharges. This group is far more numerous than the "nearly 100,000" cited by the NY Times, since many received bad discharges for reasons other than desertion -- such as refusing an order to go into combat, anti-war organizing, or protesting racism in the military. Others got their less-than-honorable discharges in the early or final phases of the war, rather than during the limited time period recognized by Carter -- 8/4/64 (the Tonkin Gulf incident) to 3/28/73

(the troop withdrawal date set by the Paris Peace Accords). All in all, close to 800,000 Viet Nam-era veterans are still in need of amnesty.

Carter has stated his "admiration for those who 'did not know where Sweden is' and who were too patriotic or inarticulate or ill-informed to resist or evade military service." (NY Times, 1/22/77) But there is much more to be done if he is to give substance to such feelings. What can be expected from a process in which the Pentagon is involved -- along with others yet to be named, but apparently not including any of the amnesty activists whom Carter has refused to meet with in person -- is hard to say.

Meanwhile, Viet Nam veterans and their supporters are not about to wait around patiently for him to make up his mind about what more needs to be done.

On Jan. 11, the National Council for Universal, Unconditional Amnesty (NCUUA) held a press conference in Washington, DC calling for AMNESTY for VETS. The 5 spokespeople included Jane Hart (widow of Sen. Philip Hart) and Tom Wynn of the National Association of Black Veter-

ans. The special problems of Black vets were noted by Wynn, who said "There was no justice in a military justice system which awarded Blacks one third of the adverse discharges, most of which were administratively processed and without trials, hearings or counsel. Over 300,000 Black youth were returned to their communities with dishonor and without benefits as a result of unjust laws and racism." (press statement)

On Jan. 29 & 30, amnesty activists will meet in Toronto to plan a united response to Carter's pardon. This will be followed by a National Viet Nam Veterans Action, Feb. 1-10 in Washington, DC.

SPC will be organizing local events coinciding with the Veterans Action. For details, contact Dik Cool at 472-5478. And if you have not yet written to Carter about amnesty, now is the time! Write: President Jimmy Carter, White House, Washington, DC 20500.

[Note: Syracuse Rep. William Walsh has charged that Carter "has insulted the memory of all who fought to keep us free (and) has forever weakened our ability to defend this nation..."]

## B-1 Bomber

A year of intense effort by critics of the B-1 bomber has resulted in the final decision on B-1 production being delayed until after the inauguration of President Carter. What use he will make of this opportunity remains a mystery.

For those inclined to hopefulness, one could discover an end to the B-1 in the following statement from Carter's inaugural address:

"The world is still engaged in a massive armaments race designed to insure continuing equivalent strength among potential adversaries. We pledge perseverance and wisdom in our efforts to limit the world's armaments to those necessary for each nation's own domestic safety. We will move this year a step toward our ultimate goal -- the elimination of all nuclear weapons from this earth.

"We urge all other people to join us, for success can mean life

instead of death."

Clearly, production of the B-1 could only accelerate the arms race, whereas its cancellation (as a highly visible initiative towards disarmament) could help set the stage for further steps in that direction.

But the inaugural address is by no means "perfectly clear." For the skeptic, there is no lack of militarist slogans scattered through the speech -- "we will maintain strength so sufficient that it need not be proven in combat"; "we will be ever vigilant and never vulnerable"; "it is clear that a world which others can dominate with impunity would be inhospitable to decency"; etc.

All one can say for certain is that Carter has not publically committed himself -- one way or the other -- on the B-1. We must continue our struggle to stop it. Write: President Jimmy Carter, White House, Washington, DC 20500.

# BINGHAMTON: The Permanent War Economy

by Ann & Jim Clune

While WW II was raging, the president of General Electric at the time, Charles E. "Electric Charlie" Wilson, addressed a group of military men on a subject of concern: what was going to happen to our war economy in the U.S. when the war came to an end? "The revulsion against war not too long hence will be an almost insuperable obstacle for us to overcome... and for that reason I am convinced that we must begin now to set the machinery in motion ... (for a) permanent war economy." (Army Ordnance Magazine, March-April 1944, p. 287) (underlining added)

To see that this "permanent war economy" is now a reality one need only read Richard Barnet's Roots of War, an explication and analysis of the power structure and mindset of the 400 or so "national security managers" who took control of our government during the Pearl Harbor-to-Hiroshima experience and have never let it go.

As a 1967 study by the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency points out, key areas of the country are dependent upon the military economy. Most defense contracts have been concentrated in 9 areas, and Binghamton, N.Y. (Broome County) is on this select list. (cf. Barnet, pp. 166-7)

The office of the local Congressman, Matthew McHugh, recently released figures to the effect that the input of weapons contract monies to GE, IBM, GAF, Singer, Simmonds Precision (in Norwich), etc. from 1/1/75 to 6/30/76 into his district totalled \$250,000,000.

When one considers the multiplier effect of this enormous input into the local economy (that many others are dependent on this flow besides the workers in the plants), one begins to realize that our prosperity is directly tied to preparations for war -- a vested interest in Death!

And the cries of the victims are drowned out. This arms race is a crime against humanity, here and now. The unacceptable is made acceptable.

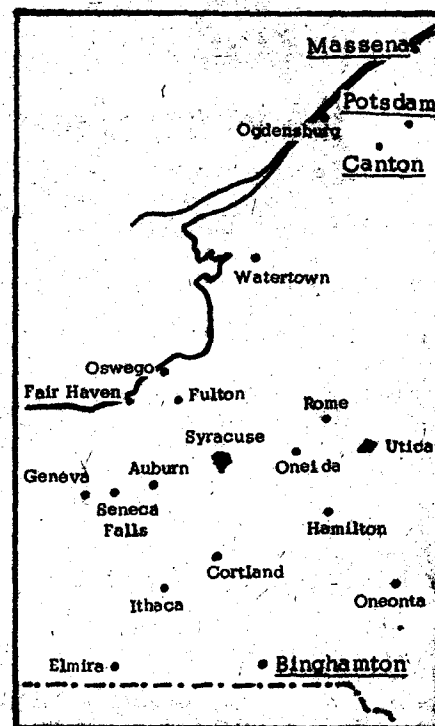
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Slaughter has become legitimate politics, legitimate civil religion. The poor are not given bread, but stones instead -- sharpened stones, projectile stones, exploding stones, fissionable stones, imprisoning stones, tombstones. We cannot change stones into bread, we can only share bread, real bread and fellowship. And this last we refuse to do because we do not want to become fully alive, be human, rejoice -- and our children look at us in wonderment at our insanity, at our self-inflicted destitution.

We laid bare some stones from the covering sod back on Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Holy Innocents. We dug a mock grave for a mock casket and tombstone on the front lawn of GE's "Air Force Plant #59: Aerospace Controls and Electronic Systems Department," Main St., Westover, Johnson City -- beside the flagpole, in front of the holiday decorations.

While Ann passed out leaflets, Jim proceeded to dig in the snow-covered lawn with our newly-bought Army surplus WW II trench shovel. In about 25 minutes of digging, Jim had made a 3' X 2' X 1' hole, and was beginning to get out of breath because of the stones. He started to throw fewer shovelful -- mainly to look busy at that point -- a moment of truth. As the deputy sheriff approached, he was contemplating the stones -- hence the preceding ruminations.

The charge: 4<sup>th</sup> degree criminal mischief, a misdemeanor. The plea: "not guilty". We were merely making visible the graves our military-industrial complex is already digging for us in our mass suicide trip. Bail was set by Town of Union Justice Woodruff Gaul at \$200, which we posted, and we await a pre-trial hearing set for Feb. 17.



The hole is still there, covered over with snow until Spring.

This Act of Resistance took place simultaneously with a larger, similar action by the main body of the Atlantic Life Community, among whom we count ourselves. About 70 sisters and brothers went to the two main entrances to the Pentagon, looked the generals and civilians out, and drenched the pillars with their own blood. "The blood upon this building today recalls torrents of bloodshed planned here. The chains upon its doors recall the shackling of Americans to Pentagon and BOMB; and the enslavement of humanity to violence and war."

The 29 arrested have since received jail sentences ranging from one to six months.

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## NORTH COUNTY: Stop the Power Lines!

(LNS) Farmers, landowners and their supporters in northern New York State are currently embroiled in a fierce fight with the Power Authority of the State of New York (PASNY) over the proposed construction of a high voltage power line.

Since early December, in sub-zero weather, opponents of the line have physically blocked attempts by PASNY to clear land for the line. Fifteen people have been arrested so far, including several Mohawk Indians and a 65-year-old blind woman who lives on a farm which would be affected by the line.

The Ft. Covington-Massena-Marcy power transmission line plan was first hatched several years ago. The idea: to alleviate New York City's stupendous energy needs by importing additional electricity from Canada during the peak summer months. Consolidated Edison proposed that the 765 kilovolt (kV) line -- one of the world's largest -- run 155 miles through the state's prime dairy and farm land. But Con Ed ran into money troubles, and PASNY took over the project in 1973, thereby assuring that \$150 million in public, tax-free bonds would finance a power line whose revenues would go to a private utility company.

But upstate people asked: Why shouldn't New York City try to cut back its energy needs (for instance, all those air-conditioned skyscrapers that continue to be built) rather than put upstate land, health and livelihood in jeopardy?

And jeopardy there is. Aside from physically obstructing access to pastures and meadows, there is considerable evidence that ELF (extremely low frequency) electric and magnetic fields created by the power line's presence can cause sterility in dairy cows -- the major industry in St. Lawrence County.

In addition, citing over 40 scientific studies, research scientist Dr. Andrew Marino states that there is evidence beyond reasonable doubt that ELF fields can cause biological effects. These effects include: altered pulse and blood

pressure; fatigue; headache; malfunctioning of vital organs and glands; and adverse effects on the human central nervous and cardiovascular systems.

Marino also says that the 765 kV line could increase the amount of ultra-violet light which strikes the earth, causing an increase in the incidence of human skin cancer.

PASNY claims that the 765 kV line is necessary to carry the 800 megawatts of power it will be importing from Canada, even though the line's capacity is 1200-1400 megawatts and the 800 from Canada could be carried on a much smaller line.

However, there is evidence that the real reason for wanting the bigger line is that PASNY plans to construct several 765 kV lines in northern New York to be tied to nuclear power plants it intends to build on the St. Lawrence River. One source of this suspicion is the 100-page report of the National Energy Board of Canada discussing the deal. According to the citizen group UPSET (Upstate People for Safe Energy Technology), the report makes numerous references to PASNY's "need" for the transmission facilities for "other purposes" by 1991.

In addition, the New York State Power Pool Report for 1975 says St. Lawrence County is slated for two nuclear power plants. The 765 kV line would fulfill one of the basic require-

ments for siting a nuclear power plant. These requirements include: low population density, available acreage, a large body of water and a transmission facility for getting the power to urban centers.

Still, PASNY is stonewalling the charge. "We have no plans nor do we know of any plans for nuclear power plants in northern New York," PASNY chairperson James Fitzpatrick told area residents in October.

Opponents of the line have organized themselves into several groups up and down the power line's proposed path. Their actions have been strong and visible, whether marching by the hundreds or protecting a tree from PASNY's chain saws in groups of two or three. Fifteen people have been arrested so far, and some have spent time in jail, with bail as high as \$2000, for violating a court injunction prohibiting them from obstructing the chainsaws.

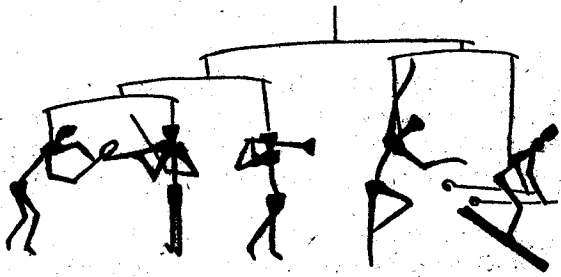
The defendants went before State Supreme Court Judge Harold Soden in Plattsburgh Jan. 15, accompanied by 150 supporters. Ten to twenty armed sheriffs prevented all but 40 people from entering, but there was much jubilation inside and out when the judge was forced to drop all charges against the 15 due to a technicality in the arrest procedure. The injunction still holds, however, and more arrests are likely in the future.



State Police dragged two defenders of this tree to jail. Local residents were seeking to prevent PASNY chain saw crews from cutting down trees at Fort Covington, NY (just east of Massena) preparatory to construction of a controversial 765 kV power line from Fort Covington to Marcy (near Utica).

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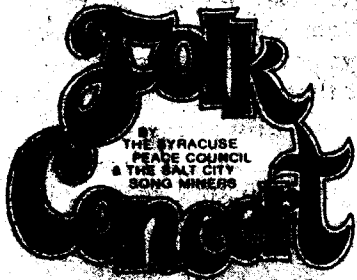
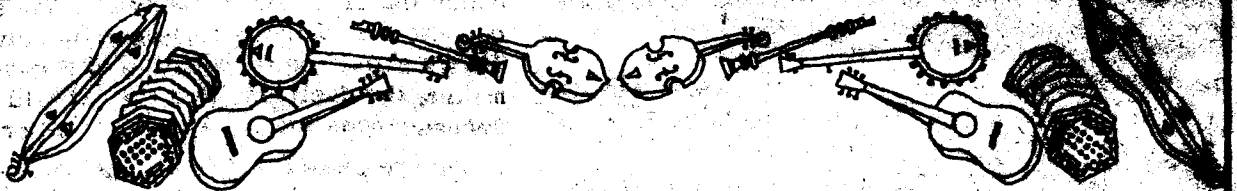


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# UNAC Supports North Country Protesters by William Sunderlin

The Upstate Nuclear Action Coalition (UNAC) held a plenary meeting in Syracuse on January 22 for the purpose of adopting some by-laws and specific long-term goals. The agenda also included two educational reports: a discussion on the philosophy of civil disobedience by Ruth Mueller of the American Friends Service Committee, and a report on the 765 kv powerline issue by George Hunt of the North Country Defense Committee. The subject matter of the latter report proved to be so compelling that the agenda was restructured to give it due time and consideration.

Hunt announced that warrants had just been re-issued to fifteen North Country persons accused of contempt of court for violating an injunction prohibiting obstruction of kv-line construction. (See "Central New York Reports," page 7.) Many UNAC members were unaware of developments in the North Country; the coverage of the issue by local media has been low-key, if not intentionally oblivious. The fifteen defendants are expected to appear at the Franklin County Court House in Malone on January 28. Hunt urged that UNAC members try to attend a protest rally to be held at the court house on the 28th, and lend support in whatever form possible.

After discussing, member groups of UNAC made their declarations of support, which included commitments to make press statements (in Ithaca, Syracuse, Oswego and Sterling), have members

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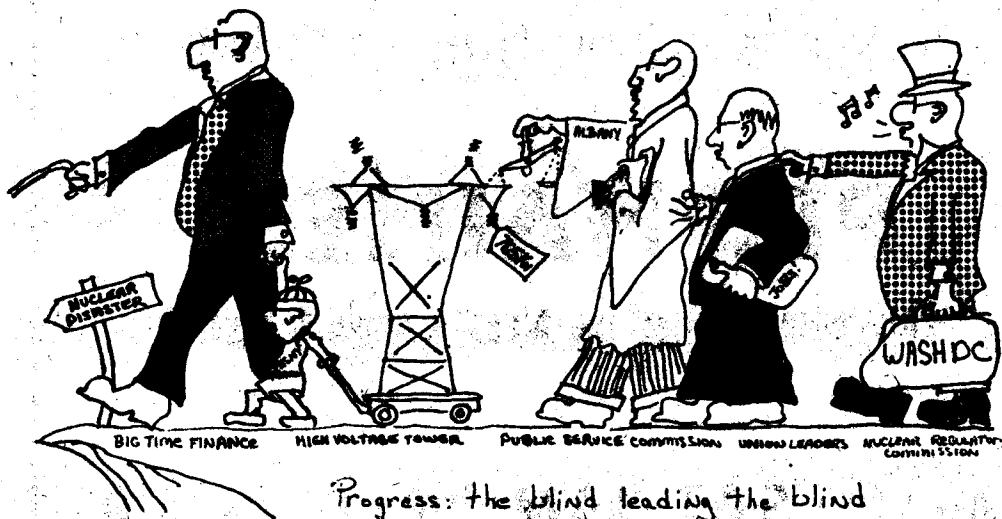
attend the protest on the 28th, and solicit funds for the North Country legal fees. Hunt will speak at a press conference held by the Syracuse Peace Council's Nuclear Power Committee on the 28th.

In the limited amount of time devoted to discussing UNAC by-laws and goals, more questions were raised than answered. Among the questions left unresolved were: should UNAC vote as a coalition of individuals, or of member groups? Should UNAC address just regional issues or have a state-wide thrust? On the pressing matter of developing an efficient internal communications system, it was decided to have a radial phone-tree and bulletin network. Bulletins will be mailed by the SPC Nuclear Power Committee to other member groups of UNAC once a week, until this responsibility (and that of maintaining phone communications) is rotated at the next plenary meeting.

In her educational report, Ruth Mueller said that a well-intentioned and executed act of civil disobedience should be viewed not as disobedience, but as obedience to a higher law with which the civil law is clashing. She expressed a concern that persons contemplating civil disobedience should be responsible to themselves in making the decision, that they should assess the consequences freely, without coercion.

Ruth remarked that in a more ideal world than our own, democracy would operate much in the same way that a traffic light operates. A traffic light can be seen as a symbol of non-discriminatory justice to the extent that it treats all people

equally at the intersection. Marge Rusk modified Ruth's analogy by commenting, "...the light is now stuck on green for the nuclear power industry, and red for nuclear power critics."



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# SPC MONDAY POTLUCKS

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**ECOH** (Euclid Community Open House)  
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## 14 Self Employment (rescheduled from January 10 because of the weather)

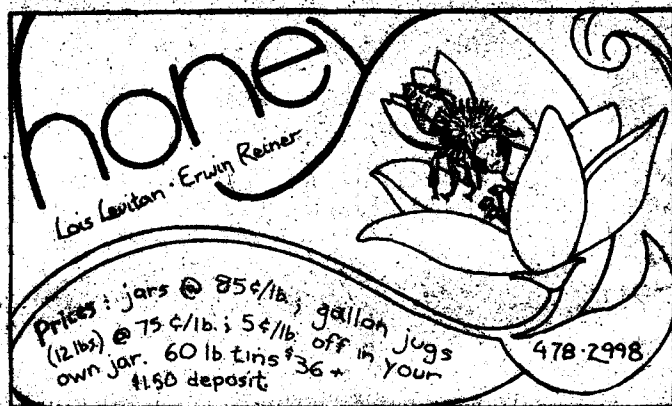
Bill Dunn, whose business is home repair and remodeling, leading the first of two Potlucks this month. The first is about the joys and sorrows of being self-employed--as well as about the everyday, practical aspects of running your own business and surviving. Being self-employed is one alternative to having someone else run your life; this Potluck is for folks who already are, or think they might like to be.

## 28 The Philosophy of Repair

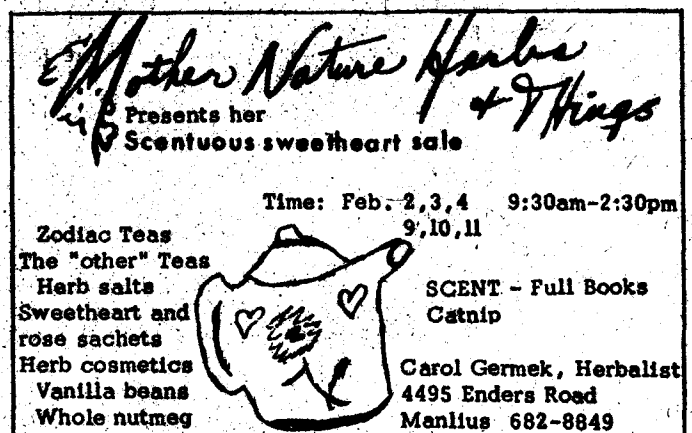
Bill Dunn, talking about repair as a way of gaining control over your possessions--and thereby, some measure of your life. He will discuss the practical aspects of repair -- knowing when to repair and what to replace; selecting the right "level of repair"; and what might be called the "zen of repair," understanding the whole of a problem before you set to work on it. An unusual, informative, and thought-provoking discussion.



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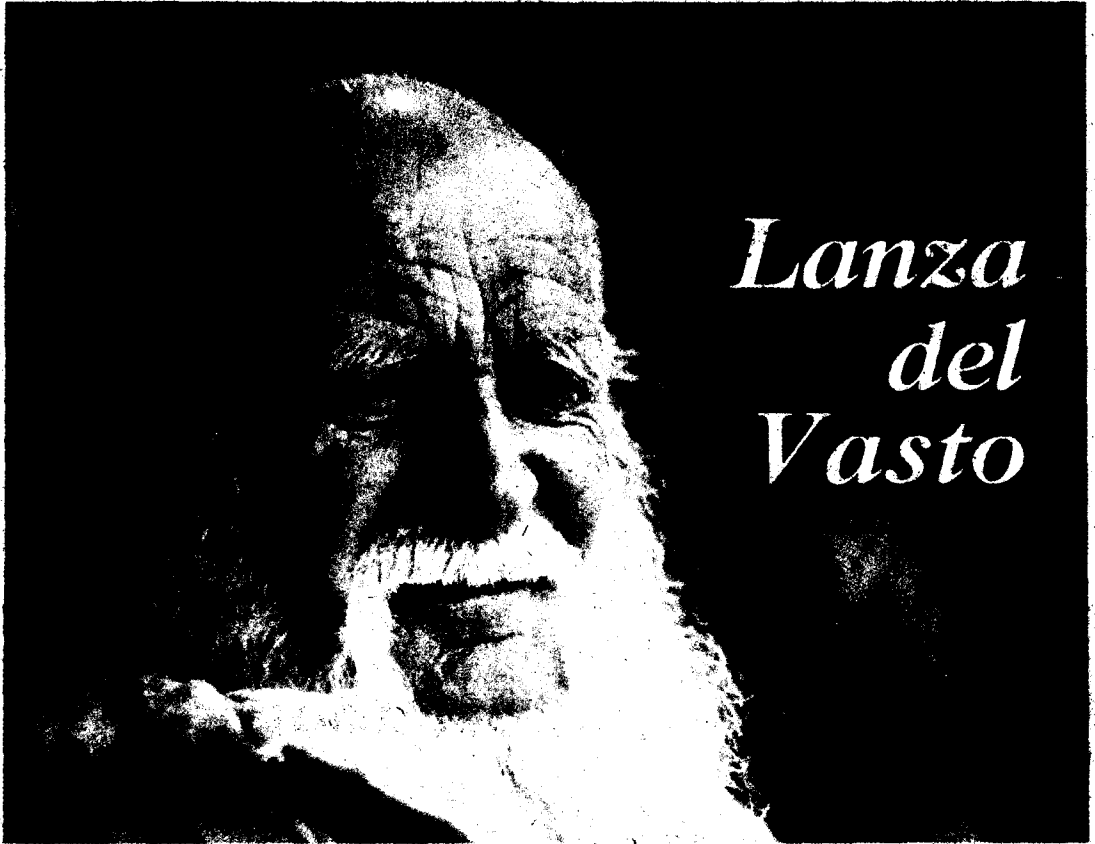


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Lanza del Vasto, named Shantidas (Servant of Peace) by Gandhi, is the foremost leader of the nonviolent movement in Europe. In 1948 he founded the Community of the Ark in France -- a community which attempts to live a communal life based upon nonviolent principles, simplicity, spirituality and support for peace and justice campaigns around the world. There are now many related communities in different parts of the world. Shantidas has authored many books which include: Return to the Source and Gandhi to Vinoba, the New Pilgrimage.



# Lanza del Vasto

by Bob Russell

On December 16 Lanza del Vasto visited Syracuse as part of a two week tour of the United States. (His visit locally was organized by the Unity Community.) For many of those fortunate to meet with him or hear him speak that evening at the Civic Center there was the experience of being in the presence of a truly "holy" man.

Shantidas is an emphatic teacher of non-violence, which he declares is not merely the refusing to do evil, but "the solution of human conflicts, the human solution." He speaks openly as a Christian who sees Jesus Christ as a foremost example of the nonviolent person and quotes Scripture often as one basis for a radical pacifist lifestyle.

Much of Shantidas' talk centered on the principles of non-violent living: discipline, a willingness to sacrifice all for the truth, recognizing evil in the world while at the same

time upholding the goodness of all peoples. "Your strength," says Shantidas, "is in the fact that others need justice... Justice has a force by itself-- the force of truth; people continue to fight because they do not recognize this." While much publicity in our society centers on the violence within the poor community, Shantidas held that the violence of the poor and oppressed paled before that of those in power: "The evils of the world do not depend upon the wickedness of the 'wicked', but upon the systematic concentrated wickedness of the 'good people'-- those who prepare for world wars."

The program of the Ark Community is simple: the development of communities as self sufficient as possible; unity with the oppressed, and support for direct action nonviolent campaigns. Their focus has been on nuclear power issues, disarmament, the expropriation of peasant lands by the military in France, and support for conscientious objection. In practical terms Shantidas

spoke of their community Rule-- "We attempt to see if the two hands given us can feed the mouth." They live in close harmony with nature: without electricity, growing their own food, weaving cloth for their clothes, boiling their wash, developing their skills in crafts.

Perhaps the most impressive aspect of Shantidas talk was its hopefulness despite all. Quoting Gandhi he said: "We believe in the power of truth. We need courage to hold truth up. We must have faith in its power." His message stands in stark opposition to the planning in military "think-tanks" where, says Lanza del Vasto, "they clown on a mountain of bombs."

For information concerning the Community of the Ark write:

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## SPC, Gay Rights, and Social Justice

by Lisa Johns

THE NEED for a specific statement from SPC in support of gay rights was not immediately apparent several months ago when the question first came up. The Peace Council has, after all, long supported movements on behalf of the oppressed--blacks, Third World peoples, women, Native Americans, the poor, prisoners--the list goes on. Probably some of us assumed it went without saying that the issue of gay rights would receive the same support. And in fact, we did go without saying it, until an SPC member wrote to inquire why the Peace Newsletter had not printed a letter of his on the subject of gay rights, pointing out that we do, after all, describe SPC as a "peace and social justice" organization. As it turned out, the first letter was not printed through simple oversight, but the two letters prompted a discussion at SPC which in turn uncovered differences of opinion on the gay rights issue. And what made those differences particularly pressing to resolve was that, as our conversations continued and deepened, three people close to the Peace Council openly stated that they were gay. Clearly, it was no abstract political issue "out there," but a very personal and emotional one which affected the way all of us work together day-to-day.

It has taken months for us to work through the issue, and reach some semblance of unity and accord on one point: that the Syracuse Peace Council does support the full rights of gay people, and will make its energies and resources--the Peace Newsletter, Potlucks, and whatever else seems appropriate--available on behalf of the gay rights movement. We don't yet know the precise form this will take, but we're open to ideas. One person has already expressed an interest in forming a gay rights committee of SPC.

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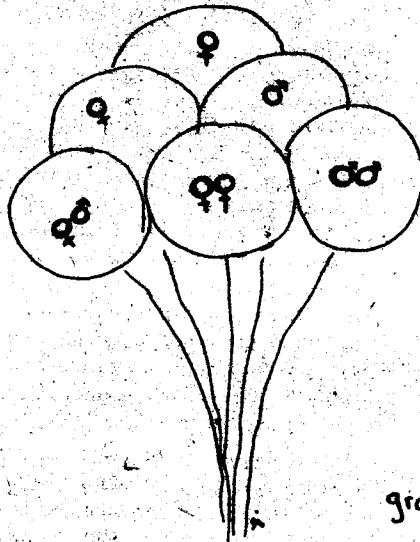
The point in mentioning this lengthy and difficult process is that it seems likely that the questions and apprehensions we encountered are not all that different from the unresolved questions and feelings many people in the "straight" (heterosexual) world experience around the subject of homosexuality. It would perhaps be more comfortable, if less honest, to announce our support--or pretend it had been there all along--omitting the very real struggle it took to reach that position. We hope that having described the process, we will encourage others to examine their feelings, recognizing that for some it is a difficult and emotional issue, but one which compels active awareness and support.



It makes sense, too, to begin to raise some questions about society's attitudes toward homosexuality. What's at the bottom of the fear and rejection, both subtle and overt, that so many straights project onto gays? What is the impact of those feelings ("homophobia" is an apt term) on gay people?

Trying to stay for a while out of the realm of abstraction and theory, I'll mention one or two personal encounters with the issue that I think are not altogether different from experiences others may have had, but which may help clarify what's at stake here. When the subject of homosexuality (not yet gay rights) first crossed the threshold of my awareness as an "issue," I started out with a classically liberal (and not terribly helpful) attitude: what consenting adults want to do in private doesn't harm anyone, so it's all right with me. (And underlying this, the tacit assumption: it doesn't affect me.)

I didn't have occasion to think about it any further--until, that is, a close friend I'd known for close to ten years told me she was a lesbian. For ten years, in other words, she'd concealed her identity, and during all that time I somehow remained blissfully ignorant. She didn't tell me, or others of her straight friends and acquaintances and business associates, because she felt she'd be rejected. And I, without even having to think about it, helped impose that deception on her. And then, when the whole thing became



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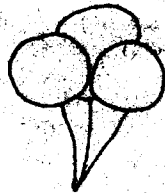
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intolerable, finally imposed on her the indignity of a "confession." The point is that I should have known, and could have if I'd been a bit more aware.

I also remember a few years ago going home, meeting again a high school friend with a teaching degree and a job in an elementary school. Somehow the conversation turned to homosexuality, and whether homosexuals should be allowed to teach in the public schools. (A local teacher had been fired, and his case was in the news.) No, she thought, smoothly reasonable: on balance, one couldn't risk that they might affect the children.

The children... A divorced woman in Syracuse last year lost custody of her child when it was discovered that she was living with her lesbian "lover." (No more dignified term is allowed for such relationships.) Gay people cannot ordinarily even express affection in public, a privilege straight people so take for granted it isn't even thought about. Gays are in jeopardy on their jobs, with their families and friends, if their identities are discovered. And if public opprobrium weren't enough, there's the full force of the law standing as the ultimate threat in most states.



At some point, one is forced to step back and ask, Why? What on earth is so threatening in the existence of homosexuality that causes straight society to marshal such powerful forces against it? If, after all, the social stigma it carries were removed, many of the arguments now used against it would evaporate. For example, if it were acceptable, homosexuals would not fear losing their jobs, or be forced to live double lives at the margins of society. At least parents would not have that to fear on behalf of their sons and daughters. What prevents society, then, from simply lifting the stigma?



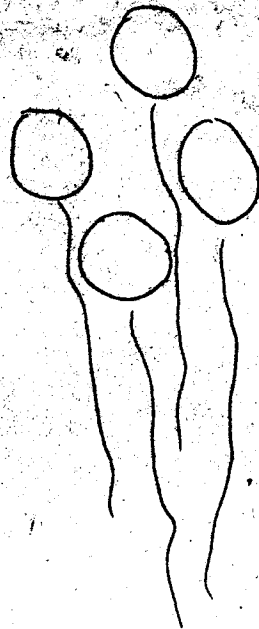
Here, if we are not careful, we descend into a thicket of theory with touching points in all sorts of sensitive areas--religion, sexuality and sex role identities, family relationships, psychiatric theory. All of them have been used to buttress and justify society's non-acceptance of the homosexual.

It is said, for example, that homosexuality is immoral--but how? Whom does it hurt? Or that it is "unnatural"--a charge that assumes, among other things, that the prevailing norms in heterosex are natural and healthy, and as the feminists have successfully shown, there's a great deal wrong with that assumption. What is thought to be normal may only be what is habitual, and for reasons we begin to comprehend only when we begin questioning the values and assumptions underlying our behavior. Another common argument is that sex was designed for procreation, or variants on that theme, but one worry we don't have is an underpopulated world.

The arguments grow more subtle and complex, to be sure, and dealing with them fully is beyond the scope of this particular article. But I mention the above because of a suspicion that all of them are ultimately beside the point, that what it really comes down to is a question of freedom--for all of us. What is it that denies people the complete freedom to live their lives as they deem best, to develop in their own ways, free and equal to all others? This isn't the trite question it appears to be, because the lives of heterosexuals are controlled by society's pressures and expectations just as homosexuals' are. As long as it is hazardous to feel affection for persons of the same sex, to express warmth and closeness with them, then it seems to me that none of us is truly free. These strictures put undue emphasis on gender at the expense of person, do they not? and it is the resistance of the homosexual to those strictures that makes them visible for everyone to see, and challenges what we have unconsciously accepted as the norm. In this, homosexual people have something to teach heterosexual ones--about why these values and assumptions exist, and whose interests they serve. The

task is to accept the challenge of change, to be open and willing to begin asking those questions.

The coming of yet another liberation movement is bound to be greeted with private groans by some, who have to, if they operate in good faith, sort through the mental chest of drawers and rearrange everything to accommodate. Yet what we're talking about is not simply "another" in a series of movements, it's part and parcel of all of them, all the disfranchised, the labeled-as-different-to-be-treated-as-different. As we advance together in a movement that links all of us, we will learn more about the divisions that exist in our society, why they exist, and about the shapes of the changes we must make to create a better one.



# John Hill Denied Parole

John Hill, the last Attica defendant behind bars, was denied parole by the NY State Parole Board on Jan. 18. The Board's decision was a startling repudiation of Gov. Carey's grant of clemency to Hill less than three weeks earlier, and came as a surprise to Hill's supporters who had considered the hearing a mere formality.

"In the light of the Governor's action, the Parole Board's refusing to grant him parole is so cruel it's unbelievable," commented attorney Daniel Alterman, a long-time activist on behalf of the Attica prisoners.

Carey had issued clemency in an attempt to "close the book" on the assault on the prison and the subsequent coverup. "The conduct of the investigation and the prosecution" Carey stated on Dec. 30, "has been such that we now confront the real possibility that the law itself may well fall into disrespect."

John Hill is now serving a 20-year-to-life term, and will not be eligible for parole again for two years. A statement from his defense team said that he was in danger of reprisals from prison authorities at the Ossining Correctional Facility, where he is currently being held.

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Carey can override the parole board's decision by granting Hill a pardon. Letters -- preferably telegrams or mailgrams -- should be sent immediately to Carey, pointing out that the board's action is in flagrant violation of the spirit of his clemency and urging him to reverse the decision of the parole board and

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by Linda Maddaus

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and 6 other groups sponsored a National Conference on Government Spying Jan. 21-23 in Chicago. A work-packed weekend included recoups of blatant government violation of constitutional rights -- offered by the people who were the victims.

One of many examples comes from Frank Wilkinson of the National Committee Against Repressive Legislation (NCARL). A victim of the House Un-American Activities Committee, Frank spent a year in prison (1961). He told the conferees how the NCARL office was broken into in 1963 and 1969, the latter time by thugs who threatened to kill the people in the office. Both times, names of people in the files were taken, but no money or equipment was stolen.

Lobbying is the main tool NCARL uses in trying to control abuses of the intelligence agencies. But Wilkinson warns that both Democrats and Republicans, conservatives and liberals, share a bad voting record in this area: "Maybe we'll be the first nation to go fascist by democratic vote."

Through lawsuits or grand juries, the spy units can be forced to reveal their files. The report of the Cook County Grand Jury on Nov. 10, 1975 says "The evidence has clearly shown that the security section of the Chicago Police Dept. assaulted the fundamental freedoms as speech, association, press and religion, as well as the constitutional right of privacy of hundreds of individuals." The scope of the jurors' investigation did not include the entire Police Dept. nor intelligence on persons or groups proven to be involved in criminal activity. The jurors only investigated intelligence activities against

Graphics from: Intelligence Abuse and Your Local Police by American Friends Service Committee, 1977.

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"law-abiding citizens for political purposes."

People were included in police files for such actions as writing a letter critical of the government, attending a convention or giving money to an organization. These files were shared with the FBI; false or irrelevant data on a person became self-enforcing, for example: "One police officer testified that it was his practice to list any person who attended two public meetings of a group as a member of that group. The conclusion that this person was a 'member' of the group was forwarded as a fact to the FBI. Subsequently, a law enforcement agency seeking background information on that person would be told that according to FBI files, that person was or is a member of that group."



Besides spying, the intelligence units tried to disrupt organizations. In one instance, the infiltrator became president of the group, and subsequently the group began to lose membership and money! "All the targeted community groups... represented people coming together to solve problems, and at one time or another were critical of some policies of the Chicago Police Dept."

While the police were spending time and money disrupting non-violent, non-criminal groups, they apparently gave scant attention to a group which publically admitted committing violence, the Legion of Justice. Apparently, the Legion had

the right political perspective so it was not harassed.

Chicago is only one unit in a vast spy network of many cities and the Federal government. The various names of the local units provide clues as to their purposes. In NYC, the unit has the following desks; oriental, socio-economic, Black student and extremist. Historically, the names of the units have changed as the suspect and 'out' groups have changed; such as, the Italian Squad in 1904, the Radical Bureau in 1912 to 1941, and now the "red squads".

Many conference speakers hammered away at the idea that government spying and harassment is only part of a repressive structure which falls most heavily on minority groups (Blacks, gays, Spanish-speaking, Native Americans) and thus the problem must be dealt with as a whole. This means that lawsuits, lobbying and public inquiries must be supported by community education and organizing to bring about fundamental changes in the class structure.

How close we may be to a police state is revealed by dossiers which implicate the government in assassination; such as, that of Fred Hampton while he slept in bed. And the same apparatus still exists. Even while people are in the process of bringing suit against the spy units, their lawyers have been spied on! (Alliance v. Rochford)

But there have been successes against this tyranny, such as the lawsuits which brought out much of this information. And the stoppage (at least thus far) of repressive proposals S.1 and the Ford wiretapping bill. And the public meeting in Detroit where enough people spoke out against the shredding of files so that the police backed down on destroying this evidence before it can be used in a suit against them.

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# Coffee: Addictions & Contradictions

by Chris Murray

... muse on all the ways that have been tried to disrupt, demoralize and destroy the Left in this country -- break-ins, conspiracy trials, provocateurs -- is to marvel at the government's perversity and the Movement's tenacity. But a plot is about that represents the most serious threat to us yet -- the coffee connection. The plug has been pulled on the Peace Council's coffee pot, and if our response to this deprivation is typical, the Movement for Social Change is in deep trouble. At the height of caffeine withdrawal, Marilyn Austin wrapped herself up in her printing press no fewer than 3 times; Lisa Johns has been observed crouched in a corner, muttering about Watergate revisited; nonviolence is put to the test daily; and I'm having an incredibly hard time sitting, typing&\$\$ and laying out this article.

Philosopher Theodore Roszak, describing our technological society's devastating effect on the human psyche, suggests coffee is necessary to super-charge the society. Good citizens of technocracies dose themselves with coffee in order to be practical, productive and wide-awake. Ironically, good revolutionaries apparently depend as heavily on coffee to turn our society around.

Noble as we are, we boycott. Well almost -- a cache of instant coffee was recently discovered (and seized); contraband in thermos bottles occasionally turn up; and the hardcore addicts among us have been caught imbibing on the back porch. But where our nobility leaves off, simple economics -- coffee at \$2.49/lb -- takes over!

Indeed we are told that this deplorable situation is the result of "simple economics": supply is down and demand growing. Hmmp. We know that a mid-1975 frost killed a good portion of Brazil's coffee trees and Brazil, producing 1/3 of the world's supply, harvested only a quarter of its normal crop last year. The shortage may be legitimate, but there's nothing like a shortage to invigorate the profiteers right down the line. In the last 18 months, the price of Brazilian coffee beans has shot up from 69¢/lb to \$2.30. Drawing on

Chris Murray used to mainline coffee. Now she only drinks it.



its reserves to export close to its normal volume, Brazil increased its 1976 sales revenues by 158%. Colombia also increased its coffee earnings last year -- up 30%. No one -- but no one -- is underselling. In fact, Brazil bought 3/4 million bags of coffee beans from El Salvador and the Malagasy Republic last year to prevent them from selling at cheaper prices on the world market (NY Times, 1/12/77). Oh, the free market system at work.

Brazil justifies its price hikes, by pointing to its low reserves of 20 million bags and the fact that newly planted coffee trees will not mature until '79-80. Simple arithmetic shows that just selling the reserves at current prices would produce annual revenues over the next 3 years that are double pre-frost sales.

Angry congressperson Fred Richmond has demanded a full investigation of the world's coffee supplies, and has accused coffee producing nations of exploiting the shortage by sharp increases in coffee export taxes and tariffs. He's even charged collusion between the US and Brazil, suggesting that the US State Dept. has encouraged the higher export taxes to

increase Brazil's economic aid. Considering that Brazil's trade deficit with the US has been \$1 billion yearly for the last 3 years, Richmond may have a point.

Not immune from public distrust are the US coffee "makers". Is the present and predicted cost of putting coffee on the table explained by the increase price of unroasted coffee beans? Or is it the result of the game called "passing the cost on to the customer", i.e., increasing the sale price of a commodity by the percentage increase of a single cost item. Boggle your mind and think about each person in the coffee processing chain hiking his selling price to the next person by the percentage increase in the price of the coffee he purchased.

Consumers are angry that in one more way, we are being made the victims of opportunism. The coffee boycott may not succeed in bringing coffee prices down to a reasonable level, but it is a public statement that we have not yet been fully acclimatized to manipulation by profit seekers.

Now for the real heavy part -- the hard contradiction. (I wince as I write these words.) Should we -- in

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true social conscience -- be buying coffee under the best of economic circumstances? How loudly we point out that cash cropping is a major cause of hunger in the world. Let's face it, folks -- the resources employed to produce coffee are not being used to produce nutritious food for the very people who provide these resources. It would salve my conscience if the people of Brazil, Colombia, etc. were the ones making the decision to grow coffee, who owned the resources and were reaping the monetary rewards. But that's far from the truth. The poor people -- the vast majority -- are getting hungrier while a tiny elite in these countries (and a few multi-nationals) are getting fatter.

So what are we to do -- now that we have been mercilessly forced to come face-to-face with our addictions and contradictions? Well, undoubtedly, there will soon be a plethora of coffee substitutes on the market (never underestimate the ingenuity of capitalism). And there's some easy ways of conserving coffee. Try recycling: enhance old grounds -- even better if you let them dry first -- with half as many fresh grounds. (Theoretically, this process can be carried ad infinitum, but 2 or 3 go-arounds is about it.) If you have a blender, use it to literally pulverize your coffee beans/grounds.

There are natural coffee substitutes really worth trying. If you're into experimenting, the following plant parts (wild in this area) can be roasted, ground and brewed: chufa or nut-grass tubers, chicory root, dandelion root, and asparagus and hawthorn seeds. And then there are some fine teas. Noteworthy is rostaroma mocha spice which has a base of a rich coffee-like blend of roasted grains and roots. (We recommend contacting herbalist Carol Germek - see "Mother Nature" ad on p.10).

So let's all hang in. And join us when we celebrate the rites of spring by brewing up a cauldron of witch-grass rootstock!



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## Military Bases & Human Rights

Today, almost four years to the day after the declaration of martial law, there are thousands of political prisoners in the Philippines held without specific charges, without trial of the issues, and without the right to bail -- simply locked up under unchecked executive authority.

The plight of these prisoners, many of whom have been detained now for several years, is compounded by the fact that the formerly strong and independent civilian judicial system has been almost completely undermined by a series of martial law decrees which have effected a massive shift of jurisdiction from civil courts to military commissions, particularly for offenses which are political in nature...

Aside from these grave problems of indefinite detention, AI found convincing evidence that the torture of martial law detainees was widespread and systematic. AI conducted interviews with 107 prisoners in 8 detention centers, all in Luzon. 71 prisoners reported that they had been subjected to brutal treatment and torture.... Torture of women, although apparently less widespread, had occurred, and intimidation involving threats of sexual assault was commonplace.

A particularly insidious pattern of interrogation/torture which emerges from the interviews is the use of "safe houses" as they are called -- they are in fact torture centers which are used by the National Intelligence Service Agency or NISA.... It should be noted that NISA is an intelligence agency answerable only to President Marcos and under the command of the President's personal head of security, General Fabian Ver.

In the four years since the declaration of martial law, avowedly for the purpose of suppressing rebellion, the government of the Philippines has failed to establish the legal culpability of any individual in the central cases of alleged rebellion.

--- Thomas C. Jones,  
Amnesty International,  
Sept. 15, 1976

We are profoundly disturbed by the recent offer of \$1 Billion in rent payments for the US bases in the Philippines.

Respected organizations such as Amnesty International and the International Committee of the Red Cross

have determined that the Philippine government engages in consistent and gross violations of the internationally recognized human rights of its citizens.

The fact that the US government increased its military assistance to this regime by over 100% since the imposition of martial law in 1972 adds to a growing body of evidence that US foreign policy does not, in fact, reflect those ideals and principles which the American people value. This most recent offer of \$1 Billion again underscores this sad truth.

It has been argued by the State Department and the Pentagon that our bases in the Philippines are essential for US national security and must be preserved at any cost. That a thorough re-examination of these basic assumptions was not conducted before or during the US-Philippine renegotiation talks points up the inability to adjust to regional and global changes. It further reflects the lack of understanding that a foreign policy based, not solely on military supremacy, but on a respect for the freedoms, sovereignty and human rights of other people will best serve our long-term and genuine national interests.

In addition, massive payments of this nature to the Marcos regime not only weighs against the efforts of the Filipino people to lift themselves up from their oppression; such payments also swell up our extravagant military spending and exacerbates the domestic consequences of such spending.

We believe that a re-examination of our basic assumptions regarding US national security interests is long overdue. We urge the US government under the Carter administration to undertake this important, fundamental reassessment; and begin to integrate US foreign policy with our deeply-held values by rejecting any demands from the Marcos regime for more military arms and hardware for the further repression of the Filipino people.

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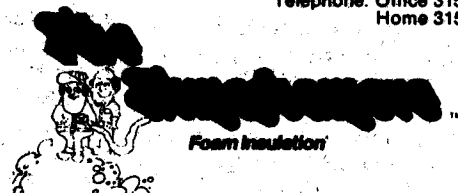
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But the US policymakers and their unquestioning mouthpieces, the big money media, cannot afford to accept that people who resisted the war were right or principled. Because that would mean the war and their policies were wrong.

Some people say this is just a minor semantic point. It is not. Words are weapons. We cannot build a just society if we accept an unjust language. It is a subtle yet critical struggle.

## Commendations

To Jane Hart, for her outspoken support of amnesty for Viet Nam war resisters. When President Ford placed a sympathy call to her, on the occasion of the death of Senator Philip Hart December 26th, and asked if there were anything he could do to help, she promptly replied that he could grant amnesty. In a press conference on January 11, she spoke for NCUUA (National Council for Universal & Unconditional Amnesty), saying, "Perhaps, the question all of us must ask is: How is the memory of a loved one better served? By a concerned and caring attitude or by one that seeks revenge? ... Certainly we have cared and we do care about those who died in Viet Nam. All we ask is to have that caring translated into a humane public policy, rather than one that is hostile and antagonistic toward those who had nothing to do with the decisions that led us into that war in the first place. ... We urge President Ford, the Congress, and President-elect Carter to grant unconditional, universal amnesty."



## Tax Resistance

Peacemaker (1/16/77) notes that the newly-enacted Tax Reform Act exempts from IRS seizure a \$50/week salary, plus \$15 for each dependent. IRS must also notify a taxpayer when it asks a third party (bank, employer) for information about her or him. While hardly the sweeping tax reform our system needs, this small provision could prove quite helpful to tax resisters, particularly those deliberately earning incomes below the taxable level. Every bit helps!

## Crime Stats

An article about street crime in the new socialist periodical *In These Times* (1/5-11/77) shows that victimization by serious crime, like other societal ills, disproportionately affects minorities and the poor. The article states, for example, that black women are more than twice as likely to be raped as white women--at present rates, close to 1 in 5 black women can expect to be raped during their lifetime, and the chances are higher if they are poor. Murder is said to be the leading cause of death for young black men living in urban areas, and one in six males born in Harlem will be murdered by the age of sixty-five!

In response to the alarming rise in crime rates, says *IT*, law enforcement officials and criminal justice "experts" are abandoning as "utopian" any serious attempts to address the root causes of crime, and are instead resurrecting the old supposed cure-alls, punishment and deterrence. It's a trend that can only bring more authoritarianism and repression to American life. Yet because progressives have often seen crime as a largely conservative, law 'n order issue, no other coherent response to rising crime rates has been developed, making repressive measures appear attractive and workable to people frightened by the threat of crime.

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## Friedman in Sweden

When Milton Friedman was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics last fall, an unprecedented controversy arose because of his role as an advisor to the Pinochet junta in Chile. Consequently when Friedman arrived in Stockholm in December to accept the prize, reporters were waiting to question him about his Chile connections and his economic philosophies. He was asked, at one point during a press conference, what country was ideal for practicing his economic theories. Friedman's reply was the US in the 1800s--a period he described as one of great individual freedom, conveniently forgetting that slavery existed for 2/3 of the century, and much of the rest was a period of stealing land from the Indians. Several days later, Gunnar Myrdal, Sweden's most famous economist and himself an Economics prize winner in 1974, published an article critical of the Nobel Prize committee's selection process, because of the political value judgments inherent in the Economics prize. "As I see the question of the Nobel Prize today," he wrote, "I should by all rights have refused the Prize..."

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**2** People's Housing Coalition mtg. 7:30 pm, Plymouth Church 232 E. Onon. 476-2891.  
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**3** 11 am SPC-UNAC press conf. in front of State Office Bldg. see p 7 & 9 for details.  
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Conf. on Life Styles

**4** Workshop for Power Line Activists in the Holland-Patent/Utica area 6:30 pm Fri to 12 noon Sun., For details see p 7 or call Jinx Dowd or Dan Leahy (607) 277-3505

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**7** Conf. Report: "The US & the Middle East: Arms, Oil & the Multi-national corps." by Judy Bjorkman & Rose Fleischman, 8 pm 65 Ely Dr., F'ville. for info call Judy 475-4822 475-9469

**8** 7:30 pm Nuclear Committee mtg. 1511 E. Fayette St.  
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**9** N.O.W. mtg. 8 pm Grace Church, 819 Madison, 472-2406.  
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**11** Walt Disney's "Peter Pan", one of the greatest animations. NVS Films, Grant Aud. SU 6, 8, 10 pm \$1.50, kids 75¢ open to public.

**12** 9:30 am - 2 pm - SPC Steering Com. mtg. call Carolyn 475-7888 for details.

**13** Tomorrow's Valentine's Day. Have you gotten your lover a present yet? 20% off all items in The Front Room bookstore. (What a coincidence!)

**14** SPC Mon. Potluck "Self Employment" with Bill Dunn. 8pm at ECOH. see p. 10  
3:30 pm Editorial Com. mtg for special PNL issue on nuclear power.  
Feminist School Open House & Registration 7:30 - 601 Allen St.

**15** Feminist School Registration 9am-4pm  
The Front Room bookstore's 20% off sale ends. 6pm.

**16** Feminist School Registration 9-9

**17** Military Spending & Hunger Project mtg. 1st Presbyterian Church, 620 w. Gen. - discussion of How We Live and Why Do We Spend So Much Money?  
Feminist School Registration 9 - 4

**18** 11 am - Upstate Peace Network mtg. in Buffalo  
March PNL copy deadline  
Feminist School Registration 9 - 7 pm.

**19** CALC Conf. in Cleveland, Ohio. see p. 22 for details.  
Feminist School Registration 10 - 2 pm  
Folk Concert (SPC sponsored), Joe Hickerson & Tom Hosmer & Marie Briggs Everson Aud. 8pm \$2.50, kids free.

**20** CALC Conf. in Cleveland, Ohio  
Bud & Eleanor - 28th Wedding Anniversary (nice work kids!)

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**22** PNL layout and pasteup.

**23** PNL mailing party 2 - 8 pm All welcome! Free dinner. Cutting, stapling, labeling Chris 472-5478.

**24** **Amnesty** for ALL!

**25** "Man from Maisinicu", new Cuban thriller similar to "Battle of Algiers" & "Z". NVS Films, Grant Aud. 7 & 9:30 pm \$1.50 - open to public.

**26** **NVS Films Schedule**  
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**27** WAER-fm, 6-10 pm Every Sunday with Elana Salzman. Solidarity News on the half hour

**28** SPC Monday Potluck "The Philosophy of Repair" with Bill Dunn. 8 pm at ECOH, with dessert and coffee. see p. 10 for details.

**1** Every Tuesday: "Working Together," 6 - 8 pm, with Sister News. WAER-fm. Program by, for, and about women

**2** **MOVING?**  
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**28** "The Conversation" Gene Hackman, winner Cannes Grand Prix, NVS Films Grant Aud., 6, 8, 10 pm, \$1.50. Public welcome  
"Roots" by Alex Haley, 9-11 pm, WNY3 TV - 9 1/28 - 1/30. Excellent.

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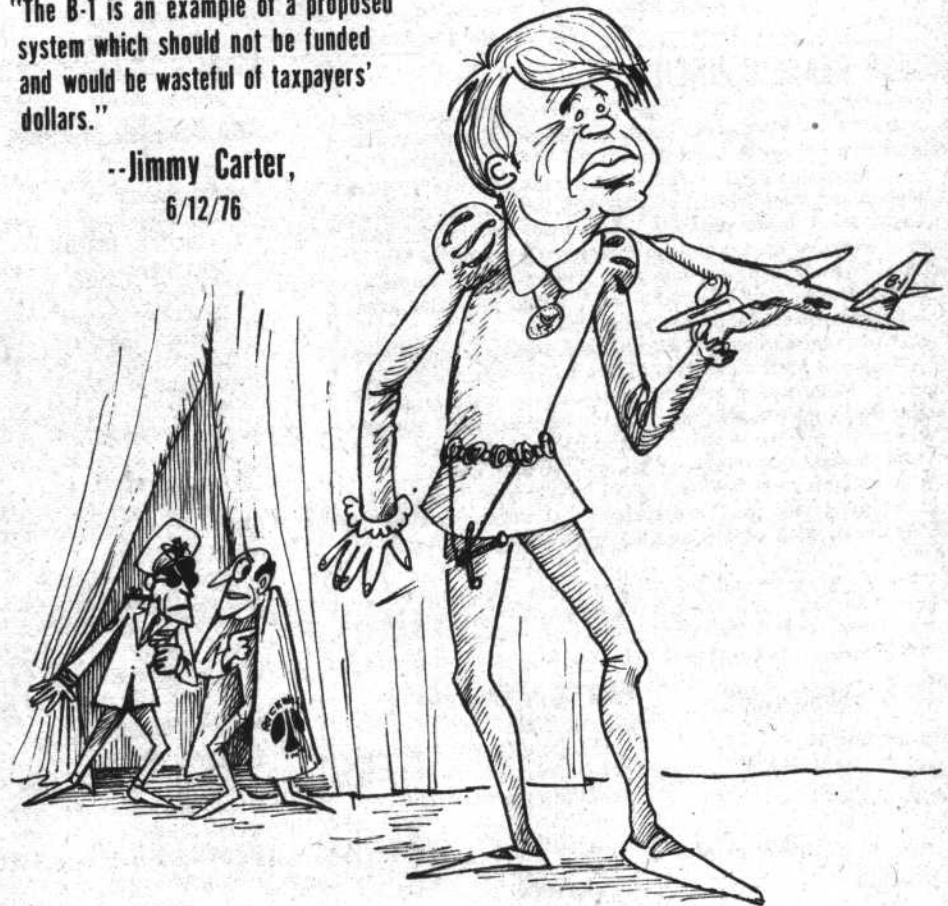
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--Jimmy Carter,  
6/12/76



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**Peace Newsletter**

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**SYRACUSE PEACE COUNCIL**

The Syracuse Peace Council (SPC) is a non profit, community based, autonomous (we have a loose affiliation with the national organization, Clergy & Laity Concerned (CALC)), antiwar/social justice organization. We have a vision of a world where war, violence and exploitation of all kinds (economic, racial, sexual, age, etc.) do not exist. A primary function of SPC is to help people work for social change in whatever way they feel comfortable. Overcoming our sense of powerlessness through mutual support is another key SPC role. We feel that Education, Agitation & Organization lead to Social Change.

SPC which is guided by an 18 member elected Steering Committee and a 4 person staff collective, has a basic commitment to nonviolence. Membership involves being on the mailing list and feeling that you're a member. Simple as that. SPC is supported primarily through members contributions & monthly pledges and fund raising events. It's an unending struggle to raise our \$25,700 annual budget. SPC's major work is done through committees and the 3 collectives that work out of the SPC office: the program staff; the SPC Press; The Front Room bookstore.

Contact persons for projects are listed below. If you have questions or can help, call the person listed. (\*)Denotes associated projects--that is groups which do not primarily consider themselves SPC committees, but work with SPC.

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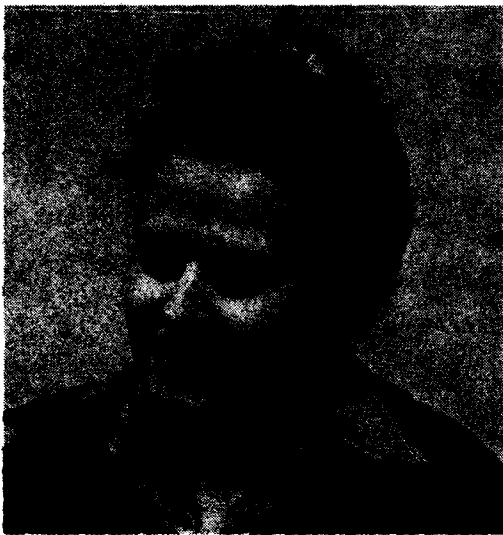
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# SPC's 41st Birthday Dinner

## HONEY KNOPP



### “Instead of Prisons: An Abolitionist's Perspective”

Honey Knopp: radical pacifist --  
prison abolitionist --  
3 and 1/2 decades of untiring work  
in the antiwar/social justice movement

Honey Knopp presently coordinates the  
work of the Prison Research Action Project,  
an education/action project to train pris-  
on reformers in the concepts and tasks of  
abolition.

At this event, she will speak to the under-  
lying concepts of prison abolition, empha-  
sizing the analogies between the prison  
model and the war model in our society.

6:00 wine & cheese  
6:30 dinner \$2.50

Menu: cabbage vinaigrette  
chicken potpourri lentil and barley stew  
breads and beverages birthday dessert

child care  
peace award

## Friday, March 25 Plymouth Church

232 E. Onondaga St.

## LETTERS

## GAYS RESPOND TO SPC

Dear Friends,

We would like to thank the Syracuse Peace Council, and especially Lisa Johns for the profound and moving "Statement and Personal Consideration" on Gay Rights and Social Justice in the February PEACE NEWS-LETTER.

While several of us in the Gay community have long been aware of the support and good will of individuals in the Peace Council, this official statement of policy represents a tremendous step forward in the fight for equal rights and justice for Gay people.

Local, state and federal legislators have consistently denied relief from oppressive laws. The courts have turned their backs on us. Many churches and religious organizations exclude us. It is indeed encouraging to know that the voices of the members of the Syracuse Peace Council have been joined with ours in the demand for the constitutional rights which have long been denied us. We gratefully welcome the support of the Syracuse Peace Council. With enough of this sort of support, Homophobia can be cured.

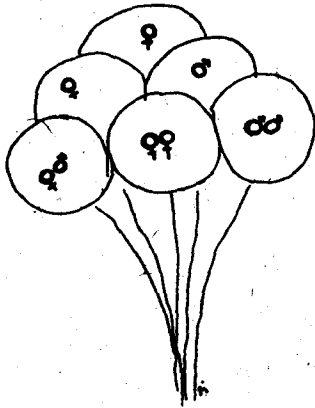
Earl Colvin  
Joel Rinne  
Karen Sayers  
Directors: Gay Light Collective

Dear friends (especially Lisa Johns),

As a Gay person, I want to thank you for recognizing that the Gay rights movement is a part of the total movement for human dignity. As I read the article, my mind went back to the fall of 1964 when I was in Voluntown, Conn, with the Committee for Non Violent Action (CNVA). We were about to picket a nuclear sub. During the night some people came in cars and left a number of messages behind on posters. One of the messages was "Death to all Pinko Faggot Peacenicks". The way I read it was being a peace loving person meant that you must be in some way less than macho, which means powerless, which means a Communist, which means all kinds of things. If to want life to be good for people means that you will be la-

bled all kinds of things you may or not be, give me my lable!

During Hitler's madness, two and a half hundred thousand people went to the furnace for being Gay. There is no way of estimating how many others from other minority groups would have also been catagorized as Gay. This historical fact should lay heavily upon the heart of anyone who calls themself human or who has been labled Commie, Nigger, Womans-libber, Peace-nik, Poor White Trash, Prisoner, Quaker, Jew, or whatever. If it's going to be "Death to all Faggots" (and for that matter Dykes), then it is the death of all who would dare to be human. As with racism, sexism, anti-semitism, and any of those anti-isms, the dynamic is very



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subtle. Folks who are truly concerned about social justice are going to have to do some homework and heart search searching about Gays. I congratulate SPC for opening their closet door, I encourage you in your struggle forward toward the understanding of yourselves and others. Since SPC has been seen as a "suspect" organization all along, a little more suspicion will do you good.

I remain in the struggle to be free and to love...

Stanley Thomas Bennett

## PRISONER SEEKS SUPPORT

Peace!!

I am a prisoner, age 29, Jamican. I have been confined in Auburn Prison for the past 4 years. I'm seeking correspondence from interested and concerned citizens. Race, color, age make no difference. I'm looking for someone who cares; I will answer all letters! Please allow me to thank you in advance for any and all consideration and help you may give me in this unusual

request.

Errol Williams 74-A-813  
135 State St., Auburn, NY 13021

## CHALLENGING CARTER

Dear President Carter,

During your campaign you said, "The B-1 bomber is an example of a proposed system which should not be funded and would be wasteful of taxpayers' money." (source: "The Presidential Candidates' Positions on the Issues: How They Stand")

This quote doesn't show any equivocation, but now I hear you reported as saying you must reconsider this.

What am I to conclude? I don't want to conclude that you were insincere at the time you made your campaign statement. Perhaps the explanation is that you are under the pressure and influence of the military bureaucracy, which has ready access to you.

But you call yourself a "people's president", so I'll take this time to remind you that the B-1 bomber is wasteful, unnecessary and immoral because it's taking away money, material, and people resources from areas where these are truly needed (health, nutrition, research on energy, etc.)

Sincerely,  
Linda Maddaus

## AFFIRMATIONS

Dear Peace Council,

Lately I've been finding the Peace Newsletter particularly interesting and informative -- especially on the issue of the local struggle against the nuclear power monstrosity.

I'm enclosing a check for \$15 that I'd like to see used as follows: \$7.50 to support the SPC and \$7.50 to be forwarded to whichever group is collecting funds for legal fees for the North Country Protesters against the power line (PNL, Feb. '77, p.9)

Can Governor Carey be called on to stop the power line? What can I do? Please keep me on your mailing list.

Edna Litten

Dear Peace People,

Thanks for putting together the effort and energy to produce "Community". It has a wealth of info concerning the social and political activism in Syracuse; which I am happy to see that there's a lot of. I only wish I could be in Syracuse more to participate.

The best to all of you, now and in the coming year. Janice Creamer



# Carter asks \$\$ for 5 B-1 Bombers

Jimmy Carter completed his first month as president Feb. 20 by making his first decision on the B-1 bomber. In a reversal of his campaign position on the B-1, he approved a recommendation from Secretary of Defense Harold Brown to build 5 B-1s during Fiscal Year 1978 (which begins Oct. 1, 1977) at a cost of about \$1.35 billion.

The NY Times, in a front page story headlined "Carter to Propose Defense Fund Cuts as Signal to Soviet" (2/21/77), stressed the point that "the decisions to stretch out purchases of the controversial B-1 bomber and slow down development of the heavy new MX mobile missile" represent "a deliberate indication to Moscow that the White House is willing to see how arms negotiations develop before going all out on major new weapons systems."

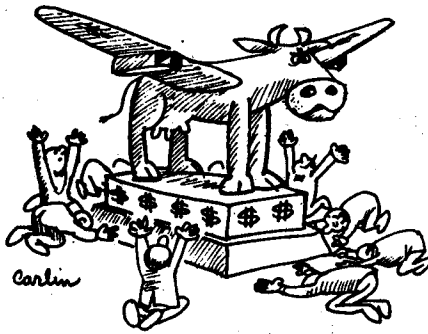
How serious is this "indication" to Moscow? Suppose you are standing along a street and you see a car speeding toward you at 123 miles an hour. Somehow detecting your concern, the driver decides to slow down to 120 miles an hour. Are you relieved? Or are you still concerned that the car continues to come toward you at an extremely unsafe speed?

Carter's defense budget proposals can be looked at in much the same way. He has proposed a reduction in the rate of Pentagon spending from \$123 billion (proposed by Ford) to \$120 billion in Fiscal Year 1978. Is military spending now under control? Or is the arms race (like that speeding car) as dangerous as before?

Actually, Carter is not slowing down the rate of military spending at all. Rather, he is proposing the highest military budget ever, \$10 billion more than the current fiscal year. The proposed increase equals the increase finally approved by Congress during Ford's last year in office.

On Sept. 19, 1976, Carter said, "I recognize that spending for new weapons systems can develop a momentum of their own. That's why

The Stop the B-1 Bomber/National Peace Conversion Campaign is a joint project of Clergy & Laity Concerned (with which SPC is affiliated) and the American Friends Service Committee.



THE ARMS CONTRACTORS' SACRED COW

We've never seen a purple cow -  
We've no desire to see one;  
And we can tell you here and now  
We hope it's not the B-1!

I have made clear that I oppose production of the B-1 bomber at this time." He may have recognized the momentum, but as regards both the B-1 and the military budget in general he seems either unwilling or unable to do very much about it.

The Congress delayed the production decision on the B-1 until Feb. 1, 1977 to enable Carter to make that decision. He now says he needs until May or June to decide whether to go ahead with production and if so how many B-1s to build. Meanwhile, every dollar spent of the B-1 -- \$87 million

per month -- is Carter's responsibility. And, in his own words, his failure to stop the B-1 is "wasteful of taxpayers' dollars."

## Action

Any decision by Carter is subject to Congressional approval, and some have advocated lobbying around the Congressional budget resolution and the possibility of a transfer of funds from military to domestic programs. Realistically, however, the chances of a Democratic-controlled Congress imposing significant cuts on a newly-elected Democratic president are slight at best. And of course no help can be expected from the Republican minority.

Therefore, the focus continues to be on Carter. We must let him know that he should honor his campaign pledge to stop the B-1. We must let him know that the people will support such a decision. (Carter's own pollster discovered last summer that 44% of those polled opposed the B-1, while only 27% supported it, with the rest undecided. A more recent poll by Lou Harris came up with similar results.)

Therefore we invite you to take part in the national B-1 campaign effort to:

## RING DOWN THE B-1

### MARCH 1, 1977

### WHITE HOUSE

### PHONE-IN

### TO STOP THE B-1

1. Dial 202-456-1414 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on March 1st.
2. Ask to leave your message and your name and address (you will be connected to the Message Desk.) OR, leave your message with Midge Costanza (Presidential Asst. For Public Liaison)
3. DON'T GIVE UP. KEEP TRYING IF PHONE IS BUSY.

LET THE PUBLIC SERVANTS HEAR THE PEOPLE'S VOICE!



## Workshop Report

## 765KV Activist Groups Meet

On a cold and snowy, early February week-end, between thirty-five and forty activists from all over New York State met in the tiny village of Holland Patent, N.Y. (near Utica) to discuss their common struggle against the proposed 765 kilovolt power-line.

The 765kv line is a project of the Power Authority of the State of New York (PASNY) whose ostensible purpose is for the exchange of electrical power between Quebec and the New York City metropolitan area. There is good reason to believe, however, that it is also intended to carry electricity generated by nuclear power plants whose construction is proposed in the St. Lawrence region. That fact, along with the health and safety questions associated with the extremely high voltage line, have aroused strong citizen opposition to the project. (See the February Peace Newsletter for a full background account.)

Organized by two groups actively opposing the line's construction (UPSET in Canton, and SHOCK in Holland Patent), the workshop was assisted by the Upstate Community Resources Institute in Ithaca, and skilfully facilitated by three Movement for a New Society (MNS) trainers from Vermont. The three have recently assisted the Clamshell Alliance in New Hampshire in its opposition to the nuclear plant proposed for Seabrook, N.H.

The purpose of the Holland Patent meeting was to bring activists to-

gether from all over the state to work out a common set of goals and a strategy for opposing the 765kv line that will be effective in making it a statewide issue. Lisa Johns, Linda Maddaus, and William Sunderlin were there representing SPC.

Until recently, opposition to the line has largely been focused in the North Country, where land clearing operations have already begun. Three women who had been jailed briefly in December for obstructing work crews on their land, were at the workshop, and the sense of urgency they brought was communicated to everyone. One described how she and her husband fear they will lose their farm because of their opposition, a risk they are prepared to take. "Yet either way we lose," she said sadly. "If we keep fighting, we'll probably lose our farm. But if we don't, and the 765 line goes through, we'll lose so much more." Her sense of determination that the line must be stopped was shared by the group.

The meeting was characterized by warm good humor and cooperation, superb hospitality (thanks to SHOCK) --and a lot of productive, hard work.

Arrangements for future communications among the groups were made, and people attending the workshop returned to their organizations with a set of proposals for common action. Major attention will be focused on involving other groups throughout the state, and especially in the downstate area, in the 765kv fight, and relating it to other energy issues. The feeling is that this struggle makes a difference, and if we can win here, future struggles will be that much easier.

--Lisa Johns

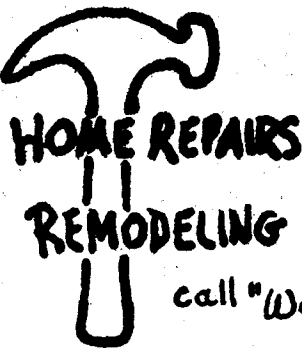
## NATURAL GAS (cont. from page 13)

quarter 1976 profits (before the real cold weather hit in January) of 25-70% higher than the year before. Says UE News, "Business analysts predict record profits for the energy companies in 1977, and while they say it's too soon to tell exactly how large the additional profits will be, they assure us they'll be in the millions of dollars."

All of this should be sufficient to constitute more than a reasonable doubt about the truth of the industry version of the gas shortage. One might even venture to add that the producers have seen the opportunity to raise natural gas prices to the same levels as oil now sells for, and are taking that opportunity.

Newsweek (2/7/77) soberly concluded, "Unless the nation learns more from the current gas crisis than it did from the oil crunch of 1973-74, the outlook is not very hopeful." Indeed--though the real lessons are not those Newsweek has in mind.

But it is probably true that the only possible hope for defeat of the gas industry's strategem would be for a massive outpouring of angry opposition from the public. In the meantime, the gas shortage--at the point of consumption, is real, and both Congress and the President are under tremendous pressure to do something about it. Probably, given the immediate circumstances and public hysteria, there was no politically-acceptable alternative but to grant the temporary deregulation of prices. In the long run, probably the only real solution is nationalization of what is, after all, a national asset.



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## 14 "Broken Treaty at Battle Mountain"

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## Sorry, Folks

We regret to announce that the monthly Folk Concert Series, co-sponsored by SPC and the Salt City Song Miners, has been cancelled for the remainder of the 1976-77 schedule.

This decision has been necessitated by a number of factors, among them the poor weather (which forced the cancellation of the Jean Ritchie concert in January) and the low attendance at the first 3 concerts.

We are exploring the possibility of bringing Jean Ritchie here in April - See April PNL for details. For any other matters relating to the Folk Concert Series, contact John Maddaus at 472-5478.

## Food Day

Food Day 1977, sponsored nationally by the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) and locally by the City Consumer Affairs Unit, will be held on Thursday, April 21st. The major focus this year will be on nutrition.

SPC participated in Food Day 1976 with a very successful booth focusing on cash crops and hunger in the Philippines. We plan to participate again this year. If you would like to help plan our booth, call John Maddaus at 472-5478.

# WW II Widow Dumped by U.S. Gov't. by Hilda M. Cullen

I am the widow of a 100% disabled veteran who was service connected for primarily a nervous condition. He died at home Nov. 10, 1975. Shortly afterwards I instituted a claim through the State Veterans Counselor's office for D.I.C. compensation. I was turned down by the Buffalo V.A. and we then sent an appeal to Washington. After many months the case was remanded back to Buffalo because the last ten years of my husband's records were not sent to Washington and a decision could not be made without evidence.

A few days ago I found out that the Buffalo office turned me down without reading the records. They were still in the Syracuse Veteran's Hospital on Feb. 15, 1977, and obviously had never been requested. Fourteen months wasted. Doubtless my husband's records at the mental hygiene clinic are also still in Syracuse.

I have written dozens of letters: certified, return receipt requested, to everyone from the president on down with no results. What few replies I have received have proved to me that my letters were barely read. In some cases I enclosed copies of evidence which was ignored. I even gave a letter addressed to President Ford to the Secret Service in Syracuse. I was told it was given to Wilbur Jones, top political man in the party. This occurred a few days before Ford spoke at the War Memorial just before election day.

After my husband's funeral, I went to the V.A. Hospital where he had been a constant outpatient up until 6 days prior to his death. The doctor who treated my husband for an ulcer condition said that "Maybe the ulcer perforated the stomach wall and that killed him." Strangely, only a few days previously, 6 days before his death, she told us his ulcer was healed. Also, the doctor who previously treated him for a "heart skip" and who told me one year before that it wasn't serious this time said "I always knew George had very little cardiac reserve."

Why the reversal of opinions? Why didn't George have the services



Hilda & George in 1962.

of a heart specialist? Why weren't we told so we could have sought one out ourselves? A V.A. doctor who had never seen my husband signed the death certificate "apparent heart attack" (!) the day after his death. That alone leaves a question of doubt. According to law, where there's room for doubt I should not be denied the compensation.

Outside the V.A. doctors write books and articles about the connection between bad nerves and illness. (See Dr. Thosteson's Nov. 15th column in the Syracuse Herald entitled: "Mental Health, Bodily Ills Interrelated." Also a book by Dr.'s Friedman and Roseman called Type A Behavior and Your Heart.) My husband's nerves destroyed his health, his peace of mind and brought him to an early death. In 1953 it was the opinion of two well known Syracuse doctors that George's gastric ulcer may have been caused by his nervous condition. A Brigadier General of the U.S.A.F. and a V.A. psychiatrist stated that George's nerves kept him from getting along on the job. Due to the unbelievable inefficiency of the V.A., my husband is dead and my claim for compensation that is coming to me was once denied and now remanded for lack of evidence and without justice. I feel that I have been kicked in the

face by my country. My husband's heart must be broken if he knows. I spent over half my life being the buffer between him and the world he couldn't cope with.

As part of the Veterans Disability Comp. and Survivor Benefits Act of 1975 (PL 94-71) the V.A. was directed to make a study, to be submitted by October 1, 1976 to look into cases like mine because of the failure on the part of the V.A. to take into account properly the total impact of a total and permanent disability such as my husband was rated. Nearly 25% of all claims for these benefits are denied by the V.A. Was this study made? I doubt it. Nobody cares.

My space here is limited and my story is endless. However, my heartfelt thanks to the Syracuse Peace Council who listened when no other Syracuse paper would.

"To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan", is the V.A.'s motto. Unfortunately they don't live up to it. You can help by writing a letter to Sydney Shuman (address below) with copies to the Chairmen of the House (20515) and Senate (20510) Veterans Affairs Committees and to myself. Thank-you for your help.

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Above is 1 of Hilda's 7 return receipts from mail sent to Rep. William Walsh. Not only did Walsh, a member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, not help, but he was not even informed of some of the public law pertaining to veterans. And he wasn't much interested in learning about it.

# International Women's Day

**We celebrate...  
our traditions**

There exists a long tradition of militant resistance to social injustice by working women. Their role in the struggles to gain basic rights for working Americans has been vital.

From the moment women entered the factories and mills of America they protested the inhuman conditions under which they were forced to work. From the Lowell, Massachusetts, textile strike of 1834, to the strike of Farah garment workers in 1972, their demands have been the demands of all workers in their particular industry. In making these demands known, women workers have carried their struggle into the streets.

International Women's Day originated as a memorial to women textile and garment workers. Marching through the streets of New York on March 8, 1857, these women demanded an improvement in working conditions. Their placards read "DECENT WAGES!" and "TEN HOUR DAY!" Although the police quickly dispersed the crowd, this demonstration was not forgotten. 53 years later, the Conference of Socialist Women decided to set March 8 as a day of struggle in all countries for the attainment of rights for working women.

from the Labor Calendar 1976

**our be-ing**

As the feminist movement steadily picked up energy and momentum, so the awareness of our roots -- and International Women's Day -- grew. This day is not another sop to women. Women have revived this day as a special time to be extra aware of our bonding and to celebrate ourselves.

What goes on in Syracuse on International Women's Day? Earliest recorded herstory shows that feminists Beth Brown and Jan Tuttle have celebrated with a wine & cheese gathering in their home. Two years ago The Women's Information Center chose to celebrate with an exhilarating day of workshops at their (then) new home at 113 Concord Place. Over 200 women participated! The all-day event was closed with a film showing of the life of Gertrude Stein.

This year, Women's Info will be holding an open house the evening of March 8, at the Center, 601 Allen St. at 7:30 -- wine, cheese, sisterhood, and a striking silkscreened commemorative poster created for the day by the Women's Studio (poster will be available at minimal price).

Over at Women's Studies, Toni Taverone and Elana Salzman will be marking the day in their "Women and Revolution" course with the film showing, "My Country Occupied", the struggle of Guatemalan women confronting imperialism.

And on this occasion, we women working at SPC want to share this: "we will meet all of us women of every land we will meet in the center, make a circle we will weave a world web to entangle the powers that bury our children" --from a poster created by the Amherst Cultural Workers Collective for International Women's Day



## Women's Film Series

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### Joyce at 34

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# The Peace Movement's Viet Nam Controversy

by Chris Murray

Late last December, a letter of appeal to the government of Viet Nam, signed by about 100 persons who identified themselves as active opponents of the Viet Nam war, was publicly released and given considerable play by the national media. The letter accused the Viet Nam government of "grievous and systematic violations of human rights", including the "arrest and detention of a wide range of persons" who had opposed the Thieu government and "drastically restricting religious... practice". The document charged that up to 300,000 persons are imprisoned in reeducation camps and called for the release of any individuals held purely because of religious or political convictions.

The document was largely the production of Jim Forest, a pacifist and long time worker for the Fellowship of Reconciliation; its contents reflected the damning accusations put forth by Jim in his article "Viet Nam: Unification without Reconciliation", (FELLOWSHIP, Oct. '76). A number of the signatories, including Dan and Phil Berrigan, have since recanted, the Berrigans stating that the document was used "in an irresponsible manner", that "new evidence from Viet Nam... gives us confidence that the new government is deeply concerned about human rights... and is working hard in the midst of post-war devastation to guarantee those rights".

The letter provoked an outpouring of protest and counter-evidence even before its release. Highly respected pacifist and antiwar activist, Dave Dellinger has responded: "I have carefully compared the accusations, assembled by long time anti-Communist warriors in Paris and the United States, with counter-evidence that comes from Viet Nameese Buddhists (including the head of Saigon's An Quang Pagoda), Catholics (including the Archbishop of Saigon), independent journalists (such as Nayan Chanda

The Viet Nam War brought Chris Murray to her senses.

of the FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW), and Vietnamese-speaking American Quakers, Brethern, Mennonites and Disciples of Christ. To me it is clear that much of the hostile evidence is patently inaccurate. The remainder seeks to raise occasional local abuses in the early days of the changeover to the level of national policy even though the Viet Nameese government freely admits such abuses and has taken action to eliminate them." (SEVEN DAYS, "Anti-war, anti-communist, anti-Viet Nam", 1/28/77)

The damage done by this irresponsible action cannot be summarily dismissed. It has generated much divisiveness in the antiwar community -- one wonders if we have forgotten who the real enemy is. Meanwhile, the real enemy has quickly seized on the accusations to further its policy of isolating Viet Nam, to justify its denial of reparation and the admission of Viet Nam to the UN. For these reasons and because the refutations have not received media coverage comparable to that enjoyed by the original letter, we are reviewing some of the major points of the controversy.

A statement written by Nguyen Van Binh, the Roman Catholic archbishop of Saigon, to a Paris newspaper in May, '76 challenges the charge of religious repression in Viet Nam. Given the longstanding alliance between the Viet Nameese Catholic Church, the French and the Americans, the pronouncement of the Archbishop (himself once a staunch backer of Thieu) demands attention. "We don't deny that in certain provinces, some regrettable incidents have occurred from a religious point of view", he wrote, "but these are due to old prejudices against the Church which are still deeply felt by some local cadre... The Revolutionary authorities solemnly proclaim freedom of religion. We take this statement seriously and for one year now this freedom of religion has been respected. Liturgical ceremonies are going on as be-

fore and conversions to Catholicism still take place."

As part of his evidence that religious groups are under attack, Jim Forest cites two events that allegedly took place in July, 1975, shortly after liberation. He states that Tri Quang, a founder of the Unified Buddhist Church (UBC) and opponent of Thieu, was arrested and detained for 3 weeks amid government radio reports that he was CIA-connected, and that the School of Youth for Social Service, affiliated with the UBC, was closed, the campus confiscated and the director arrested.

Paul Quinn-Judge, a former member of the AFSC staff in Viet Nam, disputes these claims. "This rumor [arrest of Tri Quang] was circulating in the States soon after I returned from Viet Nam in August '75. At that time I discussed this with David Harr of the State Dept. Viet Nam desk, and Douglas Pike of USIA. Neither could confirm the story... Foreign Broadcast Information Service, which monitors Viet Nam radio daily, has no report of any denunciation of Tri Quang." He further states that the Venerable Mandala, a Viet Nameese Buddhist nun and vice-president of the Association of Vietnamese Buddhists in France, met with Tri Quang during her 2-month visit to Viet Nam this past summer and "stated categorically to me that no leader of An Quang [pagoda] -- including Tri Quang -- has been arrested, detained or restricted in any way by the new authorities."

At the very same time that Jim Forest claims the School for Social Service (BYSS) was shut down, Paul Quinn-Judge reports that he and other members of the AFSC team in Viet Nam were in frequent contact with members of BYSS. "At this time the activities of the school and of most other institutions were in a state of semi-suspension while the apparatus of a new central government was being set up" he states. "None of the BYSS workers with whom we spoke gave us the impression that BYSS was being ha-

passed in any way. Furthermore, he continues, neither of 2 AFSC workers who remained in Viet Nam until Oct. '75 nor 2 Mennonite workers who stayed there through April '76, all of whom speak Viet Nameese and who moved freely around Saigon, heard rumors of the closure of BYSS.

Bill Herod, a Viet Nam worker of several years of experience with Viet Nam Christian Service and Church World Services, brings clarity to the charge that countless church-related service projects have been shut down by the new government. He states a simple truth: revolution has occurred and that means the altering of power structures. He relates, "It is true that many former activities of religious groups are now under the direction of the government -- especially in the field of education and social services. As in any socialist society, the Viet Nameese socialists have accepted the responsibility for coordination and administering these programs. Thus, many orphanages have been closed or converted to other uses as the children return to their own homes, or are placed in the care of other families... Schools have reopened in a coordinated educational plan..."

Perhaps the most serious incident of conflict between religious groups and revolutionaries charged by Jim Forest, et al, is the self-immolation of 12 Buddhist monks and nuns in Can Tho Province in Nov., 1975 -- "a sacrifice appealing to the government to 'respect the right of freedom of worship of all religions.'" Thich Thien Chau, a Buddhist monk acknowledged for his wisdom and integrity, (Chau pleaded the cause of peace in Syracuse, Feb. 1975, at the invitation of SPC), has spoken out on this affair on behalf of the Association of Viet Nameese Buddhists in France. Thien Chau names one of the deceased monks, Pham Van Co, as responsible for the tragedy. Having been forced out a pagoda because of his totally immoral conduct, Pham Van Co founded a deviant religious sect, some of whose practices -- notably debaucheries -- were absolutely contrary to Buddhist rules. According to Chau, Pham Van Co, finding himself denounced by former disciples, boycotted by the population, and troubled by having to answer for his acts, killed himself after having put to death the other 11 and attempted to erase the traces of the

crime by setting fire to the temple. Chau makes it very clear that the Buddhist community would have remained silent on the awful affair had it not been dredged up to discredit the new government and to transform scandalous misbehaviour into martyrdom. (WIN, "Letters", 1/13/77).



One of the anti-government collaborators is Theodore Jacquenay, a former employee of USAID in south Viet Nam. In late 1971, he resigned in protest of US support for Thieu in the elections, but continued to support US military aid to the Saigon regime. In an "op ed" piece (NY TIMES, 1/17/76) he charged that leaders of the Third Force, once persecuted by Thieu "for advocating democratic liberties", are once again political prisoners -- a theme that reappeared in the December letter of appeal. Gareth Porter, a Viet Nam scholar with the Indochina Resource Center has challenged this and has provided embarrassing biographical data on four of the five individuals cited as evidence by Jacquenay. These men were not leaders of the Third Force. Rather, writes Porter, they are in reeducation camps because of the "role they have played over the past years in maintaining and promoting foreign military involvement in Viet Nam and the elaborate and sophisticated system of repression and terror which accompanied it." Listed by both Jacquenay and the December document were a

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former lecturer on psychological warfare for Saigon officers and a training director for Saigon's pacification program.

As for the claim of there being 200,000 to 300,000 persons detained in reeducation camps, most independent observers support the government's counter-claim that over 95% of those who committed serious crimes of violence before liberation have been restored to full citizenship after undergoing a reeducation program ranging from 3 days to a few months, the only requirement being, "repentance, and willingness to return to an honest life." This prompts the gut question of reeducation camps. Do these camps constitute a violation of human rights? Are we to summarily condemn this way that the Viet Nameese have chosen to integrate their former opponents into the new society instead of resorting to mass executions which the US prescribed? Scudder Parker (CALC) speaks well to this point: "I urge everyone who has thought or spoken about 'nonviolent revolution' to consider with real humility what kind of strategy we would devise if we were in a situation of responsibility for effecting the 'nonviolent conversion' of thousands of people who had acted very destructively and needed to learn how to respect themselves and the demands of community life". (WIN, 11/18/76).

A final point: those waging this anti-Viet Nam campaign have touted their antiwar credentials; they emphasize that the US peace movement has earned the right to be heard by the Viet Nameese government. Our past deeds give us no right to adopt this attitude of arrogance. Given the genocidal warfare that the US forced on Viet Nam, mobilizing to fight our government was our moral imperative, just as we now must challenge our government to recognize and aid this war-ravaged country. We cannot condone violence, but can we recklessly condemn the actions of the Viet Nameese as they work to overcome the legacy of our war machine? The Viet Nameese appear committed to building a nonviolent society. We need to hear them.

# Natural Gas: Is There Really a Shortage?

by Lisa Johns

There was a decided quality of *déjà-vu* in this year's natural gas crisis. In many aspects it was strikingly similar to the 1973-74 oil shortage that temporarily had people waiting in line to fill their gas tanks, and—once the gas began to flow again—paying upwards of 60 cents for a gallon of gas where once the price was 28 cents.

Understandably, then, there was a growing element of skepticism in the public mind when natural gas supplies fell short of demand in the midst of the hardest winter the nation has experienced in years. Even as schools and factories were forced to close, and the public was urged to push their thermostats back to 65 degrees, people were not ready to believe that a real shortage existed. And in fact, it didn't, as some candid gas producers were prompt to admit. Instead, they argued, interstate gas prices—which are set by the federal government—were so low as to make sales unprofitable. Simple as that.

## Simple Economics

"What amazes me is why people in the East cannot understand the simple economics of it," one Texas gas producer said (*New York Times*, 1/31/77). "Why should I sell my gas out of state for \$1.42 (per thousand cubic feet) when Texas buyers are waiting in line to pay \$2.00 for it? For \$1.42, I wouldn't even go out and drill the holes. It's simply not commercial."

Succinctly stated, this has been the argument that gas producers have been making to the federal government for years—that deregulation of interstate prices (as opposed to intrastate prices, which are not controlled) is necessary for them to locate and market new sources of natural gas. This year, finally, the argument worked. President Carter submitted an emergency bill to Congress which temporarily (until July 31) allows

gas to be sold on the interstate market at intrastate prices. The bill, which was quickly passed in Congress, is a partial victory for the gas producers, and could well lay the way for complete deregulation of natural gas prices. It also means that the price of gas for most of the country will jump from an average of 45 cents per thousand cubic feet (MCF) to as high as \$2.25.

Although the gas industry has been warning of a fuel shortage for years, the abruptness with which this one arrived caught people unprepared, and contributed to the air of crisis—and the pressure on the new Carter administration to act quickly. In hardest-hit Ohio, Governor James Rhodes shrilled, "The survival of Ohio is at stake. . . . People talk about alternative fuels in 1982. We can't wait that long. The gas supply is going down every day; we're approaching a catastrophe. We're at the end of the road as we know America." (*Newsweek*, 2/7/77)

While upon closer examination, the situation may not be quite so dire, Governor Rhodes' rhetorical excesses reflected the real short-term impact of the crisis. At its height, eight states had declared a state of emergency, and schools were completely shut down in Pennsylvania. Estimates of the numbers of layoffs due to closed factories ranged between 1.2 - 1.5 million nationally, with the highest numbers concentrated in Ohio and New York. (The jobless count in New York State alone came to 252,000 workers in 2500 plants, according to Public Service Commission counts—some 14,000 of these from the Central New York region.)

And yet, was all this hardship and disruption necessary? Is the gas industry correct in claiming that known supplies of gas are dwindling, that they cannot afford to look for new ones, and that existing supplies are being wasted by unrealistically cheap interstate pricing? Or has the public been caught in another squeeze-play for higher profits?

In answering these questions, by and large the media managed to come down unequivocally on the side of industry—ignoring a wealth of contrary evidence that has been accumulating for years. *Newsweek* (2/7/77), for example, stated, "The

## It's time to listen

More than a million barrels have been sold of the winter. Factors have been that cheap gas to natural gas unavailability. Home heating by gas is threatened in many areas. Despite record-low temperatures. For over 20 years, government regulation has appeared to keep natural gas prices artificially low. In our view, this attempt to "protect" the consumer has led to mis-use and waste of natural gas, and contributed directly to today's problem. Now there is a growing recognition by others that the removal of price regulations on natural gas is a vital ingredient to any long-term solution. Below, some significant examples of that view.

### The Washington Post

"Shocking conservation of heating production 'in price setting, all of the above and should be brought to gas price controls that encourage investment to pay too much of it by the wrong things. The country is going to have to pay more for the gas, unless it wants to maintain the existing gas shortage at an artificial price." Jan. 27, 1977

### The Milwaukee Journal

"The price continues to be the best way to attract a serious program. Natural gas production of natural gas is the best way of bringing that about. When will Congress see the light?" Feb. 14, 1977

### Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

"It's surprising the House for killing a Senate-passed bill last year that would have deregulated natural-gas prices. That that deregulation takes place long ago, the change are needed that we would not be expediting the deregulation, other companies and consumers—waiting shortages as new law." Jan. 19, 1977

### The Phoenix Gazette

"It has become a matter of much more than simply deregulating the natural gas supply than government-regulated market over cost." Feb. 7, 1977

### The Evening Sun

"The plan to let the artificially low prices on interstate gas have other two things. They have directed much of the energy into uncontrolled interstate markets—this in turn means that the deregulating overall supply of gas has been virtually eliminated, with industry and residential users in non-gas-producing areas being served shortages." July 26, 1976

### DAILY NEWS

"We will be going through the next winter unless Congress takes corrective action and for an emergency arrangement of new (energy) sources. There will never be a better time than now for doing it." Jan. 19, 1977

### The New York Times

"Mr. Carter suddenly wants 90 days to develop an overall energy policy, including his campaign pledge to deregulate prices for 'hard gas.' Deregulating natural gas and non-associated gas production is vital to the nation's energy needs. The government's policy of forcing gas to a producer's bid, fully allocable, non-allocating and easy to transport. Further increases in gas production are not effective conservation can be achieved while it is used in some of commercial heat instead of just the price of coal and a fine the price of oil. It should not be treated as non-essential uses." Jan. 28, 1977

### The Plain Dealer

"The only serious solution is to allow free market forces to determine the natural price of gas. To do otherwise is to create shortages of the necessary and production of new jobs through industrial expansion and economic and national conditions. The choice is simple: Pay more for natural gas or permit unprofitable." Oct. 26, 1976

### The Washington Star

"The big question is whether Congress will act promptly to allow the price of natural gas to rise properly to allow the price of other fuels to rise. It has not done so." Jan. 10, 1977

### Columbus Citizen-Journal

"... one day before winter is going to catch up with us, and a severe winter will result in cold homes and schools in the Midwest and Northeast, severe shortages of heating and home gas for the farmers and a disrupted manufacturing industry. All that will be necessary price for the Midwest: identical war on the oil industry and that unprofitable natural gas production is getting on the major gas fields." Feb. 5, 1976

### The Christian Science Monitor

"The best thing would be for Congress to do away with gas price regulations." July 20, 1976



This ad, paid for by Mobil Oil—one of the biggest natural gas producers—appeared on the Op-Ed page of the *New York Times* (2/10/77). The eleven newspapers quoted accepted the industry's version of the crisis, despite abundant evidence that no real gas shortage exists.

problem, quite simply, is that the country's natural gas supplies are perilously meager. The majority of producers have refused to commit the vast sums necessary to locate and extract new supplies as long as their earnings are restricted by Federal price controls on interstate sales. Mobil Oil Company, one of the largest gas producers, was able to print an understated ad on the *New York Times* Op-Ed page (2/10/77), simply quoting from eleven national newspapers that urged deregulation. The heading over the ad reads, "It's time to listen."

## Listen to Whom?

Is it? And to whom are we being asked to listen? Is the situation of the gas producers as desperate as the media report?

Probably not, for reasons we will get into shortly. But first, it is useful to note that even at \$1.42 per thousand cubic feet (MCF), gas producers are not being paid poorly. The regulated price, which is set by the Federal Power Commission (FPC), must by law consider the costs of exploration, production, and transportation—plus a reason-

Lisa Johns's journalistic objectivity was compromised by the receipt of a \$250 utility bill in February.



able profit, which has usually been in the neighborhood of 15% or higher. The \$1.42 price, in turn, was granted producers by the FPC last July for all gas from wells developed since January 1, 1975. The former price was \$.52 MCF, and the July price hike was expected to cost consumers upwards of \$4 billion extra a year. Does the gas industry really need another one this soon?

As we found out in the 1973-74 oil shortage, statistics on available fuel supplies are kept by industry, and the government has no independent source of information, other than what is provided by the producers. But as Seven Days (3/14/77) reports, "There is, however, one group of gas fields from which the government gets all the raw data needed to make reliable, independent estimates. Gas fields in the Gulf of Mexico are in the public domain, and companies that lease them from the government are required to turn over all data to the U.S. Geological Survey.

"In 1974, the USGS made its own secret study of these fields and found that for 153 out of 220 fields where data were comparable, its own estimates were 63% higher than AGA (the American Gas Association, the producers' lobbying organization). As James Miller concluded in Reader's Digest (1) last November, "If the same degree of underreporting applied nationwide, its significance to the nation's energy policy would be momentous. It would mean the US now has upwards of 100 trillion more feet of gas than the 228 trillion feet the AGA says it has."

A year ago, The Nation (1/24/76) did a major article entitled "The Natural Gas Swindle," which focused on the industry's concerted attempts last year to get Congress to deregulate interstate prices. In the article, it was mentioned that in June 1975, the Federal Trade Commission had urged the Justice Department to sue the American Gas Association and eleven major oil companies for consistently underreporting natural gas reserves. The then FPC chairman, John Nassikas, acknowledged "gross deficiencies" in the gas data that industry had submitted to his agency, but the FPC failed to take any action.

In 1971, reports The Nation (same article), Jack Anderson reported seeing documents in FPC files

which proved that producers had greatly underestimated the amount of natural gas available from Louisiana fields. In 1973, Senator Philip Hart disclosed that FPC officials had ordered burned documents that would have thrown considerable light on the matter. The FPC was aware, according to Hart, that in some instances producers' books showed they had 1,000 times more natural gas available than they reported to the government--but the agency did nothing about it. The FPC has allowed this kind of misconduct, despite the fact that it is empowered to seek injunctions to halt industry violations. But as Congressman Moss has observed, "To our knowledge, the FPC has never applied for such an injunction in the more than twenty years that it has had the power to do so." Further, House investigators charged last October that the FPC has "consciously disregarded...and mismanaged and betrayed" its mandate under law "to protect the consuming public from exploitation, especially by natural gas producers." (Guardian, 11/10/76)



"Don't worry about it--when the ice melts he probably won't remember a thing."

The General Accounting Office investigated the FPC in the fall of 1974, uncovering some of these illegalities. It found that between 1970 and 1973, the FPC had found ways to let the gas companies reap an extra, unjustified \$3.3 billion. It also discovered that nineteen key officials at FPC owned stock they were not allowed to own in petroleum companies. The current FPC head, Richard L. Dunham, who was appointed by President Ford in 1975, is described by The Nation (10/25/75) as a "trusted aide of Nelson Rockefeller," (of famous oil company connections) and a proponent of a "sharp reduction of the federal role in regulating business and industry." So much for public mandates!

Needless to say, the public has been unaware of these goings-on. Congress has been, however, which

accounts for its reluctance until now to bow to deregulation pressures. The combined severe winter weather and gas shortage was sufficient to rouse public pressure, and make it virtually impossible for Congress not to act.

### The Price of "Free" Enterprise

The 1977 gas crisis is brought to you by the same folks who were involved in the 1973-74 oil crisis. Oil companies produce 72% of the country's natural gas, and own the same percentage of gas reserves. Gas is usually found along with oil, and the principal US supplies are in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, offshore fields, and Alaska. Eighteen of the top twenty gas producers are large oil companies (Exxon, Texaco, Mobil, Shell, Gulf, et al.), which sell their gas at the wellhead to more than 100 pipelines, or transmission companies, which transport it in underground pipelines to local and regional distributors (the utilities).

The gas producers, pipeline operators and distributors are in appearance separate companies, although the industry is actually highly integrated. Many pipeline companies have become large producers --for example, El Paso Natural Gas, which both produces and transports gas. Eastern Gas & Fuel is an oil, gas and coal producer that owns a pipeline running from Texas to Boston, plus Boston Gas Co., which distributes the gas.

The effect on the consumer of the recently granted price hike is likely to be substantial. In Texas, where gas comes from unregulated intrastate sales (currently around \$2.00 MCF) wholesale prices have steadily soared. As the result, millions of retail customers have seen their utility bills double, triple, and even quadruple. According to the New York Times (1/31/77), in some Texas cities poor people had to sell their homes because they couldn't pay the utility bills, and thousands of farmers in west Texas have stopped planting crops because they can't afford the gas required to pump water for irrigation.

The effect on the producers? According to UE News (2/7/77), energy companies were reporting fourth

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## Isabel Letelier Tells CALC Assembly Of Human Rights Violations in Chile

Sixty to seventy people representing 22 local groups from New England to California gathered in Cleveland, Ohio Feb. 19 - 21 for the 1977 National Assembly of Clergy and Laity Concerned (CALC). Included in the packed agenda were personal sharing, worship, program workshops, skills workshops, adoption of a proposal for a new national structure and election of a new national steering committee.

The high point of the Assembly was a presentation by Isabel Letelier, widow of the slain Chilean exile leader Orlando Letelier. This was preceded by a dramatic reading of "Oh Freedom", a human rights liturgy by CALC co-director Don Luce.

Isabel Letelier described the illegal arrests, tortures and killings taking place in Chile and other Latin American countries. She herself was put under house arrest by the junta while her husband, Chilean ambassador to the U.S. and later Cabinet member in the Allende government, was held at Dawson Island prison.

She described some of the ways in which churches had aided prisoners, and cited cases of religious leaders tortured and even killed for their work on behalf of the oppressed. She quoted at length from an "Open Letter to North American Christians", sent to the National Council of Churches by 13 Latin American church leaders, 5 of whom could not sign it for fear of danger to their lives.

In Chile, she said, the Pinochet junta released 300 prisoners in November, just before a UN body was to vote on human rights issues. Then the junta claimed there were no more prisoners, even though at least 600 more were

still being held.

Much more seriously, those now being arrested are no longer being detained. Instead, they just "disappear". The Catholic Vicarate of Solidarity has documented cases of 914 people arrested by police in front of witnesses, now missing and presumed dead. April 3, 1977 (which is both Palm Sunday and Passover) has been chosen by the Chile Committee for Human Rights as a special "Day of Prayer for the Missing of Chile".

Human Rights/US Power & Political Repression is one of the 4 major CALC program areas. Resources on a 'baker's dozen' of countries violating human rights (12 Third World countries and the U.S.) are being developed. Action programs are being explored in areas such as: U.S. banks in South Africa, police aid, and indirect aid channels (such as World Bank loans to Chile).

Other CALC programs discussed at the National Assembly were: the B-1 bomber campaign (See Legislative Report - p. 5), the 'politics of food' project and Indochina program.

Ad hoc groups also met to discuss CALC's role in the areas of amnesty, the Middle East and nuclear power.

CALC members adopted by consensus a proposal for a new national structure providing for increased involvement of local groups in decision-making. A new, 22-person National Interim Steering Committee was elected, including Jon Regier of Syracuse, Executive Director of the NY State Council of Churches and one of the founders of CALC 11 years ago.

--- John Maddaus

## Churches Explore Changing Life Styles

'The Biblical story is one of continuing struggle. In it, the divine discontent -- calling humanity to a vision of something beyond what has thus far been achieved -- is played out against the possibilities and the limitations of the human condition.'

Beginning with these reflections by theologian Bruce Rahtjen, 100 participants in the Conference on Changing Life Styles explored the meaning of change in our own day at Watson Homestead (a United Methodist retreat center) at Painted Post, NY, Jan. 31 to Feb. 3.

The conference took world hunger as a focus for exploring the need for life style change. Several excellent films -- "Bottle Babies", "Hunger", "Glass House", "Guess Who's Coming to Breakfast", "A World Hungry" and others -- were shown by NYS WHEAT co-ordinator Shirley Young. Participants met in small groups to develop their own pictures of hunger in the U.S. and in the Third World.

Lydia Williams described life at Ivy Mountain Christian community. Kris Peterson-Synan told of her struggles with the welfare system.

Joel Gajardo, a Chilean exile now working at Cornell University, told of his struggles as a member of the small middle class in Chile over how to bring his life style into tune with his analysis of the political situation in Latin America. He concluded, "I must know and accept what I am, and then use what I am to end poverty and oppression."

Workshops covered a wide range of topics, from church involvement in social change activities to solar energy. Small support groups met several times to discuss problems and share new insights.

The conference ended with a worship celebration during which participants made and shared their commitments to specific life style changes.

--- John Maddaus

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**Toronto Amnesty Conference**

(LNS & other sources) In response to President Carter's limited pardon over 350 veterans and civilian war resisters attended (in terrible weather) the International Conference held in Toronto January 29 & 30. Participants issued an unequivocal statement regarding the need--the right--of total amnesty. There was also general agreement that the next 6 months are critical if we are to convince Carter to grant amnesty to the 1,000,000 people needing it.

**Vets Action**

Because of the crisis situation the Toronto Conference planned an 11 day Mobilization in Washington. The focal point of the 11 days was a February 5 rally in front of the White House. Some 200 vets & supporters attended the rally. Jack McCloskey, a disabled Viet Nam veteran who was decorated for valor spoke: "I have an honorable discharge and I am for total & unconditional amnesty. The only difference between the war resister and the veteran is that the war resister learned before the veteran, the true nature of the war. But I ask you not to forget the brothers & sisters who only learned about that war after they went into the service. They, more than anybody, need an unconditional amnesty."

A rally delegation had an appointment to see one of Carter's special assistants, but he snubbed the veterans. Commented Jack McCloskey: "It reminds me of the way the VA treats us."

**Presentation of Signatures**

Following the veterans' actions was the "Appeal for Reconciliation" conference & action on February 9 &

**Washington Actions**

**"Total Amnesty, Veterans' Rights, Recognition & Reconstruction for Viet Nam"**



Veterans' & supporters' action February 5 at the White House. Sign in back says "Vets welcome home draft resisters". Gerry Condon, a former Green Beret deserter is in front of banner. Credit Virginia Horton/LNS.

10. Bill Griffen, representing SPC, did a workshop at the conference on teaching the war in schools. The 2 days culminated in the presentation of nearly 100,000 signatures to Jimmy Carter. The petition called for total amnesty, veterans benefits, recognition of and reconstruction aid for Viet Nam. Good lobbying took place as well as an hour long meeting between conference delegates and presidential aides and a State

Dept. representative. People stressed that Carter should not connect MIA's to other issues related to Viet Nam. A spirited Vietnamese dinner sent people home on a strong note of solidarity.

SPC has some new written amnesty resources available. They deal especially with the reasons why less-than-honorable discharge people need & deserve total amnesty. Call SPC 472-5478 & we'll mail you some.

Stewart Meacham, long-time peace activist who has very recently visited Viet Nam after spending 4 years in Singapore, will be on an Upstate NY speaking tour the last week in March. Stewart will be in Syracuse the 29th and 30th (April PNL will have details). He's very credible and quite a persuasive speaker as well as being a warm human being. To arrange for Stewart to speak in your city contact Virden Seybold, AFSC, 475-9469.

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# TV's "Roots": The Triumph of Exploitation

by Norma Bliss


**THE TRIUMPH OF AN AMERICAN FAMILY**

ROOTS. TODAY'S BEST-SELLING BOOK BY ALEX HALEY COMES TO TELEVISION TONIGHT. IT BEGINS WITH A PROUD AFRICAN WARRIOR. SLAVERY SHACKLED HIS BODY, BUT IT COULDN'T CHAIN HIS SOUL. ROOTS IS HIS STORY, THE STORY OF HIS CHILDREN, AND HIS CHILDREN'S CHILDREN.



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ROOTS - the television show which kept more than 36 million people glued to the tube for eight nights, more people than "Gone With the Wind" attracted - left me insulted and angry.

Alex Haley's book, *ROOTS*, is the story of all of Black America. It is *my* story. ABC tv presented us with a soap opera in blackface which also carried the same title. The significant similarities end with the titles.

I had heard of Alex's search some five years ago and had eagerly anticipated the book since then. I was frantic with joy when it was scheduled for publication and managed to be sent one of the earlier copies. My anticipation was justified as I spent night after night reading, hating to part with the pages as Alex unfolded a tale of incredible significance to all of us who have ever wondered who "The African" in our family might have been.

#### SOAP OPERA

Soon after the book's publication, ABC announced that it would produce a television version of *ROOTS*. I looked forward to this with mixed emotion. Television has never been the kindest of media toward Blacks, preferring to dwell on the "funnier"

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aspects of racist stereotypes in order to insure laughs from those who should be questioning rather than laughing. It seemed to me that the intensity and power in the book, ROOTS, would not be pleasing to people who feel that the substance of the Black experience in America is shown in "Good Times" and "The Jeffersons." My concern about the television showing was heightened by the remarks of many of my acquaintances who felt it would not be necessary to read the book now that the tv version was to be shown so soon.

WHAT HAVE I LOST?

My skepticism was confirmed the first night of the ABC showing as I watched daily life in a Muslim village reduced to the events of giving birth and being circumcised at puberty. I watched Kunta Kinte's grandmother, one of the most revered people in the village, reduced to the stereotyped castrating Black female of the American ghetto, scolding Kunta to make a drum for his younger brother. Where was the village life I came to know in the book, the culture I hungrily sought, indeed where was the sense of loss I felt when Kunta was captured?

Kunta lost not only his family and freedom, certainly no small losses to be sure, but he lost his culture, his personhood. These were the things I, and other Afro-Americans

grieve for. These are the losses we will never regain. ABC chose to ignore these factors and to spend the time depicting the ship captain's nonsensical musings. It seems that rather than dwell on life in Africa we must be treated to the contents of a letter from the captain to his wife, Elizabeth. We are never even told Kunta's grandmother's name. This was time wasted for me. It was as if ABC felt that whites were not being given equal time on the screen (how could that ever happen?), so it would be better to make up a role for someone. The book was written from a Black perspective. The tv show was meant to be entertainment for a predominantly white market. After all, unless Blacks are shown dancing and singing, it might offer too much food for thought for those Blacks who might be watching. Kunta's slow motion capture dance served as a poor substitute for the bloody, impassioned battle he actually offered his captors. This kind of scene further serves to maintain the image of Black powerlessness- even on one's native land.

COLOR DOES MATTER

The remaining ten hours of ABC's ROOTS abound with inaccuracies which become atrocities when we stop to think that this version of ROOTS is the sole exposure many people may have to the Black experience in America. Even the obvious points are overlooked. We are not shown Kizzy's horror in giving

birth to a child whose color is several shades lighter than her own. Not only are we not shown this, the factor of color is actually ignored in that an actor who is darker than ABC's Kizzy a la Leslie Uggams is chosen for the part. How insulting this kind of programming is for those of us who spend our days reacting to people and events in different ways solely because of our hue. It is obvious that the producers are not color blind. Witness the battles recently for the hiring of Blacks in key positions with the networks. Color Matters.

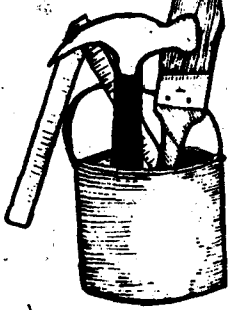


Alex Haley

HAPPILY EVER AFTER

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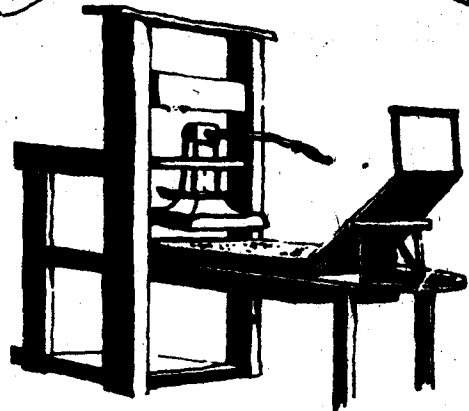


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## Unemployment Benefits Cut?

Because unemployment has been unusually high in recent years, workers have been eligible to collect extended unemployment insurance (UI) benefits, which have brought the maximum number of weeks one can collect benefits to sixty-five. Even so, last fall the New York Times reported that 2.2 million workers' benefits had run out in the preceding year. Now it appears that federal supplemental funds, which take over from state-funded benefits after 36 weeks, are going to be discontinued, or at best cut back. The reason isn't any lack of need: unemployment has not declined significantly, and may in fact reach 10% nationally because of widespread factory closings in January and February because of the natural gas crisis.

The only resort left to workers once their benefits run out is welfare, and even here cutbacks are in the offing. In New York State, Governor Carey's new state budget makes any childless person who is jobless but employable, ineligible for welfare after 45 days. The proposal could affect as many as 60,000 people throughout the state.

Unemployment, of course, is being deliberately kept high by government policies which place highest priority on reducing inflation. There is no doubt that these policies are creating considerable hardships for large numbers of people, but because they are so far unorganized, their miseries are largely invisible.

## New Mandarins At CUNY

Noam Chomsky, writing in Seven Days (3/14/77), reveals that the City University of New York has just entered into a cooperative program of "cultural and academic relations" with the National University of Iran. One section of the agreement provides for the maintenance of a list of Iranian graduate students in the US--ostensibly to facilitate their employment once they return to Iran.

Chomsky, whose book American Power and the New Mandarins strongly criticized the cooperation of the liberal academic establishment



with the state, observes that a similar agreement negotiated in 1975 with MIT aroused strong opposition from Iranian students on campus. In a subsequent referendum, students voted overwhelmingly against the agreement, which MIT faculty just as overwhelmingly supported. Chomsky points out that Iranians have consistently called on American intellectuals to refuse cooperation with the fascist regime that has aroused intense international opposition over its torture and oppression. At MIT, he says, "the faculty are students of not many years ago, but their change in status evidently carries with it an abandonment of the commitment to the integrity of the university as a free and open institution."

## "Low Level" Leak

After discovering leakage from underground burial sites of low-level radioactive wastes (contaminated clothing, tools, etc.) at West Valley, N.Y., the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has observed that shallow land burial may not be a proper technique for storage of nuclear wastes. The leakage was first suspected in 1973, when the EPA noticed increases in radioactivity in streams near the burial site. The study culminated in a bland announcement (New York Times, 2/10/77) that in fact the burial practice had failed to prevent leakage, but posed "no immediate hazard to health." (What about fifteen years hence? The article conspicuously doesn't raise the question.) The leaks were caused by the infiltration of water into the burial trenches. Contaminated material was stored in wooden and steel containers, according to the Times, which--one would think--would make eventual leakage inevitable. It also confirms one EPA official's observation that, "If the goal of low-level nuclear waste disposal is 100% retention of waste during the duration of its hazardous life (300-1000 years), then in 14 years, West Valley has failed."

## "\$6 Million Man" Pushes B-1

Usually Channel 9's (ABC) "\$6 Million Man" presents relatively lightweight boob tube crap which fascinates kids with its casual superstrength. But on Sunday, February 13, the show centered on a group of US-based foreign agents who were hell bent on making a B-1 test flight look bad. And that was a real serious problem because "lots of people don't like the B-1."

The show's subtle messages were that if foreign agents want to stop the B-1 so bad, then it must be great, and that folks opposing the B-1 just might be commie dupes--at best!

The only way you get flight footage of a nonproduction Air Force plane is to have very cozy connections; and a use for the footage of which the Pentagon approves, of course. The military moguls and their corporate allies must really be running scared.

## Nukes in Thailand?

And US military bases, and US investments? WIN (2/17/77) reports that eight days after the bloody October coup in Thailand, US Embassy officials had begun meeting with the new Thai government. Initial talks brought up the question of the Thais' acquiring nuclear arms "in order to prevent a Vietnamese move against the country"! Later talks covered the desirability of creating a "favorable climate" for investment. (Several oil companies have discovered gas in the Gulf of Siam, and "were apparently awaiting some favorable response from government officials before moving ahead with their exploration.")

Sure enough, in late January, Premier Thanin Kravichien announced new government policies designed to attract capital investment, including a guarantee of no future nationalizations, and tax exemptions for 3-8 years on approved projects.

Once again it appears the US is preparing to support a rightist government, supplying weapons and power in exchange for military bases, and access to cheap natural resources, labor, and new markets. The likelihood of Thailand being threatened by Viet Nam,--or any other external source--does not seem to be part of the calculation.

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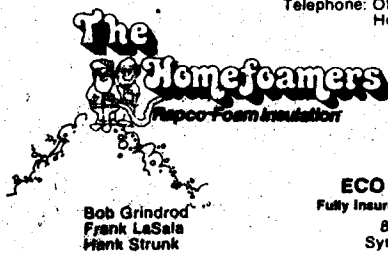
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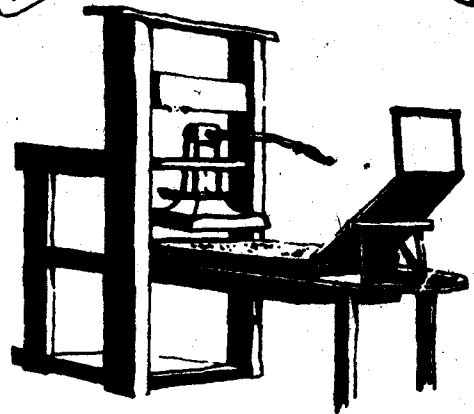


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The whole concept of the calendar has grown over the years (this is our 6th). We started with a one page graphic, moved into anti-war material, to the Viet Nam struggle and now for 1977 our exciting "People's History". This calendar (centered on Upstate New York) is dedicated to the struggle of the common people, most often neglected in history courses but holding the true substance of growth and change. Public acclaim has matched our enthusiasm over content and concept. In selecting 12 topics for 1977 the committee found the work both educational and exciting.

As those of us on the committee did research we soon discovered we were creating a valuable teaching tool. Our dismay was in limiting our topics to 12. As a result we plan to continue this theme for next year's calendar. (We've found two groups, in Mass. and Wisc., who have People's History projects also. It is exciting to find others involved in the same type of work.) I would invite anyone interested in furthering this history either through graphic art, writing or research to contact Dik (472-5478) or me (445-0115) to become involved. Our printing was late last year and as a result our financial resources were not what we had anticipated. This year we plan an earlier start so we can get the calendars out to bookstores before the "holiday buying season" and thereby have a much extended sales opportunity.

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er up to date- what happened to Alex's family from 1870-1976, over a hundred year span. The implications are clear. The lives of today's Black Americans don't contain the stuff needed for good box office. The implication is that "Good Times" picks up where ROOTS leaves off and that "JJ" is a modern day Kunta Kinte. Higher ratings make money. The story of the family's difficulties in 1976 would not make for popular viewing. The public would like to believe that the Blacks they "know and love" do not harbor such feelings, nor intellect. The point is to sell soap or deodorant, not information.

#### KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

Why was the televised ROOTS presented as it was? I maintain that those in control of programming made deliberate decisions. That is not to say that ten men sat down and went through the book deciding

to omit this item, keep that one, but that from their capitalistic perspective, the goal was to make money and leave the consciousness alone. From their perspective, they automatically make decisions that exploit rather than educate. It is not necessary for them to deal with screenplays item by item. Knowledge is power. Much in the way that Massah knew that he must keep knowledge of local geography from his slaves, tv execs know that relevant information as to a peoples' history might lend insights into that peoples' future.

I resent ABC offering a poorly presented, inaccurate version of Alex's book. It does not surprise me that they did so. An accurate portrayal would certainly have spurred people to progressive alliances and social action. That action has now been channeled to geneological surveys- which as every newscaster points out, apply to everyone- rich and poor whites as well as Blacks. Rockefeller would have no difficulty tak-

ing part in this kind of "social action". Now everyone can be part of the "ROOTS movement." I am sorry for those who have only the televised version to refer to. It would seem that the paperback edition is an inordinately long time in coming. Certainly it is taking longer than the almost immediate tv version. Is this a coincidence. I'm sure that they wanted to wait until they could feature a picture of Lorne Green on the paperback book's cover. In the meantime, only those who can afford \$12.50 will be able to read Alex's book, certainly not the masses of Black people in the United States.

Alex says at the end of his book that in the past, history has always been written by the winners. We again see that ABC intends to preserve that tradition.

(Norma's review of TV's "Roots" marks the beginning of a new, irregular PNL feature: political reviews by local people of plays, films and TV shows. If you have a suggestion for a review or would like to do one please call SPC.)

### Froth & foam & swill & swittle, SPC's now warm as a Kittle!

Well, it's all done folks. The SPC house has white foam in just about every one of its old tired cavities and it really feels warmer!

On snowy February 5 Hank Strunk (the Friendly Foamer), David Coons, Tom Diehl, Erwin Reiner & Dik Cool did the job in about 5 hours. The cost of materials is \$280. We've received several contributions toward this so far but much more is needed. Staff salaries are 6 weeks behind so we can't afford to take this out of the general account.

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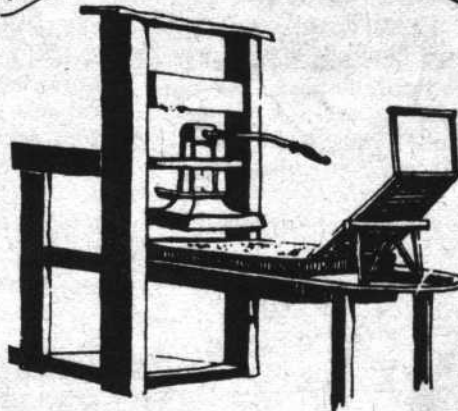
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## Unemployment Benefits Cut?

Because unemployment has been unusually high in recent years, workers have been eligible to collect extended unemployment insurance (UI) benefits, which have brought the maximum number of weeks one can collect benefits to sixty-five. Even so, last fall the New York Times reported that 2.2 million workers' benefits had run out in the preceding year. Now it appears that federal supplemental funds, which take over from state-funded benefits after 36 weeks, are going to be discontinued, or at best cut back. The reason isn't any lack of need: unemployment has not declined significantly, and may in fact reach 10% nationally because of widespread factory closings in January and February because of the natural gas crisis.

The only resort left to workers once their benefits run out is welfare, and even here cutbacks are in the offing. In New York State, Governor Carey's new state budget makes any childless person who is jobless but employable, ineligible for welfare after 45 days. The proposal could affect as many as 60,000 people throughout the state.

Unemployment, of course, is being deliberately kept high by government policies which place highest priority on reducing inflation. There is no doubt that these policies are creating considerable hardships for large numbers of people, but because they are so far unorganized, their miseries are largely invisible.

## New Mandarins At CUNY

Noam Chomsky, writing in Seven Days (3/14/77), reveals that the City University of New York has just entered into a cooperative program of "cultural and academic relations" with the National University of Iran. One section of the agreement provides for the maintenance of a list of Iranian graduate students in the US--ostensibly to facilitate their employment once they return to Iran.

Chomsky, whose book American Power and the New Mandarins strongly criticized the cooperation of the liberal academic establishment



with the state, observes that a similar agreement negotiated in 1975 with MIT aroused strong opposition from Iranian students on campus. In a subsequent referendum, students voted overwhelmingly against the agreement, which MIT faculty just as overwhelmingly supported. Chomsky points out that Iranians have consistently called on American intellectuals to refuse cooperation with the fascist regime that has aroused intense international opposition over its torture and oppression. At MIT, he says, "the faculty are students of not many years ago, but their change in status evidently carries with it an abandonment of the commitment to the integrity of the university as a free and open institution."

## "Low Level" Leak

After discovering leakage from underground burial sites of low-level radioactive wastes (contaminated clothing, tools, etc.) at West Valley, N.Y., the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has observed that shallow land burial may not be a proper technique for storage of nuclear wastes. The leakage was first suspected in 1973, when the EPA noticed increases in radioactivity in streams near the burial site. The study culminated in a bland announcement (New York Times, 2/10/77) that in fact the burial practice had failed to prevent leakage, but posed "no immediate hazard to health." (What about fifteen years hence? The article conspicuously doesn't raise the question.) The leaks were caused by the infiltration of water into the burial trenches. Contaminated material was stored in wooden and steel containers, according to the Times, which--one would think--would make eventual leakage inevitable. It also confirms one EPA official's observation that, "If the goal of low-level nuclear waste disposal is 100% retention of waste during the duration of its hazardous life (300-1000 years), then in 14 years, West Valley has failed."

## "\$6 Million Man" Pushes B-1

Usually Channel 9's (ABC) "\$6 Million Man" presents relatively lightweight boob tube crap which fascinates kids with its casual superstrength. But on Sunday, February 13, the show centered on a group of US-based foreign agents who were hell bent on making a B-1 test flight look bad. And that was a real serious problem because "lots of people don't like the B-1."

The show's subtle messages were that if foreign agents want to stop the B-1 so bad, then it must be great, and that folks opposing the B-1 just might be commie dupes--at best!

The only way you get flight footage of a nonproduction Air Force plane is to have very cozy connections; and a use for the footage of which the Pentagon approves, of course. The military moguls and their corporate allies must really be running scared.

## Nukes in Thailand?

And US military bases, and US investments? WIN (2/17/77) reports that eight days after the bloody October coup in Thailand, US Embassy officials had begun meeting with the new Thai government. Initial talks brought up the question of the Thais' acquiring nuclear arms "in order to prevent a Vietnamese move against the country"! Later talks covered the desirability of creating a "favorable climate" for investment. (Several oil companies have discovered gas in the Gulf of Siam, and "were apparently awaiting some favorable response from government officials before moving ahead with their exploration.")

Sure enough, in late January, Premier Thanin Kravichien announced new government policies designed to attract capital investment, including a guarantee of no future nationalizations, and tax exemptions for 3-8 years on approved projects.

Once again it appears the US is preparing to support a rightist government, supplying weapons and power in exchange for military bases, and access to cheap natural resources, labor, and new markets. The likelihood of Thailand being threatened by Viet Nam, -or any other external source--does not seem to be part of the calculation.

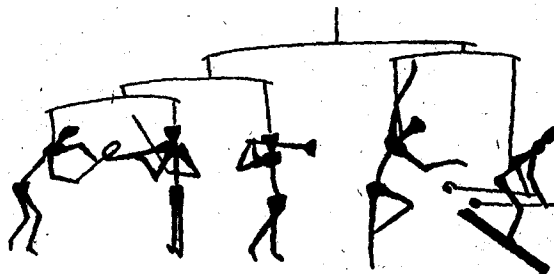
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"Syracuse Cable TV--The Debate is Over, What Next?"

by Bob Burns and Lance Wisniewski

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## The New PNL- How Do You Like It?

We've made a number of changes in the appearance of the "Peace Newsletter". We hope the changes will make the PNL easier to read and more visually attractive. First, page 2 has been altered to include a more expanded description of the PNL and SPC; also all the important PNL publication dates & info will be under "Next Month". This will enable a reader to see at a glance how they can plug in. Page 2 will now be photographed (for printing) at 65% rather than 75%. Next, we've moved the page number to the top and put it with a page description. This will, we hope, help PNL continuity and allow a reader, whether familiar with the PNL or not, easier access to info they're interested in. We've also standardized our page reduction size to 75% (it was 85%) and changed articles from a 2 column to 3 column format, while keeping advertising 2 column.

Finally, we've changed the mailing party from Wed. afternoon & evening to Thursday so that the staff person coordinating the party doesn't have to work all day Wed. after having been up all or most of Tues. evening making the printer's deadline of 8:30am Wed. We just got in touch with this example of movement masochism.

And by the next issue we hope to have a new cover masthead. Please let us know what you think of the changes. The PNL is the paper of all of us.

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27 "Idi Amin Dada" (see 26th)	28 "Idi Amin Dada" (see 26th) Editorial mtg. -Special PNL issue on nuclear power  SPC Potluck: Bill Dunn, on "The Philosophy of Repair." 8:00 PM at ECOH	1 Every Tuesday: "Working Together," 6-8 pm, with Sister News. WAER-fm. Program by, for, and about women	2 Political Economy Study Group meeting. @2218 James St. 6:30 PM potluck; 7:30-discussion <u>Labor Wars</u> (Chap. 15)	3 "Lovejoy's Nuclear War" powerful film of anti-nuclear struggle in New England; Rm B207 in White Hall, SU Law School, 7&9 PM, \$1 12-2PM -Inter-Religious Task Force on Hunger mtg. @Church Center, 3049 E. Genesee St.	4 "Joe Hill", a decent biography of the legendary IWW organizer; NVS Films 7 & 9:30 PM Grant Aud. \$1.50. Open to public.	5 Women's Film Series: 3 New Day Films, Watson, .8PM \$1.25 (See p.9)
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13	14 April PNL editorial mtg. 10 AM at SPC. Come & help with layout for special PNL issue on nuclear power! SPC Monday Potluck: "Broken Treaty at Battle Mountain." 8 PM See p. 7 for details	15 Come & help with layout for the special <u>PNL</u> issue on nuclear power! 7:30 pm - SPC Steering Com. meeting at Lillian Reiner's, 1009 Cumberland Ave.	16 1968 My Lai Massacre in Viet Nam - Friendship has raised sufficient money to build a hospital on the site. Come & help with layout for the special <u>PNL</u> issue on nuclear power!	17 Come & help with layout for the special <u>PNL</u> issue on nuclear power!	18 Come & help with layout for the special <u>PNL</u> issue on nuclear power!	19
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27 10 am 'til ? - mailing party for special <u>PNL</u> issue on nuclear power - statewide distribution - We need your help! Free lunch!	28 SPC Monday Potluck: "Equal Justice Under the Law" 8 pm at ECOH - See p. 7 for details.	29 Film Forum: "Harlan County", 7 & 9 pm, Gifford Aud., \$1.50	30 The Front Room's monthly meeting, open to interested people, 4 pm at 924 Burnet Ave. - bring bag din din. For details call Barb Kobritz at 472-5478.	<b>CALENDAR</b> <b>MARCH 1977</b>		

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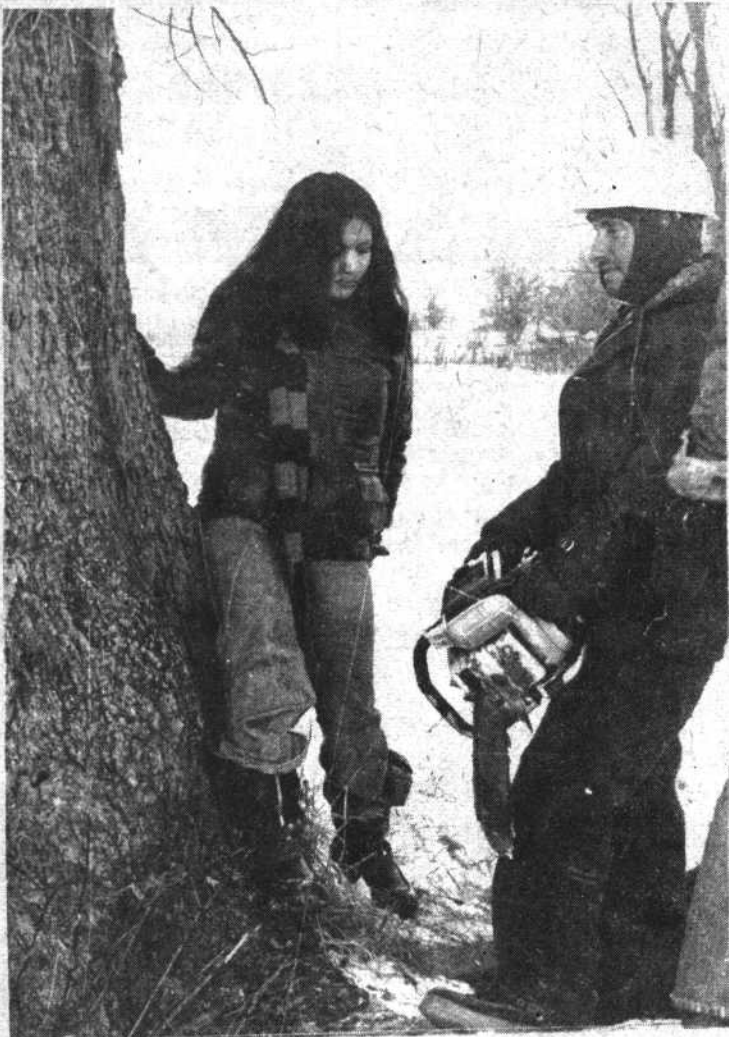
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Right: A few of the almost 1000 power line protesters in Edwards, NY, Mar. 12 (See page 5).

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Due to the tremendous amount of work in the supplement and a decision to have 8 extra pages of important news in the regular PNL, we had to push publication date back a week.

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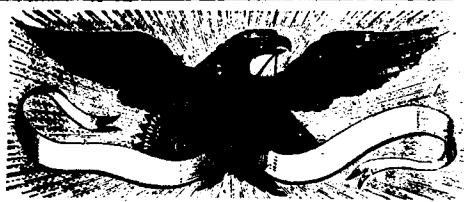
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The Speaker will be Rev. Dave Bowman, Director of the Ireland Program of the National Council of Churches. Dave will have just returned from a six week stay in Northern Ireland.

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To ease our money crisis we had been hoping to have a benefit May Day Eve concert with 2 local bands (No Sense of Humor and Phoenix), but it's been necessary to postpone it until June. This postponement combined with an additional 8 pages (making possible the stories on Elmcrest, Zaire, the steam plant and state aid) in this PNL make our need for your support even more desperate. Please, please, send in a check today.

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Mr. Dik Cool  
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Dear Mr. Cool:

In reading the March issue of the Syracuse Peace Council's Peace Newsletter, I was especially interested to see the article by Mrs. Hilda Cullen on p. 8. It indicates that I have not been of any assistance to Mrs. Cullen, nor was I interested in her situation. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I have just forwarded to Mrs. Cullen, which is another in a continuing series of contacts between her and this office dating back to November, 1975. Not only have we received and acted upon seven letters from Mrs. Cullen, but there have been a number of communications from others on her behalf, as well as a number of telephone calls.

We have been in touch continually with the Veterans Administration on this matter, both by mail and by telephone.

Although the material in her file is, by law, privileged and confidential, I would be pleased to make it available for your inspection for purposes of confirmation of what I am explaining to you.

There is no question that the results Mrs. Cullen seeks have not yet been obtained. As I have explained to her, we have done and are continuing to do all that is within our power to make certain that her case is handled thoroughly. We have never done anything less for any constituent, Mrs. Cullen included.

For you to infer, without taking the time to check on the accuracy of your inference, that we have been negligent or disinterested in Mrs. Cullen's case is both unfair and irresponsible.

Sincerely,  
William F. Walsh  
Member of Congress

Walsh wrote to Mrs. Cullen one whole day before he sent the above to Dik!  
-- PNL staff

## DUMPED WWII WIDOW RESPONDS TO WALSH

Dear Congressman Walsh,

Your letter of March 8, received, and although you claim to have been assisting me for fourteen months I fail to see any improvement in the

sorry state of affairs concerning the phoney way the Buffalo VA Regional Office has been handling my claim for Dependent Indemnity Compensation.

In fact until you responded to the article in the Peace Newsletter which my daughter delivered to your door 2 weeks ago, I hadn't heard from your office in many months.

If you really had been following the matter, you would have instigated an investigation of the Buffalo office.

If you recall, I called you, person-to-person at your Washington, DC office, Dec. 10, 1975 in a response to a letter you sent me containing false information you received from the VA. You disregarded my protests and said you didn't believe the VA would lie to a Congressman. You said it was up to me to prove my case. At that time the issue was that the VA claimed falsely that my husband's disability was not service connected. I tried to tell you otherwise and you only agreed to check further after I demanded that you do so. You discovered that I was right. Also many people have written to you asking you to help me, including Joe Barone's DAV Chapter 30.

From your attitude toward me personally and your obvious lack of interest in my plight other than passing messages back and forth between me and the VA, I have naturally lost any faith in you as my Representative. That is why I have felt the need to seek help in all directions.

In my opinion you don't realize the responsibility of the important job you hold.

I once admired you in your stand during the Nixon Administration and told you so. Now I see that you were a one act play. My case is not a complicated one and it should be of interest to veterans and their families everywhere.

My husband's service-connected disabilities destroyed his health and his social life and ultimately greatly contributed to his death. I intend to prove this if honest men still exist in our government who aren't too big to listen.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. George E. Cullen

## NATURAL GAS SHORTAGE: ANOTHER DIMENSION

While I applaud the message in Lisa John's article that the shortage of natural gas during this winter's cold spell was contrived for

profit ("Natural Gas: Is There Really a Shortage?", March PNL), I think it is also important to realize that in an absolute sense, a fossil fuel shortage does exist, and that the prices we now pay for it do not reflect its true cost.

To understand the full cost of a commodity, we should translate all the energy inputs (known as cultural energy and including human labor, machinery costs, transportation, cost of packing and selling) into comparable units such as calories and then compare this input with the output in calories. For example, in home heating output is the change in temperature for a given volume of air; in agriculture output is the calories in the food product.

Ratios of input to output show our society to be very energy inefficient; for more is used to produce commodities than the commodities are worth in energy terms. This situation exists because people-labor in America costs more in dollars than does fossil fuel labor, even though people use many fewer calories of energy to do the work. By using fossil fuels rather than people, commodity prices have been kept abnormally low in the U.S.



Now we could say that this is dandy and why complain. The problem is that we in the US are living off the world's capital and treating it as renewable, ever present and free but for the costs of gathering and transporting. We have, in other words, been treating our energy supply as income rather than as "seed money" to be used sparingly. The US comprises about 6% of the world population but uses something more than 1/3 of the available energy and more than 1/2 of the atmospheric oxygen (most of this goes to keep machines, not people, going). There is no possible way that the rest of the world could utilize fossil fuel energy to the same extent that is done in the US.

Lols Levitan

# On the Move Against the 765 kV

by Glenda Neff

On Friday, March 11th, fifteen North Country people received jail sentences ranging from 10-30 days in the Franklin County Jail, Malone, New York, because of their resistance to the construction of 765kV power lines in upstate New York.

The next day, March 12th, an estimated 800 people from all over New York State responded to the organizing efforts of the Edwards Farmers. They gathered together on Cliff Bullock's farm where the 765kV line is proposed to cut through the Edwards area (east of Gouverneur.)

The spirit of the march was an inspiring affirmation of the inherent value of the land, the need to protect it and the future of unborn generations. Alongside the road to the Bullock farm, a large sign marks

Glenda Neff is a member of the Syracuse Peace Council active on nuclear power and related issues.

the proposed right of way as it would stretch across the road, woods and pastures.

Besides protecting the land and people from the unforeseeable safety and health effects of the lines, the marchers also addressed the issue of proposed nuclear power plants for the St. Lawrence area, and the people's role (or lack of one) in deciding their own energy future.

A rally was held in the Edwards Central School at the end of the march. Messages of support were read from the Clamshell Alliance, Sam Lovejoy, and former Assemblyman Dan Haley, who had sponsored the Nuclear Responsibility Act. The moderator, Mr. Jack Ward of Edwards, spoke also to the absence of citizen participation in the decision to construct the line: "Yesterday Judge Dier (in sentencing the 15 resisters) told us 'Disobedience of the law leads to tyranny.' Well, I believe you have it hind end forward. Tyranny leads to disobedience of the law!"

### Picket PSC in Syracuse

The NYS Public Service Commission met in Syracuse March 22-24 to hear



Photo: St. Lawrence Plain Dealer, Canton.

final arguments in the health and safety hearings on the 765kV line. Andrew Marino, a research biophysicist at the VA Hospital, was the main witness. He has testified at length as to the potential biological hazards of the powerline.

Local opponents of the power line, as well as members of UPSET in Canton, picketed the State Office Building on the morning of March 22, to call attention to Marino's testimony and request the PSC to halt construction of the 765kV. Three local TV stations provided coverage and briefly interviewed Dr. Marino, - helping to bring the debate out of the hearing chambers and before the public.

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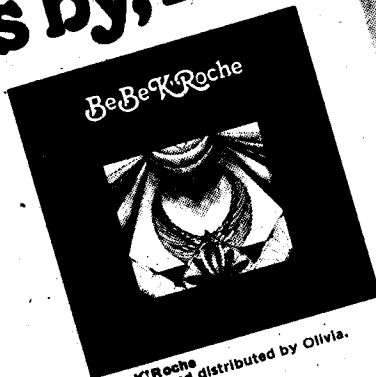
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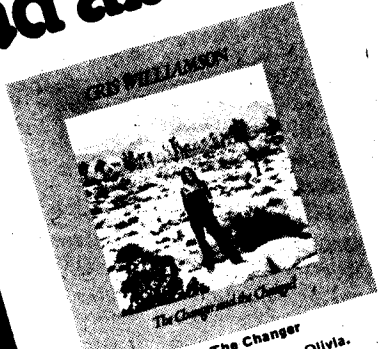
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## Spare the Heroics, Lee

One day last February, Syracusans were gripped by the drama of an unemployed South Side man who shot and killed a friend over some cigarettes, and then kept police at bay for some 14 hours while holding a pregnant neighbor and her 18-month-old baby hostage. He was finally persuaded to surrender, and the next day's newspaper headlined the story with a photo of Mayor Lee Alexander --no less! -- carrying the child to safety.

But that isn't all. After the rescue, the county Department of Social Services took custody of the child, claiming that his mother had failed to exercise due regard for his safety, and they had him placed in a foster home. The mother had to have a court order to get her child returned, and even then the Department reserved the "right" to make periodic inspections of her home. The *Herald-Journal* matter-of-factly reported the court case on its back pages, but explained nothing further about why Social Services had taken the child. Sounds suspiciously like another case of blaming the victim.



## Update

In our December-January newsletter, we reported that the Syracuse Area Inter-Religious Council (SAIC) had refused to admit Gay Community Ministries to its membership, despite a public commitment to "honest, open dialogue and the direct facing of issues." We're pleased to report that in January SAIC changed their minds, and GCM has been offered and has accepted membership in the Council.

## More on Letelier

*The Nation* (3/26/76) reports with certainty that both DINA, the Chilean intelligence agency, and Miami-based Cuban exiles were responsible for the murder of Orlando Letelier last September in Washington. An article written by Saul Landau and Ralph Stavins, both of the Institute for Policy Studies, reports on their own independent inquiry, and says their conclusions coincide with FBI and Justice Department findings.

DINA agents planned the assassination, and contracted with four young Cubans in the Miami exile community to carry it out. The authors note that the Chile-Cuban connection is not surprising: the junta and the exiles share the same enemies and ideology, after all.

The four were briefed in Washington by other DINA agents stationed in the Chilean Embassy as to Letelier's habits, route to work, and probable schedule. It was they who planted the bomb under his car.

The article speculates that General Pinochet himself ordered the "hit," to express displeasure over Letelier's famous "I am a Chilean" speech Sept. 10 in Madison Square Garden, as well as reductions in US aid to Santiago because of widespread human rights violations in Chile. The authors fear, however, the case may never be prosecuted because of its unusual potential for political embarrassment, given the US role in supporting the Pinochet junta and training both DINA and Cuban exiles.

## Consorting With Communists

In what is surely part of an effort to discredit Orlando Letelier and thereby defuse pressure to prosecute his murderers, syndicated columnists Evans and Novak published articles in March insinuating that he had been consorting with communists prior to his death, under the guise of working for human rights. "The posthumous debate concerns whether this cause [opposition to the junta] was truly in behalf of 'human rights' or can be traced to Soviet grand strategy." The debate--concocted by Evans & Novak themselves--arises from papers found in Letelier's briefcase on the day he died, which were taken by police investigators and subsequently leaked to the two columnists. The most ominous connection they are able to draw was his ties to the World Peace Council ("an obvious front for Soviet foreign policy") because they supported investigations into the repression in Chile.

## FBI Investigates WLM

The Women's Liberation Movement, that is. Under the directorship of J. Edgar Hoover, the FBI kept track of active feminist organizations from 1969 through 1973. The fact was established in documents released under the Freedom of Information Act, and some of them make hilarious reading. One FBI agent, for example, reported on a 1970 Women's Rights Day rally in Boston. He noted that speakers (one of whom was surely "subversive") spoke about day care, equal employment opportunity, and welfare reform. After that, details are scanty, apparently because his attention was diverted by women bathing in a nearby fountain.

Another agent reporting on a Pacific Northwest Women's conference was evidently put off by the women's appearance, particularly their hair styles. "One of the interesting aspects of the delegates' dress was the extreme fuzzy appearance of the hair of the majority of them." In all of the reports, however, no single instance of criminal activity was reported. Your tax dollars at work, folks!

## Tax Day April 15, 1977

The deadline for filing Federal income taxes is fast approaching.

This raises the question: What am I paying my taxes for? And the answer, despite Carter's 2% cut in Ford's military budget proposal, is still -- over 50% goes for war!

The B-1 bomber is the most expensive weapons system ever. And its fate now hangs in the balance, with a decision due in May.

Letters to Carter are still needed. Letters to newly-elected U.S. Sen. Moynihan (Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20510) are also important. Where does he stand on the B-1? If Carter decides to cancel the B-1, will Moynihan vote to uphold that decision in the Senate?

Although a 'liberal', Moynihan voted against Paul Warnke as arms control negotiator because he considered him 'soft' on the Soviets.

SPC will be out leafleting on Tax Day - come and join us! - call John Maddaus at 472-5478.

"HEY -- HERE'S SOME THAT ARE ACTUALLY NEEDED FOR DEFENSE!"



## Food Day April 21, 1977

Food is a basic human need. It is also a commodity the production and sale of which is run by large agribusiness firms.

Take the example of sugar. As the price of sugar rose in 1974, large-scale refiners made huge profits. When the bubble burst, they were able to cushion the impact. Although US sugar growers also benefited by the price increase, the return of prices to lower levels has been harder for them financially.

Meanwhile, US agribusiness firms in countries such as the Philippines and the Dominican Republic receive substantial profits while many workers are not paid enough to buy their food. This is one conclusion of "Guess Who's Coming to Breakfast?", a slideshow which SPC will be showing at the Oswego Food Coop, at Food Fair (sponsored by the City Consumer Affairs Unit) and at an SPC Monday potluck (See below).

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friendships. These drawbacks, however, are often accompanied by privileges which come at the expense of women. The slideshow ends with sections showing men changing their traditional patterns, and feeling freer, more confident and satisfied with their lives. Both women and men welcome.

## 25 "Guess Who's Coming to Breakfast?"

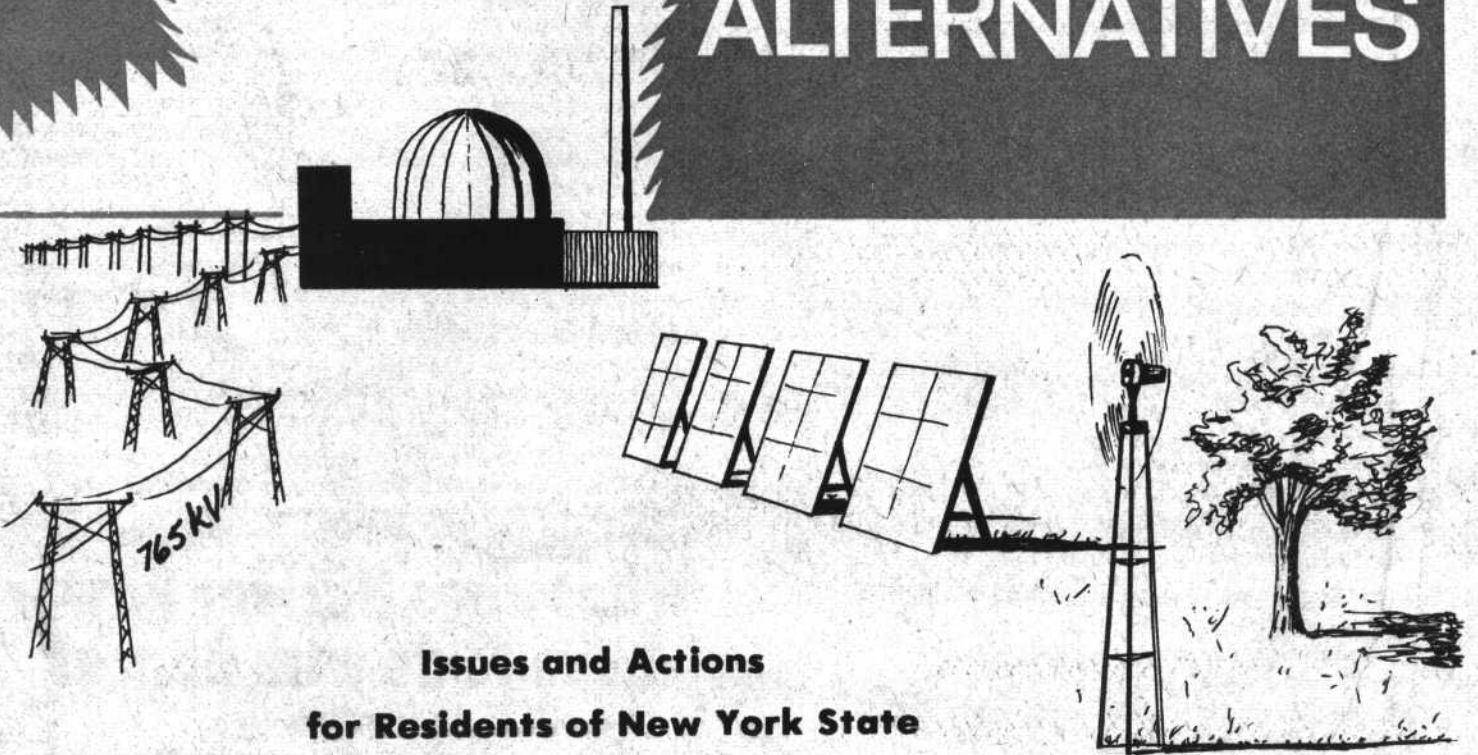
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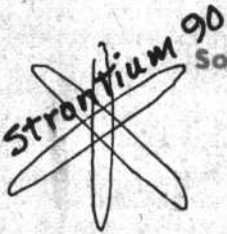


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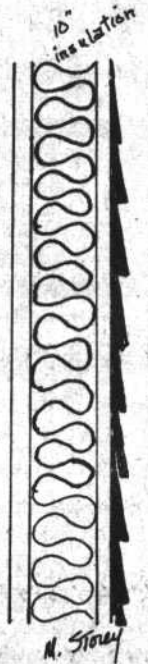
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### Introduction

## What does Nuclear Power have to do with Peace?

by John Maddaus

Opposition to nuclear power plants is an issue for environmentalists. The Syracuse Peace Council is not an environmental organization. Therefore the Syracuse Peace Council is not involved in opposing nuclear power plants. Right?

Wrong! The Syracuse Peace Council is (very actively!) opposed to the construction of nuclear power plants. The apparent illogic of this fact comes from a tendency to perceive the nuclear power issue as a narrowly environmental one. To be sure, there are serious environmental issues involved, and groups coming at the nuclear power issue from this perspective have made important contributions to this struggle.

But the implications of heavy reliance on nuclear power for our energy supplies far transcend any one narrowly-defined area, whether it be labeled "environment" or "peace" or "economic justice" or "health" or "civil liberties" or "science" or anything else. One of the purposes of this special supplement to the Peace Newsletter is to attempt to bring together these various perspectives into a single, comprehensive analysis of the case against nuclear power.

John Maddaus, a member of the Syracuse Peace Council staff collective, lives through an energy crisis every month at newsletter time.



But still, one might ask, what does nuclear power have to do with peace?

One answer to this question may be found in the way SPC first became involved in the nuclear power issue. On Aug. 6, 1975, SPC held its annual Hiroshima Day rally at Columbus Circle in downtown Syracuse. This is a "traditional" SPC event - originating over 20 years ago - a witness against the destructive power of nuclear weapons, a call for disarmament. But on this day two years ago, there was a new theme. The question was raised "Is there a 'peaceful' atom?", and the answer was "No!". For some of the connections between nuclear weapons and nuclear power, see "The 'Peaceful' Atom and Nuclear Proliferation" (pp. 10-11).

These connections are important for us to call attention to, and for some they may be a sufficient reason for our opposition to nuclear power. But in fact our reasons do not stop there. Should we not also be concerned when a group of government and corporate managers attempts to tie our futures to a reliance on nuclear power? Are not the patterns of government propaganda and deception, of corporate profiteering and bailouts, all too familiar? Who benefits from nuclear power? - is it the ordinary citizen? or the 'special interests'? (See pp. 12-19)

Who benefits? An important question! So often our society talks in terms of aggregates (Gross National Product) and averages (per-capita income) which hide real differences of benefit and loss. How does one measure loss of a life due to radiation-induced cancer against the gain of "x" amount of electricity or 'y' amount of corporate profit? If we value the lives of the victims of war, should we not also value the lives of the victims of run-away technology? (see pp. 6-9).

But peace is more than the absence of evil (war, injustice, disease etc); it is the realization of something good. Moving toward a just and peaceful society is a process whose ultimate shape we can only dimly foresee. But we have tried to point in that direction in our discussion of non-nuclear alternatives (See pp. 20-23).

How do we stop nuclear power? How do we gain control over the energy decisions that effect our lives? There are many ways, no one of which will be completely satisfactory to all. Some involve working within the system (legislatures, regulatory agencies, courts, elections), others outside that system (non-violent direct action). We believe that a variety of actions may be appropriate depending on specific circumstances (see pp 25-28).

For purposes of this special supplement, we have decided to focus on New York State as our area of action, recognizing both our own potential for outreach as an organization and the reality of state government involvement in nuclear energy decisions. Thus, we have presented information (see pp 4-5) and resources (see pp 29-30) specifically relevant to this state. The articles in this supplement are written by anti-nuclear power activists from all parts of the state. However, we are fully aware that the struggle against nuclear power does not stop at state lines -- that we are part of a struggle that is nationwide and even global in scope. To our brothers and sisters in New England (see back cover), throughout this country (see p 31) and around the world, we extend a hand of friendship, of solidarity and of peace.

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# Nuclear Power in New York State

by Dick Oot

"Nuclear power has become a technological monster and it is not clear who, if anyone, is in control." That statement was made in February 1976 by a nuclear engineer who had been employed by the General Electric Corporation for 22 years. Dale Bridenbaugh was one of three top-level managing engineers who resigned his position with GE's nuclear division in California.

At present the utilities and the Power Authority of the State of New York (PASNY) are seeking to make New York one of the major nuclear generating sites for the Northeast United States in the 1980s and 1990s.

The utilities are currently involved in the legal process to form the Empire State Power Resources Inc. (ESPRI). ESPRI would be a giant corporate structure with the sole purpose of building power plants and sharing the generation from those plants with the state's seven investor owned utilities. The ESPRI plans indicate an additional seven nuclear power plants for the late 1980's and early 1990's that are not shown below. In 1975, the Federal government com-

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pleted a study showing that several areas in St. Lawrence County would be an excellent location for "Nuclear Energy Parks." The nuclear energy park concept would include anywhere from 10 to 40 nuclear power plants on one site and could also include nuclear fuel fabrication and reprocessing, and possible waste storage.

## Nuclear York

At this point it is not clear just how many nuclear power plants would be in operation in N.Y.S. in the 1980s and 1990s. But from the plans already made public, it appears that the utilities and PASNY intend to saturate the Hudson River, Long Island, Lake Ontario, and the St. Lawrence River with an insane number of nuclear reactors.

These plans by the utilities and PASNY strongly indicate a lack of common sense. Many informed citizens continued to be dismayed by these plans, especially in light of the critical problems that the industry is facing nationwide.

There have been numerous near-accidents at plants, problems in transportation and storage of waste, continual shut-downs of plants due to malfunctions and so on.

One of the most glaring examples of

industry and government inability to handle nuclear power is clearly evidenced by the West Valley, N.Y. reprocessing plant. The West Valley plant operated in the late 1960s and early 1970s as the only nuclear fuel reprocessing facility in the nation to handle spent fuel from nuclear power plants. The plant is now shut down due to a number of serious problems. Presently, at the West Valley plant there sits over 600,000 gallons of high-level radioactive wastes. The wastes, some of which will remain radioactive for 250,000 years, are being stored in tanks that are guaranteed to last only 40 years.

Recently, Nuclear Fuel Services (division of Getty Oil), operators of the facility, decided that the West Valley situation was so unmanageable that they gave the entire problem to the State of New York. It is estimated that West Valley will cost the taxpayers of New York approximately \$600 million. On March 8, 1977 a U.S. House of Representatives sub-committee looking into the West Valley crisis stated that "radioactive waste stored in upstate New York poses a mortal danger to people in the area."

At this time there are no fuel reprocessing plants operating in the U.S. to handle the spent fuel from operating nuclear power plants. Many

## Nuclear Power Plants in New York State

### In Operation

Name	Date of Operation	Location	Power (in megawatts)	Ownership
Indian Point #1	1962	Buchanan	265	Consolidated Edison
Indian Point #2	1973	Buchanan	873	Consolidated Edison
Indian Point #3	1976	Buchanan	965	Power Authority of NYS
Nine Mile Point #1	1969	Scriba	610	Niagara Mohawk
James A. Fitzpatrick	1975	Scriba	821	Power Authority of NYS
Ginna Unit #1	1970	Ontario	490	Rochester Gas & Electric

### Under Construction or Planned

Shoreham Nuclear	1979	Brookhaven	819	Long Island Lighting
Nine Mile Point #2	1982	Scriba	1080	Niagara Mohawk
Greene Co. Nuclear	1984	Cementon	1191	Power Authority of NYS
Jamesport #1	1984	Jamesport	1150	Long Island Lighting
Jamesport #2	1986	Jamesport	1150	Long Island Lighting
Sterling #1	1985	Sterling	1150	Rochester Gas & Electric
Sterling #2	1988	Sterling	1200	NYS Electric & Gas
Sterling #3	1990	Sterling	1200	NYS Electric & Gas

nuclear power plants around the nation are reaching a serious stage as spent fuel rod storage pools at the plants reach their full capacity.

Nine Mile Point in Scriba has never had a spent fuel shipment since the plant began operation in 1969. The Ginna plant in Ontario is also approaching full capacity in its spent fuel pool.

In December 1976 the U.S. Energy Research and Development Administration entered into the New York nuclear picture. ERDA announced that it was looking at sites in South Central and South Western New York as a possible location for a permanent radioactive waste storage area. The radioactive waste would be stored in salt deposits in the Salina Salt Basin. The Salina Salt Basin includes parts of Michigan, Ohio, Pa., and N.Y. The public response to this scheme was loud and clear as citizens, elected officials, and news media condemned the plan.

The final issue that ties all this madness together is -- 765,000 volt transmission lines. The 765kv lines, the largest ever to be constructed, would be used to link together the nuclear generating plants in the state. The 765kv lines have a whole list of hazards all their own. Some of the effects of 765kv lines include: decreases in the fertility of animals pastured near the line, lung changes similar to emphysema and fibrosis, accelerated aging, production of ozone, and shocking, to name a few.

PASNY is presently attempting to construct a 765kv line from Massena to Marcy to supply hydroelectric power from Quebec now and to transport nuclear generation in the future. 765kv lines would also be used to carry power from the proposed Sterling plant and the proposed nuclear plants along the Hudson River in Greene, Columbia, and Dutchess Counties.

The subject of nuclear power and transmission lines is invoking strong vocal reaction from citizens all around the state. Active protest and acts of non-violent civil disobedience are taking place almost daily.

Citizens are standing up and saying loudly that the land will not be allowed to be destroyed and that human life will be recognized as having a firm priority over corporate profits and greed.

## Hudson Valley & Long Island by Shirley Brand

The Atomic Energy Commission issued its first construction permit to Consolidated Edison Company for a 275 megawatt reactor to be located at Indian Point on the Hudson River just north of New York City. Indian Point Unit #1 went into operation in 1962 but was shut down in 1974 when the AEC finally determined that it could not permit the plant, which was not equipped with an emergency core cooling system, to continue to operate.

Construction on Indian Point Units 2 and 3 was completed in 1973 and 1976 respectively. Indian Point #3 is owned by the Power Authority of the State of New York. Both plants are now operating despite the fact that the NRC Appeals Board is conducting hearings on seismic issues raised by the State Geological Survey which found that the geology/seismology analyses prepared by Con Ed for all three reactors were seriously deficient and that the capability of the Ramapo Fault had been underestimated.

In addition to the Indian Point plants, Con Ed had begun planning units to be sited at Verplanck and David Island, also in Westchester County. Strong public opposition forced the company to abandon those plans. Accordingly, in 1976, Con Ed announced that it was investigating sites in Ulster and Dutchess Counties to accommodate 4 - 1300 MW plants.

In 1975, PASNY filed applications to construct a 1200 MW reactor in Greene County. Hearings, to be conducted jointly for the first time by New York and the NRC, are to commence in May. In the meantime, PASNY has instituted a court challenge to the PSC ruling that the State must consider radiological issues.

In Columbia County, New York State Electric & Gas Corp. has initiated site studies in Stuyvesant to determine whether that area is suitable for 2 - 1300 MW reactors to be owned jointly by NYSEG and LILCO.

Orange & Rockland, Inc. has investigated a site for 2 nuclear power plants on Cliff Lake (Sullivan County).

Shirley Brand is a member of Mid-Hudson Nuclear Opponents and co-ordinator of the Safe Energy Coalition of N.Y. State.

The Long Island Lighting Company (LILCO) has indicated that sites at Jamesport and Shoreham on the north shore can accommodate a total of 9 nuclear plants. The first Shoreham plant is nearly completed and will go into operation in 1979.

Hearings are in progress on LILCO's proposal to build 2 reactors at Jamesport in partnership with the New York State Electric & Gas Corp. LILCO has encountered the toughest array of opponents ever faced by an electric utility in New York and hearings pursuant to Article VIII have already gone on for 3 years.

What is most significant, however, is the Public Service Commission's decision to order the applicants to submit testimony on radiological impacts of the plants. The Commission found that any comparison of coal and nuclear fuels would be incomplete if there were no evaluation of the environmental and health impacts of the nuclear fuel cycle. This appears to be the first time that a state power plant siting agency has determined that consideration of radiological issues is a responsibility of the State.

### You Could be Next!

New York State Electric & Gas (NYSE&G), an investor-owned utility, has been facing stiff opposition from local citizens in its attempt to build a nuclear power plant in the Town of Stuyvesant (Columbia County) on the Hudson River.

So NYSE&G is exploring an alternate location at New Haven, 12 miles east of Oswego on Lake Ontario. The utility persuaded the New Haven Town Board to establish a "liaison committee" in hopes of warding off public opposition.

But at a public meeting March 23, residents of the town made it clear that they would not be so easily deflected from discussing the serious questions involved.

What's more, Citizens Concerned About Sterling shared their experiences in opposing a nuclear power plant in their near-by community.

And Concerned Citizens for Safe Energy (a Stuyvesant citizens group) sent a letter indicating their opposition to NYSE&G's plans, regardless of what community the utility might choose next. No Nukes!

# Health Hazards from Low-Level Radiation

by Sr. Rosalie Bertell

The following article is taken from a speech given by Sr. Bertell at the Seabrook, New Hampshire anti-nuclear power plant rally and alternative energy fair on October 23, 1976.

I would like to address the public health issues relevant to the nuclear industry, including the inevitable cumulative pollution of the environment with ionizing radiation through the mining, transportation, refining, burning, reprocessing and disposal processes. We have learned much about the danger of radiation, and at this point in time no one would contest the fact that any exposure to it is harmful to any life system.

In 1910, the law allowed workers exposed to ionizing radiation to receive 100 rads per year. In 1934, after the tragic experience with the radium dial workers, this limit was reduced to 30 rads per year. In 1948, after studies on the life shortening effect and the high incidence of leukemia among medical radiologists, the limit was again lowered, and became 15 rads per year.



After World War II, both a national and an international commission on radiation were established and commissioned to give some guidelines for allowable limits of human exposure. Their advice was to lower the permissible dose for workers to five rads per year, and to allow the "general public" this allowable dose over a reproductive lifetime--i.e., about 30 years. This recommendation became law in 1958, and it is this standard which we are still operating under today.

In 1970, the National Academy of Science was commissioned to reconsider the radiation standards in the light of growing citizen concern and heightened ecological awareness since 1958. It concluded that there was no need at this time to lower the permissible exposure standards. Present confidence in the nuclear industry relative to its public health impact

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stems from this document, which is popularly called the BEIR report. I contend that this report has been abused, and that the impression of security which it gave as a forecast has never been tested against the real life situation.

The deliberate continuance of ordinary plant releases of radioactive materials without cautious monitoring of the health of the exposed individuals and their offspring, constitutes a deliberate decision to accept without concern both the known and unknown consequences. It is against the law for a worker to receive more than 5 rads exposure per year on a lifetime average, but it is not against the law for him/her to become chronically or acutely ill. Official records of exposure are kept but they are not matched with health records. Most radiation related diseases are not covered under workman's compensation, nor are they recognized by the worker as related to exposure. Who would sue for damages if they had a coronary? Yet there is documentation which relates coronary heart disease with exposure to ionizing radiation.

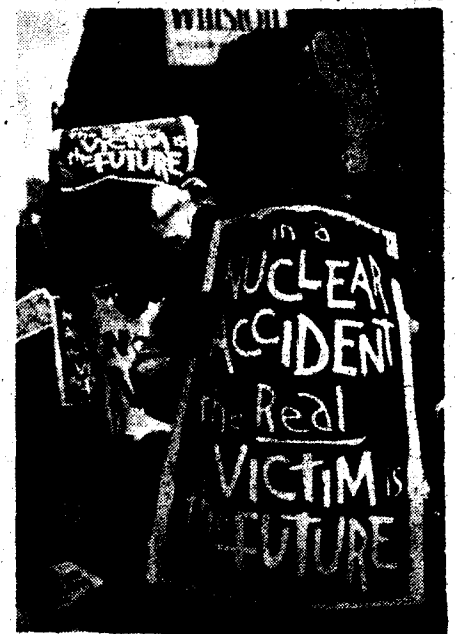
## Children of Workers

With respect to the offspring of workers, the problem is still more serious and neglected. My colleagues have shown that the effects on children when either parent is exposed to radiation are quite broad, including cancer, asthma, dysentery, rheumatic fever, allergies, etc. Who even thinks to relate the mental retardation of his/her child, or the occurrence of childhood cancer, to the parent's occupation? How is this covered by law? Who is even gathering the facts for analysis?

There is also an immoral philosophy which would tell us that planned-in deaths and illness are unavoidable. It is the cost we must pay for electricity. This is not true. We have viable alternative paths--including those of conservation, prioritization of time and use, and solar and thermal power.

On the scientific side, I would add also that it is my contention, and that of my colleagues, that the hazards of low level radiation have been underestimated by the straight line estimates made from effects at high doses. The

biological mechanism of overkill was little understood when earlier radiation studies were conducted. It seems that there are precise radiation dose cut-offs such that exposures below this dose cause damage to the cell but still leave it intact and able to function in a faulty way and to reproduce itself. Above this cut-off point, the cell dies. It is the living damaged cell which gives us the long term problems such as leukemia and other cancers, heart disease, etc. On the basis of the evidence now in hand, we are calling for a reduction of the present level of permissible exposure by at least a factor of ten.



Anti-nuclear power demonstrators protested behind Madison Square Garden during the Democratic National Convention, July 12-15, 1976. -- photo by LNS

Beyond this immediate concern, we are calling for a human monitoring system for both workers and for the general public at-risk from this nuclear industry. General measures of public health are already showing signs of deterioration in the vicinity of nuclear plants. It is now time to specifically search for this information. Ordinary vital statistics do not give adequate information on mobility, occupation and other variables.

My research shows that the rise in leukemia usually associated with

radiation exposure can be considered a secondary effect. By this I mean that the exposure causes one to age at a faster than normal rate, probably causing damage to one of the bio-regulatory systems which under normal conditions break down more gradually with the passage of time. This model predicts a whole syndrome of problems usually associated with natural aging occurring at an earlier age for persons so exposed. Information needed to monitor this effect is not even being gathered.

It is necessary to die, but it is not necessary to so abuse one's body that there is a long period of debilitation and disease prior to death! The needless exposure of the body to ionizing radiation, whether from the nuclear industry or from medical xray, is such an abuse. The decision to suffer this abuse cannot come from any upper level administrative decision that the people need more electricity! It must be a decision of the people themselves. It must also be a free and fully informed decision! It must be made only for oneself and not for one's neighbor or one's neighbor's children.

As yet I have not mentioned specifically the nuclear generator under construction at Seabrook. You are to be commended on your courageous stand and I am sure you have the gratitude of many people in this country. You give public witness to how strongly you cherish life and a life-giving environment. You also show a fierce love of freedom and desire to participate in the decisions which affect your lives and those of your children. Probably you are also aware that the New England States are among the States with the highest cancer rate in the country.

**UnAmerican Philosophy**

There seems to be a philosophy afoot which wants to take care of the poor ignorant citizen who does not really know what is best for him. I oppose this philosophy as unAmerican and patronizing. We are not less inflamed than our forebearers, and we refuse to be tyrannized by wealth or pseudo-learning. We will not live on promises and forecasts, but will be rooted in the real and the human. We reject planning which includes deaths of human beings as one of the "costs". We demand straight answers to our questions. We again grasp our freedom and dignity and the right to choose our own destiny under God.

**Environmental Impact**

by Marge Rusk

The hearing droned through a soft May noon.<sup>1</sup> Rochester Gas and Electric's ecologist had admitted that he'd rather see another power-plant at Ginna than a first one on the virgin Sterling site. But, after a flurry of whispers from RGE's lawyers, he raised a specter: that swamp, agreed by environmentalists and RGE to be ecologically the most valuable area on the site - the powerplant will be 1/4 mile distant, and the swamp preserved as a buffer; but, if the plant isn't built, the farmer whose muckland adjoins the swamp may do some tree-cutting and expand his onions! DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) staff counter with information on farm abandonment trends in Upstate, but the hearing examiner's face is non-committal.

Flexible though it is, the great gar hasn't room enough to U-turn in its aquarium at the Ninemile Point Visitors' Center. This fish, victim of a misfired Niagara Mohawk publicity gimmick, symbolizes all aquatic life dying of low-level radiation, siltation of creeks, accidental chemical spills, fluctuating water temperatures, now at Ninemile, with its two-going-on-three nukes, and in the future at Sterling if that plant is built. Outside the Visitor's Center, no birds will nest in the eye-level birdhouses come spring: too exposed, too hazardous. No matter; one doesn't expect a utility company to provide artificial bird habitat. What does matter is that fewer Barn Swallows will nest in the rock ledges below the Fitzpatrick plant, since construction crews poured concrete slag over part of the only known natural (i.e., non-barn, non-bridge) Barn Swallow nest site in the State.<sup>2</sup> In the plant's plume of warm-water discharge is a raft of winter ducks and gulls, attracted by the heightened growth of algae and invertebrates in the plume. Well and good, until the powerplant is down, and the waterbirds are trapped in the quickly forming ice.

Marge Rusk says that the reader-between-the-lines will see how she became an anti-nuke activist.

Low-level radiation from the emission stacks eventually affects plants and resident animals, but at Ninemile I the stack itself kills the passage birds by collision: bird-watchers have found dozens of dead gulls, sometimes warblers or sandpipers, a rail. After foggy nights when the kill is heavy, a NIMO official arrives at the plant early, hurrying to dispose of the broken fluffy bodies before the arriving dayshift workers see them.<sup>3</sup>

**Bald Eagles**

In 1976 DEC with Cornell University raised two young western Bald Eagles at Montezuma, in high hopes that their progeny may repopulate central New York. It's a mere 24 miles from Montezuma to the Ontario Lakeshore of Sterling Township. Historically, southeastern Lake Ontario has had nesting eagles; the Sterling Creek marshes beautifully fit a description of eagle habitat. What poignant irony if a PSC permit for a powerplant destroys a second time, by disturbance of the solitude they need, pollution of their food, or two high voltage wires close enough for a pair of wings to touch simultaneously, this great bird that man had tried to restore.

The eagle's fate prophesies the fate of 29 threatened bird species that breed in or migrate through Sterling, their status brushed off or overlooked in the hearings, as well as of other birds, not "threatened" yet, and of the beavers that build dams in Sterling Valley Creek - of all the lovely various animals and plants.

**footnotes**

- 1 May 1974 hearings before the N.Y. Public Service Commission on siting a fossil-fueled power plant at Sterling.
- 2 John Bull, Birds of New York State 1974, p. 386.
- 3 Source confidential.
- 4 The Blue List (on which I found the 29 Sterling species) "has been the source for the official list of threatened species issued annually by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service" -- "not to be confused with the very rare or officially 'endangered' species, although some are rapidly approaching this status." Robert Arbib, "The Blue List for 1977" in American Birds, Vol. 30, No. 6, 1976.

# Nuclear Waste Reprocessing -- Is it really Safe?

by Carol Mongerson

There are safety hazards throughout the nuclear fuel cycle: uranium mining, processing, transportation, power generation, more transportation, reprocessing and waste storage. This article focuses on a part of the cycle of particular concern to residents of New York State -- reprocessing and temporary waste storage.

If the government regulates it, it must be safe. Don't count on it. If the nuclear industry is regulated, inspected, and monitored by the federal and state governments how come there have been so many accidents, over-exposures, and equipment failures? How could these things have happened? This article will talk about the safety hazards in the reprocessing of nuclear fuel. It is here that the unsolved problems are the greatest and the radioactivity is the highest. Similar problems exist throughout the industry.

The nation's only commercial reprocessing plant is at West Valley, N. Y., Nuclear Fuel Services (NFS). It took the spent (but still highly radioactive) fuel from reactors across the country and separated out the uranium and plutonium for reuse. Everything else was radioactive garbage. The solid wastes were buried in trenches, a practice which has been a spectacular failure. The trenches have filled up with water, which is 1000 times more radioactive than the standards allow. Now they are leaking. Governor Carey has cut the State monitoring agency out of his proposed budget so there will be no way to detect leaking in the future.

## Unresolved Problem

The high level liquid wastes remain in West Valley, in underground tanks, a deadly legacy for western New York and an astronomical financial problem for N. Y. State and the nation. The high level wastes are the most serious unresolved problem facing the nuclear industry. They are extremely radioactive and will remain so for several hundred thousand years. They are stored in tanks which will last only about 40 years and must be continually monitored and cooled.

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The plan is to solidify them and send them to a federal repository. But there are many unsolved problems with solidification and there is no federal repository. No suitable place has yet been found.

When NFS shut down in 1972, there were major, unsolved problems. The plant had become steadily more contaminated. More and more temporary workers had to be hired to take care of equipment failures and clean up the plant. Inspection reports show many violations. The average exposure to workers was the highest in the industry. In 1976 NFS abandoned its attempt to reprocess fuel.



"Our company firmly believes that nuclear reprocessing and waste storage dangers are non-existent."

There were a lot of reasons why the hazards were so great at NFS. Some of them had to do with faulty plant design. Under the lab floor there was a big ventilation duct, which kept getting contaminated. There was so much radiation through the floor that the men had to stay away from those areas. At times they couldn't work in their offices because the duct went right under their desks. One worker had to hang a "High Radiation" sign on his boss's office once, which was taken to be a joke, but it was no joke. The radiation was that high. They tried and tried to get something done about it but were told things like "it would be too much water through the low level waste treatment" or "not enough time or equipment available" or some such thing. It was never fixed permanently.

There were drips all over the plant and it was standard procedure to

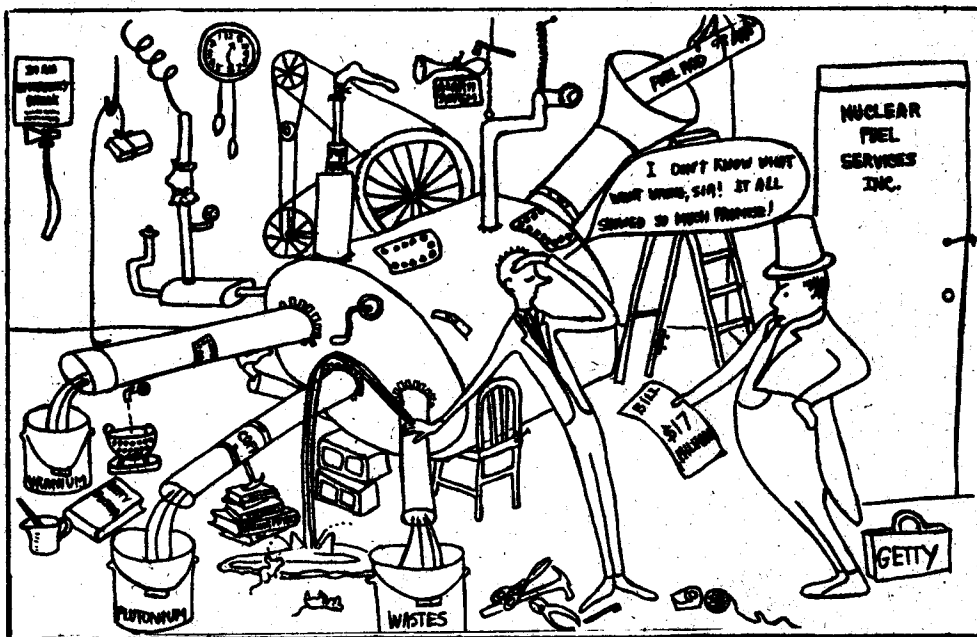
tape a plastic bag up to the pipe to catch the drips. What kind of material was leaking? Just drips. It could have been plutonium or uranium. They did this all the time. There was one under the vent duct which was there as long as anyone could remember. It was never fixed. One of these plastic bags funneled into a jug. They would put a "High Radiation" sign on it and change the jug when it got full. (It was forgotten once and ran all over the place.) When you changed it you would put the full jug into a box for the waste burial ground. If it was really "screaming" you would put it carefully in the middle of the box so it wouldn't read too hot to bury.

## Malfunctioning Equipment

Almost all the workers complained that the monitoring equipment was in poor repair and insufficient in number. The continuous air monitor in the hall malfunctioned so often, they didn't know when to believe it. Sometimes the orange light would be flashing; sometimes the red one. Sometimes the beep would be going. So they never knew if there was a real problem or if it was just the personality of the monitor. They were told to check the graph on the monitor and if it read OK they could ignore the light flashing. But they wondered if the graph could be trusted either.

The problems with equipment point up the trade-off which must be made between profit and safety if private industry is to run nuclear plants. The one and only electronics technician in the facility was quite overloaded with repair work and the company would not spend the money required to hire more help for this man. He suffered a nervous breakdown while working under the strain. While he was absent for recuperation his work was left to pile up for him when he returned.

Security at NFS was reported very poor by most of the workers I interviewed. They were checked as they left the plant but there was always a lot of confusion at the gate when the men were checking in and out and there was only one guard. On numerous occasions contaminated tools and equipment were stolen from



the plant. It was easy to steal. All you had to do was throw the stuff over the fence and come back after dark to pick it up. Sabotage would have been relatively easy. Most workers I talked to said it would be an easy matter to smuggle in firearms and several said they had access to plutonium and could have figured a way to get it out easily enough. It takes only about 10 kilograms to make a crude atomic bomb. About 78 kilograms of plutonium remains unaccounted for. On one run they lost 16 kilograms. . . . never did figure out where it went, but it "was probably just an error in accounting."

#### Temporary Workers

Another hazard at NFS was the 1400 temporary workers who were hired to clean up and do repairs in areas where the regular workers would have "burned out" too fast. They were often ignorant of radiation hazards and inadequately trained. Some of these temporary workers were exceedingly temporary, working maybe only 5 or 10 minutes before receiving their maximum quarterly dose.

A lot of the things that went wrong at the plant were due to simple human error and carelessness compounded by poor supervision. The analytical hot cells were at times some of the most highly contaminated areas in the plant. These cells had to be entered periodically by a man with protective clothing and a special air

supply. The doors to these cells were about two feet thick and made of high density concrete. The doors have been known to swing shut by themselves, cutting off the air supply of the man in the cell and trapping him until someone could open the door to get him out. At times the nearest person was some 250 feet from the door. There was always supposed to be a back-up person in the area near the doors but if there was a shortage of people to do the work, the back-up man was sometimes not suited up and stationed in front of the cells.

When they brought in samples, from the hot cells, they were supposed to be under a certain limit but if it was close, only over by 50% or so, they would bring it in anyway. How could you control this? Well, the supervisor would have to stop it, but most of them were too loose. The men wouldn't ask for permission to do this of course. A supervisor would have to watch pretty carefully.

The general attitude of the workers was not as serious and conservative as the nature of nuclear fuel reprocessing would seem to require. It was a young and pretty happy-go-lucky group who worked there. There was a lot of joking and horsing around going on. This kind of spirit is normal among young men but definitely a problem in a nuclear plant. Could it be solved by hiring older men with families, instead of 18 year old kids looking for a fast buck? Perhaps. But the kind of people who are attract-

ed to dangerous work are the kind who like danger and taking chances regardless of age. Besides, anyone working with hazardous material day in and day out would almost have to become blasé about it after a while; it may be a psychological necessity.

Another problem is the invisibility of radiation and the length of time it takes the health effects to show. I think it is always going to be difficult to convince a group of healthy, young men that radiation, even though you can't see it, can cause trouble at some later point in their lives. There are too many counter pressures working against you. First, there is laziness and the tendency to take shortcuts so you can goof-off. Then there is the pressure to show off, to prove that you are not afraid and will do as much as the next guy. And there is the gambler in all of us. You have to take risks in life so why not this one? The benefits were immediate in the form of high pay in an area where jobs were scarce. But the risks were nebulous and you wouldn't know if you had won or lost till much later. For the temporary workers, who were brought in to do high exposure jobs, there was a bargain basement lure to the idea of being paid for a whole day when you only had to work part of it.

#### What Price

No amount of radiation is safe. All radiation causes cancer and genetic damage, even so-called natural radiation from the sun. So the question should not be how much radiation is safe but rather how much cancer and how many genetic defects are acceptable? What price are we willing to pay for the electricity we get from nuclear energy? This is a much more difficult question because no one really knows what the price tag is. We simply don't know enough yet.

The government has set standards for workers and for members of the public living near a nuclear facility. But many people are questioning these standards, whether they are stringent enough, whether there are not too many loopholes, and whether they are fair to people who live nearby.

What this account provides is questions, not answers. The questions are ones which must be answered before a decision is made to recycle plutonium, and continue the nuclear path.

# The 'Peaceful Atom' & Nuclear Proliferation

by Jim Renfrew

The development of nuclear power in the U. S. involves many risks, but the greatest dangers arise when nuclear energy technology becomes available throughout the world.

For many nations the only remaining obstacle to weapons production is access to plutonium. The technology is already well known. The old Atomic Energy Commission has admitted that "because of the widespread dissemination of instructions for processing special nuclear materials and for making simple nuclear weapons, acquisition of special nuclear materials remains the only substantial problem facing groups desiring to have such weapons. (1) And as reactors continue to spread around the world, the plutonium by-product will become increasingly available. By 1982, it is estimated that 200,000 pounds of plutonium will be produced annually. Twenty pounds of it, when fashioned into a bomb, can and has destroyed a city the size of Nagasaki.

## 'Atoms for Peace'

"Ironically," writes one senator, "the American 'Atoms for Peace' program and even the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) may have accelerated the spread of atomic weapons instead of slowing or stopping it. Weapons grade plutonium can be made in the 'peaceful' reactors promoted by the U. S. program and the Treaty just as they are made in 'weapons' reactors." (2) Using a Canadian-built reactor, India was able to construct a bomb, and it is reported that Israel has used a French-built reactor for the same purpose. . . and others can easily follow.

The NPT was designed to stop proliferation of weapons, but a nation need only sign the Treaty to have the right to the technology of 'peaceful' reactors. "To bypass its commitment under the NPT," writes Sidney Lens, "a signatory can merely put aside the various components

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of a plutonium bomb in a "mobilization base", ready to be assembled immediately in a military emergency.

It is difficult to be optimistic about preventing the use of nuclear weapons as an option when a nation feels its national survival is at stake. The incentives for a preemptive nuclear strike can be overwhelming in the midst of a small war...in the Middle East...in South East Asia...or in Southern Africa. "The more countries that possess nuclear weapons," emphasized candidate Jimmy Carter in May "the greater the risk that nuclear warfare might erupt in local conflicts, and the greater the danger that these could trigger a major nuclear war." (4). The "stability" of super-power deterrence becomes highly unstable when more and more nations join the nuclear club.

"Remember The Good Old Days When We Only Worried About Russia Getting One?"



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The U. S. exports 70% of the non-socialist world's nuclear energy facilities and is also the biggest supplier to those nations that have not signed the NPT. Current and future exports of nuke plants will be involving most of those nations suspected of having nuclear weapon aspirations. These include S. Korea, Taiwan, S. Africa, Brazil, Argentina,

Iran, Israel and Egypt. (5) GE and Westinghouse are doing a booming business in overseas reactor sales; and U. S. loans often help pay for them.

In order to compete more effectively in a U. S. dominated nuclear market, the French and W. German nuclear industries have been offering a "sweetener" in their reactor deals --enrichment and reprocessing-- the facilities that enable a nation to produce and process its own fuel. Without strict international supervision these facilities can produce weapons grade materials. These sellers suspect that fears about proliferation and warnings about reprocessing plant sales are an elaborate design for the protection of America's lucrative nuclear exporting business.

The Carter administration recognizes the dangers inherent in reprocessing and has tried to take some positive steps. "The assumption is", said one Carter campaign advisor, "that any nation seeking a reprocessing plant wants to have a nuclear weapons option. So, to overcome the attraction of this option, the U.S. would have to offer purchasers of nuclear reactors permanent and adequate access to fuel." This would leave full fuel cycle processes "safely" in the hands of a small group of nuclear suppliers.

## Nuclear Cartel

Senator Ribicoff has suggested that these suppliers could form a cartel to fairly divide up the global reactor market- his hope being that cut-throat competition involving dangerous technology could be avoided.

These proposals will help focus global attention on the dangers of fuel cycle technology, but they, like the NPT, will do little to stop proliferation. As long as international reactor sales continue, nuclear materials will continue to circulate abroad. American corporations will sell overseas as domestic sales slump in the face of a powerful anti-nuke movement and Germany will have to sell abroad to offset a domestic reactor moratorium.

As world uranium supplies dwindle, questions must also be raised about



the viability of guarantees concerning a continued supply of fuel. Plutonium is already being considered as a replacement fuel in the U.S., with a new plutonium-based energy economy to accompany it. Is the U.S. planning to help nations build reactors that can't be fueled or are there plans to reintroduce processed plutonium as a substitute? The choice may be between providing more plutonium or risking the wrath of allies as their energy economies crumble for lack of fuel.

#### Status Symbols

Strong sanctions against reprocessing can only be a part of the solution. Some Atoms for Peace nations are independently seeking reprocessing capabilities. "No matter what it costs," asserted one Brazilian official; "Brazil will have to make itself able to produce its own reactors and obtain technology for full cycle nuclear fuel, in order to guarantee the full completion of its nuclear program."<sup>7</sup>

Stopping the tide of proliferation will require more than selective safeguards and restrictions. As long as nuclear plants are being built abroad, there will always be the danger that they will be misused or that materials will fall into the wrong hands. In addition, the dangers that we associate with domestic plants are accentuated overseas, as few nuclear safety laws exist and even fewer are enforced.

As long as development is equated with nuclear energy, reactors will continue to spread. Rochester Gas and Electric and Niagara Mohawk are only one part of a nuclear energy model that sets a powerful example for non-nuclear nations to follow. Yet, every new plant they build becomes another incentive for another nation to do the same - to become a partner in Doomsday.

#### Footnotes

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## US helps South Africa 'Go Nuclear'

by David Easterbrook

In early 1976, reports appeared in the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times*, and the *Christian Science Monitor* concerning the export of weapon-grade uranium by the U.S. to South Africa ostensibly for use in South Africa's nuclear power industry. It later came out that 97 pounds of enriched uranium, processed at the U.S. Nuclear Corporation in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, had been exported in 1975. Indications were that 1976 shipments were expected to at least double the 1975 amount. This enriched uranium was exported to the South African government's research reactor in the Transvaal and the nuclear power generating plant near Cape Town, both operated by South African personnel trained at Oak Ridge and consultants "on loan" from the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission.

#### No Safeguards

Mineral-rich South Africa is as eager to receive such support from the U.S. as outlined above as the U.S. military-industrial complex is to receive abundant supplies of all the minerals South Africa has to offer, including uranium, mined with the labor of its African majority who are subjected unceasingly to the dehumanizing brutality of apartheid. South Africa is not a signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and thereby does not officially pledge to apply International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards in its utilization of nuclear materials. Mason Willrich, Professor of Law at the University of Virginia and international expert on nuclear matters, in his testimony before the House Subcommittee in May, 1976, echoed the unofficial but generally accepted U.S. policy line that co-operation and trade with South Africa in nuclear matters was a positive inducement to South Africa to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and apply IAEA standards.

The important point is that without accession to the Nuclear Non-

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Proliferation Treaty, South Africa is under no obligation whatsoever in the use of its nuclear potential. Furthermore, the safeguards required by the U.S. in the sale of nuclear materials to South Africa are not sufficiently strong.

#### New Suppliers

The fierce competition that has developed in recent years between nations anxious to export nuclear power products and production techniques has encouraged the U.S. to export materials to South Africa. Once the monopoly of the U.S. and Great Britain, the sale of reactors, fuel and related technical assistance is now carried on as well by France, the Netherlands, West Germany and Japan. Sales have therefore proliferated to countries such as Iran, Israel, Egypt, Brazil, India and South Africa forcing the U.S. to compete for an important market in South Africa which is well integrated with the economic and military policies of the U.S.

The U.S. nuclear connection with South Africa goes back to July 8, 1957 when a 50-year agreement on "nuclear co-operation" was signed between Washington and Pretoria. Subsequent amendments to that agreement have fully entrenched the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission in the role as supplier to the South African Electricity Supply Commission. It is not at all difficult to foresee moves to implement and solidify restrictions on South African assistance through the Export-Import Bank crumbling under the weight of such trade.

It is far from inconceivable that the South Africans are developing nuclear armaments. That this could be going on with at least the tacit approval of the U.S. is quite likely. No matter what the U.S. policy line when talking to independent African governments is, the fact remains that U.S. actions speak for themselves--the U.S. is exporting enriched uranium to South Africa in large quantities and is offering technical assistance toward South Africa's own development of a nuclear capability and all of this goes on outside of internationally agreed upon safeguards.

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A positive step toward a saner energy policy will be the enactment of a Nuclear Responsibility Act by the New York State Legislature. This act would halt further construction of nuclear power plants until some important waste-disposal and safety questions are answered. Such a bill was introduced at the last session of the Legislature but was bottled up in a State Senate Committee.

Liberal Party candidates for the Legislature in 1976 used public forums to state the importance of the enactment of such a law.

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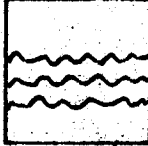

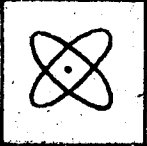
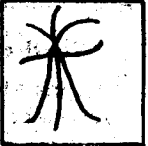
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# Nuclear Power: Dictator of Our Political Future

by Lorna Salzman

U.S. energy policy is being made backwards. Instead of starting a national dialogue on what values and priorities we want to stress in American society and matching our energy policies to them, we are instead choosing energy sources which by their costly, complex, centralized, hazardous nature, will in effect dictate our political and social future.

In the case of nuclear power, we are already being forced to accept restrictions on our personal freedoms as the price for safeguards against nuclear terrorism and sabotage. These restrictions range from utility guards with submachine guns under instructions to shoot to kill, to sanctioned surveillance of dissident citizen groups, and are an open admission by our government that nuclear proliferation (of both commercial and military nuclear facilities) represents the single greatest threat to national security. The question then arises as to whether these restrictions will bring on a political backlash that could stimulate the political terrorism they are designed to preclude.

## Big Brother

Some of the actions already taken by the Federal government and the private nuclear utilities (the latter accompanied by its promotional arm, the Atomic Industrial Forum and the public relations firm of Charles B. Yulish Associates in New York City), should give citizens cause for alarm. Over recent years the above conglomerate has been assembling dossiers on anti-nuclear individuals and organizations. Groups being surveyed include Friends of the Earth, Sierra Club, Ralph Nader's public interest groups, Environmental Action, Environmental Policy Center, Another Mother for Peace, and the Union of Concerned Scientists. Some utilities such as Potomac Electric Power Co. have files on environmental letter-writers in general.

Surveillance of individuals continues at a high pitch, with the aid of Federal agencies such as the FBI. Sev-

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eral years ago the Texas State Police, on the instigation of the FBI, assembled a dossier on Continental Airlines Pilot Robert Pomerey because he was a member of Citizens Association for Sound Energy, a group opposing a proposed nuclear power plant near Dallas. In this particular case the airline, who had been notified by the police of Pomerey's activities, told Pomerey of the investigation and the plot was exposed. More recently, it was revealed that Jacqueline Srouji, an FBI informant, had infiltrated the reporting staff of the Nashville Tennessean in order to keep tabs on an editor and a reporter who had written articles critical of nuclear power. Srouji's FBI connections came out in Congressional hearings when it was learned that she had had access to thousands of pages of top-secret FBI files on nuclear power information which clearly only an authorized FBI agent could have possessed or inspected. Srouji later received threats from the FBI not to reveal more information and was recently quoted in a Rolling Stone article as saying that she believed plutonium worker Karen Silkwood had been murdered because she had discovered a plot to smuggle plutonium out of the Kerr-McGee plant in Oklahoma.



Several government sponsored studies pinpoint the potential for nuclear terrorism and sabotage as the weakest link in the nuclear fuel cycle. In response to this, proposals have been made to institute wiretapping, surveillance, and infiltration of citizen groups to detect possible plots against nuclear facilities - neglecting the fact that nuclear critics are leading the battle to prevent nuclear violence, and that government aided nuclear proliferation will increase the potential for violence.

Both the Rosenbaum Special Safeguards study and the Mitre Corp. report

"The Threat to Licensed Nuclear Facilities" contain recommendations for citizen surveillance, personal searches, psychological studies, and investigation of people moving into neighborhoods near nuclear facilities, with surveillance done in conjunction with the FBI, CIA, and the NSA. Both reports recommend creation of a federal nuclear security force.

## Threat to Democracy

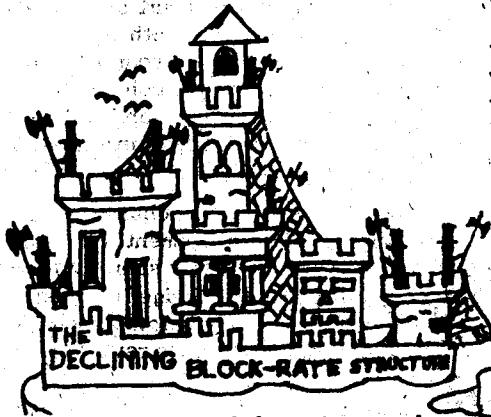
In the area of legislation, inroads are being made already into the democratic process. The State of Virginia considered a bill in 1975 (proposed by the Virginia Electric Power Co.) to permit VEPCO to set up its own police force with the power to arrest anyone anywhere in the state and obtain confidential records on citizens. Rep. Melvin Price of Illinois, co-sponsor of the infamous Price-Anderson Act (which exempts utilities from liability over a certain amount in the event of a nuclear accident) will re-introduce Federal legislation giving the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) the power to control the siting of nuclear power plants anywhere in the country. Thus, all state and local hearings and decisions on nuclear safety, economics, and siting would be eliminated. More recently, a Mitre-Corporation-sponsored report, "Public Participation in Energy Related Decision Making", responding to Dr. Albert Einstein's famous remark on the need to have decisions made by voices from the village square, suggested re-defining that village voice, an ominous threat to our basic Constitutional right to self-government.

All of this adds up to the indisputable fact that nuclear power as an energy source, as an economic institution, as a political bellwether, and as an environmental and health hazard, may already be condemning democracy to extinction, for it represents the ultimate concentration of political and economic power that in turn may control our personal lives, freedoms, and social fabric. For these reasons citizens must question nuclear power not on technical grounds but must examine the stresses that reliance on this uniquely dangerous energy source will create. The inescapable conclusion is that nuclear power is inherently incompatible with a democratic society.

# What Price for the Poor & Elderly?

by Fred Dusenbury

When low, moderate or fixed-income people have to cope with exceptionally rapid increases in utility bills as in the case of the '76 - '77 winter, the burden can create extraordinary hardships. The elderly people who have never before asked for help from any person or agency were es-



pecially hard pressed this winter and were forced to experience the humiliating experience of begging for help. Thousands of old people have shown up at emergency food centers because they paid their utility bills and found they had no money left for food:

When poor people cannot pay their bills, a social cost results which is often more than the bills themselves. The elderly are often forced to show up at a Welfare Department and the bill will get paid along with the administrative cost of processing the payment.

When a utility urges the construction of more and more expensive nuclear plants it is advocating a policy which will be most burdensome on low and moderate income people because it is the value of the utility property which goes to the rate base and is multiplied by the guaranteed rate of return. This, added to the huge costs of building the nuclear plant is what goes into those requests for rate increases.

Another outrage currently being attempted by utilities is the effort to include the CWIP factor (Con-

struction Work In Progress) in rate cases. Formerly, CWIP was denied a place in rate increases because it was felt the expense of building a generating plant could only be charged to customers after it started to generate electricity.

In recent hearings before the Federal Power Commission (FPC), a woman in her seventies from Queens N.Y., Rose Kryzak, protested that she did not want to pay for CWIP through her utility bills because she wouldn't be around to use the electricity when the plants finally got built. This offset the utility argument that the customer would get the benefits of CWIP later on. Ms.

Kryzak said she represented 22 million senior citizens and thereby created what was known inside the FPC as the "Kryzak problem". The FPC ultimately ruled that the problem was real, essentially agreeing with Rose Kryzak, one of the little-known, successful advocates for the elderly.

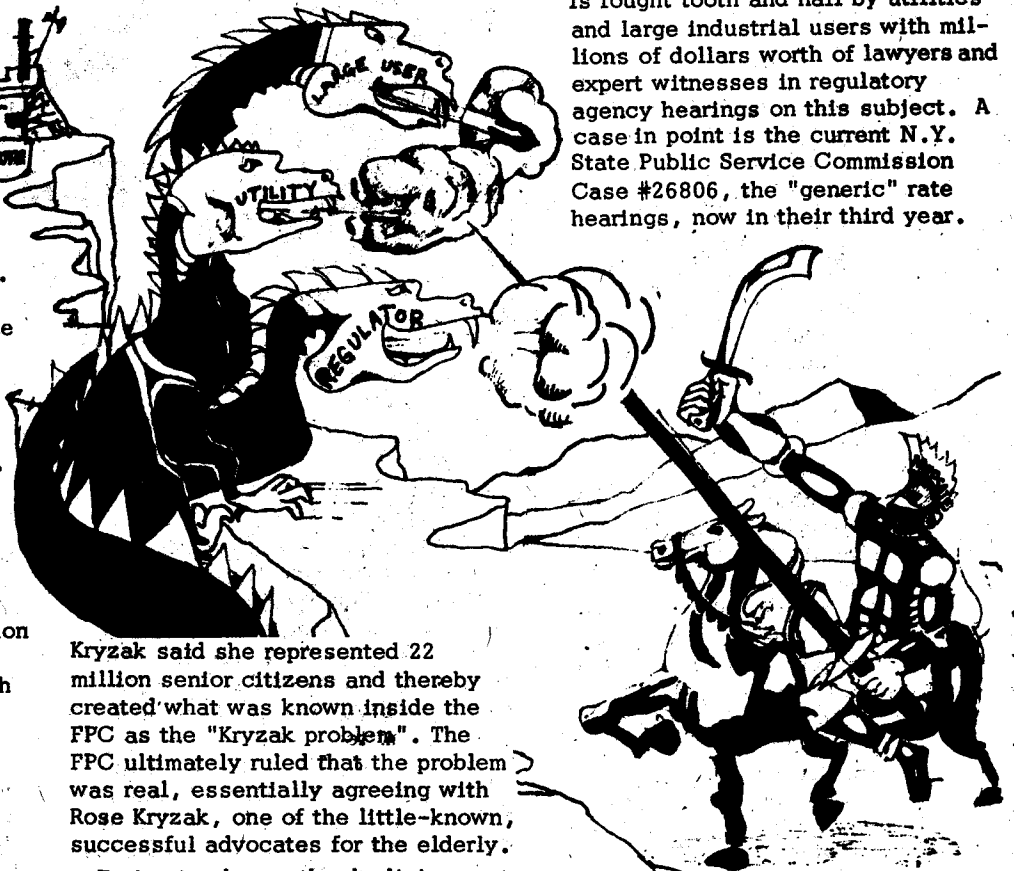
Trying to change the declining block rate structure, a well entrenched idea which discriminates against the poor, is like trying to stop CWIP, a relatively new idea.

Back in the 19th century, the declining block rate structure was seen as a positive way of promoting the sale of electricity. The more you used, the less you paid per unit use. It was a simple device to encourage

energy use, and it worked. The cost of electricity went down because larger and larger generators were more efficient than smaller ones.

In most areas of the U.S., the declining block rate structure is still with us, not only for electricity, but for natural gas also. Today, however, it is about as absurd as a Cadillac which gets gas at 40¢ a gallon while the Honda is forced to pay \$1.00 per gallon. Waste is encouraged and conservation ignored.

This kind of pricing structure encourages the life style whose end product is planning for nuclear generating plants. Any effort made to change this structure, however, is fought tooth and nail by utilities and large industrial users with millions of dollars worth of lawyers and expert witnesses in regulatory agency hearings on this subject. A case in point is the current N.Y. State Public Service Commission Case #26806, the "generic" rate hearings, now in their third year.



The struggle continues and the poor get poorer. Only when the poor, the low, moderate and fixed-income people join together to change the old outrages and stop the new ones like CWIP, will the utilities, regulators and legislatures respond.

The people united can never be defeated.

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# Nuclear Welfare

by Pete Caplan

"Too cheap to meter" was the prediction made in the 50's about nuclear-generated electricity. A continuous propaganda barrage of similar statements relating to the safety, reliability and cleanness of nuclear power facilitated the industry's highly lucrative raids on the public treasury and made possible over 20 years of growth. Now, with dozens of plants in operation and hundreds more being built and planned, the Council on Economic Priorities in New York City has found that the performance record of these plants is so poor that they are no longer economically competitive with coal-fired power anywhere in the US.<sup>1</sup> Serious problems in the fuel cycle have dramatically appeared; uranium prices are skyrocketing, and nobody wants to reprocess fuel, nor to play host to toxic wastes that result from this endeavor. The ill-starred breeder reactor, which was supposed to banish forever our fuel problems, has been the victim of a 23% cut in the Carter budget. Yet, its development, originally estimated at \$0.7 billion, will have already consumed over four times that amount by the end of this year.

Nukes are in trouble; are bailouts coming? Let's look at the record.

The work on the first atomic bomb--the Manhattan Project of the 1940's, was the world's largest scientific undertaking up to that point. It is impossible to estimate its total effect in providing the initial expertise, equipment, huge national lab facilities, and multi-billion dollar fuel refining plants that were to launch the civilian nuclear program of 1946, via the first Atomic Energy Act, which among other claims, announced that it would be directed toward "strengthening free competition in private enterprise". As soon as the resulting government power-reactor research & development program had made substantial progress, private interests pressed to be included. Legislation was drafted and hearings held. The testimony, dominated by large corporations, was heavily in favor of private control of the emerging industry, with only some labor and farmer

groups dissenting. With utilities expressing reluctance to take the risks, attractive incentives had been engineered into the proposed program. After considerable debate in Congress, the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 was passed, legitimizing what amounted to a blatant give-away, mainly to private enterprise, of eight years of taxpayer-funded research.



Thus began a new heavily-subsidized reactor demonstration program, in which the AEC would pay for and perform much of the research, then turn the plants over to private utilities to be operated for profit. The powerful, big business-dominated Joint Committee on Atomic Energy helped expand this program. It also pushed through the Price-Anderson Act of 1959, providing up to \$1/2 billion in government-backed insurance in case of a nuclear accident. The program succeeded, and private utilities then began to build their own plants.

What has been the cost to the taxpayer? As of mid-1976, Ralph Nader estimated that "the nuclear industry has benefited from \$7 billion in direct government program funds".<sup>2</sup> The spinoff from the enormous amounts

spent on military research going back to the Manhattan Project may comprise a much larger indirect subsidy.

With municipally-owned utilities and small privately owned utilities unable to find the capital or obtain sufficient subsidies to compete, a relatively small number of corporate giants in time totally dominated the field of reactor construction. The leaders, GE and Westinghouse, repeatedly hauled into court due to anti-trust actions, were both found guilty in a price-fixing scandal, yet never seemed to have much trouble when subsidy time came around. So much for free competition in private enterprise.

And, the day of the subsidy is far from over. The government's commitment to nukes is easily seen by looking at ERDA budget requests. The numbers below take into account Carter's revisions:

nuclear:	(million)
fusion R&D	\$411
fuel cycle R&D	301
breeder reactor	618
NRC safety facilities	26
high energy & nuclear R&D	680
environmental R&D (mostly nuclear)	203
nuclear materials safeguards	40
enrichment (less estimated sales to non-Fed. users)	1607
	\$3886
non-nuclear:	(million)
conservation R&D	180
fossil fuel development	547
solar	275
geothermal	69
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Omitting administrative costs and purely military activity, nuclear accounts for over 3/4 of this portion of the budget. The military part of the budget itself contains hidden subsidies. One example is high guaranteed buy-back prices for bomb plutonium, produced as a by-product in civilian reactors. Other items on the growing subsidy list are: expensive waste disposal and fuel reprocessing schemes, operations of regulatory agencies, and Federal protection of plutonium transfers.

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# Who Wants Nuclear Power, Anyway?

by Chris Murray

Look at the multi-dimensional challenge to nuclear power -- health and environmental hazards, weapons proliferation, unsolved technological problems, skyrocketing costs, et al. Who in their right mind would want it? Overwhelming evidence has been amassed against nuclear power development, yet it's pursued with vigor. Why?

The big push is clearly coming from the economic sector. The nukes' advocate is corporate America, buttressed with promotion and money from the government (see *Nuclear Welfare*, p. 15). Their economic stake is evident -- from the slick piece extolling nuclear power tucked in our electric bills to million dollar campaigns like the one recently waged by Pacific Gas & Electric and GE to defeat Proposition 13, California's anti-nuke referendum.

## "Live Better Electrically"

The development of commercial nuclear power sprang from a happy coincidence of interests -- the betterment of humankind and profits. In the early 50's, the government, trying to exorcise the evil of nuclear warfare, began pushing the peaceful atom, and the message was not lost on Business. Corporate lobbying began long before AEC proposed legislation that would hand the infant nuclear power industry over to private enterprise. An AEC official summarized the corporate pitch: "Dollarwise, most of this interest centers on the generation of electrical energy utilizing nuclear fuel".<sup>1</sup>

How alluring for giants like GE and Westinghouse who profit by making products that generate, distribute, and consume electrical energy. As a GE spokesman modestly put it: "Our potential revenue base in a nuclear plant, for example, is some 6 times that of a fossil plant because we can supply the reactor, the fuel, and fuel re-loads, as well as turbine generators and their auxiliary equipment."<sup>2</sup>

## The Game of Monopoly

The very nature of nuclear technology, with its demand for heavy capital investment and high level scientific/engineering skill, has precluded smaller companies from entering or surviving in the industry, and has reinforced the monopolistic structure of corporate society. GE and West-

Chris Murray used to work for GE. Its profiteering is one of her favorite topics.

inghouse oligopolize the nuclear reactor industry; they've supplied 268 of the 437 reactors completed or on order in the non-Communist world. GE has had no competition for its style reactor since Allis-Chalmers gave up in 1966. Both corporations have extensive control over the making of their nuclear products. For example, GE manufactures every major component of its reactor except one, which is provided by a jointly owned subsidiary. This past year, GE absorbed Utah, Int., whose business is mining, among other things, uranium. To placate the Justice Dept, the uranium operations have been transferred to a new company, but GE will reap dividends of 85% of its net after-tax income.<sup>3</sup>

## The Tremendous Foreign Market

ERDA has estimated that by 1980, fuel sales will be generating exports of more than \$500 million yearly and power plant equipment \$1.77 billion in annual exports. GE and Westinghouse, who supply 70% of the reactors outside the US, each reaped over \$600 million in revenue in 1974. Intriguingly, the US' 2 strongest competitors, Framatome (Fr.) and Kraftwerk (W. Germany), are licensed by US corporations and peddle US technology. Westinghouse, who owns 45% of Framatome, may earn as much as \$4 million from France's sale of 2 reactors to Iran. So much for assailing France and W. Germany's nuclear sales to Pakistan and Brazil!<sup>4</sup>

## The Crux

All of which suggests that there are deep rooted reasons producing this hell-bent force for nuclear power. A look at the nature of our industrial society sheds some more light. Over the last 30 years, a veritable revolution in our production system has taken place. Industry now relies on mechanization and automation to produce its goods. Machines, and the energy required to operate them, are replacing more and more workers. The effect of this has been quantum leaps in industrial output -- the GNP doubled between 1950 and '70 -- and in energy consumption. But at what costs? The more technology-dependent industry becomes, the greater its capital costs, the greater its energy use, and the fewer the jobs. To put it another way, capital productivity (output per investment \$) has steadily declined, as has energy productivi-

ty (output per energy consumed), but this has made possible the desired (if you're a capitalist) increase in labor productivity (output per worker).<sup>5</sup>

While this phenomenon characterizes US industry as a whole, the most blatant example occurs in the energy industry itself, where capital productivity fell by 18% in just 13 years -- 1960-'73. The consequences of all of this are an ever stronger tendency toward unemployment and an ever increasing demand for capital (if not an outright capital shortage). Between 1970-'73, capital needed to support energy production amounted to about 24% of the capital invested in US business altogether, and is expected to exceed 1/3 by 1978. The serious point is that the energy industry will not be able to pay its own way, but more and more of the total available capital will be diverted to meeting its needs.<sup>6</sup>

Increasing demand for capital can only mean rising interest rates, insistence by corporations on government budget surpluses as a source of additional capital, increased depreciation allowances, lower corporate taxes and rising prices.

This insatiable appetite for capital, joined with rising unemployment, portends total economic devastation without some countervailing force. The cure is nuclear power! Growth -- increasing the total output of the industrial system, will generate capital and make jobs available. Paradoxically, growth will do this by consuming capital and energy, and displacing workers. Surely energy must be the key to avoiding economic collapse. We can win at this maniacal game, if at all, if we have a source of cheap, bountiful energy. And we're forced to participate in this monstrous gamble! As long as those who control our economy, whose fortune and power depend on our capitalist economy, perceive nuclear power to be the energy source to meet their needs, nuclear power will be forced upon us.

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# Nuclear Economics and the Energy Complex

by Lisa Johns

In speaking of nuclear economics, it is impossible to separate the nuclear industry from the remainder of the energy industry, and in turn the energy industry is inseparable from the general economy. As we shall see, a study of the financial interests in the nuclear field reads like a Who's Who among corporate and banking giants in the US.

Barry Commoner, in his important new book, The Poverty of Power (Alfred A. Knopf, 1976) speaks of the energy complex, which has arisen out of post-war changes in our production system. "One branch of this complex, the petroleum and natural gas industry, produces fuel, chiefly for transportation and, to a lesser extent, for residential and industrial use. Another branch produces fuel, chiefly coal and uranium, for electric power production by utilities. The transportation and electric-power industries depend most directly on these two fuel producing branches, but ultimately the whole of the production system depends on them as well."

This complex--petroleum, natural gas, coal mining, nuclear fuel production--dominates the US production system. "It is," says Commoner, "the most dynamic, economically powerful sector of industry, and--if nothing is changed-- it is likely to determine the future behavior of the entire production system." The implications of this concentration of power and wealth will be discussed in due course, but first let's examine who is who in the nuclear business.

First, of course, are GE and Westinghouse, which together account for 70-80% of nuclear sales in the US. Then there are the "oil" companies--Mobil, Exxon, Gulf, et al. Fifteen of the leading oil companies (which themselves rank near the top of the Fortune "500" list) are involved in nuclear ventures of one sort or another, most commonly uranium mining and milling. (It is useful to

remember that all are also involved in natural gas production, and many in coal as well. In short, they have the options covered.)

GE, Westinghouse, and the oil companies are linked by a common bond--the big banks, which are also plugged in (so to speak) to many of the utilities.

and Gulf. Westinghouse shares directors with Citibank, which in turn is tied to Con Edison, Rochester Gas & Electric, and Long Island Lighting. GE shares directors with Texaco and Morgan Guaranty. Morgan is linked to Niagara Mohawk and Con Ed.



"The Crocker National Bank board of directors meeting stands adjourned. The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's board of directors will please come to order."

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Five of the nation's largest banking and investment firms--Banker's Trust, Chase Manhattan, Citibank, Morgan Guaranty and Merrill, Lynch--together control about 9% of GE's total outstanding stock, and 10% of Westinghouse. The same five are among the top ten stockholders in 74% of all utilities with nuclear facilities, and have major holdings in some of the oil companies. Interestingly, the five are also members of the Atomic Industrial Forum, a pro-nuclear industry lobbying group.

But there is more--a web of interlocking corporate directors among all of these: industry, oil, banks and utilities. Mellon National Bank shares directors with Westinghouse

Just a few days' casual research turned up these ties, and it is reasonable to suppose the web could be drawn tighter, with a little more digging. (See also "Who's Who in PASNY," p. 19.)

The utility sector, the most capital-intensive industry in the US, is also highly profitable. It has maintained a 7% annual growth rate for nearly half a century, making utility stocks blue chip favorites and their bond issues AAA. And, of course, the industry fully expects to maintain this rate of growth into the foreseeable future. Pleas from environmentalists on the need to conserve move them not at all. As one economist

(concluded on p. 18)

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 put it, "To conserve energy in a growth-oriented economy is like letting the cat into the pigeon coop. Such a perturbation is not envisioned by the Keynesian General Theory nor by post World War II economic theory."

Energy, in short, is big business, and some very powerful economic interests have invested heavily in nuclear power because of the growth (and profit) potential it appears to offer. But larger than the question of vested interests in nuclear energy itself, is the place of energy--of any kind--in the total economy. Every sector depends on energy, and thereby on those small and concentrated numbers of corporate and banking interests which control it and make important decisions for us--on how energy is produced, how to price and distribute it, etc.

We are already experiencing some of the consequences, as oil prices rise precipitously (1973) or a "shortage" of natural gas suddenly develops (1977). The push to nuclear power is part of a general pattern which must be resisted if citizens and taxpayers are to recover any measure of control over their economic lives.

**NUCLEAR WELFARE**, continued from p.15

As the industry's troubles mount, bailouts appear on the horizon: In May, 1976, ERDA, aware of the rising price (now up to \$40/lb.) and future shortage of uranium, announced it would make available its stockpile of 100 million lbs at \$11/lb. With the price expected to approach \$100/lb later this year, the bailout could be as high as \$8-9 billion -- all paid for by us.

The nuclear Fuel Services fiasco at West Valley (see pp. 4-5, 8-9), which looks like it may lead to a \$1/2 billion subsidy, is being given serious competition by events at Barnwell, S.C., where a \$250 million fuel reprocessing facility under construction will, according to government officials, require an additional \$1/2 billion federal subsidy if it is to work.

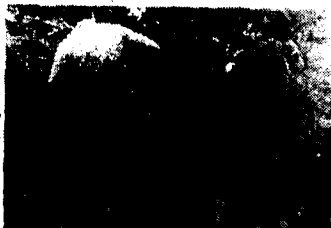
Meanwhile, right at home, Rochester Gas and Electric in 1974 purchased all of the electricity it needed for residential customers from PASNY at low rates. After adding on distribution, debt service, and tax costs, plus a modest 80% profit, RG&E turned around and sold the electricity to the public at what turned out to be over

seven times the original purchase price. But, more: It then used the profits to subsidize the operation of a costly nuke at Ginna, to sell at a loss to other utilities and at a low rate to industry.<sup>3</sup>

An increasing number of people are beginning to realize that a continuing commitment to nuclear power and, for that matter, to any big-scale, high-technology energy schemes, be they concerned with bigger and better nukes, or, for that matter, coal and oil, are bound to lead to an endless channelling of taxpayer dollars and of political power into the hands of the corporate giants and their friends, committing us all to capital-intensive ways of doing things, and leaving us with mindless growth and its consequences -- waste, unemployment, and a ruined environment.

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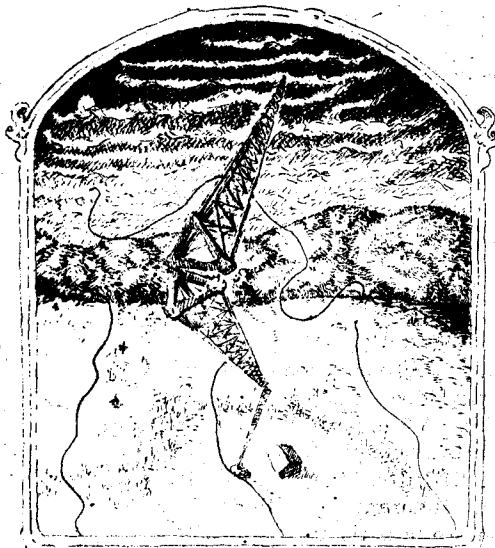
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# How Much Does Nuclear Power Really Cost? by Joanne Fudala

The Wall Street Journal has called today's nuclear power plants "atomic lemons." These lemons are causing the rates paid by electric utility customers to increase, not decrease, as the nuclear industry is fond of claiming. Capital construction costs are the highest in the energy industry, and are responsible for 77% of the cost of nuclear generated electricity. Studies by Ebasco and Bechtel, two nuclear engineering firms, reveal that nuclear plant construction costs are rising about 15% annually. Nuclear generated electricity now costs about \$500KWe. Plants completed in 1985 will cost around \$1000-1500KWe.

The low reliability of nuclear plants once they are actually operating causes an additional burden to utility ratepayers. Nuclear plants are shut down about 45% of the time for repairs due to frequent breakdown of components, or the discovery of major flaws common to all reactors of a certain design. During

the prolonged outages, power has to be obtained elsewhere--and the extra cost of the additional power is passed on to utility ratepayers.

More than \$100 billion has already been invested in nuclear power, according to an article in the *New York Times* (2/9/75). Yet the power industry cannot exist or expand without massive government subsidy. The government has provided most of the research and development funds, \$6.9 billion taxpayer dollars, for nuclear power.

Fuel costs have traditionally been billed as nuclear power's great advantage over fossil-fueled plants. However, uranium costs are soaring. The price of unenriched uranium has gone from \$6 to \$42 a pound in ten years, and continues to rise. Prices may actually go as high as \$300/lb. by 1985. The government has calculated that every \$1.00 increase in the price of uranium would add \$200,000,000 to the cost of nuclear

electricity in the year 2000. Costs at the "back end" of the fuel cycle are soaring as well. Reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel will cost \$250 a pound by 1985--up to five times the original projections.

In order for nuclear fission power to have any viability at all beyond the year 2000, it will be necessary to develop the plutonium breeder reactor, which brings with it huge costs, and huge new health and safety problems. ERDA calculates that to achieve a full-fledged commercial breeder will take \$10 billion (or approximately 10 times the costs of the already vastly expensive Light Water Reactors.)

Despite the myths of cheapness the nuclear industry likes to fuel the public with, there are signs of real concern. According to *Nucleonics Week* (11/16/76), the president of Philadelphia Electric, a former staunch supporter, now says that buying nuclear power is an act of faith.

## Who's Who In PASNY

The Power Authority of the State of New York (PASNY) was organized in 1931 to develop New York's hydroelectric power in the St. Lawrence river area. At first opposed to the activities of private utilities, by 1950 its philosophy changed to support private nuclear power. A look at today's trustees will show the interlocking interests with Republican politics, banks, law firms, etc.

**James A. Fitzpatrick, Chairman:**  
NY State Republican Party platform chairman 1958, 60, 62, 66, 70; member Board of Directors of First Commercial Bank, along with Edmund H. Fallon, Niagara-Mohawk official, and John Haehl, president and chief executive of Niagara-Mohawk and a director of Empire State Power Resources, Inc. (ESPRI)

**George L. Ingalls, Vice-chairman:**  
NY State Assembly majority and minority leader, 1961-'66.; member of Binghamton law firm which is counsel for Marine Midland, Utilities Mutual, and Utica Mutual Insurance, all three of whom are heavily involved with

NY State private utilities

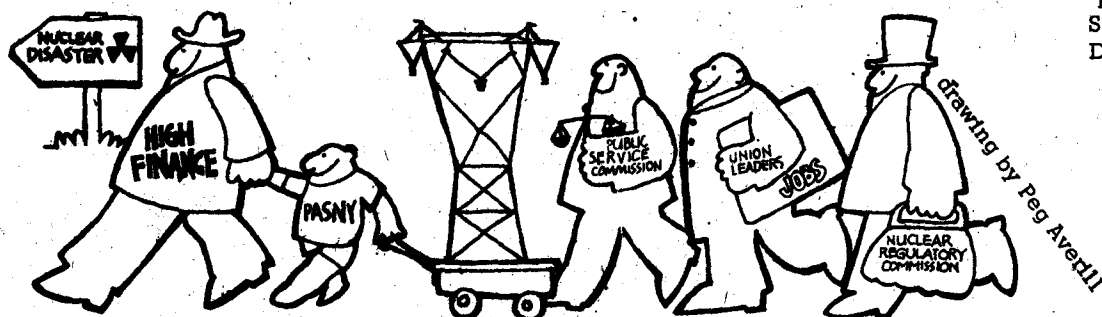
**Raymond J. Lee:**

son of a former state Senator and nephew of former state Supreme Court Justice; life-long friend of William Miller, Goldwater's running mate in '64, proponent of private utilities, and supporter of the Lee family's political quests

**William Ronan:**

earns \$100,000 per year as an advisor to the Rockefeller family; chairperson of the NY Port Authority; interlocks with Marine Midland through the Board of Directors of Continental Copper & Steel

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# Alternatives to Nuclear - Generated Electricity

by Frank Doble

When Edward II (1284-1327) needed relief from a toothache, his physician prescribed writing on the jaws of the patient: "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, Amen." And now perhaps it's time for the high priests of nuclear technology to stencil these very words on the boilers, emergency core cooling systems, etc. of the planet's nuclear reactors. Meanwhile people ask, "Where are we going to get electricity?"

## Electricity - 30%

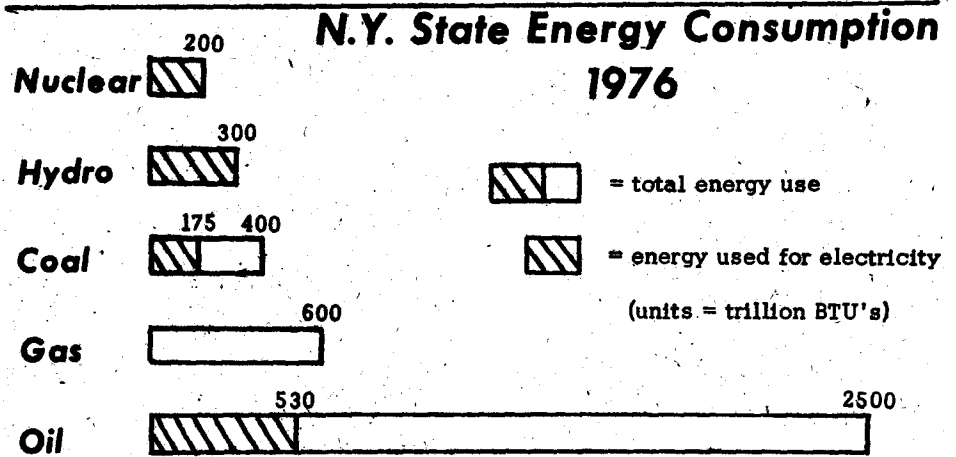
Presently 30% of all our energy is used to generate electricity. Nuclear power contributes only 16% of electricity (5% of total energy) with oil and coal the main sources of electric production. Unfortunately these rich resources won't last forever and coal, though abundant, requires expensive land reclamation and pollution control work. Even worse is the fact that nearly 70% of the energy used to generate electricity is lost before we get it and what isn't lost in transmission is frequently wasted trying to heat shoddily insulated homes and buildings. Waste is our biggest problem.

The best alternatives for electric generation would use renewable resources such as wind, wood and falling water. Being forms of solar energy these alternatives are diffuse. Thus, smaller, localized plants will be needed to make effective use of their energy potential (to derive maximum net energy). The diffuse energy of falling rain can gather force for huge hydro projects, but wood does not collect itself and when we try to ship wood a long distance, the economic advantage over say, coal, tails off. Towns and communities stand to benefit greatly from this reversal of economies of scale.

## Wood

In 1976 the N. Y. State Legislature received from its commission

Frank Doble, a member of the Syracuse Peace Council steering committee, heats his home mostly with wood.



Adapted from: Energy Almanac 1960-1980, NYS Dept. of Public Service, 1976.

on energy systems a report that looks favorably upon the idea of energy plantations. Instead of importing 90% of our energy from outside the state, we can plant hybrid poplars, cut them every 3 years (yield: 8 tons/acre/year) and fuel wood burning electric generating plants. Apparently there is enough land to provide for all of the state's electrical demand. Again, the advantage would be to the smaller, localized power system which makes use of secondary or "waste" heat. (In nuke plants it all goes into the environment as thermal pollution.)

## Wind

Wind is not steady but neither is it such a difficult matter to catch it when it does blow. Let's not forget that wind helped power Medieval Europe for 700 years. And by adjusting demand via time of day metering and working wind in tandem with other systems, we can make the most of the windier winter months when demand is greatest. Note: you can hook up a wind electric system to your electric meter so that when more electricity comes in than is needed, the excess goes into the grid, backing the meter down. All we need is cooperation from the utilities (public power, anyone?)

Many other alternatives are in operation or under study. Of the several forms of solar energy, passive solar for space heating is most

promising with thermal fluid systems and photovoltaics (solar electricity) decidedly more expensive and complicated. Tidal and geothermal energy are in use in some areas but are not likely to be developed here. Ocean thermal gradients is but one of many possible future sources of energy.

## Cost Considerations

Perhaps you're thinking, "Yes, these are all very interesting possibilities, but what are the costs?" Frankly, some systems - especially the technology intensive systems - are indeed expensive. Reason enough to act quickly on energy conservation. But we would be making a big mistake to think that costs determine policy. In fact it is policy that greatly influences cost. And considering the subsidies, depletion allowances, environmental costs ("externalities") etc. at work in nuclear and fossil fuel systems, wood and wind look very good indeed.

To sum up, a sound energy program for N. Y. State would utilize the region's renewable resources: sun, wind, water and wood. The technology needed to "harness" these resources is already in existence; their proper use would require strict conservation, provide the energy we need and have a positive effect on employment.

Question: "Can such alternatives resist co-option by a corporate technocracy?"

# Is Energy Conservation a Real Alternative?

by Ruth Caplan

If you oppose nuclear power and are unhappy with the environmental hazards of coal and oil, what do you propose? One answer is renewable energy sources such as solar and wind power. These are vital, but they cannot support a growing or even stable energy appetite. Attempts to burden them with such a task leads to talk of covering Arizona with collectors or making Lake Ontario into an erector-set of windmills. The role of energy conservation is essential in developing a sane energy policy for the future.

ENERGY CONSERVATION CAN RESULT IN A 50% SAVINGS IN OUR CURRENT ENERGY CONSUMPTION WITHOUT CHANGING OUR STANDARD OF LIVING. You are skeptical? How is it that Sweden with a cold climate, a comparable standard of living and similar per capita GNP uses only 60% as much energy per capita as the U.S.?<sup>1</sup> Because "ample insulation, efficient transportation and productive use of waste heat from electrical generation are already a way of life in Sweden," responds Dennis Hayes of the World Watch Foundation.<sup>2</sup>

Such savings are possible for the U.S. as well. Studies such as a recent survey by the American Physical Society show that the U.S. could double its energy efficiency using existing technology without any loss in wealth.

In A Time to Choose, the Energy Policy Project of the Ford Foundation argues that by imposing a 15% tax on energy and by spending the revenues on low energy activities such as health care and education, our economy could move to zero energy growth with no noticeable adverse economic effects (and just maybe a higher level of social welfare).

There is widespread fear that less energy means less jobs. But

Ruth Caplan was involved in Ecology Action of Oswego's intervention in Nine Mile 2 Nuclear Plant hearings, where energy conservation was proposed as an alternative to nuclear power. Now she is helping plan the Sierra Club regional conference on energy conservation. (See box.)

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a major conservation measure is co-generation, a method by which industrial steam is first used to produce electricity. Co-generation is already in use in Europe. It would mean a major energy and dollar savings to industry here which now buys fossil fuels to make process steam and then buys its electricity from the utilities.

In most cases, conservation would allow more jobs to be created since energy has been used as a substitute for human labor. In the construction industry more than half the cement used could be saved by employing more and better labor to mix and place the cement correctly, according to Richard Stein, Chairman of the NY Board of Architecture. In a year this would save as much electricity as three large nuclear plants would produce.

Even today energy does not equal jobs. Energy producing industries are themselves the poorest source of jobs. Further, the top 15 energy consuming industries use 45% of all energy used for manufacturing, but employ only 10% of the current work force. While total employment has increased 41% over the last two decades, total employment in these industries has not changed.

### Opposition

Who advocates growth? Most important are the energy industries themselves. Hayes puts it well: "The company for whom a dollar burned is a dollar earned, is generally unenthusiastic about 'returned merchandise'." <sup>3</sup> A recent Mobil ad is an excellent example. In

"Conservation is like cholesterol," they argue that a little is good, but a lot is bad.

Organized labor also strongly supports energy growth. In upstate New York the building trades unions see jobs for an otherwise depressed industry, in the construction of large generating plants.

More broadly, organized labor has fought for higher wages on the basis of higher productivity which depends on cheap energy and on machinery.

### What is being Done?

There is already legislative support for energy conservation. The Energy Conservation and Production Act of 1976 directs HUD to establish performance standards for new commercial and residential buildings to assure they will be built with the adequate energy conservation features. An earlier Energy Policy and Conservation Act provided funding for the development of state energy conservation plans, some of which are now ready for public review.

Meanwhile an environmental coalition in the Pacific Northwest has taken a much more comprehensive approach. They have gotten ERDA funding for a study showing that six proposed generating plants for the region (3 nukes and 3 coal) are not needed. The study details an alternative scenario in which insulation and other energy saving measures along with encouragement of labor-intensive enterprises in the region would make the new plants unnecessary.<sup>4</sup> The development of such data relating to a specific region which can be applied to a utility's territory is an important milestone in implementing energy conservation.

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# Yes, But What About Jobs?

by JEANNE FUDALA

Perhaps the most dangerous and divisive myth about the supposed need for nuclear power is that it will provide a great number of jobs, and that, in fact, without a vast growth in overall energy production, lowered living standards and rampant unemployment will result. The fact is, however, that the energy producing industries, especially nuclear power, are the most capital-intensive and least labor-intensive in the US economy. The Worldwatch Institute, in a report to the Federal Energy Administration (FEA) supports this conclusion, while also pointing out that the energy industries drain a huge amount of energy in order to produce energy. States Worldwatch, "Though fuels and electricity are the most energy-intensive goods in the economy, the fuel industries and electrical companies provide very little employment per dollar of goods produced... Capital diverted from nuclear reactors, coal and petroleum refineries will produce more long-term employment if invested in almost any other enterprise."

An analysis done by the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory for the Energy Research & Development Administration (ERDA), specifically concluded that "a dollar spent on electricity produced fewer jobs than almost any other option." It takes seven times the monetary investment to create a job in the electric utility industry as it does for manufacturing. Professor Henry Kendall of the Union of Concerned Scientists observed that while electricity requires 15% of the nation's capital, it provides only 2% of the jobs.

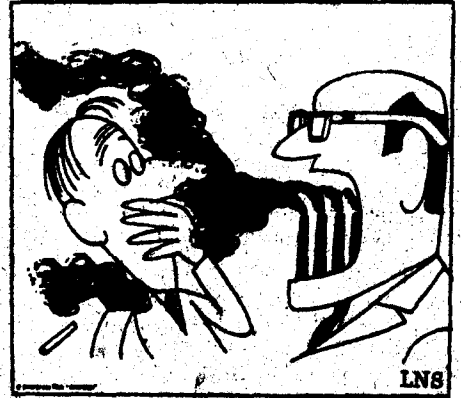
Energy conservation, contrary to popular supposition, is actually a source of energy because the process of reducing energy waste extracts more energy from each barrel or kilowatt. Therefore, extensive conservation will not cause economic austerity and unemployment, as many in the energy industry would have us believe. According to the Worldwatch report to the FEA, over half the energy

produced in the United States is wasted. The Ford Foundation Energy Policy Project concluded that the United States could reduce its overall energy growth rate without reducing the nation's standard of living. For example, the per capita energy use in four countries--West Germany, Sweden, Denmark and Switzerland--is only half that of the US, but their per capita gross national products (GNP) are slightly higher. Thus, there is not a correlation between the amount of energy consumed and the quality of life. Conservation means not austerity, but efficiency!

There is also not a correlation between energy growth and jobs. The Ford Foundation Project found that a reduction from the historical energy growth rate of 3.3% to a 2% annual growth rate would actually result in a slight 1.5% boost in employment and a zero growth rate would cause a 3.3% jobs increase. As physicist Lee Schipper of the Lawrence Lab at Berkeley observes, "Greater employment results from more workers [being] needed to build and run a more sophisticated [efficient] energy industry and more labor needed to make well-designed, insulated buildings and homes, efficient appliances and autos, and mass transit."

The energy industry is attempting to use the natural gas crisis as an excuse to hype nuclear power (despite the fact that evidence points to a shortage deliberately created by them). The point does arise, though, that a supply of energy is necessary to run the factories that supply jobs. But here again, efficiency can contribute a great deal to keeping factories adequately supplied, and at the same time, make them far less vulnerable to being crippled by temporary "shortages" and the long term real reduction in the available fuel supply. Industry has at its unique disposal a method of supplying half of its own electrical needs by 1985, through a process called "cogeneration." This is the generation of electricity using the process steam normally produced in many industries.

According to physicist Amory Lovins, author of several incisive books deal-



ing with the global energy situation, cogeneration coupled with more efficient use of electricity could reduce our total national use of electricity 30%, and our central station generation 60%. This is equal to the amount of energy that nuclear power was expected to be able to provide by the year 2000. Additionally it is now recognized that nuclear power will generate nowhere near that amount because it has become such an economic boondoggle that orders for reactors, and reactor construction, have been delayed or cancelled. Thus, energy efficiency in all sectors of the economy can guarantee us the energy we need to run our industries and provide jobs without necessitating the use of nuclear power, even should other fuel shortages occur. And, in fact, it is the supply of uranium which is actually closer to depletion--at least at economically recoverable rates--than fossil fuels (coal, oil, gas). A dependency on nuclear fuel could actually prove to be the worstcrippler of factories--and jobs.

While energy-saving methods will keep the levels of employment at slightly higher levels than will the construction of new generating facilities, the accelerated use of alternate energy technologies, such as solar and wind energy generation, can significantly increase the levels of employment. In May, 1976, Skip Laitner of Ralph Nader's Public Citizen, presented a report on energy and employment to the Conference on Energy Efficiency in Washington, D.C. Laitner's study, based on FEA Project

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# Energy & Appropriate Technology

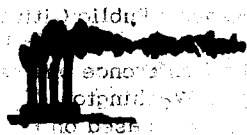
by Dennis Livingston

Independence report figures, showed that the solar technologies--heating and cooling, bioconversion, wind-power and photovoltaic cells--had the potential to generate 2.5 times as many jobs by the year 2000 as nuclear power is expected to.

Even compared with coal-fired plants, nuclear power is a poor generator of jobs. Public Citizen, in another study, found that the total labor requirements for the lifetime of a 1000 Megawatt-electrical (MWe) coal plant would be 40% higher than for the same sized nuclear plant.

A report prepared for Assemblyman Dan Haley in 1976, when he was Chairman of the Legislative Committee on Energy Systems, analyzed the comparative employment potential of various energy sources in New York State. The job-creating possibilities of conservation and two alternate energy sources, wind and wood, were found to be two-to-six times that of nuclear or coal generation. Harvesting wood for energy was found to have the best potential of all, 70-80,000 worker years per 1000 MWe of power, or four to six times as many jobs as nuclear and coal-fired plants. Conservation techniques could provide up to three times the employment in the State at equal or lower capital costs, and, of course, far less energy costs, than nuclear or coal generation.

Thus, nuclear power, in addition to its extraordinary health hazards, is also a hazard to economic well-being. Nuclear power will not benefit employment; it is an expensive, wasteful, and dangerous form of energy generation that actually provides very few jobs. Its overall long-range effect will be to reduce employment while causing an increase in the cost of living through being a main contributor to rising electric utility rates. Nuclear power, therefore, is a threat to both our health (and that of many future generations), and to our livelihoods.



Stimulated by the writings of E.F. Schumacher and others, great interest has arisen in recent years around the subject of the most appropriate fit between a given scale of technology and the particular environment in which it is to operate. While the prevailing assumption during the past several centuries of industrialization in the West has been that progress and efficiency are co-equal with increasing the size and complexity of technology, the appropriate technology (AT) movement challenges this linear perspective. Proponents of AT also emphasize that no technology is inherently neutral, but must be based on explicit value judgments regarding its contribution to a preferred quality of life.

## Decentralization

Knowing how to judge the appropriateness of technology is not easy. There is no single, standard definition, but AT literature commonly stresses that human survival with dignity is best promoted through a technology that enhances diversity, autonomy, self-reliance - in short, a decentralist and decentralizing technology. Such technology can be identified according to a spectrum of criteria of appropriateness, including use of renewable sources of energy in production and operation, maximum utilization of local resources, manufacture undertaken in proximity to points of consumption, use of labor-intensive means of production, efficiency under local economies of scale, benign impact with local ecosystems at points of application, and comprehensibility to those who use it. In general, AT is "fit" for a relatively steady-state, conserver society.

The relevance of this approach to the nuclear power debate is obvious - by virtually all the criteria, nuclear plants are inappropriate. It is important to note that even if nuclear power were judged to be reasonably safe, in terms of public

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health and environmental concerns, it would still be unsuitable on other grounds - it is highly capital intensive, does not stimulate conservation or simpler life styles, and is politically inaccessible to local decision-making (in 'normal' circumstances). Nuclear power, thus, enhances greater dependence by individuals and communities on sources of energy not subject to their control or understanding, while strengthening prevailing political and economic institutions.

Clearly, AT does not involve technology alone, but a vision of an alternative society built, in part, around a participatory, democratic technology. This vision, in turn, informs technological choices made in the present. In terms of energy production, technological candidates appropriate to decentralist goals would include local/regional forms of hydroelectric, methane, wood alcohol, solar and wind power. As Amory Lovins has pointed out, these technologies tend to promote expanding social solution to problems, instead of requiring additional technology to cope with problems which they generate (the case with nuclear plants). An example of a solution-generating technology is the production of methane gas from agricultural and urban wastes, which serves to prevent pollution, produce fertilizer, integrate city and county, and stimulate local sources of income.



While it may seem paradoxical, there is growing interest in AT at the national level. Given the obvious dangers of cooptation and red tape, those interested in alternative sources should still note the formation last fall of a National Center for Appropriate Technology by the Community Services Administration oriented to lowering energy costs for low-income neighborhoods - and plans for a small grant program in AT by ERDA. Both programs are sensitive to stimulating R&D in this subject without the usual bureaucratic controls.

# PEOPLES POWER COALITION

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# Nuclear Power & Utilities Organizing

**Bob Knickmeyer**

PASNY & the investor owned utilities plan to construct fifteen new nuclear power plants in New York State by the year 2000. By 1985 alone they plan to have 7 to 8 plants operating along 200 miles of Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence River shoreline. The estimated cost of constructing just the additional 15 plants is approximately 26 billion.

To raise these enormous amounts of money, stockholders, bankers and utility executives must be assured a friendly reception at the Public Service Commission (PSC). This friendly reception would assure a steady flow of profits for the "big guys" and higher electric bills for the common folk. In other words, the economic connection between higher electric bills and the development of nukes is clear. At present 6 of the 7 electric utilities in the state are before the PSC seeking rate increases for this reason. Obviously, the educational and organizing task of all anti-utility organizations in this state is to spell out this economic reality and turn it into an anti-utility political reality.

Starting thus from this basic political and strategic insight the People's Power Coalition (PPC) has successfully built a broad-based organization comprised of both urban and rural organizations and united around the following goals:

A. Conservation of natural resources to ensure an adequate supply for future generations;

B. Development of safe and clean alternative energy sources;

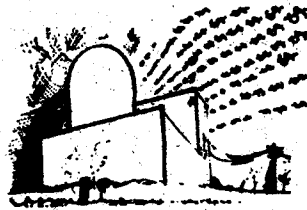
C. Development of affordable utility rates including equitable rate structures;

D. Development of alternative methods of production, transmission, and distribution of power and energy to ensure community worker control.

In practical terms these statements of principles mean that the PPC and its member organizations throughout the State are opposed to the use of nuclear power and are active in struggles on many fronts against it.

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That this strategy has begun to be successful can be seen by the fact that the utilities have developed a new plan designed to remove any restraints imposed by regulation by the PSC. This plan is called ESPRI, Empire State Power Resources, INC. ESPRI, as proposed by the utilities, would be a separate company, wholly owned by the utilities, which would own all the new generating plants in the state. ESPRI would produce power and then sell it to the utilities who would then resell it to consumers. The key to the ESPRI plan is that any and all increased costs to ESPRI would be passed along to the utilities and then to consumers immediately, without any rate hearings. This is similar to the fuel adjustment clauses currently used by utilities. In effect ESPRI would not be subject to any regulation at all.



Local PPC member organizations are also moving on the municipalization strategies to both lower electric rates and prevent the development of new nukes and new lines.

Member organizations of the People's Power Coalition are currently active in several PSC proceedings, where they are attempting to prove that the utilities are earning enough money already and should not be granted increases. In addition, they are raising legal, economic and political arguments against CWIP (Construction Works in Progress). In years past the utilities were only allowed to earn a 'return' (read 'profit') on the amount of generating, transmission and distribution plant they owned which was already built and operational. Now, however, they want the PSC to allow them a return (profit) on plant that is not yet completed too.

Differences in the goals and financial incentives of public power systems and private utilities mean that the public systems are not as committed to unreasonable and un-

necessary growth as are the private utilities. They can be, therefore, opposed to nuclear power and in favor of alternative energy sources such as solar and wind power. The public power system in Sunnyvale, California has established a companion municipal solar system to help citizens and businesses in Sunnyvale build and operate solar power systems.

The second aspect of public power systems that makes them useful in the fight against nuclear power is the fact that they are locally controlled. If the citizens of the municipality decide that they do not want the public power system to develop a nuclear power plant, they can pressure the system not to do so. An example of this happened in Seattle, Washington last year.

Rural and urban folks are increasingly coming to the realization that utility bills are sky rocketing, nukes and 765KV lines are proliferating precisely because we have little or no democratic control over the generation, transmission and distribution of electric energy.

Nuclear power plants are not considered safe for urban areas—thus they are constructed on rural turf. Rural people instinctively make the point "if they are too dangerous for Rochester, Syracuse, and Buffalo, then they are too dangerous for us". Nuclear power may destroy the very nature of rural life. In addition, nuclear waste and garbage is transported through urban areas. Hence the potential exists, not simply to build an anti-nuclear struggle among urban and rural folks, but also to unite urban and rural folks around gut economic and political realities which go to the heart of our common problem.

Member organizations in the PPC recognize that the investor-owned utilities and PASNY are well united and organized on a state-wide basis. Consequently, isolated, localized action alone—particularly if it focuses on only one part of the utilities issue—is no match for them.

The Peoples Power Coalition unites urban and rural organizations statewide around the long-range goal of assuming democratic control over the generation, distribution, and transmission of electrical energy.

# Legislators Face Nuclear Power Issues

by Paul Hudson

New Yorkers, as well as other Americans, are facing an enormously important decision: Should the state become dependent on nuclear power for its electricity? The decision is crucial because nuclear power poses grave risks, both environmental and economic. Scientists and engineers disagree on whether nuclear power plants are safe. The power plant manufacturers and the utilities say not to worry, but serious problems keep mounting with no solutions in sight. The agency of the government with ultimate power to stop or control nuclear power is the Congress of the United States. But efforts are also underway at the state level to question seriously and perhaps limit the growth of nuclear power plants in New York. The state is involved for two reasons. First, the state has primary jurisdiction over electric utilities. The State of New York, through the Public Service Commission, regulates the rates that electric utilities can charge. Through the state's Siting Board, decisions are made on where and whether nuclear power plants will be required. The State Legislature enacts the laws which control this process and, therefore, has a large say, if not the ultimate determining power as to whether additional nuclear power plants will be built in New York State.

The electric utilities and the Power Authority of the State of New York (PASNY), which seek to build thirteen additional nuclear power plants in the state over the next decade, have proposed that the state become largely dependent on nuclear power for electricity. Planning and construction of most of these plants will

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begin within the next five years. Therefore, it is important for the State Legislature to pause and examine the nuclear power option now, before we become overly committed to this energy source.

The major nuclear legislation presently pending in the State Legislature is known as the Nuclear Responsibility Act (A5935) sponsored by Assemblypersons Oliver Koppell (D-Manhattan) and Irwin Landes (D-Long Island). This legislation would require the State Siting Board to rule that five major safety and economic questions associated with nuclear power plants have been satisfactorily resolved before any more such plants are built. Specifically, the Board would be required to find that a proposed nuclear plant:

- (1) has emergency cooling systems that have been successfully tested;
- (2) has demonstrated procedures and facilities for the disposal and reprocessing of radioactive wastes
- (3) has an assured source of uranium fuel at a reasonable price;
- (4) has waived statutory liability limits for damages to life and property arising out of a nuclear accident at the proposed facility;
- (5) has an effective plan for the emergency evacuation of residents in the surrounding area in case of an accident.

This legislation, which was drafted and supported by the Safe Energy Coalition of New York State, is concerned with the spread of nuclear power in New York State. The bill is undoubtedly not as strong as many opponents of nuclear power would like. It does not provide for an outright moratorium on the construction of additional nuclear power plants. However, it seems likely that if the bill is enacted, it will require at least a de facto moratorium on nuclear construction for several years. The bill has also not addressed the problem of existing nuclear plants and other facilities. The bill is nevertheless strongly opposed by both the utilities and the building and construction trade unions, which see nuclear plant construction as a major source of construction jobs. Last year, similar legislation received several favorable but narrow votes of approval in As-

sembly committees, before being killed in the Assembly Ways and Means Committee. New York citizens must become active in writing or calling their legislators if there is to be any movement on nuclear legislation in this legislative session.

Most present public opinion polls, which State legislators watch very closely, indicate that the nuclear power issue is one that splits the electorate down the middle. Approximately 50% favor nuclear power, and approximately 50% of the voters oppose it.

At the federal level, several nuclear bills are pending before the Congress. The most important and far-reaching is being sponsored by Congresspersons Fish and Pattison of New York. Known as the Nuclear Energy Reappraisal Act (HR3153), this legislation would place a five-year moratorium on nuclear power plants until certain safety and waste storage problems can be studied and resolved.

Another bill sponsored by Congressperson Morris Udall (HR4866 and 4867) would allow states to disapprove a bid for power plants on a state-by-state basis. Hearings on all these bills will probably be held this April. Of particular concern to New Yorkers is legislation being sponsored by Representative Carr of Michigan (HR2675) which would require notification of State Legislatures before site selection of a permanent disposal ground for radioactive wastes can begin. The federal government is drilling this spring for a permanent burial site for radioactive wastes in ten states. New York is one of those states. Finally, legislation by Representative Price (HR18) would mandate a speed-up in the licensing process for nuclear power plants, and would probably result in a large increase in the construction of nuclear power plants.

Finally, on the federal legislative front, Congressperson Ryan (D-Calif.) has recently concluded hearings on what should be done with the radioactive wastes permanently being stored in West Valley, N.Y. The estimated costs of cleaning up these wastes has ranged from \$100 to \$1 billion.



# Regulatory Hearings & the Citizen Intervenor

by Sue Reinert

"Intervene: To come in or between by way of hindrance or modification..." Webster

An intervenor in a nuclear power plant application proceeding can hope for little more than to hinder the utility in its inevitable progress toward approval, or to force modification of the applicant's plans. Stop the plant? It hasn't happened yet. Instead, successful intervenors have merely made it more difficult for regulatory agencies to grant licenses.

Still, intervention is a useful weapon. An intervenor has privileges of discovery and cross examination that can force a utility to disclose damaging information. Intervention also lengthens the application process, and delay is always helpful. Intervenors can force regulatory agencies to be more honest in their review of an application than they would be if they didn't have to deal with outsiders. Perhaps most important, not to intervene, particularly in Nuclear Regulatory Commission proceedings, is to give the utility a green light; not even the most perfunctory hearing is required with no intervenors in the picture.

In New York State, a group or individual can intervene in two kinds of proceedings connected with nuclear power plant applications. One is the state's siting procedure, called Article VIII. All power plants must receive a "Certificate of environmental compatibility and public need" from a special siting board made up of state officials and one local representative from the area where the plant is proposed to be. The board must find that the plant will have a minimum adverse environmental impact, "considering the alternatives."

Article VIII hearings are conducted by an examiner from the Public Service Commission and an associate examiner from the Department of Environmental Conservation. (The PSC and the DEC are also "parties" along with intervenors, in the hearings). The proce-

Sue Reinert intervened in hearings regarding the Nine Mile 2 plant on behalf of Ecology Action of Oswego.

dures has a judicial ambience, but an intervenor without a lawyer can manage fairly well, especially with technical help from PSC and DEC lawyers, which is available. The examiners submit their recommendations to the Siting Board, which decides whether to grant a certificate.

## Article VIII

**How to intervene:** Write to the secretary, Public Service Commission, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 12223.

**You will receive:** Article VIII application by utility, written testimony. **Your rights:** "Discovery" (the utility must furnish relevant supplemental information and records you ask for), cross examination, presentation of testimony, submission of your arguments against the plant. **Responsibilities:** You must be prepared to read several large volumes of data, testimony of as many as 20 witnesses. Hearings are usually held during working hours. Preparation of cross examination can take more time than the hearings.

The other area available to New York State intervenors is the Federal licensing process before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Federal law requires the NRC to determine that a nuclear plant is safe and to examine the environmental impacts of the plant. Unlike the state board, the NRC doesn't have to choose the "minimum" adverse impact, just consider the environment.

The NRC hearings are generally more formal than the state proceedings; the Commission doesn't have much experience with lawyerless intervenors. Also, the NRC staff, which is a party at the hearing, has already decided by that time that the plant is a great idea, so the agency is your adversary, along with the applicant. Finally, the NRC procedure requires the intervenor to specify the issues where he wishes to argue, and his entire participation is limited to those issues.

## NRC

**How to intervene:** You must meet certain standards showing you have an "interest" in the question. Generally, you can qualify by showing that you are a local group interested in protecting the environment and that you have members living close to the proposed site. You can get a sample of the affidavit you must file from another intervenor, such as Ecology Action of Oswego, Box 94, Oswego, NY 13126. **You will receive:** Environmental Report, Preliminary Safety Analysis Report, and, in time, Draft Environmental Report, Final Environmental Report and written testimony on your contentions.

**Your rights:** Discovery, cross examination, presentation of testimony, (only in the area of your contentions) and submission of arguments to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board. **Responsibilities:** You must present a set of contentions. Hearings are held during working hours and take hours of preparation. You must be present continuously because, given the fact that only you are opposing the application, only you have any cross-examination.

An intervenor with an attorney is almost always in a stronger position than one without a lawyer, even though the regulators often are lenient with lay people. At Syracuse University College of Law, a clinic staffed by law school students studying environmental law and supervised by Prof. Richard Goldsmith may be able to help.

Another source of strength for intervenors is political action -- demonstrations, picketing or even just attendance at the hearing -- by opponents of the plant. It helps to convince the NRC and the state that public opposition is going to harry the utility in your community.

Above all, the intervenor needs gall, a desire to tilt at windmills, free time and an unusually large tolerance for frustration.

# People Power Against PASNY Power

by Brian Gardam

In the North Country of New York State, there has developed a pattern of small peaceful acts of resistance against the efforts of the Power Authority of the State of New York to build a 765,000 volt transmission line. A farmer will stand on the access to his land, sometimes alone, sometimes with other resisters. Sympathizers gather nearby with picket signs. The construction crews stand by waiting. The protesters seek to engage them in friendly conversation, explaining why the huge power line would be dangerous to people and the environment. The Power Authority's attorney comes along and advises the resisters that they are violating a court injunction against obstruction. The resisters stay where they are. A truck is brought up, a PASNY photographer takes a picture of the people blocking its passage, and the vehicle is backed away. A process server hands copies of the court injunction to the protesters. More time passes. Sometimes the work crews move to another site where no one is blocking their access, and later that night, or the next day, or a few days later, the people who blocked the right-of-way are served with orders to show cause why they should not be held in contempt of court. At other times, the agents of the Power Authority call in the county sheriff to remove the protesters, who are then taken before a justice of the peace and charged with trespassing. Later, the "trespassers" are also served with show-cause orders. A few weeks later, a judge sends them to jail for contempt of court.

## Voices of Protest

Non-violent direct actions of this nature have held up work on the 765Kv line for periods ranging from a few hours to a week. Each action which delays construction is important for it not only attracts public support, but gives that support more time to grow until the voices of the protes-

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Jane Standing Still (from the Akwesasne Mohawk Nation) defends an elm tree on the Barse farm in Ft. Covington against a chain saw carried by an employee of Tree Preservation, Inc., a PASNY subcontractor (Jan. 6, 1977) photo by Doug Jones

ters will be loud enough to worry the people who make the rules.

Direct actions in environmental causes are aimed at preventing the ecological damage which would result from the activities of interest groups operating under government sanctions. In the case of the 765Kv line, the sanction was given before the people to be affected were fully informed about what was to happen in the area where they lived. One farmer did not know that the line was crossing his land until surveyors showed up on his property two years after the state had granted approval for construction. When the law operates this way, the resisters to government actions have only a choice between conceding defeat or going beyond the law to pursue their cause.

Environmental activists must be committed to non-violence as the most effective means to obtain their goals. Violence is a game where the government makes the rules and holds all the best cards. Non-violent resistance works outside these rules and it succeeds because the government can only respond in ways

which expose the injustice of its actions.

Non-violent actions also communicate ideas better than violent actions. The media is deprived of an easy way to package and sell a story, and is more likely to look into the issues involved. The reasons behind the resistance have then a better chance of getting through to the public.

The anti-765Kv movement is an example of this process. In a sparsely-populated rural area, remote from the centers of power and largely ignored by the media, determined groups of protesters have managed to slow down the operations of a powerful agency which has all the forces of government at its disposal. The methods used have won widespread media attention and increased public support. A protest march held on March 12 in St. Lawrence County attracted close to a thousand supporters, almost double the number who participated in a similar march last October.

Direct actions by only a few committed people with whom the public can sympathize can rally support for environmental campaigns.

The intent of environmental direct action is clear. Threats to the environment must be obstructed until opposition to them becomes strong enough to cause the once-solid ground of public complacency to shake beneath the feet of the lawmakers. Only when the legislators find their own positions threatened will they begin to pay attention to public interests over special interests.

## Kowarhontani

Kowarhontani, a Seneca woman who was jailed for her opposition to the 765Kv line, told the judge who sentenced her:

"I am stronger than you. I have never caged a living thing, I have harmed no one, whereas you are responsible for condoning this atrocity. Your atrocity has no excuses, no mitigating arguments. Because I am stronger than you, the rightness of my actions will bring infamy upon you. I am Indian, proud and free-born. And in the end, I will win."

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Sen. Mike Gravel's "Energy Index" and assorted pamphlets; free; write c/o 3317 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510

"Energy: The Case for Conservation," by Dennis Hayes, available from Worldwatch Institute, 1776 Mass. Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

The Plutonium Economy, National Council of Churches of Christ, 475 Riverside Dr., N.Y., N.Y. 10027, single copies, \$1/ea., bulk orders, 50¢/ea + postage; study material for the proposed NCC policy statement on plutonium in the nuclear fuel cycle.

"Radioactive Ransom: The Bailout of Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc., (a preliminary report)," available from NYPIRG

## Periodicals

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Central N.Y. Environment, see ad on this page.

Critical Mass, monthly, 10-12 pp., \$7.50/yr., \$13.50/2 yr., P.O. Box 1538, Washington, D.C. 20013.

"Lovejoy's Nuclear War," 60 min. film with sound and color, available from Green Mountain Post Films (see ad on p. 18) or from Citizens Concerned About Sterling (see organizations, p. 29.)

"Nuclear Reaction in Wyhl," 16 mm., 15 min. film in color, available from Green Mountain Post Films (see ad on p. 18.)

"Power Over People," 26-frame slideshow based on the book of the same name (see above), available from Friends of the Earth, c/o Paula Ward, 800 N.W. 15th St., Miami, North Dakota 58701, \$5.00.

Seafarer Slideshow on the large underground radar grid proposed for upper Michigan's peninsula, to be the command system for Trident submarines, available from Vic Schumacher 692 W. Forest Ave., Detroit, Michigan 48201

"How Safe are America's Reactors?," rental, \$10.00, available from Irene Dickinson, National Interveners, 71 Pine Ave. Ossining, N.Y. 10562, call 914/762-1362.

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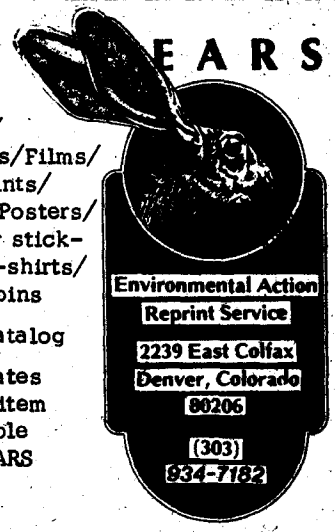
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Not Man Apart, bi-weekly, 16 pp., \$20.00/yr., Friends of the Earth, 529 Commercial St., San Francisco, Ca.

Nuclear Opponents, monthly, 8 pp., \$10.00/yr., Box 285, Allendale, N.J.

Science, weekly, 1515 Mass. Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005;

## Audio - Visuals

(See also p. 30, bottom of left column)

Special Nuclear Materials from the Union of Concerned Scientists; set of maps, diagrams, reference charts on nuclear power; available from Eco-Graphix, B Center St., Rutland, Vt, 05701. One set is \$10.00 postpaid, 5 or more, \$3.00/ea., postpaid. Bulk rates available for organizations.

# Organizations

The following list was compiled based on SPC's program contacts and the response from a form letter sent out to mailing lists we received. We regret any omissions we have made.

If you would like to become involved in working to stop nuclear power, return the coupon below to the group on this list nearest you. If you live in a community not on this list, other nearby groups may be able to put you in touch with a group in your own community. If no group exists, they may be able to help you form one.

## Statewide

People's Power Coalition - see p. 24  
New York Public Interest Research Group - see p. 12.

Safe Energy Coalition of New York State, P. O. Box 54, New Paltz, N. Y., 12561, (914) 255-7158  
contact: Shirley Brand

## North Country

Akwesasne Mohawk Nation  
via Rooseveltown, N. Y.

Citizens for Clean Land, Air and Water (CLAW)

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## Book Review

## Unacceptable Risk:

The Nuclear  
Power Controversy

by Frank Doble

In September, 1954, President Eisenhower appeared on national television to open a new era: the age of the peaceful atom. And with a wave of a radioactive wand the President excited a geiger counter which in turn signaled an automatic power shovel to dig, robot fashion, the first scoop of "dirt" for the nation's first commercial nuclear power plant. A trivial episode, perhaps, but ominous nonetheless. For we might ask ourselves what sort of robots will be on hand to bury the peaceful atom and of what value, after all, is a "peace of the grave."

Now, the book that is supposed to tell the full story ("the only book" to be able to do so) makes no mention of this event. Absurd, of course, that a publisher would make such a claim. For the outrageous history of the Atomic Energy Commission alone defies full comprehension and description. So who could possibly tell it all (and who would want to hear it)? But this book does provide a great deal of significant information, including for instance, a table of all existing and planned nuke plants in the U.S. And for those wishing to study further, there are 30 pages or so of references to Senate documents, newspaper accounts, interviews, books, etc.

Though not tightly organized, the narrative moves along easily. We proceed from a discussion of background to radioactivity, on to fuel cycle and costs and finally to the issue of citizen resistance. Overall, Olsen seems to be at his best discussing the problem of radiation. Quite a bit of attention centers on the insid-

ious effects of low level radiation, with the author indicating that as research proceeds investigators are becoming increasingly alarmed to learn of long term effects. Amazingly enough, although "everyone already knows that radiation causes cancer", the National Cancer Institute does not have a program of radiation induced cancer research!

In the next section we see how the hazards of radioactivity translate into a dismal economics of power. For example in one Commonwealth Edison reactor plant, a repair that 12 men could have quickly completed in a conventional fossil fuel plant required 350 men in order not to exceed "safe" radiation exposure limits. Olson reviews the testimony of William Heronemus: it cost \$2400 a kilowatt to build one of the navy's nuclear submarines compared to \$400 a kilowatt for a 1973 plant. Apparently Heronemus would have refused to pass wiring and piping for the navy that had been accepted and incorporated into the nuke plant. Thus efforts to economize in construction aggravate repair problems while the danger of radioactivity contributes to poor capacity statistics and more expensive electricity.

Citizen resistance is of course a primary concern to many people. We'd like to know what has been done and get an idea what might be done. And here we learn a great deal about David Comey, John Gofman and others whose main force has been felt in hearings, the courts, etc. The astonishing "expertise",—almost more than their obvious commitment to active resistance, is well portrayed. In a future book or revised edition, Olson may wish to examine more closely local citizen initiatives such as have taken place (and are taking place) at the Seabrook, N. H. site. An audio tape of Sam Lovejoy addressing utility "bigwigs" might constitute a particularly effective appendix.

In all, this is a sound study of nuclear power; the unacceptability of risk is amply demonstrated. As Nobel Physicist Hannes Alfvén is quoted as saying: "Fission energy is safe if a number of critical devices work as they should, if a number of people in key positions follow all their instructions, if there is no sabotage, no hijacking of the transports... and no revolution or war— even a conventional one— takes place. The enormous quantities of extremely dangerous material must not get into the hands of inferior people or desperadoes. No acts of God can be permitted."

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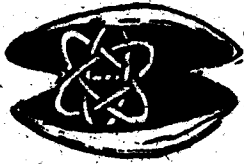


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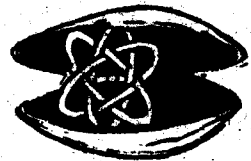
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- Clamshell Alliance formed in July '76;  
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rally & alternative energy fair - Oct. 23
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- EPA and final NRC decisions still pending; construction (twice halted) still continues



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# Residents Resist County's Garbage Plant

by Ed Landale

Over two years ago, County Executive Mulroy, Carrier Corp. and the County Solid Waste Disposal Authority (SWDA) proposed that the county construct a \$62 million garbage-burning steam plant near the existing S.U. steam plant (the site would be bounded by Rt. 81, McBride St., Sizer St. and Burt St.). This plant, as conceived, would receive garbage from the city and towns and burn it to produce steam that would heat nearby hospitals and buildings.

While the stated objectives of the plant are laudable—to dispose of garbage and create new energy—many questions have been raised about this project. For the people living in and around the area the major objection is the proposed site. The most densely populated neighborhood in the county has been chosen for the plant (8000 people live within a quarter of a mile of the proposed site).

Other objections raised are: its extremely high cost; the reluctance of many towns to make a commitment to provide their garbage; and the problems other communities have had with similar projects.

## Neighborhood Objections

Neighborhood people have many objections to this proposal:

-The greatest concern is safety. The garbage will be transported on huge 18 wheel trucks. Each day 60 trucks will roll in and out of the plant. This will pose a constant danger to the many small children of the area (Wilson playground and Dr. King School are within one block of the proposed site).

-Construction of the plant will take approximately 27 months—over 2 years of dust, exhaust pollution, noise and traffic hazards.

-Despite claims that a 300 ft. smoke stack will completely dissipate the smoke particulates from the plant, air pollution is a concern. The operation odors and the smell of spilled garbage will not improve the environment of the area.

Ed Landale is a member of SPHC and has been involved with this issue for the past year.

-Noise pollution from the plants operation and the trucks going in and out, will add to the high decibel level of an already noisy area.

-Visually the plant will be an eyesore.

## Poor Neighborhood

Why was such a densely populated area selected? The official reason is that the plant should be as close as possible to its hoped for customers. Also, the S.U. plant would be used as a backup.

One alternative site, the old Penn-Central terminal is also near the area so that steam could be piped over to the potential customers. The possibility exists of other customers being "hooked up" to the pipes.

Political reasons were also important in considering this site. The population of this area consists of low-income senior citizens and black people whose political clout is nil (only 1 adult out of 6 is a registered voter) compared to the government and corporation officials affecting this decision. Also, S.U. stands to gain over \$10 million by selling its land to the county.

## Neighborhood Organizes

People living in the surrounding area have formed an organization called "Don't Dump On Us". This group, together with the Syracuse People's Housing Coalition (SPHC), is actively working in opposition to the proposed site through petitioning, picketing and publicizing the issue whenever possible. The two groups are presently attempting to get the State's Department of Environmental Conservation to hold a public hearing on the environmental aspects of this project.

On March 24, a large "informational" neighborhood meeting was held at Dr. King School. In attendance were government representatives, officials from Carrier Corp. and about 200 residents. It was decided at the meeting that an informal referendum would be held on March 26th so that neighborhood people could express their opinions on the situation. Public officials stated that they would abide by the residents' wishes. The results of the

poll were unanimous: 14 voted for the site and 965 voted against it—clearly showing "what the people want".



Resident makes a point at the March 24 public meeting. Photo Bob Lorenz.

## What You Can Do

John Lawton of the County Legislature has stated that if the Syracuse Common Council votes against this site that the county will abide by their wishes. Therefore, it is important to call or write your Council Representative and let them know your feelings, and urge them to vote against the proposed site.

As the deadline for a decision approaches, there may be picketing to call public attention to the issue.

Letters to the editors of all the local papers would serve to keep this issue out in the open. Also, the more organized groups that give their support to the residents, the better chance they will have in their fight.

For further information and/or to find out what you can do call Ed (476-2891), Marci (476-6184) or Bob (478-4085).

**NOTE:** On April 3, Channel 9's Community Forum will deal with this issue. On April 17, Channel 5's Straight to the Source will feature a debate on this issue between residents, SPHC Reps. and a Representative of the County Executive (probably the County Attorney).

# Carey's Budget Ax Hits Brighton Family Center

by Bill [unclear]

On Jan. 18, Gov. Carey unveiled his proposed \$11.3 billion state budget for 1977-78 which called for major cuts in such areas as Social Services (welfare, Medicaid, day care, etc.), school aid, local programs, as well as a small permanent tax cut for lower and middle-income people. The plan added up to be the smallest increase in state spending in more than a decade. Some praised this "stabilization" budget. Others were disappointed, even angered by it.

For the Brighton Family Center, which has served a lower-income neighborhood on the southside since 1971, the proposed fiscal package was not good news. Two of their programs depend on state funds which may be cut under the Governor's budget

## Family Worker

One who might feel the budget ax at Brighton is Shelly Smithstone, the center's family (or preventive) worker. Half of her annual \$8500 salary comes from that part of the State Social Services budget which for the last two years has allocated \$3.75 million annually to fund local preventive services projects (the other half is paid by the United Way). As part of his slashing social services spending, Carey has proposed that as of April 1, funds for preventive services projects will be discontinued. And so, half of Shelly's funds are on the line.

Shelly's a preventive worker, helping those from broken homes in order to, for one, prevent the youngsters in those homes from landing in foster care or in the criminal justice system. Shelly works with a caseload of 22 families and about a dozen of these she considers intensive cases; those she works with constantly. One such case involves a woman living with her four children (ages 5, 13, 14, and 16). The main problem was with the 13-year-old boy and the 14-year-old girl, both of whom are truant. The school eventually brought the kids to family court where the judge put them on a 3-month probation period which expires in mid-

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Neighbors gather at the Brighton Family Center to chow-down before the big budget cut hits.

April. With Shelly's help, the young boy is now in counselling as is his sister who's also in a special reading program because she reads on a 2nd-grade level. It seems Shelly's work is starting to pay off because the two teenagers are going to school several days a week and she's hoping that come mid-April, the judge will consider this an improvement.

Even if the funds are cut, there is still a chance that Shelly will remain at Brighton. She's considering going part-time and giving more casework to the SU and OCC volunteers who work with her. I should point out that all seven Catholic Charities neighborhood centers (of which Brighton is one) stand to lose their preventive worker's money. Shelly feels that if each one of these people are knocked down to part-time, about 80 families and 300 children will lose the guidance of people like herself.

## Youth Money

There is another complication: Brighton Family Center was scheduled to receive about \$5000 from the City-County Youth Board this year. But the Governor's recommending a slicing of \$3 million from the Youth Development/Delinquency Prevention section (where CCYB gets its money) of the state youth budget puts some of this money in jeopardy. This, in turn, could force the center to cutback on some of its programs.

## Some Cuts Restored?

State legislators are presently attempting to reach a compromise budget. So far, the lawmakers have restored a good deal of Carey's proposed cuts. This could mean the restoration of Brighton's youth and preventive services money. But the Legislature is still deliberating, so it's a question mark until April 1 when the final budget is decided on.

There are certainly good and bad comments that can be made about the Governor's budget. It seems to have been a serious attempt to give the working person in this state (who pays more taxes than anyone in the U.S.) a bit of well deserved tax relief by trimming the fat from such places as the inflated welfare budget (without cutting assistance to the truly needy). But if tax relief was one of Carey's goals, slashing preventive services is like cutting your nose off to spite your face. If you don't shell out some money for preventive services, these kids only reappear further down the road in foster homes and in jails, and sustaining them there will cost the taxpayer a hell of a lot more. But it's not only a matter of saving money; it's a matter of saving people. And for Shelly and the people at the Brighton Family Center, that's what it's all about.



# April 15: Surprises for IRS by Linda Maddaus

"There is a recurring nightmare at the Internal Revenue Service in which American taxpayers band together and refuse to pay. What makes this vision unpleasant to the Service is that there is nothing it could do about it." (New York Times, 2/22/76)

IRS's nightmare is war tax resisters' dream. We'd like to see IRS deluged with blank returns instead of checks. Why? Henry David Thoreau said it well:

"If a thousand [persons] were not to pay their tax bill this year, that would not be as violent and bloody a measure as it would be to pay them and enable the State to commit violence and shed innocent blood."

More than half of the federal expenditure is military-related. Our money is spent on weapons, aid to repressive governments, and other destructive ends rather than meeting human needs. Note these contrasts:

\$44 million for the estimated Pentagon public relations budget OR construction of a 584-bed hospital;

\$1 million for research and development for lethal chemical weapons in 1974 OR 66 low-cost homes;

\$2.1 billion for development costs on B-1 bomber program OR Comprehensive Federal Child Care Program.

Since the government has these warped priorities, some of us withhold all or part of federal taxes and channel that amount into alternative funds. The SPC Life Fund continues to provide grants and interest-free loans for life-affirming purposes.

## Ways To Speak To The IRS

War tax resistance can be on many levels. Here are some ways to surprise IRS:

1. When filing your 1040 income tax return, enclose a card or letter that you are paying under protest.
2. Do the above and pay one day late.
3. Withhold a token amount (such as, \$1.00)

Linda Maddaus is a member of the SPC War Tax Resistance group.

4. Withhold 54% of the "amount due" since that represents the portion of the federal expenditure for military-related purposes.

5. Withhold all of your federal income tax since you don't have control of what happens to it once IRS has it.

6. On your W-4 form (the one you file with your employer), mark sufficient allowances so that no tax is withheld. Even if you decide to pay the "amount due" when you make out your 1040, you will have been using or contributing your money during the year instead of IRS. Another way to prevent withholding is to file a W-4E if you have earned less than \$2,050.

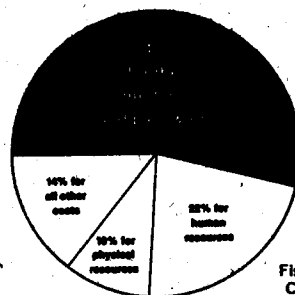
7. Keep your income below taxable level (Write to War Tax Resistance for "Legal Avoidance of Taxes for War," address below)

8. Deduct the federal tax on your phone bill each month. This tax was imposed in 1941 to help pay for war and has continued since then, rising at times, such as during the war in Indochina. This is probably the form of tax resistance used by the most people.

9. Work for the World Peace Tax Fund bill, which would allow taxpayers to designate that their money should go into a special fund for peace purposes. Write World Peace Tax Fund, 2111 Florida Av. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008.

## What Might Happen

With a massive number of tax resisters, large amounts of money could be channeled into Life Funds to improve our communities, and the government would be sent a loud message.



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Washington, D.C.

What might be the consequences for the resister? That depends on many factors. Some of the suggestions above are legal, some not. IRS is erratic in how it responds. Sometimes the money is withheld by the resister and IRS never tries to recover it. Other times, IRS garnishees wages, seizes money from bank accounts, auctions property, and - rarely - puts resisters in jail.

Dik Cool and Chris Murray of the SPC staff have refused to pay any war taxes. When IRS tried to get the money through the employer (SPC), the steering committee issued a statement of support for Dik and Chris and refused to garnishee their salaries. IRS has taken no decisive action thus far but continues to send registered letters and make phone calls.

If you have questions about resisting and/or want to ask about an interest-free loan or small grant from SPC Life Fund for a worthy project, contact Marge Rusk, 242 W. Calthrop, Syracuse 13205, 476-7635. For \$1.00 you can get Ain't Gonna Pay for War No More and the updated supplement from Minnesota War Tax Resistance, 122 W. Franklin, Minneapolis 55404. Also see the monthly tax resistance column in WIN magazine.

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# Zaire: U.S. Supports Another Rightist Regime Demonstration

by Seth Moran

## Our Tax Dollars At Work

The U.S. is currently speeding tons of military hardware, including arms and ammunition to Zaire.

Zairean President Mobutu Sese Seko has asked for this support to help repel what he calls "invaders" from the South. What we are in fact witnessing is a Viet Nam-type buildup by U.S. corporations and military, with the collusion of the Western media, in an effort to subvert the freedom movements in Central and Southern Africa.

What then is the truth about the current fighting in Shaba (Katanga) province?

U.S. corporations have more than \$1 billion invested in mineral-rich Zaire. Our government has provided another \$450 million, primarily in military loans and grants. Mobutu has been their main man since the early 1960's; Zaire, their model of what an African state should be.

Under Mobutu, Zaire (formerly the Belgian Congo) is suffering a severe economic crisis. Zaire has an enormous balance of trade deficit, with its foreign exchange reserves falling dramatically in recent years. With 70% of its population involved in agriculture, Zaire must spend roughly 30% of its foreign exchange to pay for imported foodstuffs. A major exporter of copper, Zaire serves as a raw materials appendage of the Western powers, importing most of its manufactured goods, and facing an annual inflation rate approaching 30%.

## Mobutu Regime

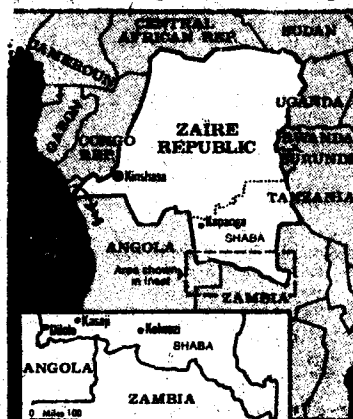
Mobutu is an authoritarian, and there is mass dissatisfaction and opposition to his non-democratic regime. It is opposition that dates back to the struggle against Belgian colonialism. As Patrice Lumumba said at independence ceremonies on June 30, 1960: "No inhabitant of the Congo will ever forget that we won independence in struggle, in persistent and hard daily struggle, in which we were daunted neither by suffering nor tremendous sacrifices, nor the blood shed by our peoples."

During the struggle for power that followed, it was then Colonel Mobutu that organized the coup that killed Lumumba. It was U.S. financed Mobutu who, as commander-in-

chief of the Congolese army, brought down the Tshombe government and turned the copper-clad Katanga region into a U.S. concession.

The Mobutu government has more internal opponents than it can survive. For several years a People's Revolutionary Party has held enclaves throughout eastern Zaire, where it has carried out armed raids against the Mobutu regime. Antoine Gizenga, leader of the African Solidarity Party and a colleague of Lumumba's, is being heavily sought by the reactionary forces. Since his release from a Zairean prison, Gizenga has been underground and is believed to be the leader of the Congo Front, made up of former Lumumba-ists and other Zaireans, particularly students, who oppose Mobutu.

Perhaps the most blatant of the lies being promoted by the Western press is the claim of involvement of Angola and Cuba. They have carefully avoided carrying the unqualified disclaimers of the People's Republic of Angola concerning any



1. Angolan province of Cabinda.

involvement what so ever in the Shaba events. Also, they ignored Cuban Premier Fidel Castro's statement of March 21, in which he said: "I wish to assure you that there is not a single Cuban soldier involved (in Zaire). We have nothing to do with it at all and we have not equipped or trained the forces fighting the ruling clique in Zaire."

The reason for the lies and distortions is clear, should the insurgent forces succeed in capturing the mine, cutting the

rail line to the north, Zaire would be unable to pay back its \$500 million debt to U.S. banks, since two-thirds of its foreign exchange is earned through exports of Shaba copper. Naturally, the copper itself would fall from American control.

Further, U.S. intervention is also aimed at the People's Republic of Angola and the People's Republic of the Congo (Brazzaville). Both Angola and Congo-Brazzaville have oil-rich territories bordering Zaire. Both have extremely progressive governments. Brazzaville's President Marien Ngouabi has been called "one of the most consistent anti-imperialist fighters in Africa." On March 18, President Ngouabi was brutally assassinated by Masseмба-Debat, an agent of the Western powers. At the time of his death he was actively involved in trying to bring a peaceful resolution to Zairean-Angolan tensions. Last week, Zairean planes bombed three Angolan villages, killing more than 70 civilians.

Angola and Congo-Brazzaville have stressed that they will not continue to tolerate Zaire's provocations. Additionally, the Zairean army is notoriously ineffectual. Zairean soldiers in Shaba are reported to be deserting in large numbers.

Herein lies the real danger of direct U.S. military involvement. If Mobutu is to stabilize his position, he will need mercenaries and at least covert military units from the West, hence the smokescreen of "communist invaders." Even as Secretary of State Vance was admitting "no hard evidence" of Angolan or Cuban involvement in Shaba, military supplies were being airlifted to Mobutu. U.S. imperialism is committed to protecting its huge financial stake in Central and Southern Africa against independence efforts.

The fact that should be plain to all is that this pattern of step-by-step escalation being pursued by the U.S. is so reminiscent of our Viet Nam experience. Have we already forgotten that lesson: "A people's struggle for freedom cannot be defeated."

Seth is an area steel worker who has long been active in southern Africa support work.

# Elmcrest: Troubled Politics In A Place For Troubled Children

Recent events at Elmcrest Children's Center have led to the firing of the Center's Associate Executive Director, several special investigations, and finally the temporary closing of Elmcrest's residential section. Elmcrest is a private, not-for-profit organization comprised of a residential program housing about thirty boys, and a day treatment program of about seventy. Both groups are served by Elmcrest's school and other supplementary programs.

The current problems at Elmcrest began last fall when the center found itself in financial trouble due to a lack of available social service funds. In response to these problems, the eight supervisors of Elmcrest's programs began meeting as a group under the direction of Tom Goodman, the Associate Executive Director.

After several weeks of intensive meetings, the supervisory group emerged with a list of recommendations for additional funding sources. The recommendations were presented to H.E. Tammelaïd, Elmcrest's Executive Director. Tammelaïd did not respond.

## Associate Director Fired

Over the next few months, the supervisors were presented with a bewildering series of budgets which forced them to make severe cuts, particularly in the residential program. After an especially devastating series of cuts in February, the supervisors concluded that the residential program was no longer viable, and that unless several steps were taken to revitalize it immediately, it should be phased out. Tammelaïd did not respond. On March 8, Tom Goodman met with Tammelaïd, pointed out the lack of leadership from which Elmcrest was suffering, and suggested that Tammelaïd resign. The next morning Tom was fired.

## Staff United

The next day, the supervisors asked to meet with the Elmcrest Board of Directors. The meeting

The author of this article is a staff member at Elmcrest who has requested that we not use her/his name.

was scheduled for the following Wednesday. On Friday afternoon, a group of about fifty staff members went to Tammelaïd's office and read him a statement declaring their lack of confidence in his leadership and their support for their supervisors. Also on Friday, a group of the supervisors asked John Lascaris, Onondaga county director of Social Services, to investigate conditions at Elmcrest. Lascaris agreed to review the conditions, but emphasized that his jurisdiction applied only to the few Onondaga County boys residing at Elmcrest.

The next morning, March 12, the story of Tom Goodman's firing first appeared in the papers, along with allegations of inadequate care in the residential program. In the next few days, other staff members made several statements to the press supporting Tom's charges.



Karen Klein photo/Simple Lifestyle Calendar

On March 16, the Elmcrest Board of Directors met at the Agway building in Shoppingtown. The supervisors advised the Board of the inadequate care in the residential program, of Tammelaïd's lack of response to staff concerns and staff suggestions, and of suspected mismanagement by Tammelaïd. The Board promised to investigate.

The following week, after much publicity, two separate reports on Elmcrest made their appearance. The first was the report of the county's Social Services Department which found deficiencies in food, clothing, furniture, and plumbing. All of these had been reported to

Tammelaïd by the staff weeks before.

The second report came from the State Board of Social Welfare, which issues Elmcrest's license as a residential institution. The report stated that conditions at Elmcrest presented "clear and imminent endangerment of the health, safety, and welfare of the resident children," and ordered that Elmcrest's license be suspended for thirty days, beginning March 31.

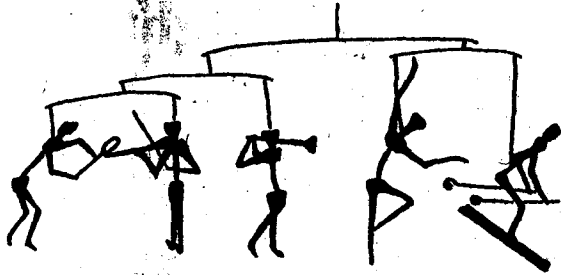
The decision to suspend Elmcrest's license was based on a two-day visit by state investigators during the week of March 21. A few months previously, the Board's investigators had spent several weeks at Elmcrest and had apparently failed to notice the conditions which later led them to suspend the license.

The State Board implied in their statement that the explanation for this was that the conditions at Elmcrest had been allowed to deteriorate by staff members as part of a protest action. Staff members were insulted by this, feeling that

they had worked especially hard during the time of the crisis to provide care for the children. The staff was being blamed for creating conditions which they had been complaining about for months.

At this point Elmcrest's future is uncertain. The residents have been sent home or to other institutions. The Board of Directors has begun its investigation and must submit a plan for a new residential program by the end of April. The staff is still working to care for the children in the non-residential program and to provide input to the Directors for the planning of a new program.

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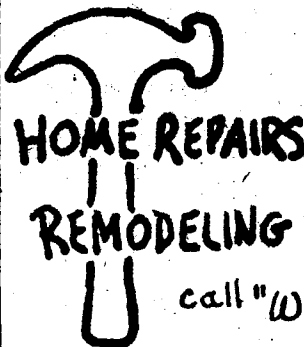
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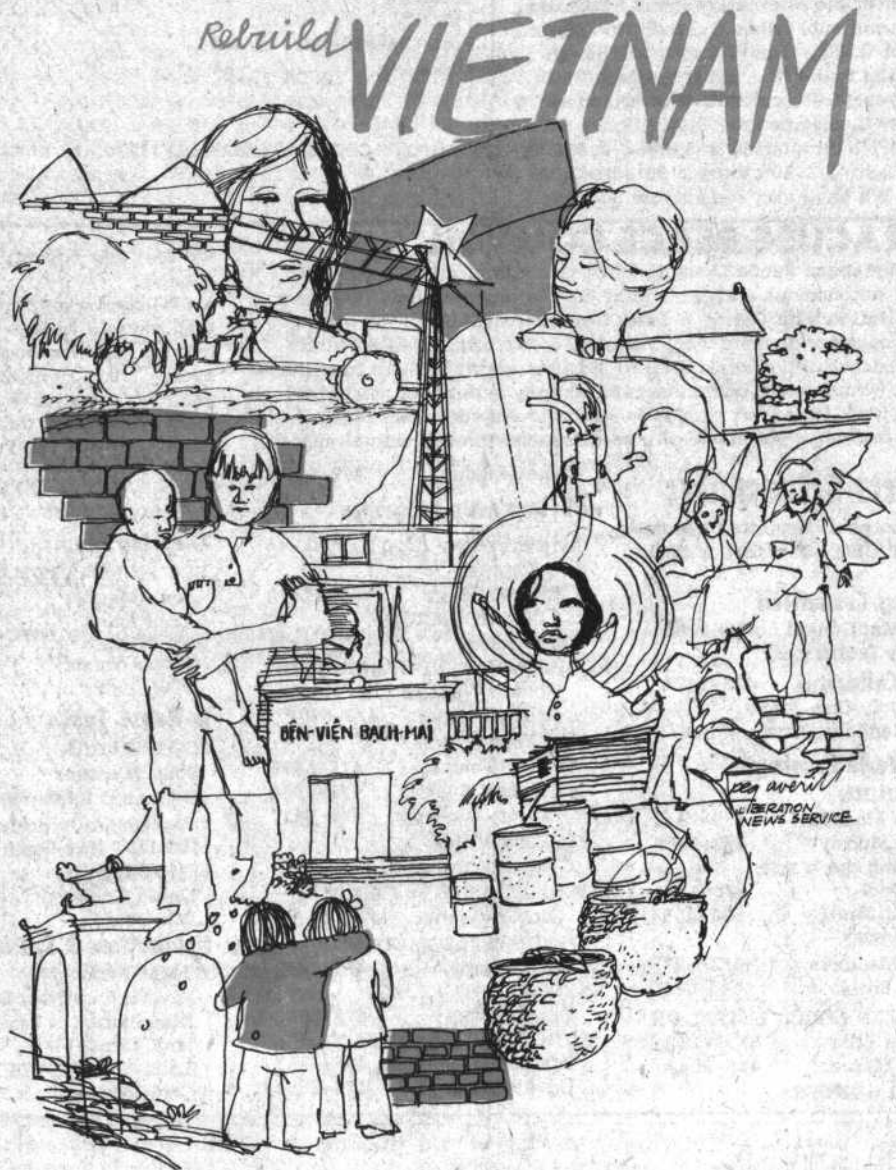
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Gentlepersons,

I resist paying what I feel are war taxes. I do not resist a tax system but I do resist the system we now have. As it is now, individuals have no control of their money or their government. I feel I am having other people's aggressive and competitive tendencies forced on me. I am a peace loving person.

This unjust act (telephone tax) of collecting monies for war was exposed to me during the Viet Nam war. The war is now over but illicit collection of monies for the Defense department continues. I don't believe in wars, destruction, nuclear arms or other armification. I can't consciously support such causes. They are dangerous to me and everyone else on earth. I can not cooperate.

I support constructive purposes based on human needs to help people. I don't wish to buy bombs. I wish to buy food and happiness for those in need. The Defense dept. wastes money. They are not ecological or economical. It is poorly managed and needs to be revamped. There is no future for the earth with such foolish and senseless priorities.

Peace does not come through threats but grows with trust. I earn a yearly income of less than \$2450 so I can avoid adding to the destructive capabilities of our great nation. I am not fearful of your "notices and demands". These threats may be effective in collecting your taxes but I am in strong defiance of such tactics. I will never make a check payable to the "Internal Revenue Service". My way of avoiding your seizure action is that I simply have nothing to seize. No salary or wages due me can be levied. I have no bank accounts, receivable commissions, or other incomes or personal properties.

I suppose I will have to go to jail for my convictions and beliefs to clear my debt to society.

In Resistance,  
David Coons

This is printed on recycled paper. The B-1 bomber will drain the American economy and make the rich, richer. It is not needed.

## Dade County Seeds Homophobia

To the PNL:

On Jan. 18, 1977, the Dade County (Florida) Metro Commission passed an ordinance extending protection of the county human rights law to all citizens regardless of sexual or affectional preference. This Gay rights law, the first of its kind east of Houston, Texas and south of Washington, DC, met with immediate opposition from a conservative religious coalition led by Florida Citrus Board publicist and part-time evangelist Anita Bryant. The group, called "Save our Children [from Homosexuality], Inc.", began a petition drive and forced a referendum on the ordinance to be held June 7.

As Morty Manfred, a New York City Gay activist said, "It almost sounds democratic -- and this scares me; many people will view [the June 7] referendum as democracy in action when actually nothing could be further from reality. There is no democracy where a class of people defined by insidious distinctions are denied their freedoms to participate in society."

Meanwhile, "Save our Children" has enlisted national support against the Dade County law and any other attempt to "legitimize homosexuality" and "give homosexuals the opportunity to recruit children to homosexuality" including the nation Gay rights bill (H.R. 2998).

While much of the publicity has been favorable to Gay rights, such as the recent meeting of Gay activists with high officials in the Carter White House, there is evidence of a growing backlash. In Arkansas, the legislature put the crime of sexual relations between consenting adults of the same sex back on the books after having repealed it two years earlier with no negative consequences. Only two state legislators had the courage to oppose the measure.

In Baldwinsville, NY, Msgr. John Daley, the pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church praised Bryant's crusade against the "sin of homosexuality" in his church's Easter Sunday bulletin. A city councillor in Dover, New Hampshire has raised the question of Gay teachers in the city schools, inspired by Bryant's holy crusade against Gay rights in Miami.

If we lose in Miami in June, it will be seen as the continuation of a trend and the consequences will be felt nationally. If we win, it will show that people are much more reasonable

than we expected and that opposition to Gay rights is a minority crusade doomed to failure. I expect that the latter is true regardless of the outcome of the vote; it's the time factor involved that is discouraging. When we are still arguing the merits of equal rights for a majority in our society -- women -- it is reasonable to expect a long hard battle for Gay rights.

Financial support for the Dade County Gay rights campaign may be sent to: Dade County Coalition for the Humanistic Rights of Gays, Box 414, Miami FL 33133.

Joel Rinne  
Gay Light Collective

## GOOD WORDS

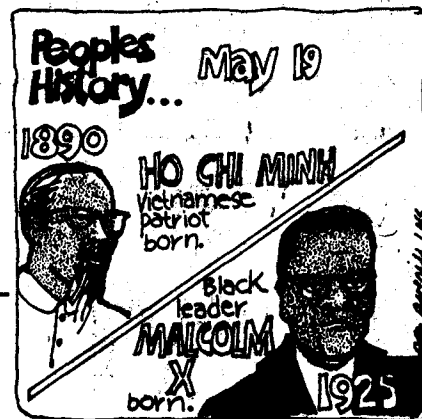
Dear SPC;

Many thanks for the copies of the Peace Newsletter, which I have been receiving and enjoying since I was fortunate enough to meet Glenda Neff at an [Appropriate Technology] forum last month. I had not expected the truly excellent quality of writing and reporting that I have found.

Let me select one of the many impressive items for comment, Norma Bliss's review of "Roots". She has performed a remarkable service in summing up so cogently and incisively the subtle, as well as the blatant, failings of the TV version to present accurately the powerful message of Haley's book. I had intended to read the book, but now I shall make certain that I do. I hope her review receives the widest possible publicity!

I am happy to send my check to help a little bit in your efforts. With thanks to all of your staff,

Sincerely yours,  
Thomas Meyer



SPC's People's History Project is looking for people interested in working on "Upstate NY People's History 1978 Calendar" and possibly other projects. Info call Dik 472-5478.

The joy and vigor shown in the faces of Honey Knopp (r.) and Toppie Simonfay (l.) characterize the feelings evoked at SPC's 41st birthday celebration. Guest speaker Honey Knopp was truly dynamic as she shared her perspective of the society that will not tolerate the injustice that breeds both war and prisons. About 125 people attended the event. The food and decorations were grand, Sally Brule' gave not only a very humorous fund pitch, but an effective one that raised \$250, and Barb Kobritz inspired us all with her brief but eloquent message on empowerment. And Toppie Simonfay received the 20th annual Peace Award! -- for her sustained, energetic and compassionate work in the pursuit of peace and social justice...

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## Nuclear Update

## Of power lines and nukes, helicopters, defoliants, and things

## NYSEG Plans Nukes

Pete Caplan  
Ecology Action, Oswego

New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG) announced on Monday, April 18, to the surprise of no one in particular, that the two new power plants it (jointly with Long Island Lighting Co.) is about to bestow on the eager citizens of upstate New York will be nukes--two of them, 1250MW apiece. Said William Lyons, chairman and chief executive of NYSEG, "We have examined the entire range of fuel options open to us, and we believe nuclear power is the most advantageous to our customers."

Public meetings were called simultaneously near the two candidate locations, New Haven (two miles south of the 9-mile site) and Stuyvesant (near Albany). The New Haven meeting was small, and the approach of the nuclear hucksters was soothing and low-key, as they laid down their slide-illustrated rap about why they chose nuclear over coal. They then dealt nimbly with a small barrage of questions from assorted disgruntled local farmers and "outside agitators." Assurance was given that the waste problem was just about solved; that nuclear was the cheapest way to go; that PSC limited utility profits to 12% but didn't guarantee them; that 765kV lines were harmless. When one woman showed great reluctance to swallow the power line assertion, the gentleman up front expressed his confidence that she could avoid injury by pointing out that even animals had been known to learn to avoid electric shocks. Meanwhile, other coat-and-tie types were planted strategically around the room to engage the troublemakers quietly in fruitless side discussions. When questioned more closely about the economic arguments, NYSEG later admitted that (apparently in order to make coal look cheaper than nuclear) they had assumed a 70% capacity factor for both types of plants, and a price of \$70/lb. by 1990 for uranium fuel. Local anti-

nuke organizing has already begun, however, and our first impressions are that NYSEG may be in for a bit more trouble than they had counted on.

## North Country News

from a report by Ellen Rocco, UPSET

Beginning April 14, North Country resistance has focused on the Ken Theobald farm, just south of Canton, where PASNY work crews have been clearing a right-of-way for the planned 765kV line. In the first few days, several people were served with injunctions after they blocked construction work, and two were arrested when they sat on the runners of a PASNY helicopter and prevented it from taking off. (The helicopter was brought in when demonstrators blocked access to the farm.) The next day a vigil began at the farm, and still continues. On Monday, April 18, two students who had been served injunctions turned themselves in when they discovered that warrants had been issued against them. They were accompanied to the courthouse by about 80 students marching through the streets of Canton and singing "Stop the Line." In a related incident, PASNY announced that two bulldozers on the Theobald farm had been sabotaged, and a five gallon can of Tordon-151 (a highly toxic defoliant) was missing from the site. Tordon-151, used to clear and maintain the right-of-way, contains a dioxin, as was used in Viet Nam. It can easily enter the water table, and cause genetic damage to humans. As UPSET points out, "...the Power Authority left an unsecured, unguarded container of Tordon in the woods overnight, in an easily accessible place.... If PASNY can't keep track of five

gallons of Tordon, they certainly have no business running nuclear power plants or building high voltage lines. If they are allowed to



Jerry Moeller, of the Ft. Covington-Bombay Farmers, leading an October 1976 march against the 765kV line. Jerry has since been sentenced to a 10-day jail sentence for resisting PASNY work crews, and is out on appeal along with eleven other North Country resisters. Photo by Doug Jones

continue work on the 765kV power line, how many other dangers will the North Country be exposed to...?"

## Focusing on PASNY.

William Sunderlin

On Wednesday April 20, a legislative hearing was held in Albany to investigate abuses of power committed by PASNY in its attempt to construct the 765kV line. The hearing was conducted by the Assembly Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions, and was chaired by Irwin J. Landes (D-Nassau).

Interrogation of Robert Bennett, PASNY's general counsel, revealed that public service law restricts the legislature's control over PASNY

"PASNY" continued

until its bond debts are paid off, while at the same time giving excessive protection to PASNY bond holders. "No legislature should accept this. The courts will throw this law down the gutter!" Landes said.

Dan Haley, former Chairperson of the Legislative Commission on Energy Systems, reported that Quebec Hydro would not sell nearly enough power to match the capacity of the line. He added that the ultimate purpose of the 765kV was to transmit the power of two 1100MW nuclear plants planned for St. Lawrence County. He asked the Commission to consider the fiscal insanity of this project in view of the fact that the US has only a 12-year supply of uranium left. He also asked the commission to consider where New York is going to get "surplus" wintertime power that PASNY has agreed to exchange with Hydro Quebec.

Richard Phillips, a member of the North Country Defense Committee, told the committee about the Tordon fiasco (see above). Landes said that the commission would investigate the matter immediately and he asked that PASNY submit a statement accounting for the use of Tordon-151, which has been banned by the EPA.

Landes, in his closing remarks, said that the North Country farmers have legitimate grievances, that it seemed the law gives PASNY's initiative too much latitude, and that he would seek remedial legislation.

**Legislative Strategies**

A revised version of the Nuclear Responsibility Act, which failed to pass last year, has been introduced in the state legislature this session. The NRA stipulates that before any new nuclear plant can be built, it must be shown that: 1) its emergency cooling system has been tested; 2) an adequate supply of fuel is assured; 3) limits on financial liability in the event of an accident have been waived; 4) a safe storage place exists for nuclear wastes; and 5) emergency evacuation plans exist. If passed, the bill would constitute a virtual moratorium on nuclear construction in New York, but it's expected to encounter heavy opposition. Letters of support to state legislators are urgently needed (see Community '77, p. 38).

**SPC Did It; Everybody Wants It!**

What is 'It'? 'It' is last month's Peace Newsletter supplement, "Nuclear Power and Its Alternatives."

To be sure, we had a lot of help from anti-nuke activists from all over New York State; from Buffalo and Rochester, from Sterling and Oswego, from Ithaca and the North Country, from Albany and Schenectady, from New Paltz and New York City.

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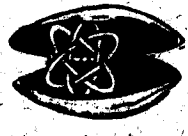
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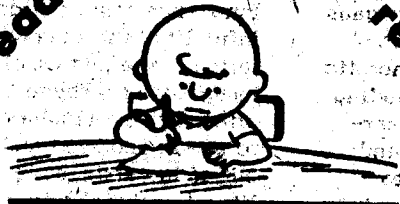
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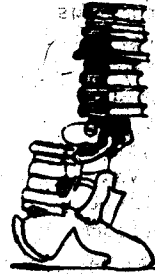
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# Jails: 'Way Out' or A Way In?

by Jerry Berrigan

It's now clear that peacemaking in our day requires resistance, and resistance may lead to arrest and jail. Briefly, that is what we Berrigans: Dan, Phil, Liz and I, discovered again between the Christmas and Easter of these last months. We got a variety of sentences: Liz 6 months (later reduced by half); Phil, 60 days; Dan, 30; I got the lightest, the least, 10 days. Sentences spent in the city jails of Alexandria and Arlington, Va.

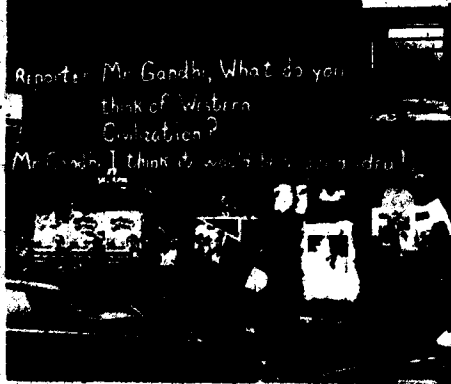
Looking back now, I recall that our time in lockup was an outcome of these events and concerns: our mother's Christmas Eve funeral and Phil's eulogy during it; our perennial question "how can I count?"; our sense of the Pentagon as doomsday; our wish to side with the children; our trying to be true to a valid and human tradition.

For the 4 of us, our latest jail stay began on Christmas Eve at Frida's funeral (she died on Dec. 22 at near 91) when Phil observed that we would be joining 60 or so other resisters at the Pentagon on Dec. 28. The point of it? To counter the nuclear buildup, to oppose the American War Dept. as the number one purveyor of death, of atomic destruction. During that service to mark Mama's life and death, all of us, family and friends, saw her as a person who for her entire life, gave to others. We Berrigans thought we should try to requite that, even to the point of risk. As we grouped around her body, her spirit lived in us, but there were few tears and no sentimentality. Simply it was that we wanted our tribute to fit, to be worthy; we planned our action as organic, positive, concrete, practical and symbolic.

## How Can I Count?

So partly in response to the question "how can I, modern and computerized and technologized American, resist the mass production and acceptance of death? how can I count?", we did it. On Dec. 28 our group of six dozen acted with variety and promptitude. At two main entrances, some of us chained ourselves to bronze Pentagon portals; others leafletted among muttering generals; some splashed our own blood high on the

granite facade; others carried placards and another group chanted and strutted as figures of street theater death. 29 "chainers" were cut loose and promptly rechained, this time to cops and to each other. We four Berrigans were among this group. All over again through the endless bureaucratic process of arrest, booking, pleading and release (for later court appearances and trial) we felt active and creative. We'd freely chosen to stand with the victims. In affirming general life we were resisting specific death.



## The Behemoth

In January and February we began to serve our sentences. During our time together in the cellblock, no one played the blues. (Literally, there were no radio or TV or periodicals, a vast blessing!) Instead, Dan, Phil and I (Liz was in the womens' section coping and doing it with esprit) read and pondered Old Testament "Revelations". "Who today," we asked ourselves, "is the Beast, the ravaging monster, the all-destroyer?" We named the Pentagon. Insidious, omnipotent, plausible, omnipresent, the Beast with three heads: technology, munitions, atomic death. Global in power, limitless in resources, filthy in polluting, the ultimate Behemoth. A restless, reaching, carnivore, it overlooks virtually nobody. Except slightly, ourselves. Pinioned, celled, we felt quite free.

Said A.J. Muste: "What we need is a bill of rights for children." Amen. In resisting, how can you fail to advert to those who are, perhaps more than anyone, vulnerable? Children. We saw them turn their faces, stretch out their hands, towards us. Honest, they

beg honesty. But often, quickly, the response they earn is the latest lie, the moral mockery of the death dealers; they glimpse the serene, impassive faces of death dealers. Innocence lost, children coopted. Infidelity, the pleasure principle, fatigue, the perversely passive imagination. These they are offered. The language they learn to speak and read and form ideas out of is carious, at once too literal, cliché ridden, rife with the infernal innuendo. Inheritors of the double-speak of 1977 (Uncle Sam is your friend, the Pentagon serves your interests, the Marines defend your freedom), children are denied the metaphor, the parable, the truth that could free them and thus us all. Indeed, we Pentagon chainers had to stand with the children!

## "This I Must Do"

Finally, in going to jail we four were trying to be true to a tradition. Primarily to the Gospel (He who lives by the sword... blessed are the peacemakers... the truth shall make you free...) but also to a secular one rooted in this nation. Thoreau planted the seeds of resistance, King watered them, as did Dorothy Day, Mother Jones and others. All of these persons-- "doers of the word." All of them, actors--out of belief, of conscience. No one of them content to merely add to the myriads of words spoken "on behalf of... in defense of... to object to... but stepped forward." Here is my body, my life, I oppose untruth, I resist death. This I must do. This I can do." The tradition unacted upon, unenlarged, is dead.

I was released on February 13, Dan on March 1, Phil on April 2, Liz on April 10. On Good Friday the Atlantic Life Community and the Jonah House Community conducted another action of resistance at the Pentagon. Several were arrested and jailed.

Looking toward the summer, the same groups are actively sponsoring resistance events. They invite the concern, input, participation of any readers of the Peace Newsletter.

Jerry teaches English at Onondaga Community College and tries to lead a peaceful life of resistance.

# Viet Nam & U.S. 2 Years After War's End

by Dik Cool

Revolutionary Viet Nam is making astounding progress towards creating a society that really meets people's needs, but there are vestiges from the past. More than 4 years after the "official" end (Paris Accords 1/22/73) of the Viet Nam war, and 2 years after the real end (April 30, 1975), Vietnamese are still dying daily as a result of the U.S. presence. Farmers and peasants are usually the victims as they struggle to reclaim their brutalized earth. How is this still possible? In yet another ugly legacy of the war unexploded U.S. ordnance and mines exist by the thousands in Viet Nam. They pose a deadly obstacle in Viet Nam's massive effort to become, once again, agriculturally self-supporting.

## Rice Urgently Needed

Rationing of rice (which was exported before the war) still exists in both the north & south, and Viet Nam has sent out urgent appeals for help. Vietnamese refugees in the U.S. have sometimes received complaints on the shortages of food from family and friends in Viet Nam. Occasionally this has been used to bring discredit on the new government. The discredit, however, really belongs to the U.S., as it is the U.S. that turned southern Viet Nam into a rice importer, and it is the U.S. that refuses to heed Viet Nam's appeals for assistance.

"New economic zones" are a basic part of Viet Nam's effort to de-urbanize her population. People from all walks of life are encouraged to move to one of these rural zones where they are given land and some assistance by the government. This program is based on incentives and a developing sense of helping one's country, rather than force. With incredible unemployment (1-1.5 million out of a population of 18 million in the south) caused by the artificial western economy the U.S. set up, progress on the new economic zones is slow but steady. More importantly, reports Onesta Carpena (who liv-

Dik's struggle to live & work collectively gives him much empathy for the Vietnamese struggle towards socialism.



ed many years in Viet Nam, leaving in 1976), is that trust in people is returning. One of Onesta's Vietnamese correspondents says, "[trust] is felt more than seen, through small words and concrete attitudes. If there is no respect for the ordinary person, who perhaps can't read & write, then you see only the faults."

Schools, small factories and hospitals are also springing up in the new zones as well as in existing villages and cities. One such hospital will be on the site of the U.S. infamous My Lai massacre. On the 9th anniversary of the massacre (March 16, 1977) Friendship, a coalition of peace, religious & civic groups, presented \$150,000 to Viet Nam for the 100 bed district hospital. The funds were contributed by 12,852 Americans. Friendship has raised an additional \$2,000,000 over the past 3 years; but, unfortunately, it's still a drop in the bucket when compared to Viet Nam's severe needs and to the ability--and responsibility--of the U.S. government to help.

## Re-education Camps

There has been no blood bath in Viet Nam as the U.S. predicted for 20 years. It's hard for many Americans, blinded by years of pervasive anti-communism, to comprehend that the re-education camps in Viet Nam are, by and large, an extraordinarily humane way of trying to deal with people who collaborated with an occupying army. In comparison the French (a "civilized" Western nation) summarily executed about 10,000 Nazi collaborators after WWII. A small percentage of the military & civilian leaders of the old U.S./s Viet Nam regime are still in the

camps. By U.S. standards they would be considered traitors. Says Claudia Krich (former co-director of AFSC's south Viet Nam programs from 4/73-7/75), "they are war criminals. The treatment they receive is more lenient than war criminals have received after any other war." The Vietnamese say quite plainly that these people may be in the camps for many years to come. The second, not surprising, aspect of the camps is the attention the U.S. media has lavished on them. Scudder Parker (New England CALC staff member) asks: "Is there comparable coverage of the profound environmental, social and economic disruption caused by the \$170 billion and the lives we committed to destroying a culture?"

## The MIA's

The MIA issue is finally drawing to a close it seems. The Nixon/Kissinger/Ford policy used the MIA's as the last lever for which they could muster anti-Viet Nam sentiment among Americans. This heartless policy caused needless suffering for families of MIA's. After WWII and the Korean war (86,000 total) all MIA's were assumed dead within 1 year of the end of hostilities and the return of prisoners. The Panamanian U.N. Ambassador speaking to the U.S. veto (because of the MIA's) of Viet Nam's U.N. admission on November 15, 1976, sums up the situation well: "What if the Vietnamese were to require instead the names of their hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, of citizens who were killed by bullets or who languished in the darkness of cells? . . ."



**U.S. Softens Position**

The Woodcock Commission's visit to Viet Nam (3/77) is a positive note on the horizon of improving Viet Nam and U.S. relations. Marian Edelman, a commission member, has spoken of the "independence, grit & strength" of the Vietnamese; and Jimmy Carter has not ruled out economic aid to Viet Nam. Viet Nam's early admission to the U.N. now seems certain. Ironically, U.S. multinationals--strong supporters of past U.S. policy in Viet Nam--are now pressing the government to normalize relations so that they can begin to deal openly with the new Viet Nam. This time, however, the Vietnamese will not be coming out on the short end of such dealings. The new government is very aware of the workings of imperialism.

The U.S. media, then, seems to be one of the last strongholds of anti-Viet Nam sentiment. (Especially culpable is the so-called "liberal" media.) In the words of the Vietnamese scholar Nguyen Khac Vien, "writing an account about Viet Nam today is an intelligence test, and at the same time a test of integrity." Most western journalists have failed miserably on both counts thus far. Once again it is up to the American people to do the job. And we can and we must do it!

**Things We Can Do**

1. Contribute to Friendship and write your Representatives and Jimmy Carter urging the U.S. to end the trade embargo, normalize relations and send reconstruction aid.
2. Set up a film or slideshow event at your place of worship, school,

- workplace or neighborhood. There are many good new films available.
3. Urge that your church or synagogue invite a Vietnamese religious delegation to the U.S. This is a national campaign to find out first hand about religion in Viet Nam and to build bridges. The U.S. recently turned down a visa for the Archbishop of Hanoi.
  4. Support universal unconditional amnesty for veterans & civilian resisters; if you're an employer make clear that you are glad to hire Viet Nam-era vets with less-than-honorable discharges.
  5. Check on the materials being used in your children's school in regard to the war. If they're inaccurate or not complete (Very likely) we can help you with accurate materials.

6. Distribute this article; it's available from SPC in leaflet form.
7. Subscribe to the monthly **Peace Newsletter (PNL)** published by SPC. The PNL will keep you informed on information & local events related to Indochina. Subs are \$5 or more per year.

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# Chemical Warfare Against Native Peoples

## Part I: GUATEMALA

by Carlos Rainclouds

This is the first part of a two-part article. The second section, which deals with the mercury poisoning of native peoples in Ontario, Canada, will appear in next month's Peace Newsletter.

"What is in question is not only the fate of individual tribes, but the survival of an entire race."

Christopher Hampton<sup>1</sup>

In 1963 in Brazil, as the Cintas Lagas tribe gathered for a funeral ritual, a small plane suddenly flew overhead and dropped small objects on the gathered tribe. The natives fled into the jungle, but the plane had dropped only packets of sugar, and soon they were all back in the clearing tasting the strange new chemical. Then the plane returned, and, having them all now in the open, bombed them to extinction.<sup>2</sup>

### Earthquake 'Relief'

The same genocide is currently being practiced in Guatemala, but light Cessna's aren't needed for dropping the bait this time. The current "sugar" is in the form of chemicals being given to improve crop production in the wake of the devastating earthquake of 1976, in which 23,000 were killed outright and a fifth of the population were left homeless.

Relief agencies started pouring in from all over the world -- the U.S. Army flown in from Panama, the Canadian Embassy, the Red Cross, Oxfam, Quaker and Mennonite work projects etc. They swarmed over the central Guatemala highlands like a flock of busy locusts and put up pre-fab houses, built schools and churches and distributed food, fertilizers and insecticides to the confused and bewildered natives of the area.

The native Mayan Indians constitute the vast majority of the population (about 3 1/2 million out of 5 million).

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yet they have been driven to the steep infertile mountainsides where they try to eke out an existence, for Guatemala is a land of awesome contrasts; the very rich and the very poor. From the time of the Spanish conquest 450 years ago, the fertile coastal plains have been taken over by a few wealthy families of European extraction. Thus the best land and topsoil is wasted on non-food luxury crops for export (mostly to the U.S.) -- sugar, cotton, coffee and tobacco -- while the native people provide cheap labor (75 cents to \$1.50 per day) and suffer the economic cannibalism of malnutrition and protein-deficiency, both of which are endemic. 81% of the children are affected.



A traditional Kakchikel woman preparing a meal of frijoles y tortillas in her kitchen.

Photo by Francis Wardle

The 3/4 of the population must somehow feed itself off less than 12% of the land -- and the worst land at that, since the fertile areas are producing non-food crops for the U.S. and Canada. Over the years, life in the ever-more crowded highlands has been steadily deteriorating. Farm units have been constantly subdivided by succeeding generations and the soil has never had a chance to rest. It is overworked -- often beyond its capacity -- and severe erosion is common on the steep mountain slopes.

Because of the limited size of landholdings, few people grow little else than corn and beans, so that most men can no longer successfully feed their families from the scattered garden plots and so must go down to the coast to work on the plantations for 3 or 4 months out of the year. When the truck comes to their village, men, women and even children are herded aboard, often 50-60 per truck.

### Deadly Insecticides

From there they are taken down to the coast -- with no stops to feed or relieve themselves. There, at a lower altitude, they are forced to live in leaky shacks with no running water or sanitary facilities, are fed on an unchanging diet of water/corn/beans (often spoiled) and are occasionally subjected to brutal punishment. The heat is sweltering and the humidity high. When the crops they are working are sprayed with the powerful and deadly insecticides, they are told none of the consequences or facts... such as that Aldrin has been banned in Canada, the U.S. and Western Europe since it is a recognized carcinogen and a causative factor in birth defects. Many become sick; often they die. Infants especially have a high mortality rate from injecting toxic substances while nursing at their mother's breasts. For many who survive: brain damage and growth retardation.

Many of these same chemical fertilizers and toxic pesticides used of the plantations are being handed out to these same Native Peoples as they return to their highland areas (by various relief agencies including CEPA, Oxfam and AID).

### Warning Ineffective

Most of these Indians do not speak Spanish, let alone English, and the warning precautions and directions (when listed) make a futile gesture towards safety, for even if these recipients understood the dangers involved, how could they afford the protective clothing involved -- the respirator, the rubber gloves, the boots? None of these are distributed with the chemicals (though the WARNINGS on the bags say the substance should not be touched without them), and even if the protective clothing were locally



White Roots of Peace agriculturalist demonstrating "Aqua Caliente" (hot pepper water) homemade insecticide on damaged crops. Photo by Francis Wardle

available for purchase (which it isn't), it would cost the better part of a year's salary as a plantation laborer on the coast.

There is also the matter of storage. Most of the Native Peoples live in simple one or two room dirt-floored huts with little or no furniture. Since the chemicals must be protected from the rain, they are usually stored right in their homes, often next to the sacks of corn and beans. The result? - widespread headaches/dizziness, involuntary spasms and tremors, some paralysis, children suffering severe loss of energy and lack of appetite, and frequent blindness from wiping one's eyes after handling the chemicals

White Roots of Peace, the Native American group, went to Guatemala to help their brothers and sisters, and hopes to return with more tools and seeds and health service people (including traditional native healers) and agriculturalists. Assistance for that project may be sent to them % Mohawk Nation via Roosevelt-town, NY 13683, or to the Oneonta Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), % Bill Weiss, Treasurer, RD #1, Box 56, Oneonta, NY 13820, marked "Native American Fund."

-- all from direct poisoning of the body by accidental ingestion.

Families are having difficulties raising chickens. Many of the eggs never hatch, and of those that do, most produce sick (often blind) chicks which soon expire. The Natives attribute their own death to the chicks but their death to the chicks eating a worm called gallina seiga, which is a major agricultural pest, and so they are willing to accept and use the chemicals to get rid of the pest. What they do not realize, and are not told, is that this chemical is resistant to the chemical, whereas chickens themselves are not. So the chickens die and the pests remain, another example of what studies have shown: that where pesticides are used with ever greater intensity, crop losses due to pests are actually increased.<sup>3</sup> As the insect strain becomes more resistant, more chemicals must be applied to achieve the same result, but meanwhile the natural predators are being destroyed, and the human population is becoming more and more hooked on using chemical solutions. All of which makes good profits for the manufacturing corporations but short lives for those bodies which are unknowingly sacrificed. It's one of the supreme-ly mystifying ironies of life that it is

illegal to use DDT and Aldrin in our country but legal to manufacture and export it.

#### Few Choices

The obvious question is why we are exporting our outdated and dangerous technology under the guise of relief and charity? Whether intentional or through well-meaning ignorance, Native Peoples, either way, are victims twice over. They are not only being poisoned, but are being helped to do it themselves. They are desperate to save their small crops and are willing to use anything they can get their hands on. They have had little choice but to plant corn and beans on the same small plot of land for generations now, and the soil is worn out. As a result, plagues of flea beetles and root cut-worms destroy their crops. The alternatives are slavery on the plantations or starvation, and they know enough of both. They are desperate for any help they can get and, with a massive chemical propaganda campaign linked to the availability of Petrochemical solutions, they readily accept the DDT and Aldrin. That is what is being made available to "help" them.

#### Old Ways Destroyed

The trap is a smooth one, for they cooperate eagerly. The very concept of chemical poisoning is alien to their way of life and thinking. There is a season-to-season world, a day-to-day time sequence and it is hard for them to think right now to the generations ahead when they themselves face starvation today.

After all, we have the answers to their immediate starvation and over the years, we have slowly destroyed their faith in their own identity and ability to feed their families and live according to their own ancient traditions.

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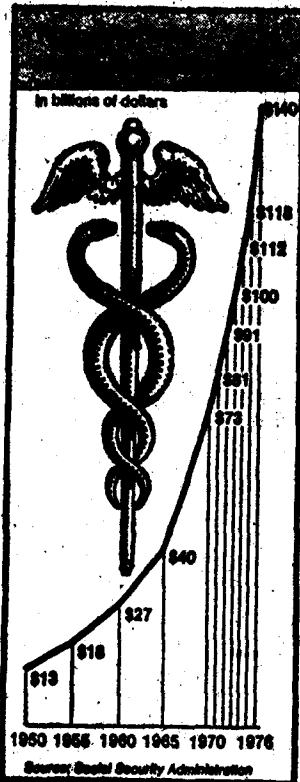
# A Hard Look at National Health Insurance Proposals

by Linda Faller and Ron Vincent

Too often in medicine symptomatic treatment is given inappropriately. For example, health practitioners frequently give Valium, the most prescribed drug in this country because they cannot or will not deal with the causes of anxiety. Current national health insurance (NHI) proposals before Congress illustrate an analogous approach to the problems of the health care system. We will try to point out the problems inherent to NHI and suggest resources which may help to develop an in-depth understanding of NHI and other health care issues.

## Why NHI?

NHI is basically a funding mechanism designed primarily to guarantee that doctors and hospitals are paid. However, if a NHI proposal with broad benefits is passed, the purchasing power of health care consumers will increase and will somewhat reduce the financial barrier limiting access to health care. The reason NHI is on the Congressional agenda is because of the explosion of health care costs. Total expenditures on health care, public and private, rose from \$47.8 billion to \$140.2 billion between fiscal years 1967 and 1976.



## Who Wants NHI?

Unions want NHI because every time insurance rates increase, they eat into present or potential income increases. Industry also wants NHI as a solution to the exorbitant premium increases they pay for their workers. Both unions and industry hope NHI will put a ceiling on health care costs. Government intervention has become inevitable due to the enormous financial burden which it assumes in funding health care services. Private interest groups are aware that government will soon intervene into the health care system, so each of the separate provider groups has sponsored a NHI proposal in an attempt to protect their interests. Medicare, our first attempt at NHI, illustrates the naïvete and the catastrophic results of the assumption that current approaches to NHI are necessarily a solution to the problems of our health care system.

## What Did We Learn From Medicare?

The reformers who fought for 50 years for NHI thought that if the federal government were given a large enough fiscal lever, reorganization of the health care system would follow. Their motivation was unselfish and humane. In 1950 the health reformers developed a strategy of incrementalism, of getting a foot in the door. They chose the elderly to be the first receivers of NHI because they had such obvious health care needs. They met many legislative defeats but in 1954 the commission of hospital care's planning committee recommended federal assistance to help states pay the costs of hospitalization for the poor. Many hospitals were experiencing deficits as a result of expensive advances in medical technology. The commission pointed out that the aged, who were the greatest consumers of the expensive modalities of care, were the least able to pay for them. Medicare was passed in 1966.

Medicare was built on an existing government program, the Social Security Administration. But unfortunately, "as with most bills in the US, the real substance of the Medicare legislation such as its fiscal appropriation, its degree of enforcement,

and its administrative rules and procedures were all decided after the legislation was passed and signed into law."<sup>1</sup> The American Hospital Association, the Blue Cross Association and the AMA were the people who made these post-legislative decisions. They were able to direct that hospitals treating the program's beneficiaries be paid the "reasonable cost" of care and that physicians be paid their "reasonable charges". A disastrous omission was that the federal bureaucracy allowed the provider (the physician, hospital, nursing home, pharmacist) to determine the meaning of those terms. In addition, private intermediaries who were biased in favor of the providers were allowed to administer the program payments. The result was quite predictable. However much a hospital spends to treat a Medicare patient would be paid for by the government, and the means of determining what has been spent could be manipulated to the hospital's benefit. Medicare gave hospitals and physicians a license to spend money. "No consideration was given, for example, to an empirically determined figure representing what a given service efficiently provided should cost, or even a system of financial incentives for hospitals whose costs were kept under control."<sup>2</sup>

Hospital costs have represented the bulk of benefit payments under Medicare. The annual rate of increase in hospital expenses per patient per day, which averaged 6.8% in the first year of the program's operation, was 14.3% in the second year and stayed above 13% for the next three years.<sup>3</sup>

From 1959 through 1965, physicians' fees had been rising at an average annual rate of 2.8%. From December 1965 to December 1966, physicians' fees rose 7.8%.<sup>4</sup> The increase was equal in the 6 months before Medicare's effective date and the 6 months following. This early increase of fees reflected their awareness that their "customary charges" would be the basis for repayment of their Medicare claims.

Linda Faller is a physician's assistant

**Beneficiaries Become the Victims**

Medicare now offers 24 million people partial hospital coverage plus optional limited non-hospital benefits at an extra cost, but it has steadily paid less and less of elderly people's health costs. "1976 data shows only about 40% of the average \$1200 annual health bill for a person over 65 would be covered by Medicare."<sup>5</sup> The elderly now pay more both in total dollars and percentage of their bill after Medicare than before it was legislated. Medicare did not increase the number of physicians available to the elderly; it did nothing to assure quality care to the elderly.

The results of Medicare were an explosion of health care costs for everyone and further entrenchment in power of private interest groups and professional monopolies. Medicare also resulted in the creation of a complex bureaucracy which distances and confuses the consumer from what is going on in the health care system. NHI will likely be more of the same.

**A Comparison of 3 NHI Proposals**

An in-depth study of NHI proposals is beyond the scope of this article. We will describe and compare three programs which lie in different places on the political spectrum.

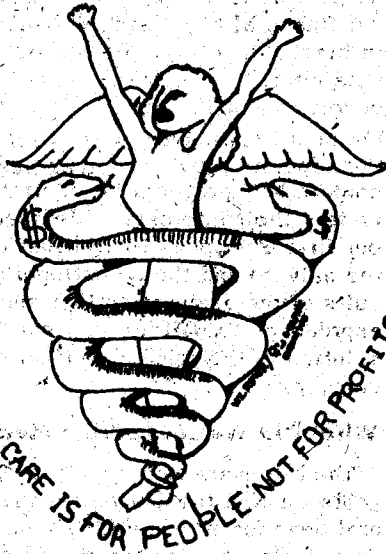
**Long-Ribicoff Bill**

The Long-Ribicoff Bill has 3 parts.<sup>6</sup> Title I provides insurance against catastrophic illness. The first 60 days of hospitalization are not covered, thereafter the beneficiary must pay coinsurance (the percentage of a bill that is charged to the patient). The program's medical benefits are available only after the family has incurred an expense of \$2000. After spending this sum, a family must then make coinsurance payments of 20%.

Title II provides a federalized health insurance program for the poor. This program duplicates the benefits required of state Medicaid programs. The Title III provides for H.E.W. certification of private insurance companies.

This proposal repeats the same mistakes of Medicare: The use of private fiscal intermediaries which inflate cost and reimbursement of hospitals based on "reasonable costs" and of physicians based on "reasonable charges". Under Title II, physicians

would have to accept program reimbursements as payments in full although they would not have to accept its beneficiaries as patients. The financing of the catastrophic illness program would put the greatest burden of health care costs on the lower middle class by adding a 0.3% increase to the regressive social security tax.

**Kennedy's Health Security Act**

The Health Security Act (HSA) provides national, comprehensive, compulsory coverage to everyone in the country. Its benefits include a wide range of physician, hospital, psychiatric and dental services plus many other supportive services. There are no deductibles, co-insurance or premium sharing. This bill is financed by a 1 percent employees' payroll tax up to \$15,000, 1 percent of unearned income, 3.5 percent employers' payroll tax, and a 2.5 percent self employment earnings; and equal amount of money from the federal general revenues is added to the amount accrued by the above taxes.

One of the most attractive aspects of this bill is that it abolishes private insurance companies. The HSA has many other positive elements and deserves much consideration. But it is imperative that we be aware of its many limitations. It makes a feeble attempt to include consumers in deci-

sion-making on a local, regional and national level. There is no provision which assures consumer representation on boards of hospitals, nursing homes or other health facilities. In addition, HSA might create such a top heavy bureaucracy, that what little consumer power this bill allows, would be dampened. Another serious weakness is that the financing mechanism is fundamentally regressive. A person who earns \$20,000 and up in wages a year pays little more than a person who earns up to \$15,000.

The amount of funds which are allocated to certain geographical areas are based either on past expenditures for health services or on a per capita basis. Both of these methods are inadequate. First, if there were many people who did not receive services in the past but would now be eligible under this bill, the amount of money allocated would be too low to cover the cost of providing services to everyone within a region. Secondly, there are geographical areas which require more money than could be based on population, e.g. Florida where there are many old people, and in Mississippi where the poor tend to have more illness and less health care facilities and providers.<sup>7</sup> To counter the inequitable distribution of health care services, HSA may offer financial incentives to bring health providers into underserved areas. But as we have learned with Medicare, just because we funnel money into the health care system does not mean that health services will be provided or health care services improved. To learn more about HSA, write: CNHI, 821 15th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005.

**The MCHR/Dellum Bill**

The Health Rights and Community Health Services Act, sponsored by Ronald Dellums was developed by the Medical Committee for Human Rights and the Institute for Policy Studies. This plan goes beyond NHI and proposes a national health service. The MCHR/Dellums plan is based on the belief that health care is a human right and that it is the necessary function of the government to establish a national service. This proposal would establish a network of service areas -- communities, districts, and regions -- and a corresponding

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governance structure of service -- area health boards comprising two-thirds consumers and one-third health workers. There would be equally strong consumer representation at each health facility, community and regional and national health boards.

This system would be financed by a series of taxes on corporate profits, personal wealth over \$50,000 and personal income over \$20,000. All health services would be free, at the point of delivery to all persons within the US. This bill's strength is that the priorities and organization of the health care system are determined democratically by the public. Its weakness is that it fails to deal with why the current system exists, who it serves and how we get from here to there. It helps us to articulate our goals but it lacks realism. Summaries

of this proposal appeared in the Congressional Record, October 17, 1974, and May 19, 1975. A copy of the bill may be obtained from: Community Health Alternatives Project, Institute for Policy Studies, 1901 Q St., NW, Washington, DC 20009.

**The Problems**

NHI is a reformist attempt to deal with the problems of our health care system. The first danger of reformist solutions is that they obscure the real issues. NHI like other reforms gives the appearance that the problems of the health care system are being solved. With the exception of the MCHR/Dellums Bill no attempt is made to change the locus of power within the health care system or to restrict the control of the professional monopolies. NHI is not going to affect the quality, accessibility, dehumanizing nature, or the organization and distribution of health care.

The second danger of reformist solutions is that they tend to de-fuse the potential for more fundamental change because the key issues are obscured by false promises and gains. NHI offers symptomatic treatment which may temporarily tranquilize the consumers with promised benefits while the causes of increasing exorbitant costs and other problems of our health care system fester and progress. NHI is an example of funding a system at its weakest point, the point where it breaks down because a more thorough solution is politically unthinkable. If you are interested in forming a local health study/action group, leave your name and phone number at SPC.

**Suggested resources:**

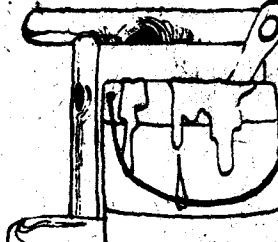
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# Food Day: Celebration, Education & Action

by Barb Dunn

The atmosphere of this year's Food Day, held April 21 at the State Fair Grounds, was truly one of celebration as everyone who took in an hour or an afternoon of the tastes and smells, sights and samples which were available at the many exhibits there will agree. Our thanks and congratulations go to the Consumer Affairs Unit of the City of Syracuse for this year's Food Day coordination.

Behind it all was a message, however. We came away, not only with happy taste buds and excited eating and cooking imaginations but with a heightened, unsettling awareness that hunger, corruption and ignorance are very much a part of this world's food situation.



The Peace Council participated with a booth staffed by Carolyn Graydon, John Maddaus and Barb Dunn which focused on sugar.

Barb Dunn is a vegetarian who does not eat refined foods.

"Guess Who's Coming to Breakfast," a very powerful filmstrip which exposes Gulf and Western's exploitation of sugar workers in the Dominican Republic was shown hourly. While people starve, 1000's of acres of land are taken out of local food production and are instead devoted to growing a nutritionally-useless cash crop for export to the U.S. This strip really brings home the three-word-concern of the sugar refining industry: maximization of profits.

A leaflet entitled "Sugar, Sugar Everywhere" was distributed which explains why we nutritionally owe it to ourselves to cut down on our sugar intake. Sucrose, of which sugar is 99.96%, provides nothing but empty calories. In such a refined, unnaturally pure form, sugar takes an emotional and physical toll. Rather than providing "quick energy" as we have been led to believe, sucrose (refined sugar) upsets the nutritional and/or glucose balance in our bodies and makes it harder for us to produce energy in the long run. There is nothing "natural" about our desire for sugar; it is an acquired taste. The most efficient energy source is through the breakdown of starch in the body. Yet sugar is needlessly added to almost all of the processed and canned foods we eat and is found in the most unexpected places. The leaflet offers some suggestions and alternatives to help us all modify our sweet tooth and be-

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gin pulling out the stops on the sugar refining multinationals control.

Honey is a locally-available, natural alternative to refined sugar. The honey samples provided for the booth by Lois Levitan and Erwin Reiner were proof of the tasty advantages. They also share this information: home bee-keeping and honey production is mostly a family farm operation which does not require ownership of large acreage nor does it need to be transported far since it can be carried out almost anywhere. This is in sharp contrast to the exploitative dealings of the sugar industry; let's support local, home-based industries such as Lois and Erwin's.

The filmstrip was also shown and leaflets were distributed on the first evening of the Oswego Food Coop's Food Week (April 20-30), and at a SPC potluck, April 25th, at ECHO.

Hopefully, issues regarding food, nutrition, hunger, industry, etc., will not be a once-a-year focus. We're looking for opportunities to extend what has been initiated through Food Day. If you have any suggestions about future discussion, leaflets or activities and would like to exchange ideas, please contact John Maddaus (472-5478), Barb Dunn(675-3773), or Carolyn Graydon (475-7888).

## CALC 'Politics of Food'

Clergy and Laity Concerned (CALC), a national interfaith organization working on peace and social justice issues, has chosen "The Politics of Food" as one of its four program priorities.

CALC's "Politics of Food" program will include a critique of food production and distribution methods here and abroad, centering on how transnational corporations benefit from:

(1) The misuse of agricultural resources in "food deficit" developing countries, such as policies of export agriculture and cash cropping rather than growing food to meet the needs of those who grow it. We will promote alternatives which stress

the importance of self-reliance and self-sufficiency in food production.

(2) The misuse of agricultural resources in the U.S., including the shift of production sites to underdeveloped nations, concentration of land ownership, and the impact of corporate agriculture on family farms and farm workers.

At present, CALC is active in the new national Infant Formula Action Campaign, which is exposing the abuse of infant formula in third world countries.

For further details, write or call: Clergy and Laity Concerned, 198 Broadway, New York, NY 10038; (212) 964-6730.

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MAY 1977

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Everyone welcome!!

**ECOH** (Euclid Community Open House)  
(corner Westcott St. & Euclid Ave.)

## 9 Northern Ireland: The Politics of Peace

A slide show and discussion about the attempt of the Irish "Peace People" to develop a nonviolent strategy to resolve the conflict in Northern Ireland. Dave Bowman, an American Jesuit priest who organized the

"Tour of Reconciliation" (a group of 100 Americans who spent two weeks meeting with the Peace People) will lead the discussion. (See also p. 15)

## 23 Masculinity: Fact or Act?

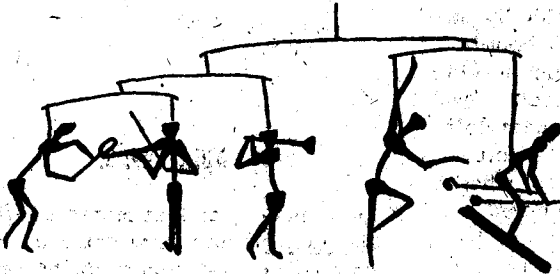
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"A slide show on men and sexism" --illustrating how traditional male roles hurt men and the women and children to whom they relate. The slides demonstrate how boys from early childhood are conditioned to hold in their feelings, be tough and competitive, leaving them feeling isolated, lonely, without close

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## Elmcrest: Small Victory But Little Change

Helmut Tammela has resigned as director of Elmcrest Children's Center on April 14 (see 4/77 PNL), the direct result of workers' demands that he be fired for a number of far-reaching reasons. What has followed, however, is not a new commitment to improving Elmcrest on the part of the board and the new director.

The board has issued public statements purporting to have increased staff involvement in decision making (a major worker complaint), but in fact this involvement has been superficial or non-existent below the supervisor level. As a reflection of continuing disenchantment, the principals of the North Syracuse branch and the main campus school have both asked to be laid off. All the residential staff has been laid off, and the board so far has been unable to formulate a reasonable plan for reinstating the residential program. The board is also clearly unwilling to return the former assistant director, Goodman, who was fired when he requested Tammela's resignation. Perhaps the workers should become the board, if Elmcrest's problems are to be effectively dealt with.

## Forbidden Fruit

Now there's double reason to avoid grapes from grocery store shelves. If they're not non-UFW grapes from California, they may be imports from Chile! In an effort to diversify its exports, Chile has stepped up sales of grapes and other fruits to US markets, from \$8 million in 1974 to \$21 million in 1976. The fruit is shipped chiefly in the winter months when US domestic supplies are lowest. However, the National Coordinating Center in Solidarity with Chile points out that expansion of agricultural production to export comes at the expense of Chilean people, because the food and land is not available for domestic needs.

# PEACES

## Some Get Richer, a Lot Get Poorer

Remember when Americans were the highest paid workers in the world? If the news media haven't mentioned it lately, this may be the reason: in 1976, the average American worker received \$6.67 an hour in wages, salaries and fringe benefits. Workers in Sweden (\$8.54), Denmark (\$7.50), Belgium (\$7.29) and West Germany (\$7.08) all received more than Americans. Before you try to pay those bills with the princely \$6.67 an hour, remember that the 'fringe benefits' of health coverage, pensions, etc., may be hard to spend. If the news surprises you, it shouldn't; SPC's Community '77 had predicted similar results. --RV

## Holding Them Accountable

Cornell students gave a decidedly unfriendly welcome to Citibank board chairman Walter Wriston when he visited their campus in late March. Two hundred and fifty people, almost half of them protesters, attended a forum at the Cornell Business School where Wriston spoke. He was peppered with questions on Citibank's involvements in South Africa, Chile, and in New York City's financial crisis.

Citibank organized a huge \$110 million loan to South Africa following a wave of anti-apartheid protests and strikes that shook the regime last summer. The bank likewise gave loans to the Chilean military junta following its seizure of power.

The high point of the protest was the presentation of a giant South African gold piece to Wriston by two people dressed in Ku Klux Klan outfits, while the crowd sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." To the consternation of university officials and Wriston's great confusion, he was presented his award for his "services to the cause of white supremacy."

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## And Now... Energy Stamps?

Following last winter's unusually cold weather and astronomical utility bills, which brought economic hardship to many people in New York State, an "energy stamp" bill has been introduced into the 1977 legislative session by State Senator Flynn (R, Yonkers). The bill would affect only people 62 and older who already receive food stamps, and the benefit would amount to only \$2-3 a month for the average recipient. This paltry measure constitutes an admission of sorts that energy costs are too high, without doing anything meaningful to alter that fact. It would leave intact the increased profits flowing to the energy industries by having the state (i.e., you the taxpayer) pick up the burden that selected individuals cannot meet. Some fear it is also meant to undercut "Lifeline" proposals which would revise utility rate structures to benefit low-volume users. Even so, it's bound to arouse the opposition of legislators opposed to "handouts," and who fail to see it for what it really is: corporate welfare.

## April Fool's!

Alert readers of last month's Peace Newsletter may have noticed an item on the April 1st square of the back page calendar, calling attention to a "Fuel Usage Cost Kickback" being offered by Niagara Mohawk because of the unusually severe winter. At least two PNL readers actually called NiaMo to inquire about the offer, evidently throwing customer service and public relations into confusion. Finally, late in April, a NiaMo representative called SPC to ask what was going on. We cheerfully explained it was just an April Fool's joke, and the rep conceded it might be humorous "in a certain context." Apologies to all who followed up on our wishful thinking, and thanks for taking it in good grace when the joke was explained.

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**SPRING CELEBRATION**, Upstate New York Movement for a New Society, May 20-22, \$5. For more information, write MNS, c/o Allison Clarke, 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester, NY 14607.

**N. AMERICAN SEMINAR** on Training & Organizing for Nonviolent Action, May 15-22, Madrid, Iowa. Training for projects to develop mass nonviolent social change movement in N. America. Pre-register by 4/30. Sliding scale fees, \$63-80 for room & board. Contact N. American Seminar, 4719 Springfield Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19143.

**PEACEMAKER ORIENTATION PROGRAM IN NONVIOLENCE**: June 12-25 in Arcata, Calif. & Aug. 14-27 in Lum, Mich. Topics: simple living, alternative energy sources, land trusts, nonviolence, consensus, Peacemakers & more. Work & expenses (about \$3/day) shared. Contact Peggy Weisgard, Box 4793, Arcata, CA 95521 or John Leininger, 1255 Paddock Hills Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45229.

**READING EXCITEMENT** in the June PNL: "Syracuse Cable TV--The Debate is Over, What Next?" by Bob Burns & Lante Wisniewski, "Chemical Warfare Against Native People" Part II: Canada by Carlos Rainclouds, plus analyses of US' new energy policy & the J.P. Stevens Boycott, and the results of the PNL Book Poll! Summer PNL will feature informative articles on the law of the seas, recombinant DNA, how kids can handle conflict creatively by Ed Hayes, and a first-hand view of the Third World concerns of the World Council of Churches by Jim Smucker.

"Peace & Jobs/ Stop B-1 Bomber": a new bumpersticker from The Front Room, 924 Burnet Ave., Syracuse 13203; 25¢ includes tax & postage, 5/\$1.

**MOVING? DOING SPRING HOUSE CLEANING?** Don't throw away your used furniture, clothing, books, household goods! SPC can use them for our first garage sale fund raiser this year, scheduled for May. Keep us in mind if you have items you can donate, and hang on to them--or if you absolutely can't wait, call us at 472-5478. Thanks!

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29 Bertold Brecht's Mother Courage and Her Children", 7:30 at the Civic Center, Apr. 28, 29, 30. Tickets \$5.00

30 2nd anniv of peace in VietNam vigil & leaf-letting sponsored by SPC 11:45-1 pm Lincoln Pl (Fayette/Salina) 472-5478  
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3 SPC has almost \$5000 in unpaid bills! Please contribute as much as you can!

4 The Front Room collective mtg 9 am at SPC all welcome Dik 472-5478  
2-5 pm 'key contact' mailing party, help needed  
7:30 pm Finance Comm. mtg at 320 Park St.

5 May 5 - 7 "Grits" Concert. Salt City Playhouse, 8 pm \$4, discounts on Thurs. night.

6 TGIF party, 5 - 7 pm at Women's Info Cntr. every Fri. All women welcome. Bring cider, wine, cheese or something to share.

7 Land Trust mtg. Camp Avalon 5pm Fri to lunch Sun Speakers Sat., square dance Sat nite. \$9 (\$&S \$6) call Hank 472-3726

8 Support rally for the Seabrook occupation.  
"Alive in Syracuse" show representing women and minority points of view. Channel 9, 12:00 noon Sundays

9 SPC Mon. Potluck: "Northern Ireland: The Politics of Peace and Reconciliation." 8 pm at ECOH. see p 20 for details.

10 Energy Rally at State Capitol Building. Albany. (See p. 6)

11 7:30 SPC Steering Comm. mtg. at 119 Parkview Ave. All welcome.

12 Political Economy Study Group  
6:30 potluck supper  
7:30 Joey Edwardh will report on her recent stay in Cuba. For details call Linda at 476-2841

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14 Nuclear Power/765kv line Forum - see box on this page for details.

15 garage sale  
No, not yet. But we do need your donations now for next month's (June 4) big sale at ECOH.

16 Feminist School Open House 601 Allen St. 7:30 pm 478-4636

17 Feminist School Registration continues throughout this week 478-4636

18 Upstate New York Peace Network mtg in Albany.  
Wed. morning coffee hour 10:00 - 12:30, Women's INFORMATION Ctr. 601 Allen St.

19 People's Fund Opens! Tellers hours: 4-6 pm, ECOH see p. 15

20 PNL copy deadline  
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21 MNS Celebration

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23 SPC Monday Potluck: "Masculinity: Fact or Act?" (rescheduled from April) 8 pm at ECOH. see p. 20 for details.  
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24 PNL typing and layout on-the-job training!

25 "Butch Cassidy and Sundance Kid" Newman & Redford (see p. 23) NVS Films. SU's Gifford Aud. 7 & 9:30 pm. \$1.50 Open to public

26 PNL mailing party. Come one, come all to the fun and frolic!

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28 SPC's program work can continue only if you believe in it and support it! Don't delay - send \$\$\$ today!

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30 Third World News, every Monday 7-7:30 pm WAER-fm, 88.8

31 SU Gay Students Ass'n wine and cheese party. Tuesdays, 8-11:30 pm 103 College Pl. 423-3599.

1 "Lust for Life" with Kirk Douglas & Anthony Quinn. Story of Vincent VanGogh, a little known gem: NVS Films 7 & 9:30 pm (See 5/25)

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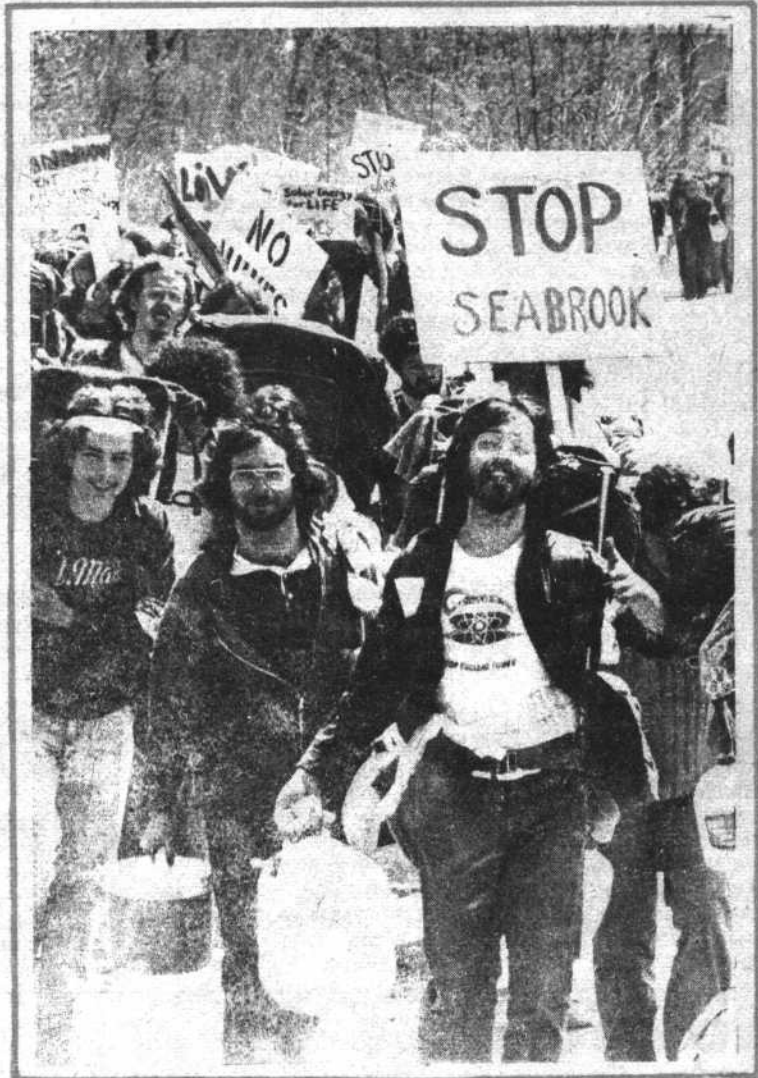
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**No Nukes in Seabrook!**

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## LETTERS

**What We're up against!**

The following exchange took place between SPC member Jim Delavie, *nee Brule*, and the notorious William Loeb, publisher of the *Manchester Union-Leader* and the power behind the New Hampshire throne. Jim's last paragraph refers to the motto of N.H., "Live Free or Die", penned by Loeb.

Addressed to William Loeb: I would like to respond to the issues surrounding the case of Anita Bryant, and comment on what I sense your attitudes about it are:

As I understand it, Ms. Bryant was, at least temporarily, "black-listed" for speaking out against a proposed bill in her state's legislature. There followed a good deal of outrage after this, which I wholeheartedly endorse. Freedom of speech is one of the most precious rights we in America possess, and, in my opinion, blacklisting is one of the most underhanded ways of undermining that right. Such practices, which dredge up memories of the McCarthy "witch-hunts", are inherently anti-American. If I correctly understand your response to this issue, we are in agreement.

Yet, while you did speak out for freedom of speech in your response to this issue, I sense a discrepancy in your position toward the general content of the bill in question, whose purpose was to eliminate discrimination against homosexuals in the educational field. While I am not sufficiently clear on the bill's methods to speak for or against it per se, certainly the goal of ending discrimination is a laudable one. Yet your response was to label homosexuals with a string of epithets, including (I believe) the word "sick" or "perverted", thus implying that a person's sexual preference is somehow related to his or her teaching qualifications.

This, Mr. Loeb, is blacklisting at its lowest. You have clearly implied that, simply because a person adopts an attitude which is currently unpopular, both that view and the person are "sick", and the person should consequently be banned from their livelihood (and, presumably, from social contact).

Our Constitution, our Bill of Rights demand that we struggle against such fearful close-mindedness. Indeed, the measure of our freedom is our readiness to take on the struggle, to

openly challenge those who would diminish our basic rights.

And so I challenge you, Mr. Loeb: if you are an American, if you believe in the basic fabric of American society -- the rights of life, liberty in the pursuit of happiness -- how can you try to deprive those rights from persons currently unpopular?

Is the American within you still "Living Free"? Or has it "Died"?

James Delavie

Dear Mr. Delavie:

Your letter of March 26 will be printed. Of course, we give everyone a chance to be heard whether they agree with us or not.

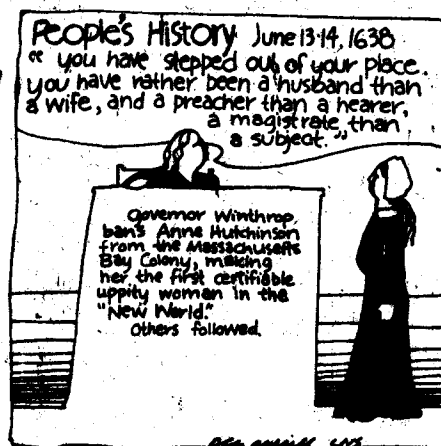
You are equating sodomites with the minority problem. We all, of course, don't want any discrimination in this country because of sex, color or religion, but sodomites are not that type of minority. They are the same type of minority as the rapists, burglars, arsonists and murderers, who represent a degenerate way of life. All you have to do is read the Bible, and you will see what the Good Book says about sodomites. This is an offense against nature. It is a dreadful and filthy performance.

The sodomite minority has no more rights than the group of burglars, arsonists, rapists and murderers. If you don't understand this, you are either sympathetic with sodomites or you are a part of the situation ethics crowd which says anything goes.

This newspaper stands fair and square on religious and moral standards, and there is no compromise for this.

Thank you for writing.

William Loeb  
President

**Urges Liberal backing for Bella**

An Open Letter to Donald Harrington Chairperson N.Y. State Liberal Party

The tone of May 8th's news report about the maneuvers of you and Governor Carey in the matter of the nominee for mayor of New York City disturbs and exasperates me.

In the light of the principles enunciated in the platform of the Liberal Party, it would seem to me to be incumbent on you to bend all your energies and those of the Liberal Party towards the nomination of a woman for mayor. Bella Abzug is a proven advocate of Liberal Party principles.

Most thoughtful, justice-loving people recognize the necessity for making it possible for women and minority people to be in policy-making positions.

To nominate Bella Abzug would be a giant step in this direction.

Very truly yours,  
Lillian E. Reiner  
Vice-Chairperson

Onondaga County Liberal Party

**Who owns World Book ?**

Wayne Willie, Executive Editor  
1977 World Book Year Book

Dear Mr. Willie:

Mr. O'Connor's article "Energy" in the *1977 World Book Year Book* recently came to my attention. In the section on 'Nuclear Power' I read that nuclear generated electricity "saved 5 billion barrels of oil". In the next section, 'U.S. Electric Utilities', the author reports 1976 "another disappointing year" because despite "kilowatt-hour sales responding eagerly" to economic pickup in the first half of 1976, "a weak second half and only spotty summer heat damped the surge".

I doubt I could convey with such economy of expression the astounding disparity between the lip service utilities give to conservation and their obvious interest in promoting sales and consumption. Nevertheless, political indoctrination in the U.S. such as it is, I suspect large numbers of readers of this "World Book" article will fail to detect the obvious contradiction. Therefore, until such time as people get their "crap detecting" faculties in full working order I ask you to curb your energy editors!

Sincerely yours,  
Frank D. Doble, Jr.

# SPC Hangs Up On War; IRS Hangs SPC Up

The long arm of IRS recently reached into the SPC till -- in this case our Marine Midland checking account -- and seized \$75 for unpaid federal telephone tax (read war tax). Given the frequency with which our account doesn't have \$75 in it, they were fortunate indeed.

It hurts. That's \$75 going into the military coffers. (The tax was levied in 1966 to help pay for the Viet Nam War.) That's some staff person's weekly salary and then some; it's about 1/3 of the printing bill for this PNL. If the \$75 seizure hurt, then so did the \$10 charge Marine Midland laid on us to cover their cost of unquestioned cooperation with IRS.

But let's turn it around! Here's an easy way to help the Peace Council. Why not send SPC the federal tax on your phone bill? The tax will be around for another 5 years (at least) -- give it to peace! (For information on how to stop paying the war tax, call Chris at the SPC office, 472-5478.) If you're not into actually withholding it from the government, fine -- then how about matching it? We'll put it to better use than the government, we promise.

Dear Friends,

Last month, in response to SPC's financial crisis, Angus MacDonald (a Steering Committee member) wrote a moving appeal for funds, and we followed that up with numerous telephone calls.

The response of those contacted was very positive, and over \$800 was pledged. Additional contributions came in solely on the basis of Angus' letter.

One such response, from a former Syracusan, expresses the spirit which keeps SPC going:

The Peace Newsletter is getting better and better! I am very proud to have had the chance to have been involved with the Syracuse Peace Council and miss it and you very much. (Ann Arbor has nothing to compare with SPC!) ....

Angus MacDonald's plea for donations was eloquent and worked for me. Here is a check for \$25. Please apply it toward staff salaries. ... I wish you as much success in fund-raising as you are having in meeting the issues so important in our lives....

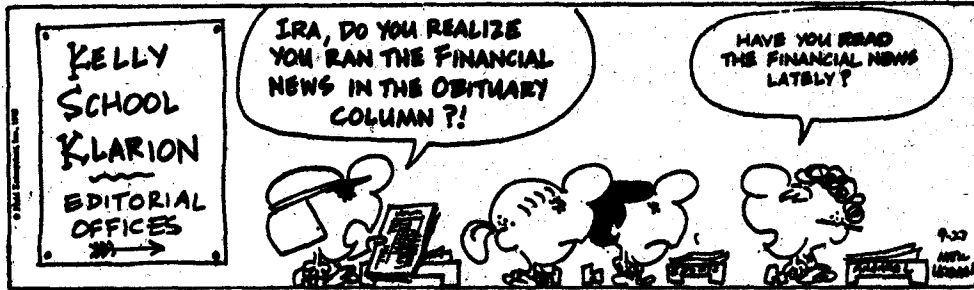
Love and peace,  
Judy Steiner  
(Ann Arbor, Michigan)

Such financial and moral support is vital to SPC's existence, and we need more of it. We are still about \$4000 in arrears in staff salaries and other expenses.

For every person who could be considered a current contributor (contribution since Jan. '76), there are three other people on our Peace Newsletter mailing list and five people who pick up the Peace Newsletter at distribution points around Syracuse and Central N.Y.

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John Maddaus



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## 13 Nuclear Reaction: Seabrook and West Germany

On February 23, 1975, some 26,000 people marched  
onto the site of a proposed nuclear power plant in  
Wyhl, W. Germany, to protest its construction, begin-  
ning an occupation which lasted for months and result-  
ed in the halting of construction to this day. This Pot-

luck will feature the short film, "Nuclear Reaction in  
Wyhl," which tells the story of the occupation. Parti-  
cipants in the recent Seabrook, N.H. nuclear occupa-  
tion will also be present to discuss that experience  
and to discuss the anti-nuke movement in this country.

## 27 Testimony: The J.P. Stevens Textile Workers

J. P. Stevens is the second largest textile manufacturing  
corporation in America--and it's also the number one  
labor law violator. Yet it has consistently and illegal-  
ly resisted the efforts of workers to win recognition of  
their basic democratic rights, prompting the call for a

nationwide consumer boycott of J. P. Stevens products.  
"Testimony" is a half-hour film produced by the Amal-  
gamated Clothing & Textile Workers Union documenting  
the Stevens workers' struggle. Discussion will follow.

# SPC Marks 2nd Anniversary of Peace in Viet Nam



photos by Jean Santopatre



SPC members turned out on April 30 to honor the 2nd anniversary of the end of the war in VietNam. There was a well attended vigil and leafletting at Lincoln Plaza. Notably absent was the belligerence of passers-by which had been so much in evidence to these

same people when they formed protest lines prior to the peace. Does this mean acceptance by the general public or just apathy? Let's all continue to push for open trade, reconstruction aid and amnesty.

## Passionate Men

Frank Wilkinson and Ken Donaldson share a passion for spreading their messages, and they share a common experience of being locked up because they didn't fit into "society". Each spoke at the annual dinner of the CNY Chapter of NYCLU (American Civil Liberties Union), May 11.

Ken, author of *Insanity Inside Out*, received the chapter's annual civil libertarian award. After 15 years in a mental hospital, where he had been involuntarily confined by his parents, Ken was victorious before the Supreme Court, which stated that no one can be confined against his will in a mental institution without more than custodial care unless dangerous to himself or others.

Frank, director of National Committee Against Repressive Legislation, lost a 5-4 Supreme Court decision and spent a year in prison on a contempt of Congress citation for refusing to answer questions from the House Un-American Activities Committee. His message was that the government continues to violate our rights through illegal spying and harassment. We can take the offensive by working for passage of the Federal Intelligence Agencies Control Act sponsored by Congressman Badillo.

People can learn more by contacting ACLU, 713 Wilson Bldg., Syracuse 13203 (471-2821), by ordering the paperback, *The Lawless State*, and/or arranging to see the slide/tape "The Abuses of the Intelligence Agencies". -- Linda DeStefano Maddaus

## Members & Money Open People's Fund



People's Fund teller Al Rossino ready for deposits at the Fund's opening, May 19. First day results: 4 members & \$110. Amber Rossino stands ready with her cash bag to collect the loot. Don't forget: the People's Fund has teller hours at ECHO, Euclid & Westcott, every Thursday, 4 - 6pm. Stop by to deposit, find out more about the Fund, or just be friendly. photo by Nancy Ditch

# Carter and Energy: As If People Matter

by Ron Vincent

On April 18th, President Carter proposed the "moral equivalent of war" in the face of dwindling energy supplies and reserves. A program of "stringent" conservation, higher prices, and penalties for waste will be the solution.

Since the debate is already obscuring the "plan," let's review Carter's ten principles and seven goals for 1985:

## The Plan

- 1) A comprehensive energy policy is the government's responsibility but depends on the people's acceptance.
- 2) "healthy" energy growth must continue.
- 3) "we must protect the environment"
- 4) Foreign oil dependence must be reduced.
- 5) "we must be fair" and "we will not let the oil companies profiteer."
- 6) "the cornerstone of our policy is to reduce our demand through conservation."
- 7) "prices should generally reflect the true costs of energy"
- 8) "government policies must be predictable and certain."
- 9) "we must conserve the fuels that are scarcest and make the most of those that are more plentiful."
- 10) "we must start now to develop the new unconventional sources of energy we will rely on in the next century."

His seven goals are:

- 1) reduce energy growth to 2% a year
- 2) cut gas consumption by 10%
- 3) cut foreign oil imports by a half
- 4) establish a 6-month oil reserve
- 5) increase coal production by two-thirds

Ron says he's willing to admit being a Carter-leaver since February '76 and New Hampshire.

6) insulate all new buildings and 90% of homes

7) use solar energy for two-and-a-half million homes

## The Response

Yet the level of skepticism after his declaration rivaled the days of Richard Nixon's "I am not a crook." The first question then has to be whether there is an energy shortage. The Carter speech chose a very gloomy CIA study predicting an energy doomsday by 1985. Criticism focused on their emphasis on proven resources (optimists estimate there must be almost four times as much oil yet undiscovered). The reality is that dependence on foreign oil climbed from 23% in 1970 to 42% by 1976, while total production of American oil continued to fall.

Republican and conservative leaders usually complain that higher prices are needed to provide more incentive (or profit) to increase production. The reality: oil prices have increased 400% since 1973 (and natural gas prices 800% since 1965) but production declined. Profitability shouldn't be a problem either--oil corporations as a group pay by far the lowest taxes of any American industrial group. Carl Rowan editorialized, "There is no way to give enough to would-be profiteers to enable them to dredge up what does not exist."

Presidents since FDR have issued messages on the energy "crisis" or "problem." In all fairness, Carter's limited plan is the best proposal yet (and Nixon's "Project Independence" was the worst). But it is only a beginning and subject to the most powerful influences in the American corporate economy. Even more basic than Carter's plan is the question of energy as a determinant of the sort of society we live in. Is high energy consumption a requirement of high productivity and high living standards? And what sort of society would a low-energy emphasis result in? I'd like to focus on three areas: the automobile, conservation, and jobs.

## Energy & Society

The American auto is obsolescent, expensive and wasteful, but it also allows a degree of freedom and mobility that is too often ignored or denigrated in discussions like this. Autos provide 87% of all our passenger travel, while consuming 14% of our energy (28% of our oil). Industry actually wastes (not uses, but wastes) more energy than all the autos combined use. One elitist tendency is to criticize people for their predilection



"Now, is there any energy source we're missing out on?"

for large cars. Actually many people would just as soon drive smaller cars and conserve if it were not for a common-sense aversion to driving small cars on highways dominated by huge, fast cars. Time is already changing that situation; sales of small cars doubled from 1970-75 while large car sales actually dropped--small cars now make up over 25% of the US market sales.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports transportation costs (primarily the family auto) increased from 15% of the average family budget in 1960 to 21% in 1972. Detroit's shared monopoly over the US car market leads not only to expensive cars and technological stagnation, but also the absurd situation of smaller and smaller cars costing ever more. A federal study shows that compact

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"Conservation efforts and the need to use available fuels more efficiently, for instance, will result in decreased mobility for individuals, a renewed emphasis on mass transit, and changing perceptions about what constitutes a good life, i.e. what is desirable to consume (emphasis added)... The age of conservation need not imply stagnation, but rather a shift in the patterns of consumption. Conspicuous conservation will replace conspicuous consumption. We will become consumers of conservation, and the economy will grow."  
--Theodore Gordon, President of the Futures Group, speaking in May to the influential Conference Board, a corporate think-tank

cars in 1980 should cost about \$1000 less, but GM intends to maintain or increase prices to consumers and other "competitors" will follow suit. GM has in fact historically returned 20% on its investment, and, as Bob Lienert, editor of Automotive News says, "General Motors is not in the business to build cars. They're in the business to make dollars." A Senate study called it "selling less for more."

The American auto industry is also obsolescent. Less than half of 1% of their gross sales goes into research or development, and even those sums are primarily for "styling" or, more recently, "downsizing" existing models. Foreign research offers a new generation of rotary engines of high performance, extremely low pollution, and vastly better mileage. Diesels, Sterlings (gas-electric) fuel cell, and electric cars are on the edge of readiness--without a major Detroit involvement.

Mass transit, once destroyed by General Motors and its oil and tire allies, is awaiting its own Carter message. Mass transit, on its own logic, has great appeal. My questions have more to do with the application: how, in the corporate-bureaucratic state, do you get the benefits without a mass transit mess like BART in San Francisco, or Washington's subway scandals? Even CENTRO in Syracuse has heavy subsidies and fare hikes, with very modest expansion of service. Many of our worst social problems are still rural-concentrated, but with profitability

highest in urban centers, we get urban social programs. The test of mass transit may be whether it is more "community transit," or "corporate transit."

Until recently, being a "conservationist" was quite safe, unless you traveled in business or Republican circles. But without nearly "limitless" energy, does conservation mean crippling economic growth? The question is critical because the corporate state has failed to redistribute wealth or power or even income in any significant scale. Instead, it has--in the past--increased the size of the whole pie rather than rearrange the shares. Corporate greed and labor fears may increasingly be focused on "conservation" and its advocates. Yet the conflict is potentially false; American (and Canada) uses about twice the energy per person as do several European countries with similar standards of living. Conservation, with its emphasis on the environment and elimination of waste, offers great possibilities for socially useful work. Since America's greatest social and economic problem may be that lack of socially useful work for millions of people, conservation can just as easily be opportunity as ogre.

### The Critics

Carter's energy proposals have been broadly criticized from the left for several reasons, such as failing to control the oil companies, passing costs on to poor and working people, and failing to emphasize alternatives. Oil companies have been good targets for every president since Roosevelt (and basically nothing has been done). A world-wide oil cartel has existed since the 1920s, and remains unthreatened: the Rockefeller family is represented by Exxon, Mobil and Standard; the Mellon family by Gulf; a coven of Texas entrepreneurs by Texaco; the British by BP; and the Anglo-Dutch Shell. Almost daily press coverage of OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) supply and price fixing arrangements usually ignores the oil cartel as it, too, does basically the same thing (plus its 12-30% profit on investment.)

Higher costs will probably result in bipartisan efforts for some sort of

"fuel stamp" plan to defuse criticism of prices. Just as the food stamp program now provides a \$5.5 billion subsidy for agribusiness's high price-low quality food, fuel subsidies will be lost among the high prices without providing alternatives. A fraction of the likely costs could, of course, develop (or re-develop) local energy alternatives.



Energy alternatives deserve their own treatment (see the special April issue of the Peace Newsletter on nuclear power), but a general point can be made. Someone said that solar energy would be slowly developed because no one owns the sun. Despite great ingenuity and productivity, our economic structure cannot deliver in the absence of massive profits (witness the government's housing programs), and alternative energy sources and technology suffer heavily from that limitation. Along these lines, Carter at least mentioned alternatives (both research and installations) and expressed some nuclear reservations.

### The Problem

But, in summary, the problem is not Carter (whose energy proposals are about as reasonable as could be expected) but more the lack of a movement that would focus on economics (and the economics of energy) as if people matter. It's unrealistic to expect one person--even the President--to provide solutions in a vacuum. The energy question is ultimately only another example of the need to educate and organize.

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# Carter's Energy Policy - Why Not?

by Erwin Reiner

There is a new era in politics and economics which President Carter initiated by telling people facts. Facts about the one thesis of modern times over which there can be no dispute, i.e. that this civilization is dependent upon finite, non-renewable, non-recyclable sources of energy. Stating the dilemma this way seems to at once reveal the solution. Any form of civilization with a future will rely upon renewable and recyclable sources of energy and materials.

Carter's program seems to have this goal in view. First, the program is designed to convince people of the reality of the situation by affecting their own lives through a conservation policy. Second, the program encourages renewable resource development and finally, the program allows for a transitional stage during which alternative, non-renewable resources such as coal and uranium will provide the necessary thrust so that scientific technology and industry can build a stable civilization based on renewable resources. However, a few fundamental issues should be fully considered.

The use of still available non-renewable resources may at first consideration seem rational. As long as we have coal why not use it? As long as we have uranium, why not develop nuclear power? Besides the negative aspects of coal and nuclear plants vis a vis the effect on the people that work with or near these fuels and the effect on the environment we all share, a fundamental theoretical objection to their use is that they are still finite non-renewable and will continue to consume tremendous amounts of capital, materials, and people to feed and nourish the survival of an obsolete technological civilization.

Furthermore if it's jobs and economic growth that the financial and industrial interests are concerned about in their relentless efforts to maintain an obsolete technology then they might better look to retooling the entire society to renewable resource consumption. The weaning away from old technology can require effort but it need not be traumatic. The financial interests would be more

Erwin Reiner is a small scale, independent supporter of the Syracuse Peace Council.

secure too if they redirected their efforts from a sinking ship. But the crux of that problem may be that we don't need bigger and better ships but rather smaller and more life boats. But until the people build those life boats, Carter or any other political figure knows on whose deck they're kept afloat.



The Carter program is more realistic in the pricing of fossil fuels than the corporations have been. In the past, the cost of fossil fuels has been determined by the cost of extracting, transporting, processing and selling the fuel. The resources themselves have been attained for a pittance, resulting in fantastic growth in power of private corporations. Social responsibility has been absent or short-sighted, limited to improving the superficial material basis of life. If energy were priced at true cost, society would become more socially conscious because the social injustice could not be hidden by a false cornucopia and give away programs.

Why not much higher gas prices and auto costs? Critics claiming to be on the side of the poor say that this class will suffer most. But why not consider how much the upper income classes will suffer since they are already committed to high energy expectations. The lower income class, concentrated in the urban centers, have easier access to mass transit, live with relative close proximity to consumer necessities, friends, entertainment and recreation. Because the higher income classes will have to be able to afford the "necessity" of expensive auto use because of sprawling demographic patterns, the higher income class may end up with impoverished cultural/social patterns. The concentration of lower income/underemployed classes in the centers of cities give them a great bargaining leverage when it is realized that cit-

ies, from an energy point of view, are more efficient. The great escape to the suburbs from the cities' problem which cheap energy has allowed to occur over the last 20 years has only served to place the underprivileged at the heart of the solution, namely, conserve the cities. The higher prices for fuel plus conservation may heighten the social, political and cultural power of the people "trapped" in the urban complex.

When Carter presented his program, he also made a threat that if volunteer change and sacrifice were not forthcoming then the American people might face the possibility of curtailment of their freedoms by more coercive forces. This is a very fatherly role, or as some would say, a Big Brotherly role, for Carter to assume, especially if one looks at the energy program coupled with his welfare reform and jobs programs. Can people be forced to work? Can people be forced to consume less? In a world of possible nuclear war which we have now and in a future world of a dangerous nuclear environment of our doorsteps, the pervasive fear of pandering international and personal catastrophe from the unseen forces of radiation may indeed make sheep of us all; or, in reaction it can unite us as citizens of an existential state in which the only certainty is existence itself and existence and well-being of our fellow humans.

The social and political danger in the transition stage to renewable resource technology will be crucial in determining first of all whether the transition is completed at all and secondly, what form society will take. Carter's program seems to be open in this respect, i.e. it does not dictate an alternative. However, Carter's proposals are programmatic in that the stage for the next act is left to be played by the same good old boys from private industry, financial interests and governments with a bit part for grassroots or local initiative. The audience can applaud the performance of these players with their pocket books but the media holds all the cue cards. Science and technology will of course be the objective stage manager but who will be the inspired playwright, the guiding voice. It may very well be Jimmy Carter (J.C.) & the boys or it may be you and me. Why not?

# NO NUKE AT SEABROOK

An On-the-scene Report by Bill Cangemi

On Saturday morning, Apr. 30, about 30 UNAC members from Ithaca, Syracuse, and the North Country took off for Seabrook, New Hampshire to demonstrate their support for those who were occupying the proposed nuclear power plant up there on that day and to register their protest against the building of nukes anywhere.

We were on the road by 11 that morning and the first word we heard about the occupation came via the 4pm news as we were cruising across Massachusetts: One thousand demonstrators had occupied the site. They were in. After 7 months of planning, the Seabrook occupation was beginning to take shape.

That night we stayed at a campsite in Hampton Falls (a couple of miles outside of Seabrook). This was one of three campsites used to "house" affinity group support people and supporters in general. (The occupiers were broken up into affinity groups and each of these contingents had a support person on the outside.)

Around 11 the next morning, I hopped a truck that was hauling food and water over to the entrance of the mile-long access road which lead to the actual occupation site. As expected, the entrance was mobbed with Glamshell people and spectators. Traffic crawled along the adjacent highway, Route 1, as drivers slowed to a near halt in order to catch a glimpse of the event that had thrown their little

seacoast village into the national limelight. Only occupiers and press were allowed onto the access road and subsequently onto the site. (And all the media heavies were there: Boston Globe, New York Times, New Times Magazine, AP, UPI, radio, TV...) Despite the fact that I was a free-lancer without credentials, I made it onto the occupation site with incredible ease.

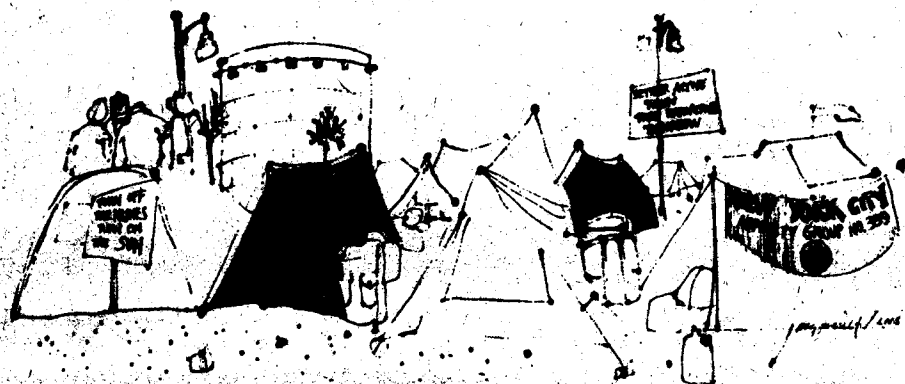
For the next hour or so, I strolled around this city of 2000 campers, completely amazed at what I saw. What was usually a dusty parking lot was covered with about a dozen rows of orange, blue, red, and green tents—all of which

made a colorful site of this otherwise drab, 40-acre dustbowl. There was an adequate water supply which was constantly being replenished from the outside support camps. A medical tent had been set up in the middle of the site. Peacepersons, casually walking about with white armbands, provided the internal security for "Freebrook." Plus the occupiers had established their own form of collective democratic government. As one occupier beamed: "It's a utopia, man!"

There was a general festive atmosphere about the place. Anti-nuke signs were everywhere. Folks played frisbee, soccer (I almost got rapped in the head with a ball), ate, held affinity group meetings, and partied (but without dope or alcohol—that was one of the house rules). At one side of the field, a meeting was being held where people were trying to decide on how to make decisions. Another caucus was tossing about ideas as to what to do if there were arrests that day. Throughout the occupation site, the scent of an imminent bust was in the air. And those who would be doing the busting were there in force. Surrounding the encampment was a tall, chain-link fence. On the other side of that barrier was the big



State police from New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, Rhode Island and Connecticut took part in the arrests of 1414 anti-nuke demonstrators at the Seabrook construction site. Photo by Cynthia Benjamin



machinery of the actual construction site being carefully guarded by several hundred state troopers.

Around 1:30 that afternoon, a delegation of six occupiers met with the Governor's assistant, and following that, held a brief pow-wow with Governor Meldrim Thompson himself. Both meetings were cordial. When the Governor parted company with the Clamshell delegation, Col. Paul Doyon, commander of the New Hampshire State Police stepped in. He smiled and exchanged introductions with the Clam delegation. Then the Colonel courteously explained that he wanted to deal with this as one human being to another. And in that way, he said, this whole situation could be solved. Doyon pointed out that the Clam had fulfilled its goal of occupying the site and they certainly had gained national publicity in the process. So, he continued, "I'd like to ask you all to call it a weekend." In other words, you can leave voluntarily or be subject to arrest later on. There was some chit-chatting back and forth, and then the Clamfolks agreed to bring the commander's proposal back to the occupiers and return at 3 o'clock with a reply.

But the reply, of course, was predictable. "We're going to stay on the site," they told the Colonel at the 3pm meeting. The commander politely thanked them for relating the message to him and then urged the occupiers to listen to the announcement he would soon be making. That announcement came across a P.A. system within a few moments and the gist of it was that everyone had a half-hour to split or be subject to arrest for criminal trespassing.

At the end of that half-hour (about 3:45 pm), a jeep leading 5 school buses (each carrying about 20 state troopers) pulled up to the occupation site where the police emptied out of their vehicles and lined up beside them. Then the order was given and the troopers standing next to the first two buses walked stiffly and swiftly toward a group of occupiers who were sitting in a circle, leaning against their packs. Two of these troopers approached a tall, thin fellow.

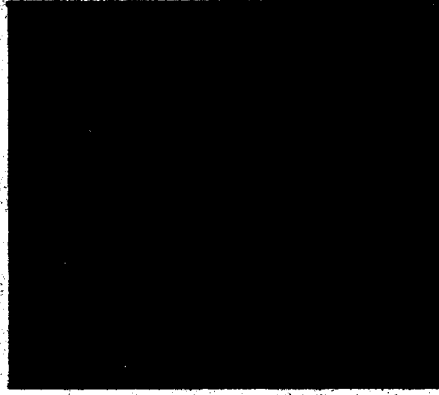
"You're under arrest," one of the cops announced as the two of them took him by the arms and gently helped him to his feet. The occupier, offering no resistance, picked

up his backpack and walked quietly with his escorts over to the bus. The first of 1414 arrests had taken place.

The occupation did not stop the construction of the Seabrook nuke, but members of the Clamshell Alliance feel the weekend was a success (despite the fact that 1400 folks wound up in the hoosco). Plus they're willing to do it again. And this time with ten times as many occupiers. "It took the police 12 hours to arrest everyone on the site," says Harvey Wasserman, the Clam's P.R. man. "Next time it will take them a week."



## No Nukes in New York State Either!



the State of New York on the proposed nuclear power plant at Cementon. Cementon is 25 miles south of Albany on the Hudson River.

The rally was sponsored by a half dozen anti-nuke groups in the mid-Hudson region, and was held to condemn NRC 'public' hearings, which they contend deny opponents of nuclear power any opportunity to raise the real issues.

The mid-Hudson interveners appealed for a postponement of the hearing until they had received and digested PASNY's environmental impact data (information which PASNY was statutorily required to give them before the beginning of the hearing), but the NRC rejected their request.

Featured speakers at the rally included Leo Goodman, a veteran labor organizer with the UAW, and Maurice Hinchley, 102nd Dist. Assemblyman.

## Nuclear Forum

SPC's Nuclear Action Committee and the Syracuse Meeting, Religious Society of Friends cosponsored an informational forum on nuclear power on Saturday, May 14, 1977 at the Plymouth Congregational Church.

Allen MacNeill of Ithaca, Robert Ballan, James Jackson and Ellen Rocco from the North Country, and Lisa Johns of SPC gave very informative presentations. Media coverage of the event was provided by WSYR-TV (Ch. 3) & WTVH-TV (Ch.5).

Organizers of the event were: Shelley Couture, Lisa Johns, Betty Kenny, Bob Klips, David Knap, Angus MacDonald, Joann McLaughlin, Glenda Neff, Joan Storey and William Sunderlin.

## Cementon Rally

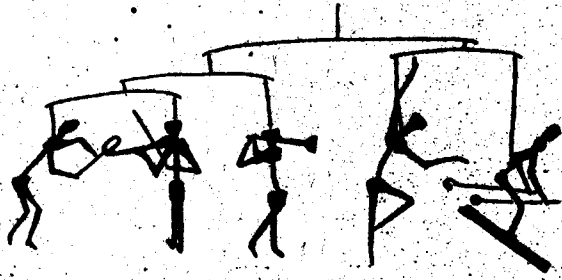
Approximately 100 people attended a rally in Albany on May 16 on the opening day of hearings by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and

## North Country Update

State Supreme Court Justice John Soden has issued a temporary restraining order against PASNY's construction of the 765 kv power line. The order was issued in response to a suit brought by eight North Country landowners, and is based on a clause in the Public Service law which says that the PSC shall not license construction of transmission facilities until health & safety hearings and environmental impact studies have been completed.

PASNY is being allowed to proceed with construction, however, until Justice Soden rules on briefs being presented by PASNY and by UPSET.

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# Syracuse Cable TV: A Community Tool Or Just Sports And Movies?

by Bobby Burns

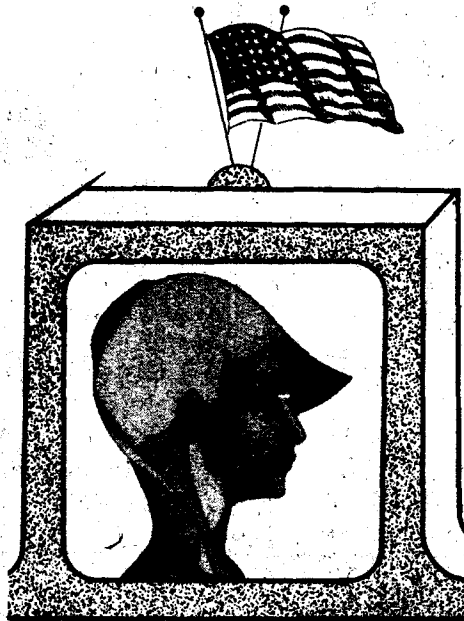
In December 1976, the Syracuse Common Council ended four years of study and debate about municipal ownership of an extensive "broadband Telecommunication System". The advocates of municipal ownership fell one vote short of the 2/3 majority needed to authorize the necessary bonding (15 million dollars). The opportunity to develop the system was effectively put into the hands of private enterprise.

The Common Council then issued a "Request for Proposals", that asked companies to "bid" on the Syracuse system. Several companies responded with full proposals before the May deadline. The Common Council must now evaluate each one and decide which will best provide the most complete service for the people of Syracuse. The selected company will be granted an exclusive franchise to operate a CATV system within the city.

The key to this process is the franchise. It is a contract between the city and the cable operator that specifies what services will be made available and the cost of those services.

When we build a cable system we are in effect building another super highway for information. Our challenge is to utilize this capacity. Sadly, the typical CATV system does little more than provide the most readily marketable products: more sports, more movies more soap ... more TV.

In four years of study the Common Council and various citizens' committees have identified two major areas of service, beyond the standard CATV fare, that should be developed. First, a fire/burglar/medical emergency alarm system. This system would connect alarms in individual homes to a central computer that would dispatch the appropriate emer-



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gency service. The benefits in terms of lives and property would be a boon to the city.

However, there are several issues here that must be carefully examined. Another wire into our homes, an information conduit, carries with it the potential for unwanted surveillance. This issue should be thoroughly and explicitly dealt with in the franchise agreement.

Ironically, but typical of our society, the people who need the service most are those who can least afford it. The areas with the highest fire, death and crime rates are the poorer neighborhoods. Can we develop an acceptable subsidy program to deliver these services where they are needed? Can we require the landlords to pick up the tab, or perhaps the city itself through the police and fire departments? Or, can we as a community allow the market to distribute these services? At the base

of these questions is...Is the best possible police and fire protection a right or a privilege? If these questions are not explicitly answered before the franchise is awarded, they will be answered in the provisions of the franchise.

The second area of development is Public Access. The FCC has required all CATV operators to provide a public access channel. This has been interpreted to mean 5 minutes of free camera time for an individual to express his or her opinion. This regulation falls far short of its intended goal of providing a community of individuals the opportunity to effectively communicate. In order to succeed, the concept of public access must include access to the communication system, the production tools and programming. The current regulations provide access to the system, but should the operator be required to provide portable production equipment to interested community groups and individuals? And what of workshops to instruct and inform the community? The idea of an information retrieval system should be considered part of the total access program. A library of video programs would be maintained and played upon request, giving the community direct control of the programming of the designated channel.

Of course the development of any of these areas requires significant investment. There is also "critical mass" that must be reached before any one of the programs can be effectively operated. It is likely that they will have to be taken on one at a time. During June and July, the city councillors will be setting their priorities, evaluating the cable operators' proposals and negotiating the all important franchise. These proposals are now available for public inspection at City Hall. There will be a public hearing on the issue in July. Community control of this important media is possible. Please consider the issues and make yourself heard.

Bobby Burns is an independent video-maker and has been the director of SYNAPSE, S.U. Cable TV System, for the last three years.

# Chemical Warfare Against Native Peoples

## Part II: CANADA

by Carlos Rainclouds

This is the second part of a two-part article. The first, which deals with chemical pesticide poisoning of native people in Guatemala, appeared in the May Peace Newsletter.

The U.S. doesn't stand alone however in the selling abroad of items which it bans at home. In neighboring Canada, the Trade Minister is currently trying to export swordfish to other countries, swordfish which is illegal to sell in Canada due to mercury poisoning; the signs of that poisoning are appearing rapidly now, especially among Native Peoples: tunnel vision, loss of coordination, slurred speech, quivering of the upper lip, difficulty in balancing, paralysis (numb fingers, often an involuntary grin on the face) and death. It attacks the central nervous system.

At Matagam Reserve, Minnie Coonish's baby boy was born normal, but within the first year of his life, he developed paralysis in both arms and refused to eat.<sup>1</sup>

And the effects are the same whether observed in Japan, Iraq, West Pakistan, Sweden or Guatemala--all of which countries have experienced mercury poisonings now. In Puerto Rico, there are few if any fresh rivers left unaffected. Adelaide Sentens has gone half blind, is unable to walk without help, when spoken to doesn't answer. She looks off into space. Yet 7 years ago, she was studying nursing.

One of the 2 corporations involved in this chemical crisis in Canada is Reed, an English multinational with 80,000 employees in 44 countries, revenue of \$1 billion, assets of \$400 billion and which made a profit from its Canadian plant at Dryden, Ontario of 34 million dollars in 1974. Yet for 14 years it has been dumping mercury into the river systems of northwestern Ontario, unannounced to anyone whose life might be affected and despite the fact that hundreds of Jap-

Carlos Rainclouds is an agriculturalist/teacher/writer with first-hand experience in both Guatemala and Canada.

anese workers have died from the well-publicized Minamata Disease (named after the Japanese city where mercury poisoning was first widely spotted). The total number of deaths there now is 798, with another 2800 waiting to be clinically tested and hoping somehow to escape the process that autopsies have shown: brain tissue transformed into a sponge like mass as its cells are eaten away.



Mercury, alcohol, poverty and racism combine to destroy a people

Stratford Beacon-Herald photo/Akwesasne Notes

For the Anishinabeg (of the Cree/Ojibwa Nation), fish is the main source of protein; when they began protesting the high levels of mercury in the fish they were having to consume, they were advised not to eat it. "People with high mercury levels should reduce the amount of fish they eat". Yet to tourists coming from the U.S., the government instructions read quite differently: "fish should not be eaten even over relatively short periods of time."

### Widespread Effects

Canadians in general have ingested enough mercury now that they are approaching the danger levels as a country, for the waters across Canada are badly infected: in British Columbia, northern Manitoba, the Northwest Territories, the St. Lawrence Valley, southern and northern Quebec.<sup>2</sup> Scientists say that it will take a minimum of a hundred years to clean them up if something is started to-

day, and nothing has yet begun. (One is reminded that the U.S. Academy of Sciences has predicted the death of our oceans by the year 2000.<sup>3</sup>)

Regions of Alberta and New Brunswick are believed to be affected; the Ottawa River has danger spots; Hudson and James Bay are in serious enough condition that a newly-built government fish processing plant was closed and commercial fishing ban-

ned. The Anishinabeg, in whose territory the government had built the plant, continued to eat their catch, because the government had not told them the results of scientific findings. A Federal-Provincial study completed in 1972 was held up 3 years, though the evidence in the report---not conclusive enough for the government---was certainly serious enough for the Indians to be fearful for their survival: 7 tons of mercury had been put into the rivers by one company alone, the Domtar Corporation.

The government tried to ship uncontaminated fish to the Indians but couldn't find an unpolluted lake in Ontario. It found only a handful all the way from Lake Superior to the British Columbia border that could be safely consumed by a people already full of mercury. Meanwhile the Indians feared for their guide jobs and felt (and still feel)

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forced to demonstrate to tourists that the fish are safe by cooking and eating their catch.

The history of misrepresentation and distortion in the mercury poisoning is clear. In Japan, Dr. Hosokawa an employee of the Chisso Corporation had withheld evidence that his firm was culpable; in Canada, the Ministry of Natural Resources even appointed the Vice President of Reed to advise it in the drawing up of a report on the problem. The final report, when released, concluded that the problem of tunnel vision, paralysis etc.---all the signs seen in the Japanese victims---was in fact caused by "water organisms" and not by mercury. Yet Matthew Beaver of Grassy Narrows tested as having 350 ppb of mercury in his body, over 3 times the amount known to be necessary to cause Minamata Disease.

**List of Neglect**

The list of neglect is long: the Federal government results of pollution studies are yet to be released; the surveys on mercury levels are still undisclosed; the Indian Affairs Committee in Ottawa spent 10 minutes this year on the mercury problem; between 1968 and 1976; the Ottawa government convicted only 12 companies of water pollution, with fines averaging \$812-- approximately 2 1/2 minutes of company profit for a firm the size of Reed; in Quebec, the Environmental Minister awarded 5 million dollars to the polluters and \$500,000 to the victims. He never

explained why his government didn't introduce legislation to make poisoning an offense.

Native peoples forced their way into a recent Federal-Provincial meeting on this threat to their nation, only to be forcibly ejected. (Judd Buchanan, Indian Affairs Minister: "We cannot allow any segment of society to come in and dictate to us.") Yet when these same patient

Assistance for the Canadian project should be addressed to: Grand Council Treaty No. 9, 261 Third Avenue, Timmins, Ontario, Canada; or Oneonta Meeting, Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), c/o Bill Weiss, Treasurer, RD 1, Box 56, Oneonta, NY 13820, marked "Native American Fund".



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people had petitioned the Ontario Government in October of 1975 regarding the urgency of their problem, their letter was not answered until the following year, in April.

The largest duplicity in this genocide has emerged only recently, and Chief Andrew Ricard has called it their "death warrant".<sup>4</sup>

The Premier of Ontario announced in 1974 that Reed would be granted 800 square miles of timber rights on lands protected by a Treaty signed 70 years ago. Reed's method will be slash cutting (clear cutting), a method which will be disastrous. Wild life will be forced to move away, and the area may well become a permanent wasteland since its growing season is too short to support replacement of trees. The results

could be social and environmental disaster added to cultural tragedy.<sup>5</sup>

And now a series of documents has turned up (anonymously--- presumably by a disenchanted civil servant) revealing that the Premier was prepared to turn over not 800, but 26,000 square miles to Reed.

The Native Peoples having been poisoned, their lands are to be stolen again.

There is a story about miners in Spain who take canaries down in the shafts with them. When the canaries die, they know they must get out. My question is-- Who are we using as our canaries?<sup>6</sup>

**FOOTNOTES**

1. Akwesasne Notes, Early Winter 1976, p. 12. This edition of Notes has been widely quoted from in this article.
2. Meanwhile the Federal government has given Native Peoples along the St. Lawrence \$11,000 to "hire a counsellor" to convince their people not to eat fish from the St. Lawrence.
3. Barry Commoner, The Closing Circle, ch. 11.
4. "Quaker Concern", Canadian Friends Service Committee. Vol. 2, No. 3, Nov./Dec. 1976, p. 1.
5. The government's response to the outcry has been to appoint an Environmental Assessment Board, but when one examines its composition, it consists of not one environmentalist, and of course no Native Peoples. Just legal minds.
6. Gini Smith, "Vision from Where I Stand". One is reminded of the reporter who asked Gandhi what he thought of Western civilization. Gandhi's reply: "I think it would be a good idea."



Residents of the White Dog Reserve blockade a road through their lands to prevent tourists from getting to four fishing resorts. The men say, "Don't eat the fish."

Toronto Star photo by Erin Combs/Akwesasne Notes





**John Maddaus****POWER OVER PEOPLE \***

Louise B. Young Oxford U., 1973, \$3.50. The Ohio Power Company made a mistake when it routed one of this country's first 765kv lines across Louise Young's land. Ms. Young, a physicist, writes a very clear and passionate explanation of the physical, chemical and biological hazards of 765s to both people near the line and the environment as a whole. However, her description of the unsuccessful resistance to the line provides few clues on organizing. And her discussion of alternatives to 765s omits any mention of energy conservation and displays a faith that the utilities -- with just a bit of research and will to safeguard the environment -- could provide acceptable solutions.

**Carolyn Graydon****LIFE AFTER LIFE**

Dr. Raymond A. Moody, Jr. Over the past 5 years, Dr. Moody has conducted a study of people who have experienced "clinical death" and survived. Their accounts of this experience are very similar in detail and provide evidence of the survival of the human spirit after death. Dr. Moody has a Ph. D. in Philosophy and is now studying to become a psychiatrist. Dr. Kubler-Ross did the foreword stating that her research in this area coincides with his work.

I really think this is an important book and that this research area will have great significance, not only for many academic and practical fields (especially psychology, psychiatry, medicine, philosophy and theology), but also for the way in which we lead our daily lives.

**Brian Hammond****HUEY LONG**

T. Harry Williams Bantam, 1969, \$2.25. A lengthy political biography of Huey

Long. The book goes into detail about his rise to power in Louisiana politics during the late 1920's and early 1930's as well as his colorful career in the U.S. Senate up to 1935 when he was assassinated. He revolutionized political campaigns by championing the cause of the little people and introducing the use of automobiles, loudspeakers and circulars. He also introduced new radical ideas such as free text books for school children and taxes on industry. His Share Our Wealth program advocating an equal distribution of wealth for all people in the country forced Franklin Roosevelt to take a more liberal outlook during his Presidency. Anyone interested in recent political history ought to find his biography fascinating.

**Lisa Johns****BEYOND THE BEDROOM WALL**

Larry Wolwode Avon, 1976, \$1.95. This is the kind of book to save and savor for a week's vacation, or for being sick in bed--but not too sick. It's a very long, beautifully written and totally absorbing family saga spanning three generations. Old fashioned in its meticulous attention to ordinary people, ordinary lives--and illuminated by Wolwode's care for them into something quite special. Its length and complex development are a lot for an author to manage, but Wolwode never loses his direction or control. A real tour de force of writing--the kind of book you hate to have end.

**Barb Mecker****IMMACULATE DECEPTION \***

Suzanne Arms  
A must for every pregnant women, but probably enlightening and fascinating for others as well. This book tells why our outrageously expensive

hospitals and doctors aren't always so safe for mother and baby (much less human) and creates a vision of what childbirth could and should be like in this country.

**THE MOTHER'S ALMANAC \***

Marguerite Kelly & Elia Parsons

A great resource for anyone trying to live creatively with young children. Some highlights for me: how to start a babysitting cooperative and how to hike, camp and even backpack with an infant or young child. I appreciated the emphasis of the authors on all the great things a child can begin to do for him or herself at various ages rather than solely on all the great things a mother can do for a child.

**Bill Cangemi**

These were the two books that got me through this ridiculous winter.

**PAPA HEMINGWAY**

A.E. Hotchner

**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, LENNY BRUCE!!**

Albert Goldman

And now I'm sorry that I agreed to do this book poll gig because I can't really describe these books in words. Just in feelings. I got this incredibly high sensation from watching both Hemingway and Bruce struggle to gain control of their own lives by creating, by being willing to fail, and by living each moment to the fullest. And so fulfilling were these two lives that I wasn't even bummed out by their suicides. After all, they had done everything -- and then some. Besides, it seemed only natural that those who fought to control their own lives would also want to determine their own deaths. Best of all, both PAPA and LENNY have inspired me to take control of my own destiny. In other words, I'm leaving this tundra and heading toward warmer climates. Ciao amiche!

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## Jerry Berrigan

A BOOK OF PARABLES

Dan Berrigan

Seabury, 1977, \$7.95.

Dan Berrigan, my brother, is always, in the best sense of a good word, "becoming." New awarenesses, new involvements! In his preface to this book he speaks of "the struggle of living a life, writing a book." Mind you, this after 24 publishings! But I know what he means; since his life of resistance is, inevitably, a struggle, so is his authorship which, I take it, he opposes to writing as exercise, as career, as fame and money maker. Instead he tries to write ably, and for him to write is to mean, to become, to resist. Of such writing the truth, if it can be known, consists of the author's attempt to reveal and share his/her truth with the reader. Such an attempt is a most special thing, and so is this book.

Any parable must have a point. Clearly, there's a moral attitude, a religious principle set forth here. Religious first: any friends of Job must stop talking about God, must begin talking to God. For God is there present, in Demos. Moral next: persons of the Western world, technology tracks you, to destroy you. Yet moral survival is possible. Join hands with the weak, the victims and be sustained, be healed. Hope is only in your doing that.

## Frank Doble

INVERSIONS: A STUDY OF WARPED CONSCIOUSNESS

Burt Alpert

877 26th Ave., S.F. CA 94121

464pp., 1973, \$3.

There is much in this book I have not yet pieced together. A few more readings and I may have it all. Still I feel now it is one of the best books I've ever read. Much of Inversions concerns work and humankind's need for socially productive work. A few excerpts might help:

"Through the strike and the issues to which by its very nature it is confined, workers' attention is deflected from the dehumanizing nature of their work to the rewards for dehumanization.

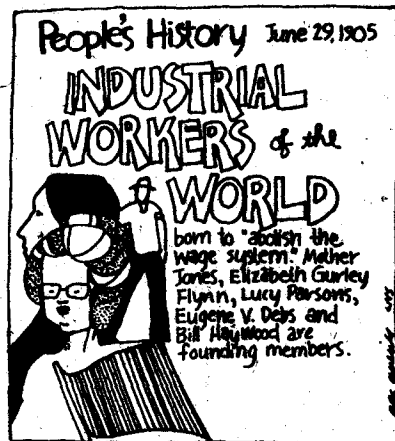
Illusions of self fulfillment, it would appear, are sustained by realities of self-consumption.

The wars that are fought out in politics,

science and the arts are mainly projections of the conflicts that rage in people's work lives between creativity and compliance. They are battle murals on which are depicted for public assent the prevailing states of consciousness in production."

Throughout Alpert affirms the sentiments of affirmation and response as the paramount species quality ("higher" even than the intellectual capacity connoted in "homo sapiens")....

Well, it's futile for me to try to tell you about thunder. Go out and listen yourself. Give me a call if you'd like to talk about the book; 696-5984.



## Lois Levitan

FREEDOM ROAD \*

Howard Fast

Crown, 1969 (first pub. 1944), \$5.95.

The print is pretty big, so I guess this book was intended to be a kids' book. While I was engrossed in reading it, however, I was feeling that it did well as an adult book too.

Set in the reconstruction South, it tells of the gloriously hopeful and then, utterly tragic experiences of ex-slaves and white farmers pulling their lives together just to see their efforts smashed by powerful political forces. I learned, for example, that the KKK was consciously begun by wealthy southerners to retain their power by setting poor whites and blacks against one another.

With all the excitement generated by the TV version of Roots, Freedom Road is just the historical novel to carry the interest a little deeper and to give a political perspective to that era and to Black history in the U.S.

## Joel Hammer

HERESIES

Anchor Books, 1976.

Thomas Szasz, M.D.

Dr. Thomas Szasz's recent book, HERESIES, offers a most provocative critique of Western "civilization's" most cherished beliefs and institutions. In typical existential fashion Szasz describes men and women as choosers of their beliefs and life styles, be they in a religious, medical or interpersonal context. I find Szasz most effective in his endless attacks and analysis of "mental illness" and the subsequent medical role of the psychiatrist. He is correct in showing the relationship between subjective definitions of lifestyles and behaviors, which are too often couched in medical and analytical jargon, and "treatments" which usually follow these labels of "sickness." For example, Szasz redefined psychopathology as "calling problems in living 'diseases'" and psychotherapy as "calling the psychiatric mystification of problems in living 'treatments.'"

A major facet of Szasz's heresy is his stress on individual responsibility. I find this to be one of the fundamental reasons why people passively accept "treatments," religious symbols and government actions, leaving out much of themselves in the process. Szasz illustrates this point beautifully:

"Psychiatry: Dr. Jones doesn't like what Mr. Smith does and calls him mentally ill.

Antipsychiatry: Mr. Smith doesn't like what Dr. Jones does and calls him mentally ill.

My position: Dr Jones and Mr. Smith don't like each other. To be sure, declaring that one does not like someone is much weaker than diagnosing someone as mentally sick. If we describe our adversary, in plain English, as our enemy, we continue to recognize him as fully human; but if we diagnose him, in the defamatory rhetoric of psychiatry or antipsychiatry, as mad, then we no longer recognize him as fully human. Herein lies the appeal of the madness-mongering imagery and language of both psychiatry and anti psychiatry; each renders the speaker effortlessly superior to his adversary."

By raising more relevant questions about human existence than pat answers, Thomas Szasz challenges us all to be more thinking and caring human beings.

## "Swimming Prohibited" on People's Beaches

The sight of a grown man, in beach cop uniform, preventing people from swimming on a 90-degree day at a public beach has to be one of the most hideous examples of creeping police-statism to surface in a while. This is exactly what happened in recent weeks at area State Parks and at least one county park, Jamesville.

Sure, the bureaucrats have elaborate rationales for such stupidity: without lifeguards unsupervised little kids (the neglectful parent syndrome) might drown; no money in the budget; can't change the lifeguard's schedules overnight; lifeguards, being students (the lifeguards must be students: the unemployment rate's only 10%), aren't available yet; and on and on. But what it boils down to (and it was) is that the omnipotent state doesn't want people being hurt or drowning on its land--go do it somewhere else. So overblown, centralized, and inflexible have our governments become that they cannot even respond to the simplest of people's needs.

There are several options. The best is that masses of people simply ignore the beach cops, choose lifeguards for themselves, and swim. This is never easy, however, because of the level of acquiescence that has been developed in people. Another is that the parks hire lifeguards, not cops. A third, as was suggested by a supervisor at one park, is to "work through Albany to change things." Good luck with the last one.

## "V" is for Very Far Off

Although President Carter has indicated that normalizing relations with Viet Nam is a goal of his administration, there are some diehards left in Washington and even Carter's support, particularly on the subject of reconstruction aid--appears subject to qualification. For instance, he told a March news conference that he is against "reparations" --a distinction in terms which lifts the burden of responsibility from the US. Indeed, he said, "the destruction was mutual." Congress, for its part, has forbidden the State Department even to discuss the question.

But the worst is Henry Kissinger, a figure who continues to haunt the



Washington scene. It was Kissinger who originally pledged the US to provide a major reconstruction aid program to Viet Nam as part of the 1973 Paris agreement. But when he was recently asked his opinion on the aid question, he apparently had forgotten that fact. "It is absolutely absurd for the Vietnamese to say they have a right to US economic aid," he asserted, and added that he would place the Vietnamese claim on US resources "in alphabetical order."

## Sleight of Hand

(LNS) Much publicized cut-offs of direct US aid to foreign violators of human rights may give the impression of a turn-around in US policy toward such countries. But progressive organizations and individuals are keeping an eye on the many other channels by which US dollars may be routed to repressive regimes.

Examples may well be the State Department's International Narcotics Control Program, and the Justice Department's Drug Enforcement Administration. Ostensibly providing aid to cut off the supply of narcotics reaching the US, these two have provided a steady flow of weapons and equipment to police agencies in Argentina, Bolivia, Ecuador, and other Latin American military dictatorships, as well as financing the training of nearly 12,000 policemen.

The inherent danger in this kind of aid is that material and training can easily be adapted or shared for counterinsurgency work--and has been. Argentina's Minister of Social Welfare stated in 1974, "We hope to wipe out the drug traffic in Argentina. We have caught guerrillas after attacks who were high on drugs. Guerrillas are the main users of drugs in Argentina. Therefore the anti-drug campaign will automatically be an anti-guerrilla campaign as well."

Argentina, incidentally, is not a major source of any drug coming into this country, nor is there a significant level of drug use in that country.

## Did You Remember to Plug It In?

Citizen opposition to the construction of a 765,000 volt power line in New York State has been buttressed by adverse reports from Ohio, where one of the only operating 765kV lines in the country has also aroused considerable opposition and controversy. PASNY (the Power Authority of the State of New York), which is constructing the line between Massena and Marcy, has claimed these reports from Ohio were exaggerated. To prove it, PASNY recently hosted 31 upstate residents (at a cost not yet publicized) on a trip to Ohio to view the line firsthand, and talk to residents living nearby.

However, to PASNY's embarrassment, it was revealed after the visit was completed that a switching yard explosion had put the line out of commission earlier that week, so the line wasn't actually functioning at the time the New Yorkers viewed it. At least one effect they missed was the sizzling noise the line makes when in operation. PASNY has offered to organize a second trip, if anyone is interested. "We don't want to deceive anyone," a spokesman said.

## Occupational Hazards

(LNS) More than five months after an explosion at the Phillips Petroleum plant in Kansas City killed two pipefitters, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has concluded that the company was negligent, and fined it \$490. Asked to comment on the government's penalty, Anthony Mazzocchi of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers (OCAW) said, "We've stated over and over again that these fines are ludicrous amounts. Ultimately, there have to be others kinds of penalties, like enjoining actions to stop companies from operating unless they're safe."

Meanwhile, the Bureau of Labor Statistics released figures for 1975 showing that one in every eleven workers suffered a job-related injury or illness, and approximately 5000 workers died from work-related causes that year. These figures probably omit most occupational diseases, which often takes years to show up and are often attributed to other causes.

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May Memorial Unitarian Church  
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## 94 Down, 150 To Go....

Last Chance to stop the B-1 Bomber

Gerald Ford wanted 244 B-1 bombers.

Jimmy Carter's Defense Secretary, Harold Brown, has released a report recommending that the US needs 150 B-1 bombers. It's nice to know that 94 B-1 bombers are unnecessary. But what's so different about the other 150? They'll probably cost more (per plane) than if 244 were built [that price tag had already grown to \$101 million per plane], and they'll do just as much harm to the environment and use just as much scarce resources, including fuel.

The American people, by a 42% to 33% margin (Harris poll), don't want any B-1s.

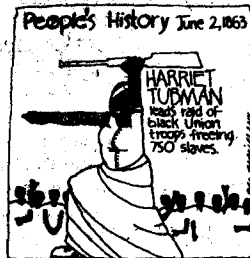
Carter has said he will announce his decision on the B-1 in early June. So this is your last chance to let him know what you want him to do about the B-1. The thousands of letters and phone calls have already saved us about \$10 billion in procurement costs alone. So, one last time, WRITE or TELEGRAM: President Jimmy Carter, The White House, Washington, DC 20500; or CALL (202) 456-1414 from 9 am to 5:30 pm. For further information, call John Maddaus @ 472-5478.

Stop the B-1 Bomber/Nat'l Peace Conversion Campaign is a project of

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New York, NY 10038  
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American Friends Service Committee  
1501 Cherry Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19102  
215-241-7184

## People's History



In 6 years of calendar making SPC has never really gotten one done early enough to have the potential of reaching the mass market and producing significant and much needed revenue. Incredibly, this year's planning committee has been meeting for almost 2 months at this point. First, it was

decided to continue the people's history theme and roughly the same calendar format; the 1977 format offers a number of advantages including that of being more acceptable to the general public and regular stores.

Next came the decision to focus on Upstate NY people's history (as last year's did), but to make the Upstate focus much clearer and the contents more representative of upstate as a whole. Then the task of selecting the 12 major subjects began and is still continuing. Eight have definitely been decided as of this writing: Harriet Tubman; Erie canal workers; the Little Falls textile strike; the Iroquois Confederacy as peacemakers; mass Viet Nam war resistance in 4 upstate cities; North Country anti 765kV struggle; Elizabeth Blackwell; the Sloop Clearwater's effort to end pollution of the Hudson. Workers are still needed. To help call Dick at 472-5478.

## UFW Makes Victorious Pact Boycott Continues

The recent pact between the United Farm Workers and the Teamsters was a victory for the UFW in that the Teamsters agreed to leave organizing of field workers to the UFW, and it is expected this pact--unlike earlier ones--will stick. Many loyal boycotters think the victory is total, and they can now return to buying grapes, iceberg lettuce and Gallo wines. Alas, this is not so. Removing the Teamsters was only one obstacle. The primary obstacle remains: recalcitrant growers who refuse to recognize the right of farmworkers to a strong union.

One of the tools these growers use is bad faith bargaining. A prime example is Coachella Growers, where the UFW won an election 3-to-1 more than a year ago. The growers hired notoriously anti-union lawyers, who refused to talk about anything substantial during negotiating sessions and showed a contemptuous attitude toward union negotiators. Because Coachella is largely owned by Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance, please write Edward Bates, Conn. Mutual, 140 Garden St., Hartford, Conn. 06115, to urge him to move Coachella to sign a just union contract. (A delegation to Conn. Mutual in Syracuse recently generated a letter from the general agent to the central office--adding to the pressure from several locations.) And please: keep boycotting unless you see the UFW eagle!

--Linda DeStefano Maddau

**FREE CLASSIFIEDS**

That's right, FREE! Donations, of course, are appreciated. Please type or print your listing and try to keep it brief. Mail to: Classifieds PNL, 924 Burnet Ave., Syracuse, NY 13203. July deadline is 4 pm, Friday, June 24, 1977.

**LABOR EDUCATION DAY** for Public Interest Groups: an intensive day-long seminar about organized labor. Purpose: to improve communication between public interest groups, particularly environmentalists, & labor groups. Sheraton Hotel, Albany, NY, Weds., June 8, 1977. Fee \$10 registration, \$8.75 lunch & dinner. For more info, call Cornell (518) 465-3518 or Clearwater (914) 454-7673.

**COMMUNITY SETTLERS:** a new group organizing around land related issues. Its first newsletter is a report of the April Community Land Trust Workshop and a vision of a network of people working together toward new patterns of community settlement through ecological and non-speculative land use. For more info, contact Xan Penross, 446 N. Aurora St., Ithaca, NY 14850, (607) 273-6790.

**BENEFIT DINNERS** for Syracuse Real Food Coop every Tuesday evening at Westcott Cafe, 550 Westcott St. Naturally good, lovingly prepared meals, \$2 per person, served from 6-7:30.

**MOVING ON:** the monthly magazine of the New American Movement, a national organization of socialists who are committed towards creating a thoroughly democratic social & economic system. Look for *Moving On* at The Front Room Bookstore. For more info, write 1643 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60647.

**JOB OPENING:** Staff person needed to coordinate work on the Rochester People's Yellow Pages, a community directory of alternative services, social change groups, etc. Writing, typing, editing, and lay out are very helpful skills. The job has flexibility with room for growth in other areas. Pay and work are geared toward simple life styles and personal needs. Call Laura or Geoff at 461-2236 or write VBC, 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester, NY 14607.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to assist with nonviolent campaigns, rehabilitation & construction of housing alternatives for urban & rural poor. Salinas, CA/Farmworker Coop, July 5-18; Wash. DC/Housing Campaign, June 11-28. Ages: 17 & up. Room & Board: plain & simple. For more info, contact Fellowship of Reconciliation, Youth Action, Box 271, Nyack, NY 10960, (212) LO8-8200.

**JAIL MINISTRY OFFICE** & Ecumenical Jail Ministry Program is looking for any donations of shelving, preferably metal or pre-constructed, for inmates & staff of the Public Safety Building. Call John Wallace, 478-1458 or 424-1876 if you can help.

**TIRED OF THE POST-STANDARD?** Read *Workers World*, a Marxist weekly, containing domestic and international news and analyses. Special introductory offer: 12 weeks for \$1. Youth Against War and Fascism, 171 State St., Rochester, NY 14614.

**FOR SALE:** Multilith 85 Offset Press. Works but needs some repairs. Also had press for parts. \$250--will negotiate. Contact Nancy or Marilyn at 472-5478.

**TENNIS LESSONS** at reasonable rates; informal but fairly rigorous approach; for beginners and early intermediates (approximately); call Dix at 472-5478 (days) or 478-5681 even.

**TOWARD TOMORROW FAIR.** June 24-26, Amherst, Mass. 3-day exhibition of alternatives for future. Confirmed speakers include Ralph Nader, Buckminster Fuller, & Harry Commoner. Concert with Pete Seeger & Guy Davis. Admission \$3/adults, \$2/students, \$1/senior citizens, free/children under 12. Contact Toward Tomorrow, 105 Hills North, Univ. of Mass., Amherst, Mass., (413) 645-8474/75.

**CONTACT** is a direct, live telephone counseling service. Anonymous: Free. 445-1500. Any hour.



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**SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 11:AM - 9:PM**  
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Gay Light Collective  
388 West Onondaga Street  
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**Women's Creativity Day**

WOMEN'S INFORMATION CENTER, 601 Allen Street

Friday, June 24, 7 pm **OPENING OF WOMEN'S ART  
SHOW** with poetry reading,  
refreshment, music.

Saturday, June 25  
9 am to 6 pm **All day Women's Workshop  
on WOMEN AND CREATIVITY**  
Cost for the day -- \$10  
Free childcare and lunch.

Writers, artists, musicians.....

Women creating --

images of our own

to record our Women's culture.

How do we support each other in this?

.....push each other to take ourselves seriously?

.....create our own values and standards?

How do we earn a living with our creativity?

We envision this day with our house filled with  
women's arts and craftswomen's booths outside.  
There will be workshops on art, poetry, writing,  
music -- how-to workshops, feeling sharing workshops  
and actual creating. We would like to encourage any  
display or sharing of women's skills and women's energy.

Work will be accepted to be hung in the show  
Wed., June 22, 10 am to 8:30 pm. If you want to dis-  
play or sell work or participate, call us at 478-4636.

SUN

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SUMMER 1977  
EVERY WEDNESDAY

**NVS Films**

Provocative Films on Peace & Social Justice  
By Program in Nonviolent Conflict & Change at S.U.  
and Syracuse Peace Council

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IRS building in Fulton, NY  
levitates!! An SPC action  
472-5478 for info.

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Remember Vietnamese &  
Americans who died in  
Viet Nam. The best way  
to remember is by granting  
total amnesty to all  
Viet Nam era vets & civil-  
ian war resisters.

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"The Question of Alternat-  
ives (to existing mental  
health treatment)" 7-10pm  
panel disc. & film; spon.  
by Mental Patients Lib.  
Project & Mental Health  
Assoc. 700 E. Water, Deb-  
bie 476-3067.

1  
Public mtg. on 765kV line  
7:30pm in New Haven  
School, rte. 104, New Hav-  
en, NY.  
"Lust for Life" story of  
Vincent van Gogh w Kirk  
Douglas; NVS Films, 7 &  
9:30 PM, Gifford, SU, \$1.50

2  
"Clockwork Orange", 7 &  
9:30pm, Gifford, \$1.50,  
Film Forum (also June 3).  
People's Fund teller hours  
4-6pm at ECOH.

3 "No Sense of Humor"  
dance/concert (10/9pm),  
at ECOH, \$1.50, beer.  
3rd annual N. American  
Indian Pageant, Onon.  
Co. War Memorial, 3-9pm

4 Garage Sale  
SPC Garage Sale & bake-  
sale too; 10-4pm, ECOH  
cor. Westcott & Euclid,  
your donations needed!  
call 472-5478 for pick up.  
UNAC plenary in Barne-  
veld, NY, see p. 13.

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"As We Struggle Together"  
solidarity news on half  
hour, 6-10pm every Sun-  
day, WAER FM.

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"Third World News", 7-  
7:30pm every Mon. on  
WAER FM 88.8.  
Special SPC Steering  
Comm. mtg. 7:30pm at  
1115 E. Genesee St.

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Deadline for items for  
SPC's monthly key con-  
tacts mtg.  
"Working Together" 6:30-  
8:30pm every Tues., for,  
by and about women,  
WAER FM.

8 CNY NOW mtg, 8pm,  
Grace Church, 819  
Madison.  
**New Cuban Film**  
"The Other Francisco"  
dir. Sergio Giral, & short  
"To the People of the  
World" about Chile; NVS  
Films (see lst).

9 SPC Key Contacts mtg.  
2pm, 924 Burnet, come  
help! beer.  
People's Fund teller hrs.  
4-6pm at ECOH.  
"Smiles on a Summer  
Night" (Bergman), 7&9pm  
Gifford, \$1.50, Film  
Forum, also June 10.  
Upstate NY Peace Net-  
work mtg. in Roch. 11-5pm

10  
National amnesty conf.  
in Milwaukee June 10-12,  
call SPC for details.

11 No Nukes!

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Recycle  
Your Books!  
to The Front Room's  
book recycling sale  
July 9, Sat. at ECOH;  
472-5478 for pick up.

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SPC Monday Potluck:  
"Nuclear Reaction--  
Seabrook & West Ger-  
many." ECOH, corner  
of Westcott & Euclid  
Ave., 8:00 pm. See p.  
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14  
SPC Steering Comm. mtg.  
place TBA, 7:30pm.

15  
"Harold & Maude" w Ruth  
Gordon & Bud Cort, great  
flick! plus short (shown  
first) "The Dispossessed"  
about Native Am. NVS  
Films (see lst).

16 July PNL editorial mtg.  
10am at SPC  
"The People's Fund"  
Is for You!  
People's Fund teller hrs.  
4-6pm at ECOH.

17 SPC  
Annual Dinner  
Igal Roodenko speaking,  
6pm wine & cheese, 6:30  
dinner \$2.50, Trinity  
Church, see p. 3.

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"Seven Beauties" 7&11pm  
and "Swept Away" 9pm,  
Regent, Film Forum, \$2  
thru 21st.  
Gay Pride Field Day  
see p. 23 for details.

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Zefferelli's "Romeo &  
Juliet" 7&11pm, "Separate  
Peace" 9pm, Regent, \$2  
Film Forum, thru 26.

"Man of La Mancha" Cer-  
vantes' Don Quixote set  
to music with O'Toole,  
Loren & James Coco, NVS  
Films, (see lst).

"Personna", 7&9pm, Film  
Forum, Gifford, \$1.50,  
also 24th.  
People's Fund teller hrs.  
4-6pm at ECOH.

July PNL copy deadline!  
Women's Art Show opens  
at INFO, 601 Allen St.,  
poetry, music, food, 7pm  
478-4636.

"Women & Creativity" all  
day (9-6pm) women's  
workshop at INFO, 601  
Allen St. reg. is \$10  
(lunch & child care),  
craftswomen encouraged  
to display & sell,  
478-4636.

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**MOVING?**

If you're on the PNL  
mailing list, please  
let us know. Each  
"return" costs us 25¢!

27 Final PNL typing  
& layout

SPC Monday Potluck:  
"Testimony: The J.P.  
Stevens Textile Workers'  
Struggle." ECOH, cor-  
ner of Westcott & Euclid  
Ave., 8:00 pm. See p.  
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Absolutely final PNL typ-  
ing & layout day, 9am to  
7am, come anytime!!

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Cartoon Carnival!! Bugs,  
Elmer, Porky, Woody,  
Road Runner, etc. 2 hours  
of frivolity, NVS Films,  
kids 75¢, see lst.

**SPC**  
A Party!  
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party, come & help!  
Free pizza for dinner

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# Peace Newsletter

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Movement groups are encouraged to reprint; please give credit. The PNL is a member of the Alternative Press Syndicate (APS), and subscribes to Liberation News Service (LNS). The PNL is available on microfilm from APS. Subscriptions: \$5 or more/year; free donation to prisoners and low income people; institutions, \$10/year. PNL circulation is 5,000. 2,500 by direct mail & 2,500 through 95 outlets in CNY. We have very reasonable ad rates.

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**1977 PNL Production:**  
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### Next Month

Editor: John Maddaus.  
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**COPY DEADLINE: Friday 7/22.**  
 Layout & postage: M&Tu, 7/25-26, all day and night (Tu).  
 Mailing Party: Thurs. 7/28, 2-9pm, refreshments - come and bring a friend!

## Syracuse Peace Council

The Syracuse Peace Council (SPC) is a non-profit, community based, autonomous antiwar/social justice organization. We have an affiliation with Clergy & Laity Concerned (CALC). We have a vision of a world where war, violence & exploitation of all kinds (economic, racial, sexual, age, etc.) do not exist. Primary functions of SPC (which has a basic commitment to nonviolence) are to help people work for social change in whatever way they feel comfortable and to overcome our sense of powerlessness through mutual support.

We feel that education, agitation & organization lead to social change.

SPC membership involves being on the mailing list and feeling that you're a member. Simple as that. SPC is supported primarily through members contributions & monthly pledges and fund raising events. We are waging struggle to raise our \$25,000 annual budget. SPC's major work is done through committees (listed below) & the 2 collectives that work out of the SPC office: the program staff, the SPC Press; The Front Room bookstore.

### Projects & Committees

(\* Denotes a committee associated with but not a part of SPC.)

#### Steering Committee

Jim Dempsey 479-5833  
 (July facilitator)

#### Staff Collective 472-5478

Dik Cool, Lisa Johns,  
 John Maddaus, Chris Murray

#### Third World Programs

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- Linda DeStefano 476-2841
- Chris Murray 472-5478
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- Diana Ellis 479-7783
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John Maddaus 472-5478

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- Chris/Murray 472-5478
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- Dick Wetskopf 478-1227
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- Chris Murray 472-5478
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- Don Salisbury 476-2896
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- Linda DeStefano 476-2841
- David Wendt 476-2893

#### WAR TAX RESISTANCE FUND

Margaret Rust 476-7688

#### Ongoing Events

- NYS FILM**
- Doug Wright 479-6208
- Dik Cool 472-5478

#### In-House Tasks

- BOOKKEEPING**
- John Maddaus 472-5478
- Deposits:**
- Ed Corrigan no phone
- Pledges:**
- Sally Brule 445-0115
- MAILING LIST**
- Nancy Ditch 445-1637
- REMODELING**
- David Coons 472-9388
- Dik Cool 472-5478

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- Advertising:
- John Maddaus 472-5478
- FILMS, TAPES & SLIDESHOWS**
- Chris Murray 472-5478

#### THE FRONT ROOM BOOKSTORE

- Barb Koblitz, Lisa Johns
- Dik Cool 472-5478
- John Lawrence 478-2888
- Barb Masket 472-5478
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- Production: Many people & staff
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- Neil Korman 472-4854
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- Bob Russell 476-0145
- Dik Cool 472-5478
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- John Maddaus 472-5478
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- calendar
- Sally Brule 445-0115
- Dik Cool 472-5478
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- Marilyn Austin, Nancy Travers

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 That's what we need all PNL readers to do. We need your financial support so much that we are not above capitalizing on a slick "Mad Av" assault!  
 We realize pockets are pretty empty these days, but we must rely on you folks who believe in what we're all trying to do to carry it on! So try to help today. We appreciate!

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## How It Is With Us...

There are a number of indications that more energy is beginning to flow in SPC as the summer begins. There is a deepening, a growing maturity, an increasing realization and acceptance that radical transformations in our country and our world are probably not around the corner, but that they are coming, and that our daily work is part of a process that will produce these transformations. There is increasing awareness that we must make visible our accomplishments and that we must affirm ourselves and our sisters and brothers. We must nurture one another in our common struggle.

### Steering Committee

What are concrete examples of positive growth and energy within SPC? The Steering Committee, after months of deliberation, has decided on a basic change in its operating structure that will, almost certainly, make it a more effective and creative body. The Front Room collective has just completed the laborious--but uplifting--task of totally collectivizing its many areas of responsibility. SPC has been instrumental in creating The People's Fund, a long over due alternative bank. Our nuclear power committee has been active on many fronts and is already laying plans for Hiroshima Day (Aug. 6) and the State Fair booth. Our print shop, the SPC Press, has been hard pressed (unintentional!) to keep up with its load of movement & commercial work in recent months. An indication that this alternative service is viable and much needed. The "People's History of Upstate NY 1978 Calendar" is well along and should be completed 3-4 months ahead of any other SPC calendar. These are some of the reasons for optimism.

### Money Crisis Continues

There is, however, one major reason for pessimism in the SPC office, and it has hung like a pall for the last several months. The reason is money. Staff salaries (80/wk. average) are 2-3 months behind and our total debt for our 1976-77 fiscal year (ending June 30) is about \$6000. Happily, this is not due to de-

ed contributions or pledges. Both of these are up from past years. Nor is it due to our recent garage sale which was a huge success netting almost \$600. Reducing the debt has also been helped by an intensive (but not extensive enough) phone solicitation of SPC members that has brought in about \$1000 since its early May beginning. The debt is due to the failure of several fundraising events (the Folk Concert Series most notably) and our discovery in August 1976 that we owed \$1200 in overdue property taxes from which we had thought we were exempt.

ing events are set up. This process has already begun (see p. 5). We also plan on culling our mailing list which will provide some savings and generate some contributions.

In the last analysis, however, the fundraising method that will detract the least from our ability to do peace and social justice work is your contributions. It takes a whole lot less time and energy for 24 people to write \$25 checks (\$600) than it does to organize a garage sale. So please make as large a contribution to SPC at this time as you can. It's a very urgent situation.



Photo by Jean Santopadre.

Front L-R: Sue Strunk, John Maddaus, Chris Murray, Bill Cangemi, Back: Barb Kobritz, Dik Cool, Chris Measell, Barb Mecker.

### Key Contacts Mailing Ended

We are taking several steps to cut our already bare-bones budget. The monthly Key Contacts mailing (the middle of each month 200 people & organizations in the county have been sent current handbills, recent news, Steering Committee (SC) minutes & agenda and new leaflets) will be ended saving \$30-35 each month. A much smaller mailing will still be sent to SC members and anyone else who requests it.

We also are deferring for a year repayment of 2 loans that are figured in the \$6000 debt. As a part of the SC reorganization there will be an ongoing finance committee which will see to it that adequate fundrais-

### Get Involved!

There are other simple ways you can help too:

1. Get involved- upcoming SPC projects that need peoplepower are the July 16 concert/dance; the fall garage sale; Hiroshima Day; the State Fair booth; Community magazine; Kissinger's visit and many more.
2. Send us the names of 2-3 people who you think might be interested in SPC.
3. Sell 5 tickets to the concert/dance; call the office & we'll send them.
4. Save your garage sale stuff for the SPC fall sale or better yet hold a garage sale yourself with a few friends to benefit SPC.
5. Don't mourn--organize!!

-SPC Office Workers

## LETTERS

The following statement was issued by citizens protesting the School Board's proposal to close four elementary schools in minority neighborhoods. On June 21, the Board proceeded to close three of the four: Sumner, Andrews, and Merrick. The issues remain. This statement is as timely now as ever; it deserves to be published. ---PNL staff

**"Fairness"??**

Remember the 15th Ward?  
Remember Washington Irving & Madison Schools?

Don't be confused by the issues surrounding school reorganization and desegregation! The issue is that the School Board wants to close 4 of the 6 elementary schools in minority neighborhoods!

But, if schools are to be closed, make sure they're closed for the right reasons. Consider this:

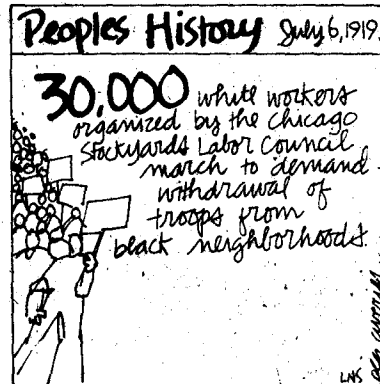
1. Washington Irving and Madison Schools have been closed for years. Black and poor kids from those schools and other "transportation zones" have been bused to predominantly white schools all over the city for years.
2. There is only one school in the City that is currently desegregated because the students who go there live in a desegregated neighborhood. Other schools are desegregated because there are black and poor children on buses.
3. For some neighborhoods, the school is the only remaining institution.
4. There is a 30% minority student population. Only 20% of the elementary schools are presently in minority neighborhoods.
5. Unless we stop them the Board of Education is going to close Andrews, Danforth, Merrick and Sumner Schools. That means that only 9.5% of the elementary schools will be in minority neighborhoods. And the future of McKinley-Brighton and King Schools may also be in doubt.
6. Desegregation is important to all people. Sacrificing "fairness" to achieve desegregation is not acceptable. Black and poor people and their supporters recognize the importance of fairness above political expediency.
7. There will always be schools in

white neighborhoods. Will there always be schools in minority neighborhoods?

8. We think the Board of Education can come up with a plan that leaves a percentage of schools in all neighborhoods, equally representative of the student population -- rich, poor, black and white. Do you?

The Board will decide at Fowler High School at 4 pm on Tuesday, June 21. Be there to speak out, or let them know how you feel before the meeting.

Wake up people, America may be closing next!

**Mutual Inspiration**

Dear SPC,

As a former resident of Oswego, NY I rejoice in receiving the PNL and hearing news of what is happening in upstate NY. However, I have moved and would like even more to receive the PNL at my present address.

Please keep up the struggle of what you are doing in the Syracuse area. Believe me, when I read about all the work that is being carried on in upstate NY, by you and countless others, it helps me stay and wanting to contribute mine where I am now.

Keep up the good work. My heart is with you all in upstate NY always.

Yours truly,  
Carol Peterson

P. S. Say hello to all working on stopping PASNY's construction of the 765 kV power line. All I can say is keep on "Keeping on" -- love to you all!

**Nuclear Alert Regarding Uranium**

On or about Wednesday, June 22, the Australian Prime Minister Fraser will arrive in New York City (Waldorf Towers) as part of a tour of Eu-

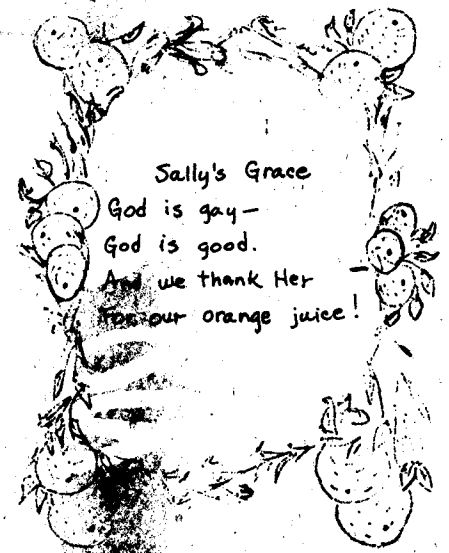
rope and the USA to publicize Australia's intention to mine and export uranium.

The Uranium Moratorium, a coalition of environment, union, peace, and church, women's and black land rights organizations, is demanding a five-year moratorium on mining and exporting of uranium and are asking the help of other nations in expressing their strong opposition to the sale and use of uranium for use in reactors or for weapons. This coalition is asking that we support them and demonstrate our opposition to Mr. Fraser when he arrives...

27% of the western world's high-grade proven reserves are in Australia. The USA's postponement of plutonium recycling and the fast breeder in no way reduce the threat of nuclear proliferation since a nation with uranium can develop enrichment or reprocessing facilities and make weapons-grade uranium. Thus, the spread of reactor technology, particularly from the US to Europe and the undeveloped countries, will lead to increased dangers of nuclear proliferation, secret weapons stockpiling and nuclear terrorism.

Mining uranium will destroy the Australian aborigines' tribal land, communities, and way of life, and could lead to a waste dump in Australia... If you wish to help publicize [these facts] please contact me at the FOE office weekdays 10 - 5.

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# Warmth, Commitment, Humor... & Great Food!

Well, friends, we did it again! Another of SPC's 2 big yearly dinner fetes was miraculously pulled out of the flames of chaos and disaster and turned into one hell of a nice evening! And again this wondrous achievement [many of the Annual Dinner goers probably never realized what lurked beneath the smooth functioning veneer!] was accomplished by the courageous Steering Committee and staff. The not-too-serious problem is that this body of planners has not quite created the cooperative tools that a commitment to non-hierarchical work demands. But the struggle continues and hopefully will be won.

In a more specific vein the dinner's

award for creativity had to be shared between Igal Roodenko's warmly presented ideas and the decorations committee's colorful "symbol (women's, peace, ecology, etc.) pillows" which hung from the ceiling. (By the way if you're having back aches and need an odd shaped pillow give the SPC office a call.) The food was also great and its quality didn't seem to be affected by the fact that we had twice as much as we needed (though SPC's dinner profits were).

Elected by acclamation (a fancy word for no opposition) were these new Steering Committee (SC) members: Bess Noble; David Easterbrook; Charlotte Haas; Earl Calvin; Linda Faller; Bob Russell; Debbie Pillsbury; Linda DeStefano; Johanne Cocciolo.

Continuing on the SC are: John Brule; Barb Kobata; Angus MacDonald; Barb Mecker; Lillian Reiner; Marilyn Austin; Jim Dempsey; Nancy Ditch; Raj Narivati.

Sam Feld did a fine job facilitating the evening. At one point he even instigated a nifty standing ovation for the staff. Lillian Reiner talked about SPC's poverty, and we even took time to jot off a bunch of last minute bump the B-1 letters to Carter.

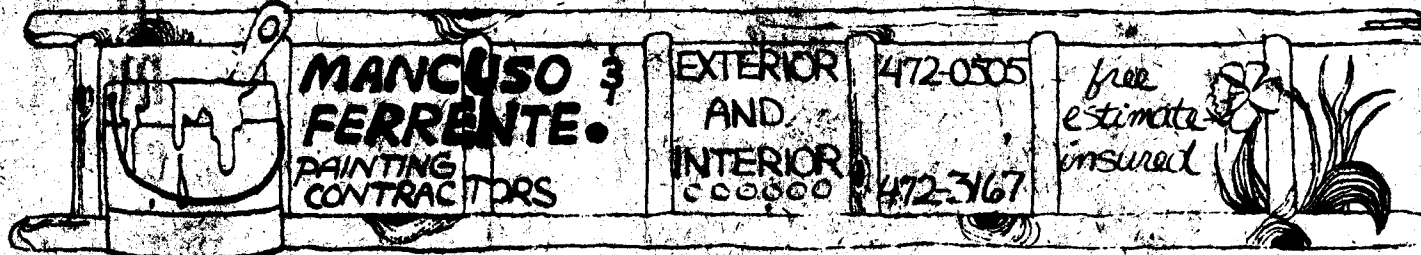
Thanks to Trinity Episcopal for the use of their lovely facilities and look for Bob Russell's interview with Igal in the August PNL.

See you at the 42nd Birthday Dinner!

-Dik Cool



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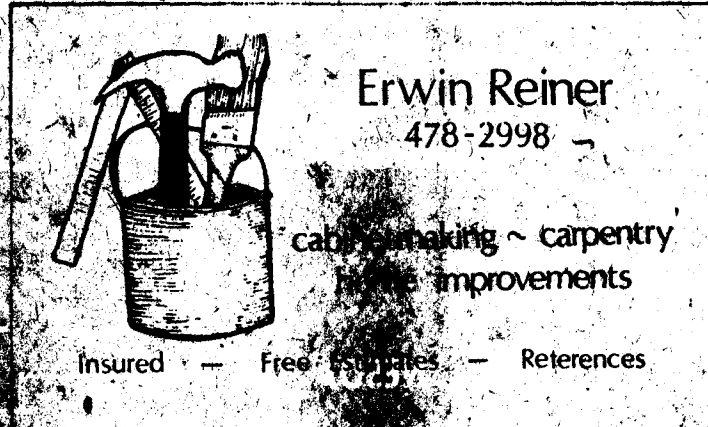


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SUMMER 1977

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## The Hustler

George C. Scott

Paul Newman

Piper Laurie

Jackie Gleason



"The Best American movie of 1961."

-Howard Thompson, NY Times

Newman, a rootless itinerant pool shark, challenges the formidable Minnesota Fats. In his struggle to win, he sacrifices everything and everyone until he realizes almost too late that the price is too high. Robert Rossen, the director of this 1961 film, fashioned a taut and unflinching work.

July 6

## Streetcar Named Desire

Vivien Leigh

Marlon Brando



This 1951 Elia Kazan (director) classic was one of Marlon Brando's first roles! Based on Tennessee Williams' play (he also did the screenplay). It is the story of the disintegration of the post Civil War south as represented by 3 people's lives: Blanche, former landed gentry; her sister Stella; and Stella's husband Stanley, a boorish and insensitive man. Winner of 5 Academy Awards, this wonderful film withstands the test of time. Vivien Leigh's performance is perhaps one of the best acting jobs ever.

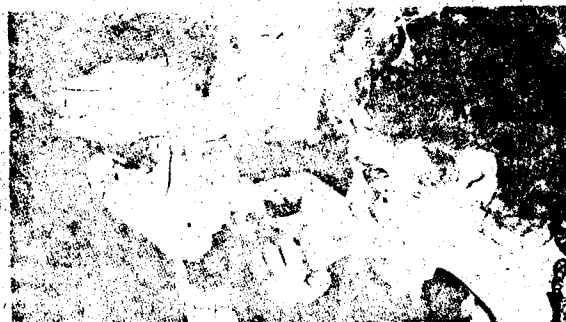
"Throbs with passion and poignancy. You must see it to appreciate it."

-Howard Thompson, NY Times

July 13

"An absolutely magnificent movie. One of the funniest farces ever...." -Howard Thompson

## Tom Jones



Based on Henry Fielding's 18th century novel, this 1963 classic film is classiest, sexiest and totally delightful!! Its bawdy romanticism and incredible humor are starkly contrasted with a gory foxhunt and glimpses of abject London slums and prisons. Directed by Tony Richardson, it won 4 Academy Awards & stars Albert Finney, Susannah York, Edith Evans.

July 20

"A sharp, brash & mischievous comedy with a deadly, devastating point."

-Howard Thompson, NY Times

A cynical and charming WWII soldier (Garner) is slowly and humorously brought to an acceptance of his honor of and opposition to war. The soldier's deepening relationship with a sensitive Englishwoman (Andrews) is what finally ends his closet pacifism. In the process much of the heroism and nobility of war are debunked. Directed by Arthur Hiller, this 1964 work's screenplay was by Paddy Chayevsky ("Network"); it was based on a William Bradford Huie (Three Lives for Missions) novel.

## Americanization of Emily



Julie Andrews

James Garner

Melvyn Douglas

July 27

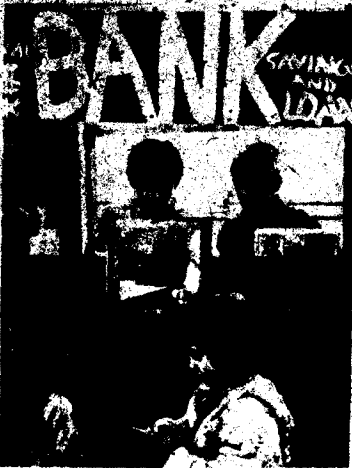
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Brochures are available at SPC, the Westcott Cafe, ECHO, the Real Food Co-op and Women's Information Center.

### "Floating" People's Fund.

To make life more convenient for depositors, The People's Fund will be at the Westcott Cafe, 550 Westcott St., Friday evenings, July 8 & 15, from 6 to 8pm. Deposits can also be made at ECHO on Thursdays between 4 and 6 pm.

Upcoming

## Peace Newsletters

AUGUST

- Bob Russell talks with Igal Roodenko
- Noam Chomsky analyzes Carter's "human rights" campaign
- Chris Murray answers the question, "What is the People's Fund?"
- Jim Smucker gives a first hand account of his discussions last fall at the World Council of Churches in Geneva, emphasizing its decisions regarding 3rd world liberation struggles
- Bob Klips reports on the Toward Tomorrow Fair
- John Maddaus assesses the Stop the B-1 Campaign

SEPTEMBER

- "Education and Social Change", a special PNL issue with articles on ;
- Teaching conflict resolution in CNY schools by Edward Myers Hayes
- The pros & cons of The Peace Academy campaign.
- Plus other articles, resources and provocative ideas
- OCTOBER or NOVEMBER - Poetry - submit your work soon

## Students and Workers On Trial in Thailand

110 students, workers and others will go on trial in Bangkok, Thailand sometime during the next 3 months. They are among the much larger number of people arrested during and immediately after the right-wing coup which overthrew Thailand's democratically-elected government on Oct. 6, 1976 (See PNL - 11/76 - p. 19).

Among those about to go on trial are: Mr. Sutham Saengpratum of the National Student Center and Mr. Arome Pongpangan of the Union of Laborers.

Don Luce, former agriculturalist and journalist in Viet Nam and currently co-director of Clergy and Laity Concerned (CALC) is attempting to send 2 or 3 persons to Bangkok as international observers. Their goals would be: (1) to show concern for due process for those about to go on trial; (2) to visit some of the estimated 2000 people now in prison and charged with "endangering society"; and (3) to inform Americans of the trial proceedings in relation to the way U.S. aid is being used in Thailand.

A letter of concern is being circulated for signatures, copies of which are available from SPC. Funds are also being sought to pay the costs of sending this observer team to Thailand.

For further information contact: Don Luce, Clergy and Laity Concerned, 198 Broadway, New York, NY 10038, (212) 964-6730.

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Skaneateles Falls:

# The P & S Textile Workers Strike

by Lisa Johns



Strikers and supporters on a "limited picket" in front of P&S Textiles. Photo by Jane Weller

Some seventy employees of P&S Textiles in Skaneateles Falls have been striking since April 14th in a fundamental struggle for their jobs, decent wages and working conditions, with scarcely a mention in the Syracuse media. The reasons their strike is so little known are partly that Skaneateles Falls is easy to overlook, and partly that, in a business-minded town, workers' struggles are not news--and especially when those workers are predominantly women.

Skaneateles Falls is an unremarkable little mill town, located along a back way to the self-consciously quaint and prosperous village of Skaneateles proper. The town is no more than a mile long, plain houses strung along both sides of this same back road, together with three factories--Stauffer Chemical, Welch-Allyn, and P&S Textiles, Railroad tracks connecting the three parallel the roadside for the length of the town.

The company, P&S Textiles, has been in Skaneateles Falls for sixteen years, manufacturing industrial filters for pollution control. Before that, another textile firm occupied the building. It is one of the lowest paying plants in the area. Wages range between \$3.04 an hour for starting workers, to \$4.04 an hour for the most skilled jobs. The job that pays the most, \$4.04 a hour, is master millwright, a man's job. No

woman makes over \$3.62 an hour, and one woman who has worked in that plant for 43 years, and another 33 years, still make just \$3.18 an hour.

In contract negotiations, the company has offered a wage increase of \$.30 an hour for the first two years. The strikers claim it isn't enough, but the company has refused to change its offer since negotiations began. Nevertheless, strikers point out, P&S recently received several large contracts, including one for \$3 million, and they have plans to expand. Shouldn't the workers share in the prosperity they helped create?

The company's response has been to hire an expensive Syracuse law firm, Bond, Schoeneck & King, to negotiate with the workers, and to recruit scabs to replace them. There is evidence the scabs aren't getting any better treatment. Initially promised wages around \$5.00 an hour, they find their pay cut once on the job. Until the Labor Board put an end to it, the scabs were also being worked 65 hours a week, in violation of labor law. Two weeks ago OSHA (the Occupational Safety and Health Administration) cited P&S for unsafe conditions that hadn't existed prior to the strike.

Despite all this, the strikers perceive a real threat that they will lose their jobs permanently. One day they counted 92 scabs reporting to work, while they themselves have been

limited to 16 pickets to cover four entrances to the plant. Sheriff's deputies stand by to enforce the order. Their union, the Oil, Chemical, and Atomic Workers, has not provided a great deal of support, and the strikers have been largely on their own. For many, it is their first strike, and while they're inexperienced, they're learning rapidly.

One woman, for example, was struck by a scab's car as she walked the picketline. The sheriff's deputy who came to see what had happened suggested she should be arrested--for improper picketing!

When one picket, Freda Cottrill, was struck by a scab's car, the incident (not the strike itself) appeared as a news item in a Syracuse newspaper, leading a number of Syracuse people to become interested in the Skaneateles Falls situation and to offer strike support--help which has been gratefully accepted.

As the result, the strike has gained new momentum, and the women appear ready to begin rethinking their tactics. "You go along with it, and try to do it lawfully, and you watch your jobs being taken away. That may be the law, but if we're going to keep our jobs, we've got to do something," said Bonnie.

The "something" took the form of a public rally across the road from P&S, on the American Legion hall lawn, on Monday, June 27th. Next morning--as this article was being completed--some 50 pickets were on the line, instead of the agreed-on 16. They delayed scabs from entering the plant for about one and a half hours, and three men were arrested in the action.

The women have stressed that they're not giving up, and that they refuse to be intimidated. They're willing to risk arrest if they have to, in order to protect their jobs and their rights as workers.

Contributions towards strike expenses and bail money can be sent to Bonnie Winchell, R.D. #2, Skaneateles, N.Y. 13152. If you can offer other assistance, contact Freda Cottrill (685-5894) or Kathy Mullen (685-7674) in Skaneateles Falls, or Elana Levy (472-5711) in Syracuse.

## Upstate New York Peace Network

SPC is a member of the Upstate New York Peace Network, a loose association which meets bi-monthly to share information and support and co-ordinate projects. The following articles report on current activities of our brothers and sisters in Rochester and Buffalo who share in our peace efforts.

### Torpedoing a Naval Park

The peace movement's fight against the B-1 bomber has shown clearly how expenditures for military gadgetry takes money out of human needs spending. Now the Navy has found a way to rob precious resources from human needs areas when they retire their gadgetry. This scheme is the "naval park". Four cities in the country now have naval parks. Buffalo, NY may unfortunately be the fifth.

The Buffalo Naval Park is a costly, \$1.7 million project which will berth 2 World War II destroyers on the Buffalo River in downtown Buffalo. A Maritime museum will be built on 7 acres of waterfront urban renewal land. Other war machinery such as a Nike missile and a helicopter will also be dumped on the site.

The Western NY Peace Center, the NY Public Interest Research Group and the Schiller Park Organized Tax-payers have joined together recently to oppose the proposed Buffalo Naval Park. The groups are opposing the park not only because it is an economic boondoggle for the city, but because it is also a moral outrage. The park will glorify war and encourage and sustain a militaristic mentality in generations of Buffalo children to come. It is the perfect propaganda piece for the military.

Plans for the park were unveiled in December, 1975 by the Buffalo Naval Park Committee. The committee, an all-male group of private citizens, announced at that time that it would immediately begin a fund-raising drive to acquire the \$200,000 needed to tow and refurbish the warships. The fund-raising drive never materialized.

Soon thereafter, the Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency committed \$250,000 of state tax dollars to the project. The

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price tag of the park mushroomed from \$200,000 to \$1 million to its current projected cost of \$1.7 million. The City of Buffalo applied to the Economic Development Agency, a Federal agency, for another \$1.45 million to build the park. This funding was not granted, and the city is now asking EDA to transfer funds approved for the South Elliott Industrial Mall to the Naval Park.

The city is now in the process of towing the ships to Buffalo while the fate of the EDA funds for the park remain undecided. It is rumored that if the EDA fails to approve the fund transfer to the park, the city will seek to transfer funds from a proposed sewage treatment plant to the Naval Park.

A number of strategies have been formulated to deal with the park. First, the park may die on its own accord if the city cannot maneuver funds out of other city projects for the park. The coalition will be working to muster public opposition to the park to bring this possibility closer to reality.

Secondly, the very character of the park may be changed by stacking the Buffalo Naval Park Committee with peace activists. Since this committee will be responsible for the content of the park, peace activists could change the park into a memorial on the horrors of war.

The Navy has many more moth-balled ships to unload on unsuspecting communities. Progressive people everywhere should be prepared lest they turn your city into a junkyard for all that war material this society has collected.

### Banking on Racism in South Africa

It was June 16th and the television screen showed more uprisings in Soweto (or 'southwest town'), Johannesburg. It was 1 year following the strike of school children against the racist apartheid which led to demonstrations across Azania (South Africa) resulting in 1000's of arrests and 1000 killed. A familiar scene on the screen --- those blacks with angry eyes --- so far away... so complex.

However for us in the U.S., there are some simple, basic principles --- RACISM IS BLATANT, oppression of blacks is growing, and WE ARE SUPPORTING THAT RACISM through our banks and corporate involvement.

Joining the Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility (an agency of the National Council of Churches), the Coalition for Support of Liberation of Southern Africa and others in Rochester called for the withdrawal of U.S. bank loans to South Africa totaling \$2 billion at a press conference in front of Chase Manhattan Bank on June 16th.

The racist apartheid system in South Africa has become even more oppressive today. Blacks are prevented from acquiring education; prohibited from organizing unions; forced to live in restricted, deprived areas; denied access to factories and towns without permits and denied the right to seek alternative and better employment.

South Africa is facing a chronic economic situation with inflation of 11% and serious unemployment (22% for blacks). To meet this crisis, South Africa sought massive loans. U.S. banks have responded with more than \$750 million in 1976. The major culprits in New York State are Citibank, Manufacturers Hanover Trust, Chase Manhattan and Morgan Guaranty.

"Few corporations today seem to feel bold enough to claim profit and direct corporate economic benefit as their sole justification for investing or doing business in South Africa. But, there is still a deliberate and dangerous tendency to obscure and camouflage the impact that the operation of major U.S. corporations has on the social and economic structure of South African society." --- from the testimony of Jennifer Davis, research director of the American Committee on Africa, before the Senate Committee on Africa, 9/76

"The apartheid government grows stronger by the day because of its solvency which it gets from foreign investors."

--- Mrs. Fatima Meer, Indian Congress of South Africa

WE CALL FOR NO FURTHER INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA and we ask for support of the African people by closing our accounts with banks loaning funds to South Africa.

Allison Clark is a staff person at the Peace and Justice Education Center in Rochester.



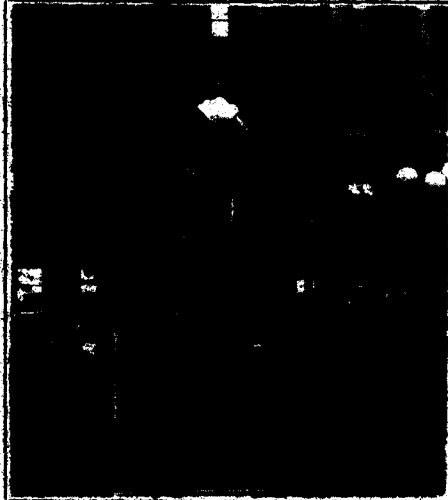
# Gay Rights Rally Overwhelming

by Joel Rinne

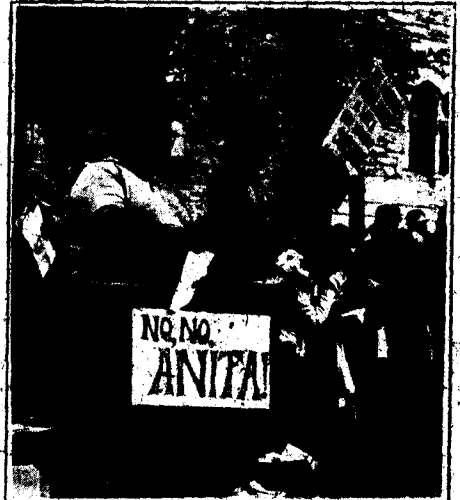
On Tuesday, June 7th, as voters in Dade County, Florida were voting to repeal their Gay rights ordinance, Onondaga Co. Legislator Tim Rice (D-L, 16th District) released a letter announcing his intention to introduce a "resolution adding 'personal sexual orientation' as a cause for absolute non-discrimination to the Onondaga Co. Human Rights Law" in July.

Tim's letter was greeted with cheers and applause at a Gay rights rally held in Columbus Circle, downtown Syracuse that night. The rally, sponsored by the Onondaga Co. Gay Pride Committee and featuring speakers prominent in civil liberties, feminist and Gay rights causes, was well attended. Over 135 people turned out in spite of rain and chilly temperatures.

Karen DeCrow, past president of NOW and a member of the Board of Directors of the Gay Rights National lobby, pledged an all out effort for the federal Gay Rights legislation. Others, including Lillian Reiner, vice-chairperson of the Liberal Party of Onondaga Co., and Robert Seidenberg, psychoanalyst, spoke of the



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Left: Former lobbyist for NYS Coalition of Gay Organizations, Lynne Taylor speaks at the rally. Right: A succinct reference to Florida's answer to Ronald Reagan.

need for political and social equality for Gay citizens. Lisa Johns represented the Syracuse Peace Council and promised the support of that organization in the fight for Gay Rights. Bonnie Strunk, Lynne Taylor, Earl Colvin, Bob Freeman-Jones and Harry Freeman-Jones spoke for the Gay

community. Suzie Gaynes opened the rally with music and song. An Onondaga Co. Human Rights Coalition has formed to lobby in support of Tim's Gay Rights law. Watch for details in the near future, or call 475-6857 for information or if you want to help.

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# The J.P. Stevens Textile Boycott

by Lisa Johns

The textile industry began moving to the South from New England in the 1880s to take advantage of cheap, non-unionized labor, a trend which has continued to the present. Today the Northeast, once the industrial heartland of the US, lags behind the rest of the nation in economic growth, while the South, has seen manufacturing employment increase by 43% in the 1960-75 period. At least 40 of *Forbes's* top-ranked 500 firms have left the Northeast in recent years to set up shop in the South.

Textiles is by far the South's leading industrial employer, and they're also the lowest paying industry in the South, and the nation, with an average hourly wage of \$3.20 in 1974, when the national average for factory workers was \$4.62.

J.P. Stevens, the nation's second largest textile manufacturer (after Burlington Industries) has concentrated its production in the South since World War II, to take advantage of lower wages, taxes, energy costs, and the lack of unions. It employs 44,000 workers in 85 plants, located mostly in North and South Carolina.

Not a single one of these plants is unionized, though textile plants have been the target of any number of organizing attempts since the 1930s. The company has engaged in a systematic practice of anti-unionism which, according to a former chairman of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), is "so out of tune with a humane, civilized approach to industrial relations that it should shock even those least sensitive to honor, justice and decent treatment." In the process, Stevens has become the nation's #1 labor law violator: it has been found guilty of violating National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) provisions in fifteen separate cases since 1965.

Lisa Johns is a member of the SPC staff collective, with a particular interest in economics and labor issues.

These actions have been part of a concerted effort to frighten and discourage workers from union activity. Stevens has been found guilty, for example, of firing 400 employees for union activity, a tactic which is part of a systematic strategy of harassment and intimidation.

Reinstatement of discharged workers occurs only after the case has made its way through a legal labyrinth which can last years, during which time, of course, the union has lost its election chances.

The NLRA allows only two mild penalties for such firings: it can order a company to rehire the employees, and to reimburse their wages for the period they were without jobs. These back-pay awards are considered to be legitimate tax deductions as business expenses, and the total costs of the awards (\$1.3 million in Stevens's case) are relatively small compared to the much higher cost of a union contract. It appears that an increasing number of companies are coming to this realization. Back-pay awards to workers fired for union activities have been rising steadily for years.

Workers trying to organize a union face a formidable task under any conditions, and the odds are heightened when workers face a company as willing to flout the law as Stevens.

The NLRA isn't the only law Stevens has disregarded. The five-year old Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) is designed to protect workers from hazards such as brown lung (byssinosis). However, cotton dust levels have been recorded at Stevens plants almost three times the legal maximum. Stevens has also been charged in recent years with price fixing, tax evasion, pension irregularities, and racial discrimination. Through it all, the company has largely accomplished what it set out to do: save millions of dollars by paying low wages. And Stevens's example has helped other textile giants maintain the same low standards.

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In 1975, Stevens closed its Statesboro, Ga., plant, rather than recognize the union. In this case, the company had been under legal pressure since 1968, when workers first asked the Textile Workers Union to start an organizing drive. The company resisted the effort, bringing the censure of the NLRB and the courts. Finally, left with no legal recourse except to bargain with its workers, Stevens closed the factory, leaving hundreds of people without a livelihood.

Eventually, however, when contempt charges began to accumulate, J.P. Stevens stopped the firings and after more than a decade of defeat, the union won its first election in 1974 in Roanoke Rapids, N.C. What followed that victory, however, were months that stretched into years of fruitless negotiations that never achieved a signed contract. It's a practice known in Southern labor relations circles as "bargaining a union to death." And in fact, Stevens's ability to deny its Roanoke Rapids employees a contract has effectively stalled the union's drive to organize the rest of the textile cha

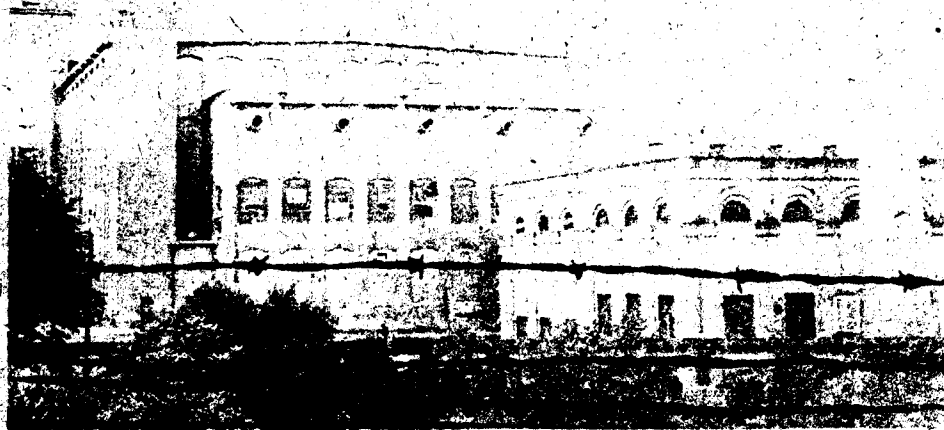
How does J.P. Stevens's management respond to charges that it is

gaining in bad faith? In keeping with standard public relations policy, the company will not "comment on matters pending before the courts or governmental administrative agencies." (Which doesn't leave them a lot to comment on.)

Ordinarily, of course, a union could have struck months ago to solve such an impasse. But a strike against only one location in a plant chain like Stevens could be disastrous. The company could easily transfer its struck work to one or more of its sixty-odd unorganized plants.

Deprived of its strongest traditional economic weapon, the union has undertaken a massive, nationwide boycott of J.P. Stevens products. Boycott representatives look to the successful, 22-month boycott of such as an example of how a well-organized, national consumer boycott can put pressure on an antiunion employer.

One difficulty that Farah or UPW organizers didn't face, however, is the fact that Stevens manufactures a diversity of products under a variety of brand names (see box). To generate publicity, the union will set up local citizens committees, and focus largely on institutions--hospitals, motels, jails--asking them to avoid buying Stevens products. Federal government actions will also strongly influence the boycott's progress. Proposed reforms of NEB procedures may increase Board enforcement powers. In addition, the union is expected to press President Carter to issue an executive order prohibiting federal contracts with companies that violate NLRB directives. However long it takes, the UPW is committed to breaking Stevens as a first step in organizing the textile industry.



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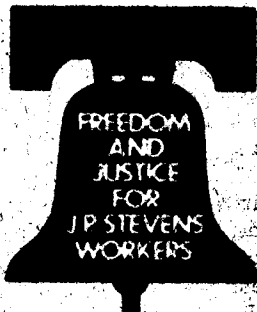
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# Would You Want a Power Line in Your Back Yard?

## New Haven

765 kv power lines are becoming infectious, but so is the resistance to them. Faced with one 765 line already planned and another one proposed through their township, members of the Safe Energy for New Haven called a town meeting on June 1. Niagara-Mohawk, which secured certification for its 765 line in 1974 when no one was reading the fine print, New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG), which has announced that New Haven is one of its two choices for siting two nukes and the attendant 765, and PASNY were invited to participate, along with three well-seasoned 765 line resisters from the North Country. N-M and PASNY refused to attend. Despite last minute radio spots cancelling the meeting by parties other than the organizers, about 125 area people turned out to listen, question, and voice their well-grounded fears.

The assurances put forth by the 3-man panel from NYSEG that no harm would be done, that 765's represent progress and progress is good, were wiped out as the representatives from UPSET recounted one personal experience after another of North Country farmers whose rights have been arrogantly ignored by PASNY, whose farmlands have been damaged by the 765 line under construction. It was utility propaganda confronted by reality.

Perhaps the strongest point driven home by the North Country people was that the New Haven residents would not have due process of law (refuting a point pushed by the utility). Certification hearings are held during working hours in cities often far removed and then its ordinary folks up against power, money, and highly skilled lawyers and "authorities". The legal battle doesn't have a chance of success without the people having created a heavy climate of widespread local resistance. The need for grassroots organizing of local people was summed up by Ed Dubinsky from UPSET: If you win, you'll win out on the farms, but the victory will be announced in the courtroom.



June 1, 1977 (above) - Safe Energy for New Haven holds a public meeting at the New Haven Elementary School to discuss Niagara Mohawk's Volney-Edic 765 kv power line; Niagara Mohawk refuses to attend.

June 15, 1977 (below) - Niagara Mohawk holds a meeting at the same school to discuss the line; the people refuse to attend.  
--- Photos by Mima Cataldo

## North Country

Gov. Carey came to the North Country on June 22nd, and North Country power line protesters -- who have not forgotten Carey's outspoken support for the 765's and his charge that "the protesters are all outside troublemakers" -- where there to meet him. So was a film crew from CBS' "60 Minutes".

30 people gathered at the airport with protest signs. Carey told them "You sell your dairy products downstate, so you must also send electricity downstate for jobs." To which a farmer replied "So what are they going to do when our farms die?

Eat electricity?"

Over 200 people took part in a silent march later that day from the Canton village green to the Canton Agricultural & Technical College, where Carey gave a speech to the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce. Six farmers from Edwards and the Mohawk woman known as Jane Running Doe attended the dinner. When Carey began to speak, they got up and unfurled 5 large banners and stood there through the speech. When Carey left, many protesters were still there waiting for him. After a brief moment of silence, they began to sing "Stop the Line".

Carey is scheduled to revisit the

North Country on June 29th, this time to visit Ft. Drum with U. S. Rep. Robert McEwen. The Argonne National Laboratories recently issued a report proposing that Ft. Drum be converted into a nuclear energy center with 10-20 nuclear power plants, which would require 12 additional 765's! The report also suggests building 4 nuclear plants at Waddington, NY.

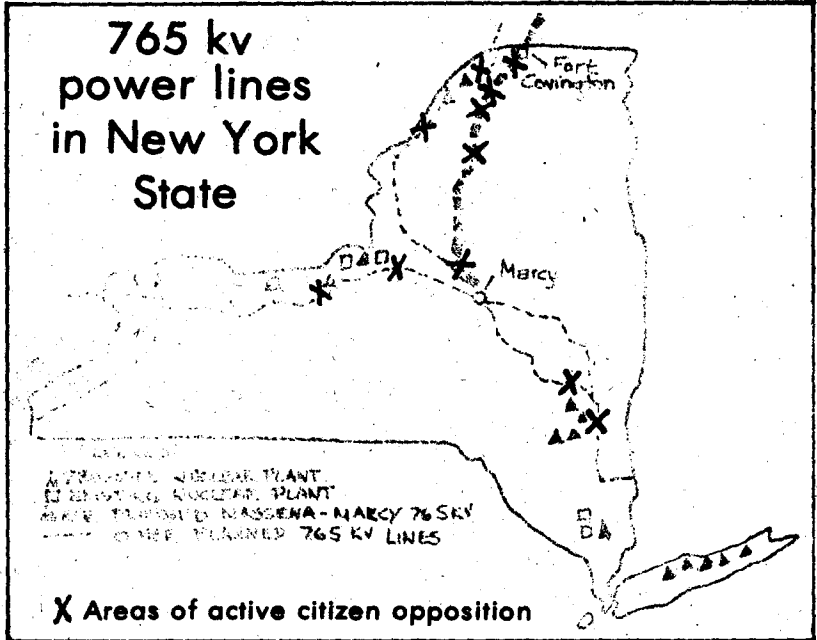
UPSET is now planning a march along the power line route in late Summer. Separate groups will start from Ft. Covington and Marcy and meet on the right-of-way in Edwards on Sept. 4th for a celebration. For further details, call Ellen Rocco at (315) 255-2512.

## Sterling

Citizens Concerned About Sterling (CCAS) has been informing farmers and others in their area of the potential hazards of the 765 kv power line that is to be linked up with the proposed Sterling nuclear power plant.

Packets of information have been sent out to everyone in that area whose land is to be crossed by the line, and several local community meetings have been held to mobilize opposition.

A bluegrass concert to benefit CCAS was held June 12th on a site along the proposed right-of-way between the villages of Fair Haven and Red Creek in the Town of Sterling. The event was very successful, with over 500 people attending despite overcast skies and occasional showers. Bluegrass groups from as far away as Canton performed, interspersing bits of information about power lines between their songs. Educational materials were distributed and a large map showed the exact route of the proposed line.



## Seabrook: Environmental Protection Agency Ignores Environment, Protects the Utilities

One of the last significant obstacles to construction of the Seabrook nuke was eliminated June 17th when Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Douglas M. Costle announced EPA approval of the plant's cooling system. (*NY Times*, 6/18/77)

The Seabrook plant's cooling system, as originally proposed to the EPA, was intended to use ocean water at a rate of 750,000 gallons per minute -- over a billion gallons a day!

The water would come in through one of two 19 foot diameter tunnels that would be drilled through bedrock out to the Atlantic. The tunnels would be 2 1/2 miles long. In this 'once through cooling system' water taken in from 3000 feet offshore, 30 feet below the surface, would go to the plant's condenser and return to the ocean an hour and 15 minutes later. It would be discharged 5000 feet out at a depth of 50 feet. The water would be heated by as much as 39° F.

Clam, lobster and fish larvae would be killed when caught on the intake tunnel's screen. The heated water would force some types of fish to leave the area (a rich fishing bank), but would attract other species. When nukes are shut down, fish attracted to the warmer waters die of cold shock from the temperature change.

The plant would also destroy salt marshes which are invaluable breeding and nesting areas for fish and birds."

--- Clamshell Alliance factsheet

EPA Administrator Costle's decision overturned a ruling by EPA's regional administrator in Boston -- supported by 2 EPA technical consultants -- which demanded further research on the ecological impact of the cooling system. Costle did, however, uphold regional EPA findings that the intake tunnel must be located 7000 feet from shore (instead of 3000 feet) and that backflushing must be limited.

Opponents of the Seabrook plant reacted immediately. Donna Warronck of the Clamshell Alliance attended the EPA press conference at which Costle announced his decision. She presented Costle with 2 dead fish, and passed out press releases denouncing the decision.

The next day, 5 organizations which have been involved in legal suits or hearings interventions against the Seabrook nuke joined

with the Clamshell Alliance in a press conference protesting the EPA decision.

### Clamshell Update

Meanwhile, the Clamshell Alliance is seeking to resolve legal problems remaining from the April 30 - May 1 occupation. 1414 people were arrested; some posted bail, others were released on their own recognizance on May 13th; all face guilty verdicts which are now on appeal to the New Hampshire State Superior Court.

Regional meetings are now in progress, to be followed late in July by a Clam-wide Congress to determine future actions.

Clamshell Alliance supporters are being urged to participate in local Hiroshima Day (Aug. 6) actions connecting the military and 'peaceful' uses of the atom.

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# IRS Building Levitates!

It's happening every spring. IRS tries another way of collecting my 1973 war taxes. Last year they put a lien on my wages but SPC refused to honor it. This year a new tactic-- a hand-delivered summons to appear and present all my books, records, accounts, etc. to enable them to determine my current financial situation so they would know how to collect. They were quite up front about it.

Some serious thought said it best to comply, at least to the point of appearing -- with friends, of course -- and to respond on a level of our choosing. Brainstorming and discussions produced the following. My message would be simple: my money that you want is all tied up (through the War Tax Resistance Fund); it's very busy helping people build a nonviolent society and it has no energy left for war. My current financial statement IRS requested would be very alive people, each representing a project/organization which the WTR Fund has loaned money to. So on the beautiful spring

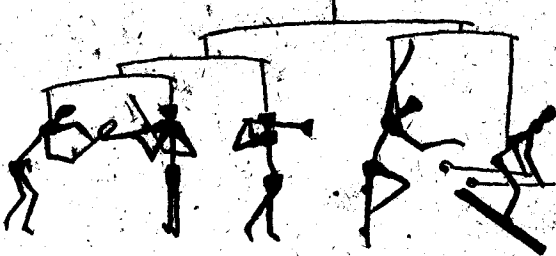
morning of May 27, we gathered on the steps of the Fulton NY Federal building, myself with a bouquet of wild flowers (we wanted to be positive and not threatening) and a dozen grownups and kids gaily decked with creative graphic messages. Illustration: The Westcott Cafe, personified by Marge Rusk, carried a kettle of mandarin greens and popcorn. The "statement" moved on into the IRS offices and confronted two non-so-comfortable IRS bureaucrats.

Hassle #1: The agent who had summoned (he preferred "invited") me insisted that he could only meet with me alone and in the private inner sanctum. We all explained to him why this was unthinkable. Everyone was part of the statement I had been commanded to present; if I owned a corporation, surely my lawyers and accountants would be welcome, etc. Liz Cool's very matter-of-fact "If you separate us you'll take away our power" discombobulated him, I'm sure. An empty sounding command to his crony to call the police was his most prosaic response. This was all

getting nowhere, so we went ahead with our scenario right then and there. I made my brief statement and everyone joined in with their own supportive testimonies. Somewhere in all of this, hassle #2 occurred when Dik Cool attempted to photograph us. The camera had freaked out the second bureaucrat. Barb Kobritz said it all: "This is an eloquent testimony to why we won't pay our taxes. Who could support a government that's afraid of its own people?" The agents insisted that among other reasons, Dik couldn't use the camera because he hadn't been "invited". The solution was obvious -- I took the picture. We finished what we wanted to say and departed, covering the military recruitment posters and macho hand-outs on armed combat with our tax resistance leaflets.

We were all so high -- high on our being alive and IRS being dead, high on our sense of power that comes from solidarity and support for each other. We strolled elatedly through Fulton to breakfast together, wondering why so many townspeople seemed to be staring at us. Was it our obvious joy? Or our walking with our arms around one another?  
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# Joel Gajardo: Human Rights Require Economic Change

The following article is a summary of a speech given by Chilean exile Joel Gajardo to an Ecumenical Peace Ministry Forum at First Baptist Church, Syracuse, on May 26, 1977. Joel's topic was "The Chilean Experience and the New International Economic Order (NIEO)":

The violations of human rights in many poor countries is an expression of an economic order which is being imposed in those countries. Such oppression is necessary to protect the privileged minority which is seeking to impose its will on a majority.

## NIEO Principles

The New International Economic Order (NIEO) is the cry of the poor countries seeking -- through the United Nations -- to get equal treatment in the world economy. NIEO principles include: (1) each country owns its natural resources; (2) therefore each country has the right to nationalize foreign exploiters; and (3) no foreign country should exercise undue economic influence in Third World countries (i.e. neo-colonialism).

The NIEO -- formalized at a special session of the U.N. General Assembly in 1974 -- can be traced back to the formation in 1956 of the "Group of 77" (now 110) underdeveloped countries. The Group of 77 initially attempted to achieve its goals through the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). This failed because: (1) the wealthy countries were united against the poor, with the USSR joining the other industrialized countries in maintaining economic barriers; and (2) the poor countries -- ranging from socialist Cuba to capitalist Brazil -- were unable to agree on substantive issues. Henry Kissinger moved to take advantage of this

Joel Gajardo is a Presbyterian clergyman who was actively involved in work among Chile's poor during the Allende period. Following the 1980 coup which overthrew Allende, he went into exile and is now a member of the Committee on U.S. - Latin American Relations (CUSLAR) at Cornell University in Ithaca.



disunity by offering to make bi-lateral economic deals.

Chile's attempt to apply NIEO principles was ended by the 1973 coup against Allende. Allende -- acting with the unanimous support of the Chilean Congress -- had nationalized Chile's copper mines. These mines, which provide 75% of Chile's GNP, had been controlled since the early 1900's by U.S. corporations.

## ITT Bigger than Chile

In 1972, at a time when Allende's government was under attack by multi-national corporations such as ITT, Allende told the UN that it must find a way to control the multi-nationals. ITT's gross sales is \$11 billion per year, compared to Chile's GNP of \$6 billion. Multi-nationals can buy people -- even countries!

Another Latin American attempt at restructuring the economic order is the Andean Pact, which initially consisted of Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and Chile, with a total population of 100 million. The Andean Pact's goals are: (1) to eliminate duplication of production facilities by eliminating barriers to trade within the region; and (2) to place agreed-upon controls upon multi-national corporations.

Leftist critics of the Andean Pact have pointed out that it formed a larger market for consumer goods by

bringing together the elites of several countries rather than by redistributing income to the poor.

But multi-nationals (with a few notable exceptions -- mainly Germans and Japanese) have shunned the Andean Pact. After 1973, the Chilean junta first tried to weaken the Andean Pact's restrictions on multi-nationals, then withdrew in the hope of luring multi-nationals with more 'favorable' terms. However [Catch 22], with its small national market, Chile is no more attractive to the multi-nationals now than it was before.

## The Military v. the Poor

The fundamental problem with the NIEO as regards Latin America is that 17 of the 22 Latin American countries are military dictatorships. In general, these military regimes are not representing the interests of the poor and oppressed but rather the interests of wealthy elites seeking to maintain the status quo. Even with the NIEO, the poor will still be dependent on charity from the rich in the wealthy countries and the rich in their own country. As long as the multi-nationals, working with the cooperation of military dictatorships, are trying to create conditions for the maximization of profit, then the poor will continue to suffer from hunger, unemployment and poverty.

# To B-1 or Not to B-1

As we go to press (June 28th), Pres. Carter has not yet announced his long-delayed decision on the B-1 bomber, a decision which he promised June 7th would be made by the end of June.

Defense Secretary Harold Brown (a former Air Force Secretary) is pushing hard for 150 B-1s, backed by the Air Force and the B-1's prime contractors - Rockwell, GE and Boeing. Since Carter campaigned against the B-1, a decision to build any number of B-1s represents a change in favor of the military-industrial complex.

How might Carter attempt to justify such a change? We can only guess, but one possibility is that he might cite the Soviet rejection of U.S. Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT) proposals.

Carter, Sec. of State Vance and National Security Advisor Brzezinski

made a (highly publicized) SALT proposal including what they called "drastic arms reductions." The Soviets rejected the U.S. proposals (also highly publicized) and made a counter offer to which Carter and Vance have not yet responded (and which has received very little publicity).

Carter has said that the Soviets rejected his SALT proposals because they were "not ready" for meaningful arms limitations. But a careful examination of the Carter proposals by Alvin Bernstein and Dave McFadden (Plowshare Press, Spring '77) revealed "The proposed cutbacks heavily favor the United States by cutting the heart of Russian nuclear weapons while preserving U.S. advantages. No Soviet leader accepting such terms would be able to stay long in power."

What does all this have to do with the B-1? Carter has said that if the Soviets do not negotiate "in good faith" he would be "forced" to go ahead with development and production of major new weapons systems. In short, he may break his promise and attempt to blame the Soviets.

And so, the drama continues. While Carter delays, the Stop the B-1 Bomber Campaign has been keeping on the pressure. 200 people picketed the White House June 20th, calling on Carter to stop the B-1 immediately. In the words of organizer Carol Ness of Clergy and Laity Concerned (CALC), "Carter's B-1 decision will be an acid test of his credibility, his priorities and his strength of leadership in the face of Pentagon and corporate pressure."



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## Supreme Court vs. the People

The Supreme Court's recent ruling on abortion, in which it found that states are not required to use public funds to pay for elective abortions, potentially effects some 300,000 poor women annually, the number of welfare recipients who have benefited each year from legal abortions performed each year in the US. But it is only the latest in a slew of recent Court decisions which are unsympathetic to the needs of the disadvantaged.

Another recent ruling denied prison inmates the right to form unions, on the basis that prisoners surrender some of their constitutional rights when they enter prison. Justice Rehnquist, writing for the majority, stated the opinion that prisoners in fact retain only those constitutional rights which do not interfere with the running of prisons. An interpretation that, in practice, could leave them with no rights at all.

The Court has also recently upheld the legality of seniority systems that perpetuate past discrimination in employment, and refused to require that company disability programs include coverage for pregnancy.

## What Rights?

(LNS) Kojak, Columbo and most other television police stars frequently trample on the constitutional rights of citizens, according to a study by two University of Massachusetts law professors.

In fifteen different prime-time shows broadcast in a one-week period, the two lawyers found 43 separate scenes in which "serious questions could be raised about the propriety of the police action."

The incidents included 21 "clear constitutional violations," 15 cases of police brutality or harassment, and seven cases in which there was no mention of citizens' constitutional rights.

"If crime-show violations of the Constitution always turn out to be a good thing, then these TV morality plays may amount to nothing more than reactionary propaganda," the study concluded.



## Nia Mo Resists Taxes

It's not enough, apparently, that residents of New York State pay the highest utility bills, on the average, of any state in the continental US. To add insult to injury, the Environmental Action Foundation has revealed that utilities all over the country, including NYS, collect money from rate payers for payment of federal sales taxes which they never turn over to the federal government because of numerous loopholes.

Of the 150 largest utilities in the country, 134 charged \$2,198,770,163 to their customers for federal income taxes, but only paid \$727,860,518.

In the case of Niagara Mohawk, the utility charged its customers \$10,807,000 for federal income taxes, but it paid nothing in taxes to the federal government.

## Collecting Taxes in Boston

(LNS) When Boston Mayor Kevin White proposed large-scale cuts in health care and community services, because there wasn't enough money in the city treasury to pay for them, a neighborhood coalition called Boston Fair Share did a little digging and discovered several large Boston businesses which owed the city sizeable amounts in back property taxes. On June 8 they went collecting. With TV cameras close behind, they marched first to the office of Robert Hauffer, an attorney who lives outside of Boston and owes \$141,160 on his city properties. Hauffer was "at best uncooperative." They then went to the owner of a chain of Boston theaters who owes over \$213,000 in back taxes. In all, Fair Share singled out 15 companies as large delinquent tax-evaders. Among them were a number of airlines, all but two of which have since agreed to pay. Fair Share identified the two as Eastern Airlines and Allegheny, and said they'd be back in 10 days if the two did not pay up.

## Materialistic Ideals

"Getting and spending is the life-force of New Yorkers," or so says the printed guide to a bicentennial exhibit showing this year in Albany. It's no accidental, infelicitous turn of phrase, for the brochure is packed with glowing references to this state's growing prosperity over the last two hundred years. Some samples:

"A flood of consumer goods and services, the practical fruits of materialism, were heaped upon the world marketplace..."

"Trade, commerce and industry generated great wealth and contributed to a pervasive spirit of materialism."

"The abrasive crush of the marketplace produced an aristocracy of wealth based on talent and accomplishment, not birth... [And listen to how they justify that claim!] Living standards varied as widely in New York as elsewhere. The general availability of work, housing, food, furniture and clothing assured access to the material substance of life, but did not guarantee ownership to everyone. A New Yorker's possessions are the measures of progress."

Fittingly, the exhibit which illustrates these lofty ideals is housed in the New York State Museum on the Albany Mall.

## Poor Richard

(LNS) "Nobody can know," said Richard Nixon in one of his recently televised interviews with David Frost, "what it means for a president to be sitting in the White House working late at night, as I often did, and to have hundreds of thousands of demonstrators charging through the streets."

Thus, in self-pitying terms, did Nixon finally admit that he was unable to ignore hundreds of thousands of antiwar demonstrators that often encircled the White House in the 1960s and early 1970s. Shortly after the massive November 15, 1969, march on Washington, D.C., the White House put out the story that Nixon had spent the day watching football. But as Nixon admitted to Frost, "Oh, I could hear. I could hear even if I had plugs in my ears. It was that loud at times, with people marching around."

# SPC MONDAY POTLUCKS . . . discontinued

1970-1977

Collective living, the New York Street Theater Caravan, a special Vietnamese dinner to celebrate the end of the war--these were among the memorable Monday night Potlucks, a program that SPC has been sponsoring for close to seven years. This year, we've reluctantly decided to discontinue the series. We've found they seem to take an increasing amount of energy--or maybe its that, at a time when the Peace Council is going through financial difficulties and other changes, we have less energy to bring to them. Simple though the Potlucks' format has been, they do demand someone's time to line up the programs each month, to make up the

regular half-page announcement in the Peace Newsletter, to make up a leaflet, send out publicity, and then...be there, to introduce the speaker, run the projector (which invariably is cantankerous), and sometimes even conduct the program itself. So while we're sorry to see them go, we think those energies will be freed up for more productive uses. Besides, we're not ruling out the possibility of scheduling an occasional special Potluck now and then, when some irresistible program idea suggests itself, as its bound to do. But for the moment, we're going to give ourselves a break.




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# Art for Whose Sake?

**WEAPONS OF CRITICISM: Marxism in America and the Literary Tradition.** Norman Rudich, ed. Ramparts Press, 1976, \$4.50 paper

**RADICAL PERSPECTIVES IN THE ARTS.** Lee Baxandall, ed. Penguin, 1972, \$2.45 paper

by Gary Eikenberry

"Literature [read "art"] expresses, conceptually and in terms of action, characters, etc., ideas about ourselves, other people, the world, and its effects, by change or reinforcement, those ideas we have. But the culture which characterizes a society is the culture of the ruling class." --David G. Stratman, from "Culture and the Tasks of Criticism," in *Weapons of Criticism*, ed. Norman Rudich

This started out to be a review of two books: *Radical Perspectives in the Arts* ed. Lee Baxandall and *Weapons of Criticism* ed. Norman Rudich. Reviews are to tell you what a book is about and give you an idea of whether or not it might be worth reading. In which case this didn't quite turn out to be a book review. Instead the books have contributed to this becoming a review of a concept and the statement of a need. But first, a little about the books. Both books are well worth reading if you are interested in and patient enough to sift through a series of predominately academic discussions dealing with art and its function in the transformation of society. Several essays stand out for me. In the Baxandall book pieces by Darko Suvin ("The Mirror and the Dynamo"), Carlos Fuentes ("Prometheus Unbound"), and Hans Mayer ("Culture, Property and Theatre") are well worth reading--- as are an address by Fidel Castro and an issuance by the Cultural Theory Panel of the Central Committee of the Hungarian Socialist Worker's Party, if you are interested in Socialist Realism or art in socialist countries in general.

The Rudich book includes "Literary Study and Political Action: How to

Gary Eikenberry, most recently a silver miner in the Yukon, is reported to be heading toward these parts.

Heal the Split" by Gaylord C. LeRoy, and "Literature and Ideology" by Lee Baxandall and several works of criticism which will be of interest to people who follow literary criticism and who are familiar with the books discussed. I don't intend to condense or discuss further these books or essays--if they sound interesting check out a library or bookstore and read them.\* Instead I want to deal with one reason that such books are important and one need--the need for revolutionary art--that they point up.

## Mass Art, Radical Art

What is Art? Culture? Why is art? Culture? Who is served? Who could be served? The quote I open with supplies one answer to these questions. And as art expresses the perspectives of the "power that be" it reinforces the cultural biases that maintain their controls over the rest of us. Mass art (such as tv, records, comics, pulp novels, etc)entertains but also sells us products and a worldview. It tells us that we are funny or helpless until a superhero intervenes on our behalf. It tells us --sells us the myth--that things are far too complex for ordinary folks to do much about. Highbrow art is kept irrelevant and inaccessible--it reinforces class barriers no matter how many museums are built in slums and no matter how many Chopin recitals are given in inner city parks. Radical art (such as radical literature, street theatre, or many demonstrations) most often informs us, the humourous and powerless, of the need to change. For most of us mass art is the most accessible and the least frustrating. Besides, after mining all day I feel a lot more like curling up with a lousy science fiction novel than with something by Sartre or Fuentes---the sci-fi book (or the Mary Tyler Moore Show) may or may not be more relevant to my reality, but it is certainly more relevant to my need to forget about

\* [We modestly note that The Front Room Bookstore stocks both titles. --Eds.]

hassling with the shift boss and relax a little before supper.

*"Depression and cynicism are plentiful enough around here without Camus or Miller."*

Mass art reinforces the status quo at our expense, but requires little effort to consume (just like nutritionless frozen pizza dinners). Radical art opposes the status quo and attempts to break down the myths, but often does this in ways that are irrelevant or inaccessible to our needs. Revolutionary art is/should be a further step: art deriving from our needs and experiences rather than speaking about them (depression and cynicism are plentiful enough around here without Camus or Henry Miller)--art which offers possibilities rather than frustration and lessons of powerlessness-- art which reminds us that we are powerful, not funny and helpless-- art which reminds us that we don't have to wait for John Wayne, Spiderman or Jimmy Carter to fix things up for us and grant us a few successes. And the criticism of this art needs to become at least as concerned with function, as it is with form and execution.

Art can reflect culture or shape it. It can reinforce or it can re-structure. This is simply a call for less of the former and more of the latter. Anybody know of a good revolutionary science fiction novel?



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**SUMMER SESSION:** at the New School For Democratic Management - July 17 - 29, San Francisco. Business school designed specifically for community based and employee controlled organizations. For more info contact: New School for Democratic Management, 266 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94108 (415) 434-1705

**NUCLEAR POWER & ITS ALTERNATIVES** -3rd printing (revised) just off the press. Single copies free (postage and donations appreciated) Bulk copies available at \$3.00 per hundred plus postage (first 100 copies & postage free to groups in NY State). Send requests to EPC attn. John Maddaus.

**HENRY KISSINGER** is coming to Syracuse in September to raise money for a hospital of all things; perhaps it's only fitting, though, since he was the man most responsible for putting tens of thousands of Indochinese (and some Americans) in the hospital --and the cemetery-- during the Indochina war. (He was also responsible for the destruction of Bao Hai Hospital during the Christmas '72 bombings of North Viet Nam.) If you'd like to work to make sure Kissinger gets the kind of Syracuse reception he so richly deserves call Dik at: 472-5478.

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<p>"As We Struggle Together" solidarity news on half hour, 6-10pm every Sunday, WAGR FM.</p>	<p>U.S. Declaration of Independence - 1776</p>	<p>War Tax Resistance Fund meeting, 6:30 potluck; Marge Ross's front porch, 242 W. Cathrop</p>	<p>"The Hustler", Paul Newman as the struggling pool shark, NYS Films, 7 &amp; 9:30, Grifford Aud. only \$1.50!</p>	<p>SPC Nuclear Power Com. meeting - 7:30 pm at 658 Westmoreland; facilitator Angus MacDonald</p>	<p>People's Fund @ Westcott Cafe - 6-8</p>	<p>Recycle Your Books! Benefit the Front Room Bookstore - 10 am - 4 pm @ ECOH, Westcott at Euclid - Great Bargains! See p. 23</p>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	<p>Political Economy Study Group mtg. @ 2 Schlarrie St., Baldwinsville 6:30 - potluck; 7:30 discuss <i>Capitalism &amp; Revolution</i> by Andre Gars</p>	<p>7:30 pm - Steering Com. @ SPC for details.</p>	<p>"Streetcar Named Desire" starring the incomparable Marlon Brando, NYS Films (see July 6th)</p>	<p>10 am PNL Editorial Mtg. - Editor (August issue) - John Maddaus People's Fund talker hours: Every Thurs. 4-6 @ ECOH</p>	<p>People's Fund @ Westcott Cafe - 6-8</p>	<p>Anti-nuclear power legislation mtg. in Albany - See p. 15 for details.  Dance/Concert See p. 5 for details</p>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	<p>"Third World News", 7-7:30pm every Mon. on WAGR FM 88.8.</p>		<p>"Tom Jones" One of the funniest movies ever made! NYS Films (See July 6th for info)</p>		<p>August PNL copy deadline!</p>	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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31	1	2	3	<p><b>PNL Calendar</b> <b>July 1977</b></p>		
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The Syracuse Peace Council (SPC) is a non profit, community based, autonomous antiwar/social justice organization. We have an affiliation with Clergy & Laity Concerned (CALC). We have a vision of a world where war, violence & exploitation of all kinds (economic, racial, sexual, age, etc.) do not exist. Primary functions of SPC (which has a basic commitment to nonviolence) are to help people work for social change in whatever way they feel comfortable and to overcome our sense of powerlessness through mutual support.

We feel that education, agitation & organization lead to social change.

SPC membership involves being on the mailing list and feeling that you're a member. Simple as that. SPC is supported primarily through members contributions & monthly pledges and fund raising events. It's an unending struggle to raise our \$25,000 annual budget. SPC's major work is done through committees (listed below) & the 3 collectives that work out of the SPC office: the program staff; the SPC Press; The Front Room bookstore.

## Projects & Committees

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# How It Is With Us - Part 2...



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Left to right, top: Dik Cool, William Sunderlin, Marilyn Austin, Chris Murray, Lisa Johns; bottom: John Maddaus, Barb Kobritz, Nancy Travers, Mike Delaney, Bill Cangemi.

a lot more to be shared with you. The positive energy around here that we described last month has seen us through a heavy month of decisions and changes, and has helped us define concrete steps toward resolving our money crisis. That positive energy is surging now more than ever!

### Staff Collective Changes

A very difficult situation arose with the decisions of Lisa Johns to leave the staff collective permanently and John Maddaus to take a year's leave of absence from staff. Lisa has already left and John will leave at the end of August. Both their decisions were based on their having financial needs that cannot be met by

subsistence salaries (even when paid regularly). There's a really positive aspect to this that mustn't be ignored -- they are happily expecting a baby and are also trying to buy the home they share collectively with others. Lisa and John have worked incredibly hard for the Peace Council. Their departures, while understandable, are difficult. We need to let them go with our best feelings and wishes for their happiness.

Now another positive aspect is that William Sunderlin will be joining the staff. William is an ecology activist who has been sparking SPC's antinuke efforts for the last year. In fact, he's been so "full-time" around here, that this new step seems truly natural and comfortable for all of us.

### Balancing the Budget

A fourth staff person will not be hired until we feel our financial situation is much more secure. And that leads to how we've balanced our '77-'78 budget (see p. 4). The Finance Committee's original draft budget projected a deficit of \$9,000 (no, that's not a typographical error) -- \$6,000 debt from '76-'77 and \$3,000 expected in '77-'78.

Four major changes have reduced anticipated expenses by over \$6,000: not hiring a 4th staff person, culling the mailing list (see p. 4), postponing the "outside" debt another year, and eliminating all but occasional "key contact" mailings. Projected income has been increased nearly \$3000 by setting higher goals for our traditional fund-raisers like "Community" magazine and organizing brand new fund-raising events to raise \$1500. A good start on the latter is our Energy Fair scheduled for April (an enthusiastic planning committee has started meeting).

### People Energy

All of which says that, on paper, income matches expenses. The reality is that we've charged ourselves

I'm willing to work!

on these project(s):

- State Fair (now through Sept. 5)
- Garage Sale (now through Sept.)
- "Community" (mid-Aug. through Nov.)
- Fall Folk Concert (now through Oct.)
- Plowshare (Sept. through Dec. 4)
- Energy Fair (now through April)

Call me. We can talk about the project's specific tasks and when each task must be done, and I'll select what work I'm comfortable doing.

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# SPC's Budget For 1977-78 Fiscal Year

## Income

Pledges	\$ 5,200
Contributions & Peace Newsletter subscriptions	10,500
NVS Films	1,500
Folk Concert	300
Plowshare	1,200
Garage Sales	1,000
Steering Com. Events	800
Miscellaneous Events	1,290
Community '78	1,000
People's History Calendar	700
Miscellaneous Sales	80
CALC Program Grant	500
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$24,070</b>

## Expenses

Salaries & Employee Taxes	\$ 9,500
Employer Taxes	1,050
Unpaid Salaries & FICA	3,960
Peace Newsletter	3,500
Program: Nuclear Power	200
"    Indochina	100
"    Miscellaneous	500
Utilities	900
Real Estate Taxes	340
House Remodeling	300
Postage	880
Printing/Mimeo	300
Envelopes	420
Phone	750
Equipment	200
Insurance	270
Folk Concert Series Debt	300
Miscellaneous Expense	600
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$24,070</b>

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SPC'S ON-GOING WORK  
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with more and bigger projects and simultaneously cut back on staff. Believe it or not, we're incredibly optimistic and energized. We have faith we can do it. But clearly we need your energy, creativity and hard work. We're always asking for financial contributions. And many of you have responded wonderfully and faithfully. That cannot be under emphasized. Without your financial support, we would have had to shut the door long ago. Now we're asking for a different kind of help. We need workers. And we're prepared to simplify the process of workers' picking up on jobs.

A great thing about most SPC projects is their "multi-facetedness". They all lend themselves to being segmented into diverse, concrete tasks. Take for example, the Plowshare Craftsfair, held the first weekend every December. That project begins in a low-keyed manner in early September. Within the course of 3 months, a worker could do one (or more) tangible jobs: handle the crafts-

people's reservations (mail out applications on request, relate details of time, costs, etc.); design/lay-out the promotional poster; write and send out a press release; arrange a media interview with a craftsman; arrange musical entertainment; help organize the food (setting up a system, selecting the menu, buying, cooking, etc.); help organize the Plowshare raffle (getting raffle items, selling & distributing tickets); distribute posters; recruit staffers for literature, raffle, kitchen, SPC's craft table, etc.; do a workshift at the Craftsfair. On any project, brainstormers, planners, and implementors are needed; be whatever you're comfortable with. And experience is not necessary -- there's plenty of people ready to help!

We are facing 11 (at least) projects/events -- beginning with the Hiroshima Day Vigil and running through the April Energy Fair. Seven of them are listed on the coupon on p. 3. We hope you'll respond. Be part of the struggle!

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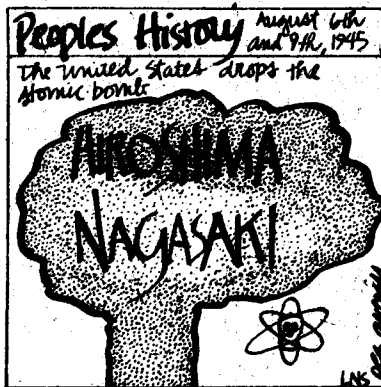
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# LETTERS

## Father of Jeremiah Mitchell Speaks Out

It has come to my attention that rumors are still rife in the Syracuse Black community concerning the case of Jeremiah Mitchell. Needless to say, all the talk about the case results from misinformation and confusion.

As step-father of the deceased youth and one of the people most intimately involved with the actions and the activities of all those who were at different times involved with the case, I would like to take this opportunity to clear the air.

Most of us will recall that Jerry was shot in the back by Syracuse police officer Paul Larkin who, according to the testimony of several eyewitnesses, really had no cause to use his gun since neither his life nor limb were threatened.

Subsequent to Jerry's untimely death at the hands of police officer Paul Larkin who was then performing his duties as a functionary of the City of Syracuse, an ad-hoc committee comprising certain leaders and individuals in the Black community was formed at the insistence of Police Chief Thomas Sardino.

It is standard practice in instances where Black youths are killed by police officers, especially under unjustifiable circumstances, that the city calls in the Black leaders to pacify the community. In this case, it would seem that this was indeed the objective. To put this in perspective, here is a review of the actions and the activities of various individuals and groups in the Black community in the aftermath of Jerry's slaying.

First there was the ad-hoc Committee which was made up of the so-called leaders of the Black community. These pillars of the Black community spent an inordinate amount of time wrangling and arguing interminably among themselves as to the best course of action to follow. Meanwhile, certain of these so-called leaders were making public statements depicting Jerry as a "saint" or a nice kid. Clearly, this was not what the community needed to hear. The fact was that Jerry had been shot in the back for no justifiable reason.

And whether he was a saint or sinner was immaterial. He had constitutional and human rights not to have his life snuffed out by a shot in the back.

Second, there was the Human Rights Commission which everyone knows is an agency of Onondaga Co. and the City of Syracuse. All of the employees of the Commission are in the pay of the county and the city. How then was it possible for any employee of the city or county to bring legal action against either and not jeopardize their jobs or positions? Besides, as the ad-hoc committee was constituted, it was difficult to distinguish it from the Human Rights Commission. In fact, the latter organization ran or controlled the ad-hoc committee.

Third, in view of the foregoing and, in particular, considering that the establishment of the ad-hoc committee was initiated by the Syracuse Police Chief Sardino, and that the Human Rights Commission is both a city and county agency, the question arose in our minds as to what the best thing was to do -- institute legal action against the city which has final authority over whether or not its police officers deal violently with the citizenry, or against police officer Paul Larkin?

Our attorney counselled that we institute litigation against the city. The idea being that the city would then see to it that our youths are not indiscriminately and wantonly butchered in the future. In our attorney's view -- and we share it -- the city is and should be responsible for the actions of its police officers.

Once we made this intention known to those in the community who were evidently interested in seeing that justice was done and that the black community would no longer be subjected to abuses by the police in the future, we were set upon.

Some of the same leaders and sym-

pathizers saw us as trying to make a fortune out of the loss of our son. Others went to the extent of casting aspersions on my wife. To add insult to injury, still others wanted her to go on television to publicly bewail and lament Jerry's death.

At that point, it became clear that the leadership was interested only in making political hay out of our tragedy and misery to further their own careers. Accordingly, we publicly requested that all those who were working in our behalf and that of the community cease and desist from all action related to the Jeremiah Mitchell case.

Clearly, things had gotten to the point where Jerry's tragic death was a mockery. To my view, even the setting up of the Jeremiah Mitchell Center was pure mockery and the height of hypocrisy. The Black community has always stood in need of the amenities that other sections of the population of Syracuse enjoy. I saw no special honor or significance to naming a center that our community deserves and should have after my murdered son.

I shall settle for no such sop. And, even if it breaks me financially, I intend and am determined to see to it that justice is done. I shall never forget Jerry.

Very truly yours,  
Laymon Herring

## We Agree!

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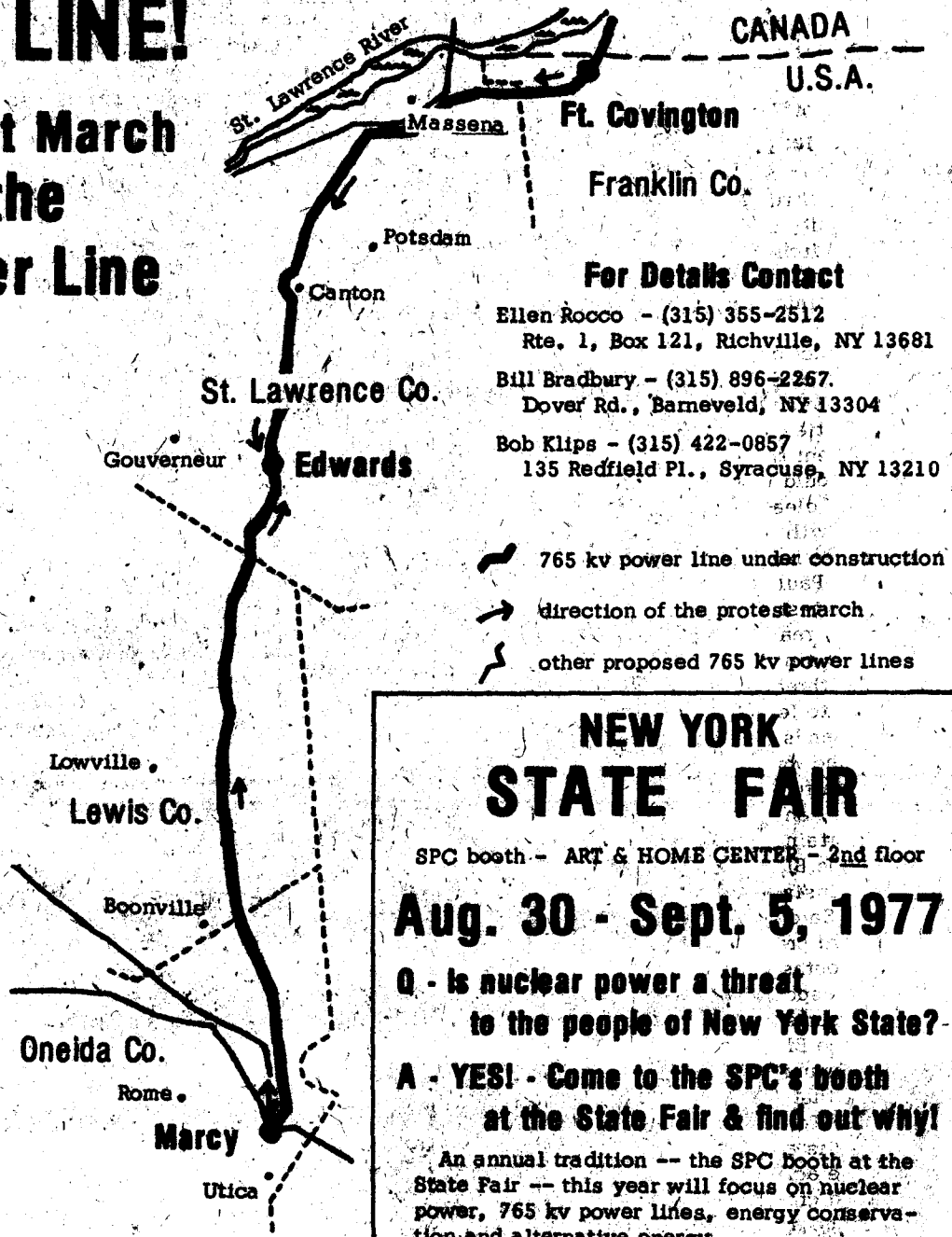
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# Igal Roodenko: Gentle Revolutionary

Bob Russell

Igal Roodenko is past chairperson of the War Resisters League ('68-'72), a long-time civil-rights and anti-war activist who spent nearly two years in prison during WWII for resisting the draft.

During his visit to Syracuse for SPC's Annual Dinner in June we spent a morning together talking about the "revolution" he has spent his life advocating. Igal's vision is worth sharing.

Igal Roodenko is a person of many loves. There are his loves to travel and to speak before groups (both of which he does nearly continually), to print (which is his trade), to teach and to tell stories (bawdy and enlightening). Igal speaks easily of his love for the struggle--the "gentle revolution" as he calls it. But his greatest love is for people, and he tirelessly sets himself about the task of trying to bring people together wherever he goes.

A healthy government, says Igal, is one where there is a constant discussion between people, between the established powers and others. During the 60's, and the Viet Nam era, the establishment refused to debate, became more entrenched, tried to suppress dissent and co-opt discussion of the essential issues. In government, distorted priorities and special interests cause confusion and stifle debate. The nuclear power issue is an example of how established powers have tried to decide what the people need without debate. Organized actions like Seabrook are means that the people have to reopen discussion of those issues that affect their lives.

Igal has a strong belief in the power of truth to win over those who use economic, political, or military power to control others. His pacifism is based less on religious doctrine than on the recognition of sociological

Bob Russell is a Steering Committee member. One of his many efforts towards the "gentle revolution" was the organizing of the Syracuse-Syracuse-to-Canandaigua portion of the Continental Walk for Disarmament and Social Justice last Summer.



Photo by Mima Cataldo

truths --our survival depends upon a shared struggle to overcome all that keeps us from being fully human.

And how does a person promote the struggle justly and creatively? One way, of course, is to unite with other people within groups like War Resisters League and the Peace Council which are committed to finding solutions to war, hunger, poverty, isolation, etc. But the starting point for each person is subjective: it begins where you feel the need for change and recognize the lack of community. Wherever the status quo oppresses you --whether that

be caused by racism, sexism, economic oppression, etc. --there is where the struggle for you must begin. The goal is not to eliminate disagreement but to build community where violence is eliminated as a weapon.

Igal Roodenko says that the task of the "gentle revolution" is to create a sense of global community. Society continually seeks mechanical ways of dealing with human relationships, and mechanical solutions to human problems. And yet --the only real solutions are human ones: we need each other. Since Hiroshima we have possessed the technology to destroy the world --the struggle has become imperative.

There is cause for optimism however: a growing sense of democracy through history. In our country people are becoming more aware that they hold 1/200 millionth part of the political power, and there is less willingness to give over that power to groups or persons who do not represent their needs.

Within the nonviolent movement, says Igal, there is a constant dilemma--- how do you resist what is oppressive and unjust on the one hand (which can have a polarizing effect), and at the same time build community by seeking solutions to human problems? Non-violence -- the non-violent revolution -- is both the tool and the goal of the struggle.

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## ENERGY LEGISLATION UPDATE

## AN UPHILL BATTLE AHEAD

by William Sunderlin

The New York State legislature adjourned week before last with ill tidings for safe energy advocates. A bill which would have required PASNY to prove need for its transmission facilities passed the Senate unamended, then died in the Assembly while Gov. Carey sought to have the bill amended. The unamended version could have been interpreted by the courts as requiring PASNY to prove need for the 765 kV line presently under construction between Ft. Covington and Marcy; Carey, an ardent supporter of the line, vowed that he would veto the bill if it were not amended to exempt PASNY from this possibility.

The Life-line Bill, a bill designed to lower utility rates for the poor and elderly, had a similar fate. After being watered down to a point where it would provide only a negligible break for the elderly and none for the poor, it passed the Senate but was defeated in the Assembly.

The Nuclear Responsibility Act (see May '77 PNL; p.7) was bottled up in a Democrat-controlled Assembly committee early-on in the legislative session because of a barrage of lobbying pressure from the AFL-CIO, especially the building trades unions. Though this is a harsh set-back for nuclear opponents, it is conceivable that some other unions might be persuaded to support the NRA at some time in the future.

There are a few signs of hope in this sea of gloom -- A bill requir-

ing PASNY to prove need for proposed nuclear plants passed the legislature and is at this writing sitting on Gov. Carey's desk waiting to be signed. The Home Insulation Act was passed to grant low-interest loans for insulation, and a bill was passed which exempts solar and wind installations from real property taxes. The nomination of Republican-turned-Democrat Peter Peyser for the chair of the Public Service commission was defeated 7-5 in a State Senate Committee party-line vote. Republicans argued (correctly) that Peyser did not have the requisite experience for the position. Peyser was offered the job by Gov. Carey as a reward.

On the national legislative scene, the picture is as dismal as it is in N.Y. Nuclear proponents in the Senate, led by Frank Church (D.-Idaho) are hell-bent on launching us into a dependency on the breeder reactor.

Development of the breeder is crucial to the viability of the entire nuclear industry: once our conventional reactors have run out of their present fuel (uranium-235), they will only be useful if they can consume plutonium-239, which is created by the breeder. Our domestic reserves of U-235 are estimated to last 12 to 30 more years. Another essential component for a nuclear future is a reprocessing technology -- a reprocessing plant completes the uranium fuel cycle by recovering fissionable material

for fuel from nuclear wastes.

On July 11, the Senate voted 49 to 38 to reject Carter's bid to phase out the Clinch River breeder reactor project. In an attempt to avoid a veto, appropriation for the breeder was scaled down from \$150 to \$75 million. Sen. Edward Kennedy's (D.-Mass.) attempt to defeat a funding proposal for the Barnwell nuclear fuel reprocessing plant was met with a 69 to 23 vote to grant the project \$14 million. The Clinch River and Barnwell appropriations are not, however, certified. Carter has given the \$14 million to the Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA) to do with it as it sees fit. A floor amendment might be introduced in the House this fall to secure the funds if ERDA balks at funding Barnwell. The appropriation for the Clinch River breeder has yet to go through the House. A final decision on the breeder will be reached sometime after September 11. Approximately 150 Congresspeople have not made up their minds about the breeder.

On July 16 and 17, meetings were held in Albany and on Long Island to form a statewide legislative action network. The network, an expanded and hopefully strengthened version of the Safe Energy Coalition of New York State (formerly active primarily in the Hudson Valley), will fund a lobbyist in Albany. Key among the tasks of the network will be to coordinate a massive letter-writing campaign. Get your pens ready! We'll be under way soon.



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# Carter Stops the B-1 Bomber:

by John Maddaus

"Stop the B-1 bomber!"

It seemed like a very ambitious goal back in the Fall of 1973. The supporters of the B-1 included the Air Force and 3 giant corporations. And its opponents -- just a few anti-war activists.

"Stop the B-1 bomber!"

The word spread from Germantown, PA to St. Johnsbury, VT and Minneapolis, MN and Eugene, OR and Atlanta, GA and Syracuse, NY -- and from there back to Washington, DC.

"Stop the B-1 bomber!"

On June 30, 1977, President Carter announced that he had, in fact, decided to stop the B-1 bomber.

But he also announced that this was possible because of recent "progress" in the development of the cruise missile. And therein lies the problem. For Carter's decision clearly reflects the fact that while some criticisms of the B-1 were heard in Washington, other very fundamental ones were not.

## Arguments that Worked...



1. The B-1 costs too much! By the time Carter decided to cancel it, the estimated cost of a single production-model B-1 had risen to over \$100 million by the Air Force's own estimates. One independent estimate put the total cost of building, arming, operating and maintaining the B-1 weapons system for 30 years at about \$92 billion.

Such an expense would not only add to the drain on individual taxpayers' wallets, but it would clearly set back Carter's hopes of moving toward a balanced Federal budget.

John Maddaus is a member of the SPC staff collective and has worked on the B-1 campaign for the past three years.

## 2. Are the Russians REALLY coming?

During the Nixon-Ford administration, the Pentagon and the CIA did everything possible to play up the Soviet threat, especially just before key votes on military appropriations bills.

Most Americans have refused to be frightened into supporting the B-1 on the basis of such exaggerated claims. And recent 'intelligence' estimates of Soviet military capability have been somewhat less hysterical in tone.

3. Jimmy, keep your promise! Carter's campaign statements against the B-1, particularly his statement to the Platform Committee of the Democratic Party calling the B-1 "a waste of the taxpayers' money," clearly would have been difficult to explain away had Carter decided to put the B-1 into production.

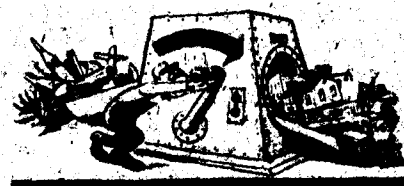
## ... & Some that Didn't

1. Cut military spending! Carter made only minimal cuts in Ford's final budget proposals, which called for a \$10 billion increase in the Pentagon budget. He has failed to carry out his promise to cut military spending \$5-7 billion, a modest proposal in the face of escalating military costs. Stopping the B-1 in favor of the more 'cost-effective' cruise missile will only slow the rate of growth of the Pentagon budget, not reduce it.

2. Disarmament (zero nuclear weapons!) Despite Carter's inauguration pledge and the much-publicized SALT talks, disarmament seems as far away as ever, perhaps farther, given Carter's emphasis on the cruise missile (see below).

3. Expose the military-industrial complex. This was a major theme of the B-1 slideshow, and also the focus of some good research. Rockwell's lobbying tactics were exposed, and some publicity was generated through actions at stockholders' meetings. Rockwell has suffered a PR setback, but defense contractors continue to receive handsome profits at taxpayer expense for a seemingly endless series of new weapons.

4. Peace conversion. Beginning with the illusory hope for a "peace dividend" with the winding down of



the war in Indochina, the goal of converting from a wartime to a peacetime economy has remained beyond our reach. The B-1 Campaign promoted some discussion/research on this concept, and a number of events such as "Fair Shake Fairs," but failed to come up with a truly effective organizing handle for peace conversion.

5. Meet human needs! This slogan--poorly defined--reflected an attempt to enlist groups with an interest in expanding the non-military portions of the Federal budget in the campaign against the B-1. It was an uneasy alliance at best, requiring B-1 critics to overlook the flaws--sometimes very fundamental--of these "social" programs. The most concrete form which this alliance took was the drive for "transfer amendments" to Congressional budget resolutions, which sought to transfer funds from military to domestic programs. Both the Holtzman (1976) and Mitchell (1977) Amendments were overwhelmingly rejected by Congress.

## Lessons Learned

In the three-plus years since the B-1 campaign began, campaign organizers and the general public learned some important lessons. One lesson concerned the role of labor. The campaign came up against the argument that "military spending creates jobs." But the PIRGIM study, "The Empty Pork Barrel," which came out in 1975, demonstrated that overall military spending provides fewer jobs than most other forms of expenditure.

That was important, but it was not enough. For the response of labor unions depended very much on whether a particular union's members stood to gain or lose jobs as a result of the B-1 decisions. For example, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

# A Look at the Limits of Victory

opposed the B-1. But the United Auto Workers -- a generally progressive union whose former president, Walter Reuther, had actively supported peace conversion -- came out in favor of the B-1 because B-1 workers at Rockwell belonged to the UAW.

The B-1 campaign therefore made some efforts to talk with the UAW workers at Rockwell, and has recently introduced a workers' security bill --HR 7002, the Conversion Adjustment Assistance Act, sponsored by Rep. Bingham (D-NY), to provide aid to workers laid off by the cancellation of a major contract such as the B-1.



Another lesson concerned ways of looking at the arms race. At the beginning, the B-1 was viewed as a single weapons system that could be examined in isolation from other weapons systems. But it gradually became apparent that the B-1 was a part of an overall strategic theory called "triad" (land-based missiles, submarine-launched missiles and manned bombers), and that all three "legs" of the triad were undergoing modernization simultaneously. The purpose of this modernization was to develop a "counterforce" capability (i.e., the ability to destroy the opponent's weapons systems--rather than simply population centers--thus making "first strike" nuclear attack a possibility).

While the specific rationale for the B-1 was of dubious validity even in military terms, the modernization of other legs of the triad (such as the

Trident submarine) could only be approached from a more fundamental critique of the arms race. This critique the B-1 campaign did not 'need', and therefore never fully developed.

## The Cruise Missile

Carter's endorsement of the cruise missile clearly demonstrates some of these problems. The cruise is a small pilotless airplane with an electronic guidance system which can be launched from an airplane (B-52 or 747), submarine, etc. Research and development will cost over \$1 billion, but once put into production the cruise will be "relatively" inexpensive--\$616,000 (i.e., 162 cruise missiles for the price of one B-1 bomber).

This "low" cost is indeed part of the problem. Relatively large numbers of cruise missiles in the hands of the US--and, in time, the USSR as well--will only speed up the arms race and increase our long-term insecurity. Add to this the possibility of proliferation and danger is multiplied.

The SALT talks are likely to get stalled over the cruise missile, since the methods of "national verification" of nuclear weapons cannot be applied to it. No satellite can get an accurate count on a weapon only fourteen feet long, nor tell its range or type.

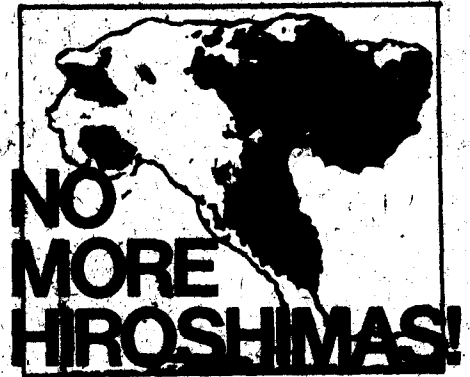
The only hope is that the cruise can be banned completely in the current round of SALT negotiations. Carter's decision to link the cancellation of the B-1 to the development of the cruise will make banning the latter harder than before.

## What Next?

The terrible fact is that despite Carter's decision on the B-1, the arms race continues.

For one thing, Carter's decision does not necessarily mean that Congress will go along. The Senate has just agreed to delete B-1 funding from the FY 78 military procurement bill. (Both Javits and Moynihan vot-

ed to uphold Carter's decision.) But the House--always the stronger supporter of the B-1--voted for B-1 production two days before Carter announced his decision. (Hanley voted against the B-1; Walsh in favor.) Thus the bill will probably be returned for one last vote by the full House, possibly the first week of August, otherwise in September.



Many peace activists are already looking beyond the B-1 to further work on disarmament. Representatives of 49 organizations met in Philadelphia in April to form the Mobilization for Survival (MfS). MfS is helping organize local Hiroshima Day actions nationwide (see p. 5 for SPC's Hiroshima Day activities), community speak-outs and campus teaching on the arms race, all building to mass demonstrations at the time of the UN Special Assembly on Disarmament in New York City in May/June 1978.

Besides the UN Disarmament Conference, there are many other events/issues relating to the arms race which need our attention -- the SALT talks, US arms sales and military aid abroad, the threat of nuclear weapons proliferation due to the spread of nuclear power, US bases overseas, and the possible return to the military draft, to name a few.

SPC's Steering Committee has set up a subcommittee to evaluate and plan on-going Militarism/Disarmament programs. For further details, call Bob Russell at 476-0145 or Chris Murray at 472-5478.

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# P & S Textiles: The Strike Continues

## Workers Resist Strike-breaking Attempts

by Bonnie Winchell

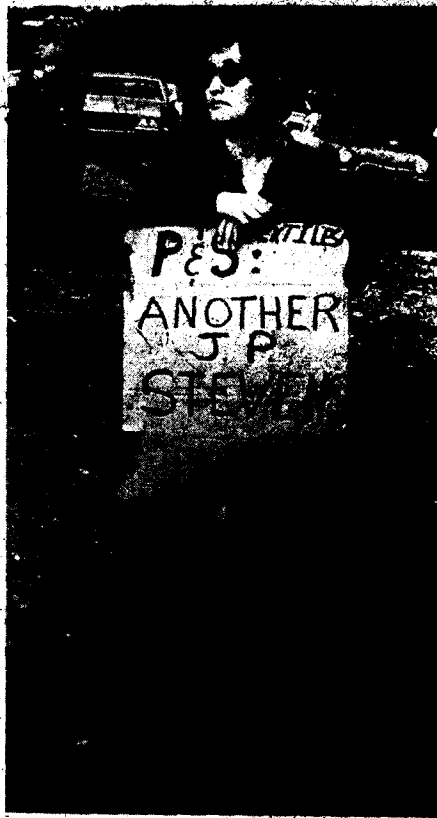
When our three year contract expired, we couldn't agree to what P & S offered. We needed better wages and benefits. We then went on strike April 15, expecting the management of P & S Textiles to look into our situation and to offer something better that we could accept. To date, there have been four negotiation sessions between company and union. There has been no further offer. We have received letters threatening permanent replacement, if we do not return to work. A few of our members, thus and otherwise intimidated, did return.

By the end of June, we had approximately 50 picketers on the line and held the scabs up for about one and a half hours. Then came a summons to court from the company. After all, we had held up production. On July 5th, our union leaders agreed to an injunction on our picket line, in return for a written agreement from P & S that they would negotiate faithfully with us to settle this strike soon. The next week, in our fourth negotiation session since April 15th, we were told by the company that we could come back in, one by one, as there were openings. This of course meant that a lot of us would never get back in. Also, there would be no union.

The plant is filled to capacity with scabs and strikebreakers. Rumor has it that there will soon be a second shift. Our injunction limits us to fifteen picketers, at four entrances-- strikers and families only. We as picketers cannot agree with this. We should have the right to strike and picket without limit or court interference.

P & S Textiles is only a small part of SCAPA Group Ltd., Thomas Hardman & Sons, Ltd., whose plants are all over the world. Compared with this,

we strikers are small. The majority of us are women, and we have had a lot to learn. We have found many friends and supporters, among these the Syracuse Peace Council and Women's Information Center. Many groups and organizations are joining us to help. We have a Strike Support Committee, made up of strikers and supporters. P & S turned its back on us. But we are not giving up or going away. We will win our strike, because we are right.



P & S strike leader Bonnie Winchell on the picket line. Photo by Mima Cataldo.

## Company Applies Pressure

by Val Armstrong

A look at the conditions at P & S shows that the company is interested only in exploiting the workers as much as possible. The average pay at P & S is \$3.36 an hour. Workers have no sick days, and one personal day a year. Some are forced to take

off two weeks of work every year for one week of vacation pay. Women are timed going to the bathroom, and harassed by foremen.

The company also benefits from the fact that most of its workers are women. In keeping with big business practice of using women to keep wages down, the highest paid classifications are held by men. When the workers (men and women) at P & S decided to strike for decent wages and conditions, the company's response was to try to break the strike and the union. This kind of tactic is becoming a familiar one--part of a nationwide attack on unions which is meant to leave workers without protection against abuses by the company: without rights to a decent wage or decent conditions, and without the right to strike.

The way to combat this kind of attack is for workers to stand together. At P & S men and women workers are working together with supporters to force the company to negotiate. The Strike Support Committee, which helped plan the mass picket on June 28th, has also helped stage a public rally and a picket of the P & S president's condominium, in order to publicize the strike and arouse more support for it. The union is obtaining support from other union locals at plants in the area, and now has the support of the National Organization of Women (NOW) and the Syracuse Women's Information Center.


The only way workers at P & S and around the country can protect their rights is by standing together in defiance of the companies. The struggle of P & S workers represents the fight of all women for equality and the right of all workers for decent wages and the right to strike.

Contributions toward strike expenses can be sent to Bonnie Winchell, R.D. #2, Skaneateles, N.Y. 13152. If you can offer other assistance, contact Freda Cottrill (685-5894) or Kathy Mullen (685-7674) in Skaneateles Falls, or Elana Levy in Syracuse (472-5711).

Val Armstrong is a member of the P & S strike support committee, and lives in Syracuse.

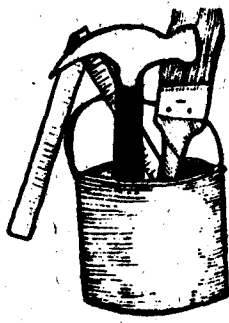
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## SATURDAY AUGUST 6

# HUMAN RIGHTS: A NEW EXCUSE FOR U.S. INTERVENTIONS

by **noam chomsky**

"President Carter's promotion of human rights as an international issue must be judged thus far, I think, a considerable and very serious success." So historian Arthur Schlesinger concludes in the Wall Street Journal. He is no doubt correct in this judgment, but one question remains: what is the nature and significance of this achievement?

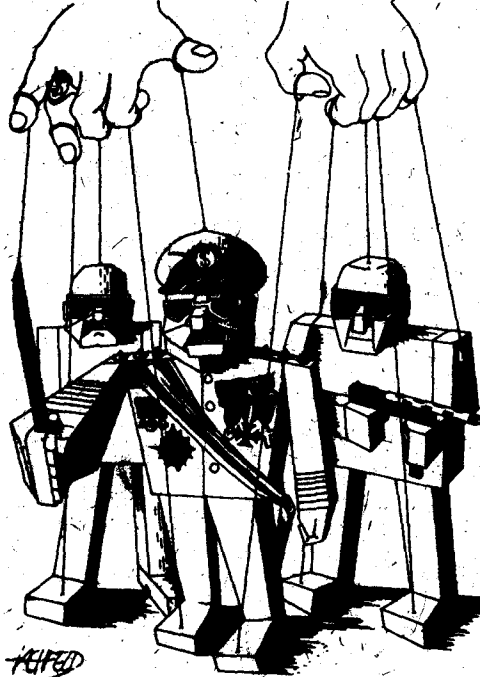
One answer is supplied by Schlesinger himself: "In effect, human rights is replacing self-determination as the guiding value in American foreign policy." Exactly to the extent that self-determination was the guiding value in the era of Vietnam and Chile, Guatemala and the Dominican Republic, so human rights will be the guiding value in the future. In short, the human rights campaign is a device to be manipulated by propagandists to gain popular support for counter-revolutionary intervention.

Must we accept the cynical implications of this analysis? There are, surely, initial grounds for skepticism when an American administration launches a campaign for "morality in foreign policy" in the mid-1970s. That states commit acts of violence in the interest of ruling groups is hardly news. But if we consider modern history since World War II, who wins the prize when we add up people murdered, villages and cities destroyed, lands laid waste, attempts to escape from grinding poverty and oppression crushed, regimes of torturers placed in power and supported? The competition is not even close. Yet few eyebrows are raised when the United States government suddenly commits itself to "human rights" as a guiding value.

Noam Chomsky is a professor of linguistics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and has written widely on U.S. foreign policy.

To determine the sincerity of any moralist, we ask first how he responds to violations of human rights that he has backed and for which he shares responsibility. If Germany had proclaimed a human rights campaign in 1946, we would have asked its leaders about death camps and the slaughter at Lidice. In the case of President Carter and his acolytes, we ask, correspondingly, what they have to say about Vietnam and Chile, for example.

They leave us in no uncertainty on this score. In the course of one



of his discourses on human rights, President Carter was asked whether the United States "has a moral obligation to help rebuild" Vietnam. Not at all, he explained: "the destruction was mutual." We bombed their villages and they shot down our pilots. Since "we went to Vietnam without any desire ... to impose American will on other people" but only "to defend the freedom of the South Vietnamese," and since in any event "the destruction was mutual," there is no reason for us "to apologize or to castigate our-

selves or to assume the status of culpability." Nor do we "owe a debt."

Writers of editorials and political commentators find nothing strange in this interpretation of history and expression of Christian morality. And when an official dared to offer an apology for American behavior in Chile, he was quickly reprimanded and called home to "make sure he understands the ground rules," in the words of the State Department.

It seems fair to conclude, then, that the current pontification about human rights is little more than an effort on the part of the administration and its propagandists to restore the system of beliefs that was eroded by the Vietnam War.

The current human rights campaign raises other questions. Support for Russian dissidents, legitimate in itself, takes on a different character in the context of other recent actions, and in particular the recent disarmament proposals offered to Moscow. As has been widely noted, these proposals require a substantial cutback in

Russian strategic weaponry, while leaving the American arsenal virtually intact. It was surely foreseen that the proposal would be rejected out of hand.

The harsh Russian response sets the stage for renewed militarization of the U.S. economy. For example, it gives a shot in the arm to the B-1 bomber program. (Even if the American proposals had been accepted, the effect would have been to accelerate this program, since the proposed 1,500-mile limit on cruise missiles requires the B-1 as a delivery system.)

It is difficult to dissociate these "disarmament" proposals from the human rights campaign and the planned intensification of propaganda broadcasts through Radio Free Europe, all calculated to provoke the Russian dictatorship and thereby provide the justification for

a resumption of cold war policies at home and abroad.

The campaign may tend to mitigate the worst excesses of the terrorist regimes backed by the U.S. in Latin America. Conceivably, it may provoke nationalist currents there inimical to the interests of American imperialism. But the major effect will be to contribute to domestic support for a more "activist" foreign policy and a new surge in high technology armaments all reminiscent of the early days of the Kennedy administration.

The press and the intelligentsia generally are now busy reconstructing history so as to place American actions in Vietnam, and their role, in a better light. According to this version, there was a war between South Vietnam and North Vietnam, originating with the same "aggression from the North" that the Kennedy intellectuals sought to foist upon the public. The U.S. government, in accordance with its commitment to self-determination, moved to defend the South Vietnamese. The peace movement, in contrast, supported the Communists. Quite symmetrical, except that the state was at least acting in its traditional role as international benefactor. The liberal intellectuals and press took a more honorable position. Unlike the government, they recognized that the original exercise in benevolence was unwise -- the South Vietnamese did not deserve our selfless assistance -- and that as we were drawn into the quagmire, our defense of freedom became too costly and too cruel. Therefore, they influenced the government to withdraw from this ill-advised exercise of our traditional policies of international goodwill, although they were hampered in this noble effort by the peace movement, with its irrationality, hysteria, and commitment to Communist subversion.

This is a tissue of lies from beginning to end, but there is little doubt that it will become

the standard history, solemnly presented in textbooks, academic studies, and the press, as we now in fact already see.

"The destruction was mutual." Khrushchev might have said the same about Hungary. In fact, the current campaign of historical falsification merits comparison with the more audacious achievements of 20th century totalitarianism. That such a campaign would be undertaken was never in question and was predicted years ago. It is necessary to restore faith in American benevolence and the accompanying passivity and obedience on the part of the population if new interventions are to succeed -- and one must bear in mind that the institutional factors that shape American foreign policy have not



been modified.

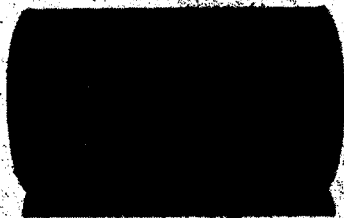
The media have even succeeded in shifting the moral onus for the war to the Vietnamese, who are accused of rejecting the single-minded U.S. commitment to determining the fate of American pilots shot down while defending freedom and of human rights violations that offend our traditional decency. There is less concern for the fact that, according to Vietnamese sources, 750 people were killed by unexploded ordnance last year in a single province of South Vietnam, in Laos teams of "human buffalos" pull plows because the herds were decimated in a land ravaged by American bombers, and throughout Indochina people die of disease,

wounds, and malnutrition. But for all of this, we need not "assume the status of culpability."

It is remarkable to see how honest opponents of the war who circulated a document charging the current Vietnamese government with human rights violations contribute to the reconstruction of the ideological system that will permit new Vietnam and Chile by taking the position that they and others like them have a "special responsibility" to initiate inquiry into human rights violations in Vietnam. On the assumptions of the American propaganda system, there is indeed a special responsibility: those who supported North Vietnamese aggression must answer for its consequences. Dropping the assumptions of the propaganda machine, the special duty vanishes. People who opposed American aggression in South Vietnam and later the rest of Indochina have no special responsibility to determine whether the victims of American violence are guilty of evil practices, just as German resisters against Nazism had no special responsibility with regard to the behavior of the French resistance or Jews.

Must we conclude, then, that it is improper for Americans to protest misdeeds of victims of the violence of the American state? Not at all. There is ample ground between a special responsibility and enforced silence. But we must bear in mind the simple truth that any public political act must be assessed in terms of its likely human consequences, in particular, for those who are suffering or will suffer from oppression. The character of the act, the medium through which it is conveyed, the social context are of overwhelming significance. It is for this reason that we would be appalled if Russian dissidents were to protest some misdeed on the part of Czech resisters in Pravda, or if German dissidents in 1944 had called a press conference in Berlin to condemn the atrocities of the French resistance against collaborators.

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## about us and banks

In some ways the Fund resembles traditional banks; in more ways it drastically differs:

We make deliberate, calculated investments -- our investments are in people. We make interest-free and low-interest loans to people and groups working to make society liveable; we "favor" people striving to create positive alternatives to the economic/political institutions that control our lives. We also make low-interest loans to people and households who cannot meet their basic personal needs because of unreasonable interest rates charged by other lending institutions.

We "redline" -- our redlines circumscribe our community for social change. And we're very clear about our community's resources being pumped right back into that community.

We "create" money -- our pool of many small deposits becomes limitless as we continuously recycle that money.

We affect the distribution of money -- the money the Fund loans is unequally distributed -- we don't make loans for exploitative purposes. Some of our loans are even made to people who are denied funding from other financial sources because the work they're about threatens these financial institutions.

Our interest charges on loans vary -- they are determined by the resources of the loan applicants and by the extent to which loans are being requested for purposes/projects which benefit the entire community.

Our "Board of Directors" we prefer to call it the supervisory committee -- is comprised of members of the Fund, the depositors, and is elected by the membership. And "interlocking directorships" do prevail -- with many of the progressive groups in the community.

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The Fund will be audited annually, by a committee designated by the membership.

## the inflators

The Fund was initiated by several community organizations, including the Westcott Cafe, the Real Food Co-op, the Syracuse Peace Council, Women's Information Center, and the New Environment Association. These sponsoring groups are responsible for setting up the basic framework of the Fund and insuring an initial overseeing presence. To this end, the Fund's supervisory committee is presently comprised of representatives of these groups. Subsequent to the Fund's full-blown establishment, the supervisory committee will be elected from the membership at large.

## where we came from

The idea for a People's Fund grew out of the desire expressed by many people in the community to have a source of inexpensive funding and for a place to put money where it would be used for socially desirable purposes. The concept was further \* Interest will be earned from date of deposit. However, interest payments cannot be guaranteed until May, 1978.



photo by Nan Ditch

nurtured by the experience of the SPC War Tax Resistance Fund. Recognizing the need to redirect their tax dollars to life-affirming purposes, several tax resisters pooled their refused tax moneys and in the course of the last five years recycled over \$25,000 into the antiwar/social justice community through interest-free loans.

## where we are now

The People's Fund opened on May 19. In just two months, we've gathered \$2005. At this rate, we should be able to make some small, short-term loans in September.

The Fund has "moved" from ECOH to the Westcott Cafe, 550 Westcott St. Teller hours are now (through the summer) on Friday evenings, 6 - 8pm. (Combine your banking with a people's-priced delicious supper.) And you can always mail in a deposit to the SPC office (see coupon). We'll mail back a receipt. If you would like to talk more about it first, call Chris Murray at SPC, 472-5478.

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# A Sensible Fair

by Bob Klips

During the last weekend in June, the Amherst Campus of the University of Massachusetts was the site of the second Toward Tomorrow Fair. During the 3 days of the Fair there were over 400 exhibits, presentations, panels, workshops, films and performances which addressed the prospect of meeting the needs of individuals and society in terms of changing social conditions and resource availability. Because the Fair emphasized happy positive alternatives and featured relevant entertainment, it was fun. Lacking the familiar fair fare -- the foolish rides, cotton candy, and rigged "games of skill" -- it instead provided a positive statement of our belief that appropriate alternative technology is both necessary and feasible. This was, in the words of Barry Commoner (a featured speaker who provided illuminating insight into the Carter Energy Plan), "a sensible fair."

The outdoor portion of the Fair occupied roughly 40 acres embracing

Bob Klips is a local environmentalist and anti-nuke activist.

a pleasant irregularly shaped pond (the home of a pair of mute swans whose presence was enjoyed by all) in the center of this large academically diverse University. The range of exhibitors and food concessions was diverse, for the most part offering something for everyone. A children's tent provided youth-directed entertainment (but no child-care services). Roving entertainment included the amazing T.D. Rose One-Man Puppet Troup (enjoyed by big people too) and several joyful musicians as well as an incredibly talented juggling team. On the more serious side, several movement groups provided purely political insights, but the main theme was energy and resources. The anti-nuke sentiment was everpresent and the unifying influence of the recent Seabrook occupation was strongly felt. Many small-scale industries had set up exhibits of their products -- this was a chance to become familiar with an intriguing array of solar collectors, wood stoves and waterless, nutrient-recycling toilet systems. (Get your shit together -- use Clivus-Mulstrum!) Foodwise, there was an education to be had; with such nutritious, lovingly prepared items as barbecued tofu, burritos and whole wheat pizza available, the only nitrite dog/hamburger

stand was noticeably lacking in customers. Fortunately, these latter concessioners had a sense of humor and could be heard loudly hawking "Save a plant, eat a hot dog!"

Within nearby buildings, presentations, workshops, and the very well-stocked "Food for Thought" bookstore were devoted to topics within the following themes: Preparing for Tomorrow -- Energy and the Environment, Agriculture, Food Distribution, Economic and Political Alternatives, World Issues and Social Change, Education, Health, Personal Growth and Alternative Lifestyles. The long lines and long waits to hear the featured speakers, including Barry Commoner, Ralph Nader, Buckminster Fuller, the Nearings and Murray Bookchin were worth the chance to hear their sharply political messages. A prevailing theme? Simply put: Exxon Must Go!

An event like the Toward Tomorrow Fair serves several important purposes -- it is fun, it educates, and it helps to bring us together. The Peace Council, sharing these purposes, is responding enthusiastically to Fair entertainer Pate Seeger's closing suggestion that we carry the spirit of the Fair with us and "hold a shindig like this in our own home town!"

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## Nestle Boycott Begun

(LNS) With "Crunch Nestle Quick" as their slogan, members of the national Infant Formula Action Coalition (INFAC) began a nation-wide boycott of Nestle products July 4.

Nestle, which has a large factory in Fulton, NY (and has a history of bad labor practices), is the largest seller of commercial baby milks in the Third World, and the focus of the campaign against infant formula abuse for the first time.

The alarming rate of switchover from breast to bottle milk in Third World countries accompanies the aggressive and often misleading promotional campaigns of huge multi-national companies. They aim to convince mothers that the way to health, beauty and status is through bottle feeding.

The profits in the infant formula business apparently make all the promotional programs well worth it for the companies: The February 77 issue of the Brazilian publication, Modern Supermarket, reveals that processed infant and baby foods have profit margins of nearly 72%, 3 to 4 times that of nearly every other item in the supermarket.

People who boycott are urged to write letters of protest to Nestle Co. Inc., 100 Bloomingdale Road, White Plains, NY 10605.

## Progressive Runs for Common Council

Ed Landale, a community activist for many years, is running for the Democratic Party's nomination for Councilor-at-Large in September. Ed will work full time if elected. Most Councilors hold additional higher paying jobs.

A sampling of Ed's views on housing problems: discourage the demolition of existing housing; encourage the creation of new housing; encourage the rehabilitation of existing housing; encourage home-ownership, rather than absentee-ownership of houses; change landlord/tenant laws to give more protection to tenants; work to maintain and add to, rather than take away from, our City's neighborhoods.

## Syracuse Dailies Not Very Gay

(WIN/Newsdesk) Well over 200,000 people participated in marches marking the beginning of Gay Pride Week on Sunday, June 26 in cities across the U.S. Readers of the Syracuse daily newspapers will likely be surprised at this information since neither daily gave the marches coverage. Apparently, a quarter of a million people demonstrating just isn't news. (Deja vu of Viet/Nam protest days?)

Estimates of the crowd in NYC ranged from 50 to 100,000 people. There was an even larger march in San Francisco and smaller, but well turned out, gatherings in Miami, Los Angeles, Chicago, Atlanta, Kansas City, Providence (RI), and Seattle.

In San Francisco, the march stretched over 2 miles. The mood in the Bay Area was somewhat tense due to the death of a city gardener, Robert Hillsborough, who was assaulted outside his apartment on June 22 by 4 men who yelled, "faggot" as they beat him and a companion. Police in riot gear were stationed along the march route, but there was no violence.

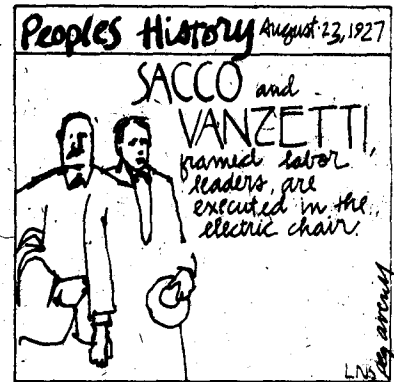
In Barcelona, Spain, police broke up a march of 4000. The march was to mark "The World Day of Gay Pride." The Gay Liberation Front of Catalonia sponsored the march.

## NYC Windmill Turns Off Con Ed

(Power Line/LNS) The advantages of decentralized sources of energy, dramatized by NYC's recent black-out, were illustrated in another way in late May when residents of an apartment cooperative on the Lower East Side won a smashing victory over Consolidated Edison Co., the area's utility giant.

The state's Public Service Commission (PSC) ordered the utility to buy power generated by the residents' rooftop windmill. Con Ed had tried to disconnect service to the building because the wind generator, which was hooked into the company's powerlines, caused the customers' electric meter to run backwards.

The PSC's decision sets an important precedent for promoters of decentralized energy systems who frequently encounter resistance from the utility monopolies.



## Sacco & Vanzetti Injustice Admitted

(LNS) Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis issued a proclamation removing "the stigma and disgrace" attached to anarchists Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, who were executed August 23, 1927 for a robbery and murder they allegedly committed in 1920.

The proclamation states that the trial was prejudicial, but does not go so far as to say that they were innocent. It was presented to relatives of Sacco and Vanzetti on July 20.

There is a wonderful mosaic mural by Ben Shahn of Sacco and Vanzetti on the H.B. Crouse building on the Syracuse University campus.

# Steering Committee July Report

by Nancy Ditch

Last month's Steering Committee meeting convened in the pleasant, airy surroundings of Barb Mecker's screened-in porch. It was a particularly interesting gathering since this was the first time newly-elected members had attended.

With Jim Dempsey facilitating, the group was brought together with introductions and personal sharing of new and old members. Dik Cool introduced William Sunderlin, who will be the new SPC staff person.

Chris Murray proceeded to review the Steering Committee format describing the role of facilitator and recorder, and the functions of the Interim Committee for the benefit of new members.

The major discussion of the night was focused around the new Steering Committee structure and the integrational and organizational program committees. These committees would oversee all existing programs now connected with the Peace Council and also be responsible for considering proposals for new programs.

There is a definite imbalance of persons in certain committees, yet the distribution reflects where energies and focuses are right now within the Peace Council.

It was decided for this month that the program/organization committees will meet before the next Steering Committee and the agenda will include reports from the convener of each committee. It was also suggested that members of each committee try to recruit non-steering committee members. If anyone is interested in working on any of the above committees please contact the Peace Council,

John Maddaus went over the financial summary of 1976-77 and reviewed the revisions of the Draft Budget for 1977-78.

There was overall agreement on the revision of the budget.

The decision regarding the Annual Picnic was that there will be one (!) and that it will be held as a fund-raiser. The tentative date is set for Sunday, September 18. A committee was formed to work on this event and further details will be given at the next Steering Committee meeting.

Earl Colvin suggested that a Social Justice/ Human Rights program committee be formed. This was taken into concensus making a total of 8 program and organizational committees.

Each member was asked to sign a sheet indicating the committee of their choice. The results were the following:

- 1) Militarism/Disarmament: Chris Murray, Bob Russell
- 2) Third World: David Easterbrook, John Maddaus
- 3) Economics/Resources: William Sunderlin, Linda Faller, Jim Dempsey, Linda DeStefano, JoAnne Cocciolo
- 4) Publications: Barb Mecker, Debbie Pillsbury, Charlotte Haas, Dik Cool, Barb Kobritz, Nancy Ditch
- 5) Finance: William Sunderlin, John Maddaus, Carolyn Graydon, Angus MacDonald
- 6) Buildings and Equipment: Dik Cool
- 7) Human Rights/Social Justice: Chris Murray, Marilyn Austin, Lillian Reiner, Earl Colvin
- 8) Interim Committee: Earl Colvin, Barb Kobritz, Lillian Reiner

Since there was a limited sign-up on Interim, the above three people agreed to serve a 4-month term in addition to signing up for one other committee.

## Books & Ballads!

SPC held 2 successful and enjoyable fundraising events this past month. First, on July 9 was The Front Room's Book Recycling sale. Close to \$300 was netted for the store's barren coffers. Lots of thanks to the many people who donated books, to all those that worked at the sale and to ECOH for allowing us to use their old firehouse. The money will go towards back debts and acquisition of new inventory for the fall and winter.

Then on July 16 Celebrate Summer happened!! Those people that attended know to just what extent it happened!! It was a great evening (see p.6) despite sweltering heat and cramped quarters! From 350-400 people helped SPC & Women's INFO raise about \$700 after expenses. Thanks go first to the wonderful musicians: Barb Dunn (675-3773); No Sense of Humor (682-7601); Cranberry Lake (478-4555). Several businesses made donations and many individuals donated items to the "goods & services auction." Special thanks to May Memorial Unitarian Society for giving us trusting access to their building. Finally, the 50 or so workers on the night of the festival worked real hard. The planning committee consisted of: Dik Cool, Carole Dunn, Susie Gaynes, Karen Mihalyi, Carol Murphy, Laura Wilansky.

In the words of Lanza Del Vasto, "having fun can be very revolutionary."

## Kissinger In Syracuse Sept. 8

If someone said to you that Henry Kissinger was coming to Syracuse to raise money for a hospital and would be speaking at a Jewish synagogue you'd probably have a good hearty laugh at the absurdity of such a thought. But this evil irony is, in fact, unfolding in Syracuse on Thursday September 8 at Temple Adath Yeshurun (445-0002). The hospital is Crouse-Irving Memorial (424-6371).

Kissinger, during his tenure as Presidential Advisor to Nixon and Secretary of State, elevated the traditional U.S. policy of "bargaining only from a position of strength" to hideous heights. Unable to "win the hearts and minds" of the Vietnamese Kissinger decided to bomb them until they were willing to negotiate a peace settlement that would save the U.S. face. A part of this policy was the Christmas 1972 saturation terror bombing of Hanoi and Haiphong during which one of Viet Nam's largest hospitals, Bach Mai, (irony #1) was destroyed. The U.S., after initial denials, admitted the destruction.

The U.S.' war in Indochina was clearly genocidal. Two to four million people died; at least as many were wounded and close to 10 million were refugeeed. The Indochina carnage can certainly be compared to the Nazi's genocide against Jews in WWII. It is, then, indeed sad (irony #2) to see a Jewish synagogue hosting a major architect of the U.S.' genocidal Indochina policy.

To work on the protest plans call Dik at SPC, 472-5478. Let's give Henry a proper reception.

# FREE CLASSIFIEDS

That's right, FREE! Donations, of course, are appreciated. Please type or print your listing and try to keep it brief. Mail to: PNL Classifieds, 924 Burnet Ave., Syracuse, N.Y. 13203. September deadline is 5:00 p.m. Friday, August 19, 1977.

**NACLA's Latin America & Empire Report** has been investigating, documenting, and analyzing the operations of US corporations, foundations, universities and government agencies in Latin America. Recent issues include: "Del Monte: Bitter Fruits"; "Harvest of Anger"—agribusiness in Northwest Mexico; "Capital Flight: The Apparel Industry Moves South." Subscriptions: \$10 per year; literature lists available. Write: NACLA, Box 226, Berkeley, California 94701.

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**TRAINING FOR SOCIAL CHANGE:** a four-day live-in program for experienced and potential activists interested in nonviolence. August 19-23, on a farm west of Albany. Workshops on group process skills, conflict resolution, macro analysis, and more, facilitated by members of a Movement for a New Society (MNS) training collective. For info and registration forms: An Albany Organizing Group, 410 Hudson Ave., Albany, N.Y. (518) 449-7913.

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**DID YOU BUY** a green, upright vacuum cleaner at BPC's garage sale June 3th at ECOH? We sold one...but unfortunately it belonged to ECOH! We'll gladly buy it back for the price you paid...Call Chris at 472-5478.

# NWS Films

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## Whiffs



Elliott Gould

August 3

Army private Gould is given a medical discharge after 15 years' service as a quinea pig for testing in chemical warfare, an ordeal that has (among other ill effects) left him impotent. He gets his revenge (and cures his malady) with the help of crop duster Cambridge by laying down stolen Army gas, immobilizing an entire town and making a clean sweep of its banks. This 1975 film was directed by Ted Post.

Plus the short:  
**A Song for Dead Warriors**

The dramatic 1973 Wounded Knee (S.D.) occupation by Oglala Sioux Indians and the American Indian Movement (AIM) is the basis of this moving film.



## Olde Time Comedy Classics

W.C. Fields

Buster Keaton

"The Dentist" (1932) and  
"The Fatal Glass of Beer"  
(1933).

"The Balconette" made in  
1922.

Charlie Chaplin

Showing are the 1917 films  
"The Adventurer" a slapstick in which Chaplin plays an escaped convict and "The Immigrant" a sentimental satire.

Marx Brothers

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September PNL Special Issue

**"Education & Social Change"**

Does our educational system promote or hinder social change?

The Sept. PNL will treat this question from several different perspectives --

and pose some ways of enhancing social consciousness in the educational process.

Special double articles in the September Peace Academy Journal concerning Syracuse schools, organizing in college campuses, ways on public and alternative schools, viewpoints of local students.

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31 planning mtg for 768 power line protest march in Edwards; Bob Klips at 422-8867 for details	1 Political Economy Study Group mtg, 8 McHarris St., Baldwinsville 5pm - canoeing on the Seneca; 6:30 potluck; 7:30 discussion	2 War Tax Resistance Fund mtg, Bert Meeker's 408 Clarendon, 6:30 potluck SPC Summer Fund Appeal Meeting Party, 924 Burnett, 2-9pm Come help the needy! Lots of fun!	3 "Whiffs" NVS Films, Gifford Ave., 7 & 9:30, \$1.50, see p. 23 Nuclear Power Comm. mtg., 1009 Cumberland, 7:30	4 Grand Opening: The Market House Music Hall, Oswego, see p. 20 S.C. Third World comm. mtg., 123 Herbet St. (at Thall Ave.), 4:30	5 Dance with Phoenix, ECOR, 9-1, \$1.50 see p. 15 Fri&Sat: "Water Street Boys", Lowlife Caffe/Music Hall, see p. 20	6 Hiroshima Day Vigil 11:30 - 1pm, Lincoln Plaza see p. 5 for details Human Rights Coalition craft fair & dinner, see p. 15
7 Seabrook film: "The Last Resort", Lowlife Caffe, Oswego, 8 & 10pm \$1 donation to antinuke cause	8 "The Last Resort" Seabrook film: "The Last Resort" & Japanese meal, Grace Church, see p. 5 for details	9 Nagasaki Day SPC Steering Committee mtg, 7:30, call SPC for place	10 "Old Time Comedy Classics" NVS Films, Gifford Ave., 7 & 9:30, \$1.50, see p. 23 Upstate NY Peace Network Retreat in Canadigua	11 Upstate NY Peace Network Retreat in Canadigua	12 "Cranberry Lake Pickin' & Singin' Society" Lowlife Caffe/Music Hall Oswego, see p. 20	13 "Cranberry Lake Pickin' & Singin' Society" Lowlife Caffe/Music Hall Oswego, see p. 20 Upstate Nuclear Action Coalition mtg in Canton call William or John at 472-5478 for details
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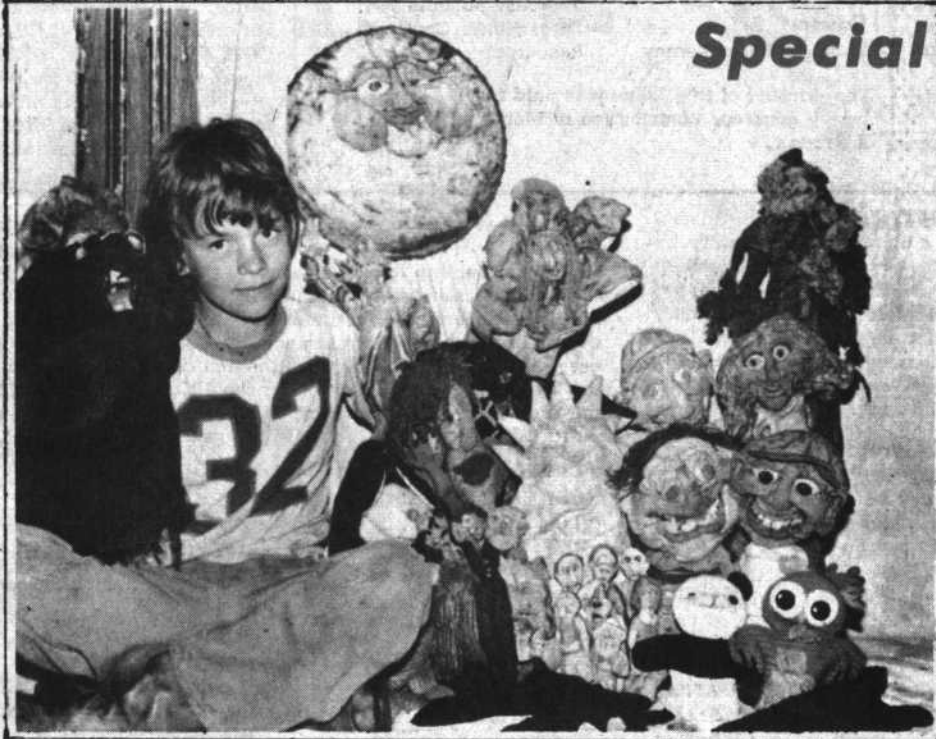
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# NEWSLETTER

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## Special Issue:

## Education & Social Change

Puppetry is a magical tool for education. Above, puppeteer, Jamie Seybold, displays delightful puppets created by Karen Kerney. Several are all set to come alive in "Jack and the Power Plant" -- a nuke-age version of the popular folk tale, produced by Karen and SPC. Jack, Ms. Sun, Mr. Coal and the 3-headed villain -- Big Business, the Admiral, and Mr. Politician -- are making their debut at SPC's State Fair Exhibit. (see page 26 for more puppet show details)

Education & The Good Life    Kids & Conflict Resolution    Schooling of  
"Social Change" Kids    Social Role of History Textbooks    Experiences  
in Alternative Schooling    Peace Academy: Why & Why Not  
Personal Reflections of Teachers and Students    Resources

# Peace Newsletter

The PEACE NEWSLETTER (PNL) is published monthly through the collective efforts of SPC workers & staff. The PNL uniquely serves 2 functions: that of a paper offering news, analysis & service, and that of the internal organ of SPC, the traditional newsletter role. The page top descriptions are intended to help readers distinguish these 2 separate but complementary functions. We welcome suggestions, articles, cultural work & production assistance.

Movement groups are encouraged to reprint; please give credit. The PNL is a member of the Alternative Press Syndicate (APS), and subscribes to Liberation News Service (LNS). The PNL is available on microfilm from APS. Subscriptions: \$5 or more/year; free or donation to prisoners and low income people; institutions \$40/year. PNL circulation is 5,000. \$2,500 by direct mail & 2,500 through 95 outlets in CNY. We have very reasonable ad rates.

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### September PNL Production

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### August PNL Mailing Party

Aimee Hammond, Bradley Hammond, Chris Austin, Sarah Austin, Peter Austin, Lisa Johns, Peter Shipman, Glenda Neff, Debbie Pillsbury, Will Lapp, Vinnie, Angus MacDonald, Mary Ostrander, Chris Murray

### Next Month

Editor: William Sunderlin  
 Editorial mtg: Thurs 9/15, 10am  
 COPY DEADLINE: Fri 9/23  
 layout & pasteup: 9/26, 9/27 all day and night  
 Mailing Party: Thurs 9/29 refreshments+come and bring a friend!

## Syracuse Peace Council

The Syracuse Peace Council (SPC) is a non profit, community based, autonomous antiwar/social justice organization. We have an affiliation with Clergy & Laity Concerned (CALC). We have a vision of a world where war, violence & exploitation of all kinds (economic, racial, sexual, age, etc.) do not exist. Primary functions of SPC (which has a basic commitment to nonviolence) are to help people work for social change in whatever way they feel comfortable and to overcome our sense of powerlessness through mutual support.

We feel that education, agitation & organization lead to social change.

SPC membership involves being on the mailing list and feeling that you're a member. Simple as that. SPC is supported primarily through members contributions & monthly pledges and fund raising events. It's an unending struggle to raise our \$25,000 annual budget. SPC's major work is done through committees (listed below) & the 3 collectives that work out of the SPC office: the program staff; the SPC Press; The Front Room bookstore.

### Projects & Committees

(\*) Denotes a committee associated with but not a part of SPC.

#### Steering Committee

ANNUAL PICNIC  
 Linda Faller 437-7757

#### ECONOMICS/RESOURCES

William Sunderlin 472-5478

#### HUMAN RIGHTS/SOCIAL JUSTICE

Earl Colvin 475-6857

#### THIRD WORLD

David Easterbrook 478-4484

#### MILITARISM/DISARMAMENT

Chris Murray 472-5478

#### PUBLICATIONS

Barb Mecker 472-0354

#### FINANCE

John Maddaus 476-2960

#### BUILDINGS/EQUIPMENT

Dik Cool 472-5478

#### Staff Collective

472-5478

Dik Cool, Chris Murray, Wm. Sunderlin

GARAGE SALE - Oct. 2 472-5478

### Third World Programs

#### INDOCHINA

Linda DeStefano 476-2841

Chris Murray 472-5478

#### Teaching the War

Dik Cool 472-5478

Bill Griffen 696-8184

#### PHILIPPINES

John Maddaus 476-2960

Sally Brule' 445-0115

#### \*SOUTHERN AFRICA LIBERATION

Diane Ellis 479-7783

Seth Moranz 476-8048

#### U.S. Domestic Programs

##### ECONOMIC ISSUES

Lisa Johns 476-2960

##### Energy Fair

Chris Murray 472-5478

##### Kissinger Visit (9/8)

Dik Cool 472-5478

##### NUCLEAR POWER

Lisa Johns 476-2960

Margaret Rusk 476-7635

##### State Fair

John Maddaus 476-2960

Debbie Pillsbury 425-9604

### PEOPLE'S FUND

Chris Murray 472-5478

### \*UNITED FARM WORKERS

Linda DeStefano 476-2841

David Wendt 476-2891

### WAR TAX RESISTANCE FUND

Margaret Rusk 476-7635

### In-House Tasks

#### BOOKKEEPING

Wm. Sunderlin 472-5478

#### Deposits:

Ed Berrigan no phone

#### Pledges:

Sally Brule' 445-0115

#### MAILING LIST

Nancy Ditch 445-1637

#### REMODELING

David Coons 472-9386

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### Ongoing Events

#### NVS FILMS

Doug Wright 479-6905

Dik Cool 472-5478

### Publications & Resources

#### FILMS, TAPES & SLIDESHOWS

Chris Murray 472-5478

### THE FRONT ROOM BOOKSTORE

Dik Cool,

Barb Kobritz 472-5478

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Lois Levitan 478-2998

Barb Mecker 472-0354

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#### 1978 "PEOPLE'S HISTORY"

SPC's calendar

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## I found it!

-- In my pocket -- \$5 to pay for my PNL subscription! And I mailed it to SPC today!

That's what we need all PNL readers to do. We need your financial support so much that we are not above capitalizing on a slick "Mad Av" assault!

We realize pockets are pretty empty these days, but we must rely on you folks who believe in what we're all trying to do to carry it on! So try to help today. We appreciate!

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# SPC Garage Sale

**Sunday October 2, 1977 10-4 PM E.C.O.H.**

corner of Westcott & Euclid

**Your donations muchly needed! Pickup: 472-5478**

## SPC ANNUAL PICNIC SEPT. 18, '77



cash bar

### SQUARE & FOLK Dancing

KEITH HUNT caller

Festivities begin at 1p.m.  
at Helen Anderson's home  
256 Lafayette Rd.

To get to Helen's house, go to the intersection of East Seneca Turnpike and Brighton Ave. (near Nqb Hill Apts.) Lafayette Rd. begins there. Helen's house is in the second block on the right. Look for a HUGE weeping willow.

In case it rains, call 472-8732 to see what the plans are. If no one answers, we're all at the picnic - so... come on out!

### AN OLD FASHIONED OUTING

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| fried chicken      | three legged race |
| potato salad       | sack race         |
| garden salad       | egg toss          |
| three bean salad   | wheelbarrow race  |
| apple pie & cheese | swimming          |
| lemonade/beer      | 50 yard dash      |

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under 6 free

SUNDAY - SEPT. 18



# LETTERS

## On Sally's "Ode On An Empty Urn"

These are just 3 samples of the many delightful responses to Sally Brule's fund-raising "ode" that we received -- along with many, many wonderful contributions! Our heartfelt thanks to all our supporters and especially to SPC's poet in residence, Sally Brule'. ---SPC Staff

Dear Syracuse Peace Council People:

For the last few years you were so nice to keep on sending the Newsletter even though I tried to cancel it due to lack of finances several times.

But now came that excellent poem by Sally Brule' with the cry for help, which really deserves an answer. That's why I'm enclosing a check and hope with the help of other readers you soon will get back in the black.

Sincerely,  
Else Dersch

Dear Folks,

We got your nice poem--  
It really hit home.

We, too, are usually broke.  
But don't give up hope!  
Our books we will juggle  
To help support the struggle!

Cheers,  
Holly Nelson and Dick Hermans  
Oblong Books and Records

Sally --

When I am a rich famous employed person the poetry won't draw such a meager response from me, but as it is, here it is -- the price of a fifth and concurrently a month or three on the wagon --

Laurie Walker

## Radical Art - More Reflections

Lack of PNL space forces us to serialize this letter from Peter Simoneaux. The letter will be concluded in the October PNL.

Dear SPC,

I am writing in response to your call for poetry in the July issue of the Peace Newsletter, which has only recently come to my attention, having just moved here from New Orleans, La. I do not know if they are the sort of poems that you are looking for, but I send them anyway and you may use as few or as many as you like, if you like, or none at all, as you

please. I offer them as a gesture of my happiness in being here; the area is beautiful, and there seems to be a very strong sense of community -- an active sense of community -- which one does not find down south. The south is tired and happy with itself and content with its new found popularity; everyone gets on marvelously and everything is fine and peachy and nobody feels obliged to do anything but sit around in the air-conditioning and watch TV -- it is too hot right now to do anything anyway. So, yea for the south! The great soporific south! (I am not being altogether fair, really, but as a lifelong native that is my prerogative.)

I am impressed with your paper; I think there is probably a great deal in the way of particular issues with which we disagree, but I think that our general values are essentially the same, and I am impressed with the fact that people really do things here. Jesus. The 60's are not dead after all, only grown. I should write home and tell someone. At any rate, I am including my donation of \$20, and hope that I will be included among the subscribers to PNL...My best wishes go out to all.

In response to Gary Eikenberry's review "Art for Whose Sake?", a few minor comments. Although I would disagree with a lot of quibbling points, points, I think that his dissatisfaction with the inaccessibility and irrelevance of the great mass of serious, modern art (music, literature, etc.) is perfectly justifiable. The fact that he is aware of the underlying values involved (of "mass" art on the one hand, "radical art" on the other) and the fact that he sympathizes with those of the latter makes his indictment all the more pertinent. Contemporary writers, artists, composers have written, painted, and composed their way into artistic corners, and in so doing have completely lost or forgotten their audience. Gary Eikenberry is right to ask the question "Art for whose sake?"

I think that "inaccessible" rather than "irrelevant" is the operative term in Gary's argument, but I do not think that he is aware of the reasons for this inaccessibility, or their implications. The fact is that all of the arts (literature, at any rate) have bent over backwards trying to be relevant", but in fact nothing has

changed. My own personal belief is that the "inaccessibility" of all art can be directly traced to a blind adherence to a "radical" aesthetics, and the idea that whatever is "radical" is in itself good, whatever is "more radical" necessarily better. The original assumption is, of course, that one creates a radical, fragmented, undecipherable art to mirror this radical, fragmented, undecipherable world in which we live. From here everything takes its own course; there are as many different ideas about what is "radically" proper as there are artists trying to outdo each other in "originality" (another supreme value of contemporary aesthetics). What began as anti-establishment movement against a cultural conservatism has in itself become an established entity, an established anti-establishment, infatuated with its own ostensible profundity. Its basic assumptions are no longer even questionable. To do so is the equivalent of artistic heresy which, one suspects, would be just fine but for the fact that it is seen as "reactionary" and equitable with "facism", "Nazism", "Nixonism" and all sorts of other equally nasty things -- to be concluded next month

## FIVE WOMEN PHOTOGRAPHERS



Mima Cataldo Courtney Frisse  
Judy Ivry Ginny Lloyd Ruth Putter

August 28 - September 28  
Reception:  
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# Kissinger: Who Does He Serve?

by Dik Cool

Answering the question, "who does Kissinger serve?", is of the first importance in understanding who Kissinger is and what he represents. Does he represent the interests of the vast majority of people in this country and the world, or does he represent the interests of the rich, the super rich, the huge corporations, the Pentagon, and the politicians? Kissinger would have us believe that these 2 interests are convergent, but they are not as we shall see.

In 1955 Kissinger went to work for the Council on Foreign Relations, a big business controlled government policy setting body. A short time later he became director of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. An express purpose of this Fund was to maintain a stable international business climate for U.S. interests. A major report issued by the Fund in 1958 called for: greatly increased military expenditures; no nuclear test ban; and the development of a military capable of dealing with "concealed wars" of national liberation. Viet Nam is mentioned as one of these concealed wars that the U.S. must confront. This was in 1958! Can anyone still think that Viet Nam was a "mistake" in an otherwise benign U.S. foreign policy?

Kissinger has always chosen to see struggles for independence not as praiseworthy but as threats to U.S. economic interests. And, in fact, he is right. His immoral reasoning, however, is based in the existing context of imperialism. (Imperialism consists of the U.S. maintaining economic control of smaller countries--attended by great suffering of its people--so that profits and strategic interests can be maximized. The U.S., of course, accompanies this exploitation with a facade of "helping the people". In fact

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only the wealthy rulers of these nations benefit from the U.S. help.)

In a just world order large nations would not prey on smaller less developed ones. There would be trade and exchange based on real mutual needs. But this is not Kissinger's vision, so clearly we must conclude that he serves the super rich, not the people in this regard.

What of other areas of the world such as Latin America? A reign of terror has existed in Chile since the CIA-fostered coup against Salvador Allende on September 11, 1973. Tad Szulc in a "Penthouse" article titled "Project Chile" writes:



"I don't see why we need to stand by and watch a country go Communist due to the irresponsibility of its own people."

-Sec. of State Kissinger  
June 1970, justifying U.S. intervention in Chile to prevent the election of Salvador Allende.  
(NY Times, 9/11/74)

"Notwithstanding his public denials of an American role in engineering the anti-Allende coup--denials that were later contradicted by sworn statements of CIA Director William E. Colby in secret testimony before congressional committees--there is no question that Kissinger was the principal mover in the campaign against the constitutional Allende government. After all, it was Kissinger who blithely remarked at a meeting of the top-secret White House "Forty Committee," the group presided over by him and responsible for all major covert intelligence operations, "I don't see why we need to stand by and watch a country go Communist due to the irresponsibility of its own people." This was on June 27, 1970, more than two months before the Chileans even went to the polls. That day the first funds were authorized for the CIA to start meddling in Chilean affairs. It started with \$400,000 to help anti-Allende parties.

The barbarisms currently taking place in Chile certainly are not in the interests of its people, but the military junta has reopened Chile's doors to favorable arrangements with U.S. multinationals. So once again it seems that Kissinger serves the super rich not the people.

And what of Kissinger's current posture? Has he changed since leaving government "service"? Recently he has come out: against Eurocommunism ("they're just interested in people meeting their basic needs better"); for the B-1 bomber--a welfare project for corporations, not needed by the people; against aid to Viet Nam--our moral responsibility. And, lo & behold, Kissinger is also serving as vice chairman of the international advisory committee of David Rockefeller's Chase Manhattan Bank. More service to the super rich.

In the last analysis, then, Kissinger is nothing more than, as I.F. Stone has said, a "glorified con man" for U.S. imperialism. He serves, with suave immorality, a wealthy elite to the great detriment of the world's people.

And to quote Stone again: "How many more wars can this planet take before people are cured of the old delusions Nixon and Kissinger propagate?"

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# Education For The Good Life

by Sari Knopp Biklen

Our educational system prepares some of us for one version of the good life: "making it". Success is measured by whether or not one has an interesting job or an important, powerful position, a happy family life. This notion of success involves a strong individualistic ethic and resists the linking together of individual lives. One's success is not gauged, except in a peripheral way, by the quality of life for others. One is saddened, perhaps, by poverty, by exploitation, by human misery, but after all, it is sighed, one is powerless to do anything about it.

Is this what the good life must mean? If we are looking for ways to create and implement the good life -- the just society --, then events in Brownville, at Attica, in Chile and Rhodesia, and in welfare offices remind us continually of the social consequences of how we have chosen to live. How can we take hold of our society in order, in the words of a spiritual popularized during Mississippi-Freedom Summer, to "turn it 'round"?

Paul Goodman, for example, confronted the dilemma head-on, suggesting that "fundamentally, there is no right education except growing up in a worthwhile world." While accurate and realistic, he does not tell us whether education plays a role in achieving the "worthwhile world".

Historically, educators have split over whether to focus directly on education through the individual, or to consider it from a more social and political perspective. Over the centuries, the "main line of educators", including Aristotle, Dewey, Froebel, and Piaget have felt that children can truly learn if educators base their teachings on the "natural motives" of children, teach experientially, and match the teaching of certain concepts with the appropriate stage in a child's development. Those like Comte and Marx, who approach education through sociology, have generally maintained that social institutions, which form the backdrop of any child's classroom, so shape what is to be learned, that we cannot even think about pedagogy until

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we re-structure the society. A good point.

And yet for educators of children and teachers, for parents, activists -- for us all, we face a dilemma. It is the schools where children spend most of their time. It is the schools which daily reinforce dominant social values. It is in schools where children learn how to gauge success.

And yet, schools reflect an often unrecognized tension between opposing American values. **Example:** There are great similarities, for instance, between Chinese and American sayings regarding educational purpose, and yet the educational goals of each society remain quite dissimilar -- "making it" vs. "serving the people". **Example:** Recently the New York Times reported that Americans were against "welfare", and yet when questioned about individual programs to feed the hungry, or to provide medical care for elderly or disabled people, they reacted favorably. These tensions are revealed in the classrooms themselves. Philip Jackson has shown that social and academic expectations oppose each other: intellectually, students must display competitiveness, aggressiveness and strong individualism, while socially they are expected to demonstrate cooperation and group concern, putting others before the self. Students learn from this in the classroom as in the community that on the one hand Americans value neighborliness, cooperation and friendship, these values are not reinforced in the attainment of status.

The relationship between social change through education and educational reform is problematic. First, educational reformers disagree about the purpose of schooling. Most, like Charles Silberman, in his famous expose', *CRISIS IN THE CLASSROOM*, insist that the schools have failed to carry out their purpose. Others, like Florence Howe and Paul Lauter argue that the schools have been tremendously successful in their purpose: to separate the sheep from the goats, so to speak. Or as Richard Rothstein notes, educational opportunities adjust to the needs of

the occupational structure, not vice versa.

Second, educational innovations do not necessarily humanize. A colleague of mine, for example, visited an open classroom near Atlantic City where the students were learning basic skills through a Learning Center organized around "Blueberries". While the teacher promoted an individualized and creative learning style, she refused to teach the children anything about the origin of the blueberries, how they were picked by migrants almost all of whom were Black or Spanish-speaking and who earned less than \$4000 a year, even though the berries were grown right in South Jersey.

Third, innovation has become profitable. Alternative curriculum materials, hardware and software, etc. are designed to sell, rather than to serve.

Fourth, methods of humanistic education (which borrow from humanistic psychology) originally designed to humanize and promote social change through education, seem to pressure students to accept those conditions which mutilate their individuality, and inculcate acquiescent attitudes toward social change by continually focusing on the interpersonal.

Paulo Freire teaches us to educate those who feel powerless to perceive their lives as a specific reality rather than the fate of a god or a system. Then the situation appears capable of change: "A deepened consciousness of their situation leads [people] to apprehend that situation as a historical reality susceptible of transformation and inquiry over which [people] feel themselves to be in control." Events lose the nature of fate. Education must serve the needs of those who are powerless because of oppression, exploitation, color, sex, and class. But it must also serve to empower those who feel powerless to "change the structure" because it all seems overwhelming. Some specific educational changes which would empower students include the following:

1. Relate the content of individual subjects to the social context. For

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The following article is taken from a book on the treatment of the war in Viet Nam by leading American secondary social studies and history textbooks. This section (a shorthand version of the original) deals with the larger socio-educational issues raised by the study. The book, entitled Teaching the Viet Nam War, is still

The treatment of the war in Viet Nam by American textbooks serves as one of the methods by which schools perform their larger social function. As some critics have argued,<sup>1</sup> the primary function of schooling is not to sustain a reasonable investigation of major cultural values and issues; it is, rather, to socialize students into an uncritical acceptance of the present system, thus hindering objective analyses of conflicts such as the war in Viet Nam which have a profound impact on the development of the society. Martin Carnoy<sup>2</sup> argues that schools are "colonialistic" institutions designed to "promote and maintain" the capitalist class structure, allowing "powerful economic and social groups acting in their common self-interest" to "influence... schooling to further their own ends." This "colonialistic" orientation is "eminently reasonable" once one understands the class nature and control of American education. Similarly, the textbook examination of the war is also "eminently reasonable" when we understand the role it plays in the larger social function of schooling.

The authors of these textbooks are aiding this colonialistic process. They are prime examples of the "intellect worker...the faithful servant, the agent, the functionary and the spokesman for the capitalist system. Typically, he takes the existing order of things for granted and questions the prevailing state of affairs solely within the limited area of his immedi-

unpublished. The reason usually cited for rejection is the lack of a "market" for studies on Viet Nam. To the authors' knowledge, it is the only effort which has critically analysed the textbook examination of the war.

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ate occupation."<sup>3</sup> It is clear that the "intellect worker" -- authors of the textbooks -- have taken the US position on Viet Nam for granted and have not examined the fundamental nature of the conflict, nor the social, economic and political conditions which brought it about.

It is not surprising that textbooks have served this functionary role, in that they must reinforce the larger political function of the entire educational system. There is no conspiracy at work; it is merely that the texts must aid in the task of getting students to support US foreign policies, rather than critically examining and possibly rejecting them. What is at work in the texts is what has been referred to as "ideological hegemony".

...[the] dominant class which controls the economic and political institutions of a society also possesses privileged access to the primary ideological institutions... education, communications, media... [That] the dominant class uses its access to these institutions to propagate values which reinforce its structural position... And that the most effective aspect of hegemony is found in the suppression of alternative views through the establishment of parameters which define what is legitimate, reasonable, practical, good, true and beautiful.<sup>4</sup>

At issue is what students will learn about this epic conflict. Noam Chom-

## The Social Function of Textbooks: The Viet Nam Case

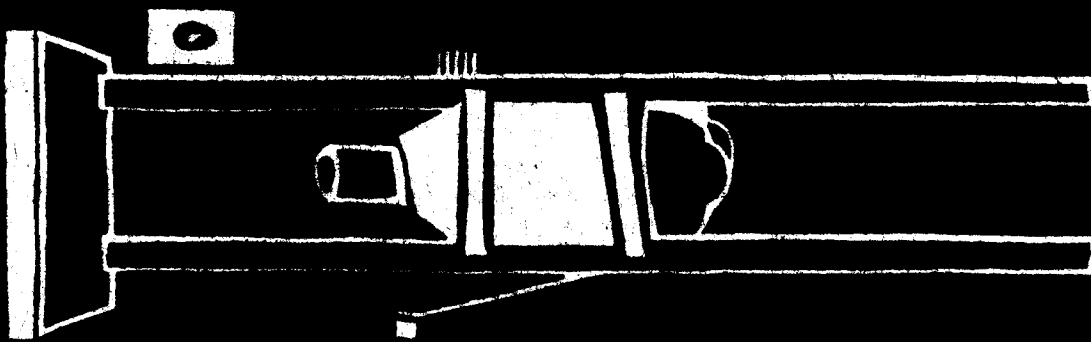
by Bill Griffen and John Marciano

sky has clearly defined the nature of this issue as it will affect education, when he writes that the same forces who attempted to imperially dominate Viet Nam and who "suffered a stunning defeat," will now attempt to explain this defeat to the American people, who are a "much less resilient enemy". He feels that the "prospects for success [here] are much greater."<sup>5</sup> Given our knowledge of what the texts have written about Viet Nam, we must share his deep concern about whether young people will come to understand this war and thus gain real insight into the nature of their own society.

Chomsky argues that the "intelligentsia" ("intellect workers") will play a key role in attempting to see that "no wrong lessons" are learned from the war and the resistance to it. "it will be necessary to pursue the propaganda effort with vigor and enterprise to reestablish the basic principle that the use of force by the US is legitimate, if only it can succeed." Given what we found in the texts examined, it is highly unlikely that in the near future, texts will seriously consider or debate his analysis of the war: "America's Viet Nam 'intervention'" must be understood "as a major crime against peace..." The textbook authors -- the loyal opposition -- "may concede the stupidity of American policy, and even its savagery, but not the illegitimacy inherent in the entire enter-

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# My Experiences With Alternative Education

by Don Karp



The purpose of the educational system seems to be to perpetuate itself, not to prepare one for life or to enable one to realize her/his full potential. For example, high school is supposedly to prepare one for college, yet working with the Educational Opportunity Program at University College I've encountered many students unable to read, write or do math. I wonder how they were able to fill out their college applications. So it seems that the real function is baby-sitting, mandatory detention until the age of 16 to keep kids off the streets.

My interest in alternative education began when my younger brother quit Nottingham High School and got involved in a newly forming free school. I found that being with a group of teens learning and growing was a stimulating experience. Their energy and enthusiasm rubbed off on me. So my first after-college teaching job was as a volunteer with the Berkeley Free School in California.

## Community Venture - A Flop

Later in Syracuse, I joined a group of community people and SU education majors organizing a high school for drop-outs. We were all very idealistic: spent long hours in organizing meetings. We just had to do it all right -- formally writing up our objectives, drawing up curricula, incorporating a non-profit organization with a board of directors reading like a community Who's Who. Surprisingly, our two biggest problems were getting students, and finding a place to have the school. We felt that it was important to get students in on the planning, but this didn't happen. We got a large room in the basement of a building in Salt City Homes adjoining a teen center there. SU gave us \$2000 for a seed fund, and we were promised more money by people prominent in the Free School movement that never materialized.

There was a lot of excitement when we started cleaning and painting the room and getting rugs and furniture from the Rescue Mission. We had

Don Karp is a home-town supporter of the Peace Council and of all youth from the ages of 6 to 106.

very few students and a large volunteer staff, so that the ration was better than 1 to 1. The student racial balance was 50-50, but there were no black staff. This, I believe, was our chief downfall. Going into a housing project of mostly poor blacks was whitey coming in to help out the poor, helpless black folk. No wonder the place was broken in to and equipment destroyed. No more funding came through, and we were unpopular in the neighborhood, thus the demise of the Rainbow Nation Free School. Hopefully we learned by our experiences and failures.

## Government Program - A Disgrace

More recently, I worked for the Alternative Education Program at the new Model Neighborhood Facility on South Ave. This is a government funded operation and was still an experiment when I worked there. Some of the students just couldn't cope with regular public schools, others were kicked out, and many were referred by the courts: they had a choice between jail or our program. All were black except for one white student, and most were at 2nd or 3rd grade reading and math levels. A few students were studying for the high school equivalency exam. Our goal, as far as satisfying the funding agencies, was to demonstrate an improvement -- an increase in grade level proficiency measured by a standard test. This was accomplished; however, our short term goal was to keep a semblance of order in the classroom and stipulate an interest in academics, much the same as public schools.

On Martin Luther King Day we saw movies of him in Selma, and also listened to a record of Malcolm X. Since these kids experience various forms of violence regularly in the streets, I thought it would be good to have someone come in and speak about nonviolence. I decided to contact the Non-Violence Studies Program at SU. A white student came who only knew of violence and non-violence from books and lectures. The class was a free-for-all!

## The Foxfire Concept - "Idyllic"

Currently I'm working as a volun-

teer with the Idyllic Foundation of Cazenovia. This is more rewarding than any other job I've had before, and I'm hoping to become a regular paid staff person. The satisfaction comes from both the Foundation -- and the way way it's set up and the people associated with it -- and from where I am at now. Addressing the latter, I feel that even with my MA degree I had nothing useful to offer my students. That is, nothing that relates to everyday living -- that gets a person into her/himself, or facilitates interpersonal growth. All of my knowledge was theoretical, or just related to fulfilling requirements. Being out of college for 8 years, and having spent last spring and summer on a woods-management crew in the Berkshires, living alone in a tent, I got in touch with knowledge that had lain dormant -- the healing properties of nature; getting to know wild plants and their uses, raising crops, vegetarian cooking, and weaving clothes by hand.

This knowledge fits right into what the Foundation is about. On one level it's a journalism course -- an English elective in the Cazenovia high school system. Students and staff put out a high quality magazine quarterly. This is not a program for students, but with them. Students do the interviewing, writing, photo-developing, and printing and layout, plus distributing the magazine. Based on the Foxfire concept, older people with ancient skills are interviewed and articles transcribed from the tapes. The kids are in on decision making, even at the administrative level.

Alternative schools are real only if students and all staff have a voice in decision-making. And for alternative schools to succeed, people have to be aware of their own cultural heritage and then be able to tolerate others who are different.

# Schooling of "Social Change Kids" - More Questions than Answers

by Barbara Mecker

I strongly resisted writing this article, but somehow my assertiveness training failed me and I find myself writing on a topic about which I have mostly questions. As a teacher I have raised many questions with children, parents, and other teachers in public, parochial, and free schools about not only what kids should learn but also how they should learn it. And now that I have children of my own I am faced with these questions daily at home, too.

My major focus, especially in my early years of teaching, was what and how kids wanted to learn rather than what and how adults wanted to teach them. To me (and to the many liberal educators who emerged in the late '60's) kids pretty much held the key as to what was the matter with schools and education. Consult the kids. Ask them what they wanted to learn, how and where they wanted to learn, and who they wanted to teach them. Or as a matter of fact, did they want to learn at all! (A question most of us were afraid to ask...) And thus was born the open classroom in the public school, the parochial school that was more of an alternative school than a religious school, and the free school.

In these various settings, many kids, parents, and teachers struggled to make education/schools more "meaningful", more relevant, more human. We softened environments, held classroom meetings and parent discussions, brought social and political issues into the classroom, individualized instruction, and utilized all sorts of values clarification methods and personal growth activities. Our goal: to make children feel more comfortable, more a part of the educational process, more in touch with themselves and what they needed and wanted to learn.

Even now I get excited when I think of all the endless creative possibili-

Barb Mecker had a hard time writing this article because she didn't have a baby sitter.

ties that existed, that seemed guaranteed to revolutionize education forever. But something happened. It didn't really work. Kids didn't seem to be that much more interested in reading a paperback in an old overstuffed chair than they had been in reading their reader at a desk. Cuisenaire rods, tangrams, math games and puzzles were more interesting for sure than math workbooks had been--but not interesting enough to stimulate more advanced math study. And current social or political issues created only a bit more concern or enthusiasm than ancient history had.

What was wrong? Had kids been repressed so long that given a little freedom, they went wild? Were adults still too much in charge? Were we just manipulating the environment in new ways still hoping to get kids to conform to our wishes? Were schools obsolete, beyond reforming altogether? Was it too much to expect kids to be able to figure out what and why and how and where they wanted to learn? Or were kids just too lazy to put in the effort to learn on their own?



as soon as independence has been reached, the adult who keeps on helping becomes an obstacle.

The questions could go on and on. I don't know the answers to them but I suspect there's some truth to most of them. Meanwhile though what were liberal educators to do? Some dropped out of teaching, some sought even more radical alternatives, but many others began pulling in the reins. After all, who were the ones who could afford to ask/debate these questions? Certainly not the poor, the uneducated, those struggling for survival, those in desperate need of any education they could get in order

to get some control over their lives. Most of us asking these questions were educated, white, middle-class liberals. Most of our kids would learn to read, write, and count one way or another anyway, even if it wasn't in school. Most of our kids didn't carry the weight of the world on their shoulders even though we did try to instill in them an awareness of our wrongdoing in Viet Nam, the history of our mistreatment of blacks, American Indians, Chicanos, and women, of the plight of our cities, of our overwhelming pollution and energy problems.

In fact, it seemed that some of our kids were becoming a bit snobbish, feeling they were better than many other kids and had more rights than adults. At the same time, they seemed to be taking little responsibility for themselves while expecting/demanding more and more from others. The Women's Movement grew and mothers were told to get out of the house and begin to take better care of themselves. Fathers were told to start helping with the housework and the kids. But there seemed to be a silent message that parents and teachers who were the least bit liberal (much less radical), the least bit "with it", should lay off kids altogether. After all, who were we to tell kids what to do, to set limits, to make demands or put expectations on them? Children's advocates (who were still adults intervening for kids) drew up children's bills of rights which brought out the discrimination in our society against kids--and which also made a parent or teacher feel guilty every time they said "no" to a child. Adults involved with kids experienced an impossible bind.

Perhaps what has happened with kids over the past ten years or so is parallel to the steps other minority groups have taken to gain equality. There seems to be a need for the oppressed to step on the oppressor for a time in order to gain some control, some power over themselves. Hopefully this time will not last forever and children and adults, men and women, blacks and whites can begin to work together again.



# A National Peace Academy?

## The Case For:

by John Mooney

Crucial episodes of dramatic and unstable dispute, like the seizures of the Pueblo and the Mayaguez, the Cuban missile crisis, or the rebellion at Attica, require of those involved careful choices among an often painfully narrow range of alternatives.

Alternatives to violence in solving conflicts have been under-used because this area of knowledge is so underdeveloped. We presently know much less about nonviolent conflict resolution than we do about its costlier alternative: the use of force.

Our nation's educational system must explore some practical alternatives to violent confrontation as our habitual means of settling conflict.

Congress is taking a good look at a proposed institution, to be called the George Washington Peace Academy, that would, for the first time in our 200-year history, provide under one roof research, instruction, and information exchange facilities to develop and spread knowledge about the condition of peace and how it can be preserved even under potentially explosive circumstances.

The idea Congress is studying provides for what would eventually be a graduate school of about five hundred students, a significant portion of whom would be from other countries.

John Mooney has recently been involved (in conjunction with the Program in Non-violent Conflict & Change) in the production of a slideshow on the Peace Academy.

Admission would be on the basis of Congressional appointment, like the service academies, and would ultimately be decided on the basis of competitive examinations.

The Academy's purpose wouldn't be to propose a lot of pie-in-the-sky baloney about peace, love, flowers, beads, and karma. The idea enjoys bipartisan support in both houses of Congress because it would be the only government institution established exclusively to generate practical ideas on defusing anger, avoiding no-win threat-trading, negotiating through crises, and reducing the property destruction and loss of human life that always result from ignorance of nonviolent alternatives.

The Academy's usefulness would be along three basic lines.

First, its students would study disciplines pertinent to understanding peace and the tactics of preserving it. This would entail a diverse curriculum, including History, Psychology of Stress, Arbitration Skills, World Economics, etc.

To provide this curriculum, the Academy would assemble a distinguished faculty of experts from the academic, government, and private sectors. The Academy's library would collect relevant publications, reports, and case studies of successful and unsuccessful conflict resolution. In gathering these resources, the Peace

Academy would become a national clearinghouse for Peace Studies, providing a vehicle for the exchange of information as well as facilities for research and instruction in nonviolent conflict resolution.

Finally, Peace Academy graduates, awarded a Masters in Peace Studies, would be required to spend at least two years working in the service of peace, whether as a labor mediator, an adviser to conflict negotiators, or as a teacher and researcher in the field of Peace Studies.

When faced with a potentially explosive crisis, the government would consider the Peace Academy's tactical advice as seriously as advice from the military and police forces. Thus, government, whether national, state, or local, would have input from the widest possible range of sources, and would be better equipped to decide on the best course of action.

To some, it may seem strange, even foolhardy, to devote seven or eight million dollars of federal money -- our money -- each year to such a new field of human learning. But when you consider the amount of property destruction, loss of human life, and tremendous waste of our tax dollars involved in an unimaginative and outdated reliance on destructive force to settle disagreements, not to establish a Peace Academy seems both foolish and tragic.

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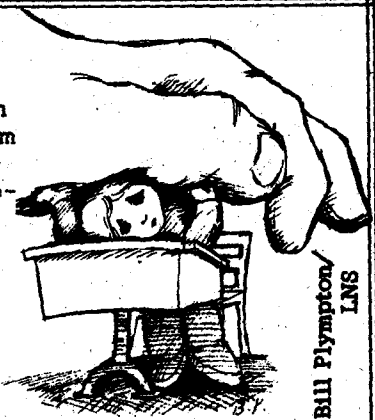
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## The Case Against: by Bill Dunn

I am quite sure that the proponents of a Peace Academy are honorable in their intentions. They seek an end to war; a laudable aim, indeed. Their goal is a world where disputes are settled by negotiation, not battle; a world where arbitration, not war, is the court of last resort for quarreling nations; a world where reason, not strength, rules over all. I agree that this would be a wonderful world -- would that it will some day exist.

However, sad as it may be, honorable intentions are not enough to patch the holes in the arguments for the establishment of a Peace Academy.

The Peace Academy seems to be conceived as a place to develop, teach, and learn alternatives to military force as a means to settling disputes between nations. A noble concept; it would seem impossible to find fault with it. Well, maybe one, just one, little fault; military strength is not the determinant in international affairs. Economic strength now sets the international pecking order. This may seem a distinction without a difference, since, generally speaking, the nations with the most military power are also the strongest economically. It does make this difference: the economic diplomats are already past masters of the arts of negotiation and mediation. To them the threat of force is only another tool. They are not about to allow the total destruction of their property -- compromise,

Bill Dunn is an unemployed poet and a practising lover.

not war, is the order of the day. Oh sure, they'll allow "brushfire" affairs. It helps arms sales in the off season, and may even let some of the malcontents and troublemakers kill each other off. Nothing bigger will be permitted; the potential for destruction of expensive property is too great. World War III will be fought in the corporate boardroom. Maybe it already has been, for all we know.

If you accept this premise -- that the alternatives to war already exist, and are well known to, and used by, those who govern world affairs -- then it is obvious that we don't need a Peace Academy. Of course, neither do we need West Point or the Naval Academy, but no one in his political right mind is going to suggest closing them. He might better try to get the VFW convention to back gay rights.

Of course, this lack of purpose might be no bar to establishment of the Peace Academy. Bureaucracies don't need purpose or meaning; only funding. This lack of purpose would create a new danger, however. Lacking a real reason for being, it would seek new fields to explore, and almost inevitably begin to study, among other things, the strategy and tactics of nonviolence.

Now, traditionally, nonviolence has been the last resort, sometimes the only weapon, for oppressed people. Tyranny is careful to remove all other weapons; only this is left. A vital part of the effectiveness of nonviolence is its formlessness, its unpredictability. Already, without the

formality of an Academy, nonviolence is being studied and taught formally at the university level. Now we would propose to establish a school, owned, controlled, and staffed by the government to analyze and codify the techniques of this weapon of the weaponless. It is difficult to believe that the knowledge gained would not be used to improve the arsenal of oppression.

My last objection may seem picky and minor -- but I must voice it, nonetheless. The Peace Academy, by its nature, would be a royal sandbox for the psychological, behavioural, and social sciences. Every featherhead in the world with an academic letter to his name would be right there with his pail and shovel, waiting for the gate to open.

I do not mean by this to condemn all of the potential faculty of the Peace Academy. A lot of them would no doubt be well-qualified, and well intentioned. However, combining the creation of a whole new bureaucracy, which attracts incompetents in all fields, with a well funded effort in the non-sciences would be like opening a case of muscatel on Skid Row.

In sum, it seems to me that the search for alternatives to war and violence are best left where they are -- in the hands of the people. They are the ones most affected, with little to gain from war, and much to lose. Big Daddy has no place in the movement for social change, except to be a follower. When the people decide on new directions, they will let him know -- and drag him along.

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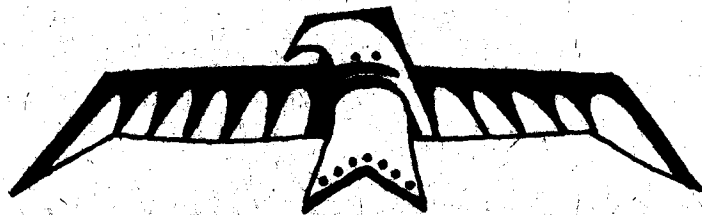
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# Integration: Another View

by Shirley Stern

Along the southwestern coast of India, extending almost to its most southern tip lies the province of Kerala. Until recently Kerala was known best for its poverty and in a country thought to be seriously overpopulated, has also been known for being the most densely populated area in India. Although this article is not meant to be a travelogue, I cannot resist writing a few lines about the spectacular beauty that we found as we travelled through the length of the province by auto. Since the earth has a heavy iron content it has a rich red hue against which the green lush foliage of tropical growth abounds. Rice paddies, fields of maize and other crops of varying shades of green create a resplendent natural play of colors beneath azure blue skies. Racially, India is a mixed bag, with people ranging in color from tawny to dark tones of brown, generally small in stature and with a beauty derived in part from an inner calm probably having to do with that indefinable "eastern mystique."

As we drove along over a period of days, and I began to weather my initial culture shock, my awareness sharpened, so that what seemed at first to be an endless stream of humanity lining the roads, became a panorama of people busily and purposefully carrying out the daily tasks of living. Expecting to see signs of indigence resulting from oppression and poverty, I saw instead people crisply, colorfully, cleanly dressed; women in particular beautifully decorated and of special interest to me, children in droves looking well-cared for carrying their school notebooks on the way going to or returning from schools. Except for the very young, there were no children to be seen "hanging out" or working in the fields during school hours. Clearly, there is a strong and pervasive commitment to the education of children in Kerala that was not so obvious in the other parts of India we visited. Lest this appear too idyllic, it should be said that living conditions were indeed primitive, especially to the eyes of

a suburban American, but it was also quite clear that something remarkable was taking place.

Kerala is undergoing radical social and political change. After years of labor strife, the unions have become a powerful element in the political life of the people and communist party influence is felt and seen everywhere. Red flags fly from humble huts as well as official looking buildings; hammer and sickle graffiti and admonitions to vote for one or another of the communist candidates bombard the observer from every available surface. The political orientation is Marxist, but even more interesting is the grass roots involvement evidenced by the militance and discipline in life-style and attitude. We noted, for instance, as we were driving through the villages that groups of workers were congregated evidently having meetings with lively discussions and shouting choral chants expressing solidarity. Our hosts in-



formed us that there was in process a movement to institute a strike so that even as we drove along we could feel the mounting enthusiasm spreading from one village to the next. Walking past the sights and sounds of struggle, the children go to school surely aware of their place in a society that is confronting the enemies of progressive change.

We visited a school, probably typical of others in the province, where children sat crowded together on long wooden benches in small undecorated rooms with only slates on their laps to write on and in each room one teacher responsible for at least 40 to 50 children. Still, when I put on the board what I thought would be a challenging problem, they quickly and enthusiastically responded with correct

answers. I tested their skills with yet another problem, this time more difficult than the first, with the same result. As a teacher, I was impressed. In my classroom, with same-age children and with sophisticated equipment and teaching aids beyond the imagination of those sitting in this simple barren room, the children with rare exception could not have responded in a like manner.

Those of us who have worked as educators, especially where it relates to inner-city poor and Black children have been confounded by the difficulties that often seem insurmountable. Black awareness, ego-building, compensatory education and currently racial integration are concepts that have each in their own way and time offered possible solutions but have in effect left the situation appreciably the same. Obviously, children cannot learn with damaged egos derived in obvious and subtle ways and condemned by the stamp of second-class standing in a white dominated and often racist society. Integration as defined and practiced in our society gives many of us cause to shudder fully aware that the alternatives are easily as grim. Real changes, then, in educational policy and attitude cannot occur apart from changes in the society as a whole. The schools are, after all, an agency of the government, probably its biggest business and the main artery through which it transmits its belief in itself. The schools are in fact already integrated as part of the social system, just as are the schools in Kerala; each carrying out the mandate of their social system. The difference, of course, is that in Kerala the people are well on their way to controlling their own destiny while here in the case of the Black poor this is unhappily not the case.

As despairing as all this may sound and is, there is always hope born of efforts by those who struggle for justice. Marjorie White, for instance, by running for a seat on the school board represents a constituency whose interests have been for the most part ignored and I would urge those who can to work for her election. It is ironic that as an American, favored by a relatively easy life in relation both to the rest of the world and other Americans, that I experienced such joy and revelation in a part of the world known more for its misery than inspiration.

Shirley Stern has taught in inner city schools for 9 years. She currently is a PSEN (Pupils With Special Educational Needs) teacher at Lodgett School.

# Using the Classroom to Find

by Edward Myers Hayes

"I was riding my bike last Thursday," reported Chris, a third grader, "when a big kid grabbed me and knocked me over. He started laughing. I got up and said to him: 'Hey, that's great. Really neat. I always want to do things like that, but don't know how. Can you teach me?' And he looked at me like I'm crazy, so I asked him again if I could hangout with him so he could teach me to do things like that, but he started shaking his head and walked away. So I picked up my bike and rode so more."

Chris is one of an increasing number of children who have participated in ACR: PROGRAM IN ASSERTIVE CONFLICT RESOLUTION sessions. ACR is a program of the American Friends Service Committee's Upper New York State Area office. ACR trains teachers in how to use their classrooms to help children develop the ability to resolve conflicts assertively.

What is assertive conflict resolution? Traditionally, human behavior has been seen as one of two types: aggressive or passive. Aggressive behavior says: "I see what I want and I will step on you to get it." Passive behavior says: "Go ahead, step on me." Knowledge of only these two alternatives in conflict situations limits our response to "either/or": either I slug you, or I get slugged.

## Assertive Behavior

Assertive behavior breaks this "either/or" trap. Assertive behavior says: "I can stand up for my needs, feelings, and rights, while respecting and affirming your humanity."

To find assertive responses in conflict situations takes effort. We do not discover them merely by being told that they exist. How many times have you told a child: "You do not have to hit Johnny, there are other alternatives," only to see that child hit Johnny again? Growth, John Dewey stresses, involves changing our mental and emotional dispositions to act.

Edward Myers Hayes is the project director of ACR.

The ACR approach creates an experiential learning environment in which children can start to change their responses in conflicts by beginning to understand the effect of their actions in situations and how those actions can be changed. The ACR approach utilizes:

- roleplaying to view conflict situations and explore possible solutions.
- puppetry to discover options of response in conflicts.
- formalative experiences -- games and exercises designed to develop listening, articulation, imagination, and cooperation.

ACR has three major thrusts:

## Model Classrooms

1. MODEL CLASSROOMS: Since it is vital to maintain constant interchange with children if one is to work with teachers, ACR runs several model classrooms -- regular weekly classes with children where ACR uses its approach.

These model classes provide the opportunity to see ACR methods at work. Parents and others interested in ACR methods are encouraged to watch the classes in action. Video tapes of these classes are used in teacher training.

A pre-test/post-test series has been developed and is used in these model classrooms to measure the effect of the ACR approach on the children's responses in conflicts.

## Teacher Training

2. TEACHER TRAINING COURSES: In these courses, teachers are trained to use the ACR approach in their classroom. This training process is two-fold. First, the participating teachers experience the techniques firsthand. From this, they begin to develop a greater sense of the dynamics of human interaction. Second, they learn to use the ACR approach to suit the needs of their particular teaching situation. Integral to this second step is the exploration of classroom problems during the course. Through the sessions, each participant develops a plan for implementing the approach in his or her classroom so that he or she finishes the course with more than a head full of new ideas -- a way to begin.

After completion of the training, ACR maintains an on-going relationship with the trained teachers -- periodically consulting with them on their use of the approach, providing them with new methods, and observing and critiquing their running of ACR sessions, if requested.

Models for courses vary to suit the needs of the involved teachers. They can range from 1 five hour session with 3 two hour follow-ups to 7 two hour sessions. To allow the participants to use pieces of the ACR approach in their classroom during the training, courses are spread over several weeks' time.

Whenever possible, accreditation for courses is sought from the local school district or from area colleges or universities. Among the places where courses have been conducted in



First graders play through a conflict using puppets.

# Assertive Alternatives in Conflict Situations

the last year are universities such as Syracuse University or the State University College in Oneonta, alternative educational centers such as the Clinton Free School or Community in Rochester, and school districts such as the Pittsford and Sherburne-Earlville Districts. Over a dozen courses over all of Upstate New York are already scheduled for the coming school year. For more information about these, contact ACR.

Thirty to sixty minute demonstrations of the ACR approach can be arranged for interested groups.

ACR provides its work free of charge. However, since AFSC is funded through private contributions, reimbursement for travel expenses is needed and further contributions welcomed.

## Resources

3. RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT: ACR has developed resources to reinforce its training:

-A TEACHERS' WORKBOOK: ASSERTIVE CONFLICT RESOLUTION THROUGH THE CLASSROOM, \$4.00. (to be ready around 1 October, 1977).

-ASSERTIVE CONFLICT RESOLUTION THROUGH THE CLASSROOM, a three part, self-training videotape, \$10.00 rental plus shipping. (Copies are available for sale. Contact ACR for price information.)

In addition, a Resource Center for teachers containing a conflict resolution library, books on educational theory and practice as it pertains to the affective domain, and videotapes of ACR sessions is located in the ACR office.

## ACR in Action

Let's look at a couple of examples of how the ACR approach is being used:

--In a first grade class, the teacher uses puppets to expose the children to assertive approaches for handling conflicts. Each week, the teacher puts together a show illustrating a creative way to handle a situation (i.e., surprise, mediator, humanizing a conflict, etc.). The children talk about what's behind these concepts and then try to use them with puppets. Parents report many of these concepts find their



When pushed, the usual response is to push back.

way home with the children. "Shanna and Mark were fighting over the t.v. again last night, when all of a sudden I heard Shanna say: 'Let's stop a second, we are caught in an s.p. cycle.' They both stopped and Shanna said: 'Let's think of some creative alternatives.' After they threw out some ideas, they decided to flip a coin to decide what to watch. I asked Shanna what she was doing and she said: 'Learning to do something besides fight over things.'



Teachers learn to use roleplaying at a recent training course.

--In a fifth grade class, the children find themselves constantly being put down by other children in their school. Their teacher had been using the ACR approach with them. After one session, Jackie asked: 'Can we pick the problem to work on next week?' The teacher agreed, and the class decided to work on what to do when someone puts you down. The next week, the class worked on this problem. As one step in the ACR process, they examined how their responses in 'put-down' situations made the situation better or worse. They then explored what they could do to handle the situation assertively. Though the session went well, the teacher wondered if any of the children would really try an assertive response in real life. Her question was answered the next day during lunch time when a child came running into the classroom screaming, 'It works! It works!'

## To Get ACR Training

The above tells you a bit about ACR: PROGRAM IN ASSERTIVE CONFLICT RESOLUTION. If you are a teacher, a parent, or somebody just concerned about education, you can get the ACR approach into your school. For more information about this, or to get any of the ACR resources, contact ACR: PROJECT IN ASSERTIVE CONFLICT RESOLUTION, American Friends Service Committee, Upper New York State Area Office, 821 Euclid Avenue, Syracuse, N.Y. 13210. (315) 475-4822, 475-9469.

# Organizing on a College Campus

by Jennifer Perkins

Last fall a group of political science majors at Elmira College formed a group to study and establish an "educational alternative" information center. Their goal was to establish a complete alternative library, full of hard-to-find literature and sources of information on controversial subjects, similar to the SPC Front Room. The student government was willing to allocate \$100.00 for the project only if the students formed a group with a constitution and opened its meetings to the entire student body. Thus the Elmira College Political Union was born.

Meetings of the Political Union revolve around loosely structured, informal discussions of such political issues as the Philippines dilemma, the recent elections in India, and such social topics as, "Do we have to buy war?" Films or local speakers are usually featured as the focal point for each meeting, to provide some fresh input to base the discussions on. SPC films were valuable in this respect, and such movies as "The Selling of the Pentagon" and "The Holy Outlaw" were well attended. Occasionally a student would lead the discussions with a talk about a social issue that s/he was particularly involved with.

During the 1976 presidential elections, Democratic political figures answered the PU's invitations to speak at the college. Chip Carter

Jennifer Perkins is entering her senior year at Elmira College. While a high school student, she was a member of SPC's Steering Committee for a year.

headed questions about his father's vague energy policy, drug laws, prison reform, and the arms race. Later, Gov. Hugh Carey appeared at the college to deal with questions about the state's unemployment problem, NYC's economic situation, and pending pot-reform laws, while Southern-tier Congressperson Stan Lundine was asked to defend his pro-nuclear power stand in the legislature. Finally, Mrs. Walter Mondale spoke at a press conference which was hosted by the Political Union. These appearances all evoked editorials and statements of disappointment as students voiced their displeasure with the way candidates dodged serious questioning in favor of sentimental anecdotes about "the campaign trail," and the celebrity-like interviews.

The results of the Union's efforts were promising. A Political Union column appeared in each issue of the college's weekly newspaper, featuring essays submitted by random students and faculty members, dealing with a designated topic. Discussions focused on the congressional salary increase, amnesty, Abu Daoud (the Palestinian who was arrested in Egypt for the 1972 Olympic massacre), and the question of importing Rhodesian chrome.

In March, the PU undertook a two-day trip to Washington, D.C. to visit the Department of Labor, Capitol Hill, and the Washington Center of Learning Alternatives (WCLA). Fourteen students listened as the nation's lawmakers debated the Rhodesian chrome issue during a subcommittee

hearing in Washington. The students also witnessed the forces of lobbying on the floor of the House, and met with Congressperson Stan Lundine to discuss the chrome importation issue, nuclear power legislation, and his bill, "Human Resources Development," which expands employment opportunities. In addition, Dr. Robert Parks, the PU advisor, set up a meeting with Mr. Hower of the Department of Labor, who led the students through an informal tour of the building and explained the pitfalls and redundancies he had experienced in his career with the Department. Finally, the group met with representatives at the Washington Center of Learning Alternatives. This program is available to any college students who are in good academic standing, and who are interested in working on Capitol Hill for a semester.

In its first year, the Elmira College Political Union had functioned basically to increase the Elmira students' consciousness of current events and social issues. Tentative plans for the next year (1977-78) include student forums dealing with transsexuals, the gay rights movement, investigating the media trusts and press coverage of national news (beginning with the Southern Tier's own Gannett syndicate, which contributes heavily to the college), and studying prison reform and the nation's bail and parole systems. If the students' enthusiastic interest persists, it should be a productive and active year for the growing Political Union at Elmira College.

## The Front

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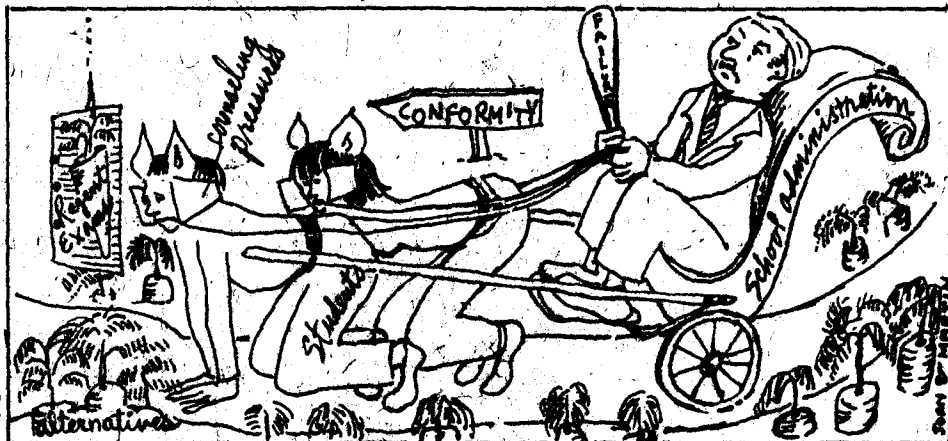
# My School--Or Is It?

by Larry Rothenberg

After seventeen years of viewing the world situation, it is clear to me that there is a need for social change and that public schools have the responsibility of exploring the possibilities.

One of the most interesting courses and by far the one with the most potential for social change is the International Relations Seminar, or U.N. club. It's a club, with a credit for those who put in the required number of hours. Its purpose is to study the United Nations and through it, world problems and situations. But, unfortunately, it is the only course that receives no money at all. Because of this and some financial mistakes, it is now 300 dollars in debt. Now I know of a few worthwhile institutions that manage to operate while in debt, but the school administration won't permit this. This results in most of the students efforts going into fund raising and a minimum going into learning time.

The next logical question is where is the money that the U.N. club can not have. Well, I can't answer for other schools, but I have a good idea where it is at Jamesville Dewitt.



Time to remove the blinders.

the money available evenly among the students, I said that most of the huge (over 90,000 dollars) athletic budget that goes for sports goes to benefit those who are good already, and don't need the money. He responded by labeling this "Communism". Let that speak for itself.

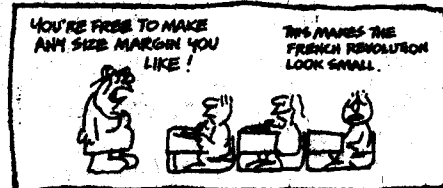
As far as the classroom goes, I've had some of the best teachers around. But eleventh year social studies (American History), a very fine possibility for instigating social change and teaching interesting useful history, is stifled by the system, this time it is the Regents exam. This is a state wide exam that covers certain topics outlined in the syllabus. As it turns out, the syllabus is long enough to take almost all teaching time, leaving almost no time for the teacher to experiment with. And upon thumbing through the syllabus, it seems that it deliberately steers clear of all controversial topics, and is mostly bland concepts.

As a student, I resent that the Regents held me back from learning American history. I also find it mind boggling that a true American history course could all but leave out Vietnam, Native American history the civil rights struggles and the feminist movement throughout our history. The syllabus makes our history look almost boring. I feel that we must change the way that American history is taught in New York state.

Fortunately, ninth year social studies, or African Asian, had no Regent and the difference to me was

tremendous. Our teacher had time to teach us about Mahatma Gandhi, the many different religions of the area, and give us an extremely interesting background into the history of the area.

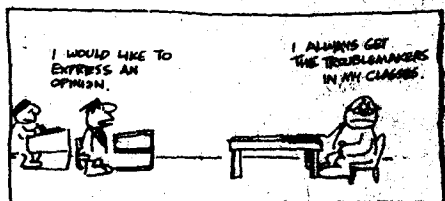
I think that English is another course that is adversely affected by the Regents. Almost the entire 11th year is geared toward learning how to write a certain type of five paragraph paper that is required for the Regents.



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The possibility for learning is there, because we do read good relevant books. But instead of talking about the social implications, how the Scarlet Letter is relevant today etc., we "brainstorm" main ideas for the 5th time, or discuss atopic sentence. To make matters worse, eleventh and tenth grades have English together, so we learn how to write a "process paper" for two years. Now I can understand that there is a need to learn how to write a paper, but very few of the papers we will have to write will be five paragraphs long with four supporting details for each body paragraph.

I feel that there are a number of courses with the potential to introduce ideas leading to social change, but their potetial has not been realized.



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For one it's out on the plush green football field. This summer I was at the high school every morning for six weeks. Every day there were invariably two or three men on the football field, digging up what seemed to be a perfectly good field and reseeding it strip by strip. And to top it off, the sprinklers were going, rain or shine. All this while the U.N. club, chorus and band have to beg for money.

After the administration cancelled all money for intramural activities, that is sports for fun and exercise not at the varsity level, I tried to talk to the principal about spreading

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Available about mid-October, this valuable educational resource can be ordered at a 40% discount for 6 or more copies. Single copies by mail are \$3.25. People's History 1977 is also still available at \$2 by mail (bulk rate \$1 each). From: SPC/People's History 924 Burnet Ave. Syracuse 13203

## What Is People's History?

We use the phrase 'people's history' to invite a comparison between the historical information we present and the items traditionally emphasized by 'popular' books, films, television programs, school curricula, and calendars. It is no coincidence that the people and the events chronicled in "People's History of Upstate New York" have remained obscure. While high school students learn about the 'progress' of industrialized society, and the larger-than-life exploits of the Rockefellers and Carnegies (whose charitable donations are well documented), the values, struggles, and culture of countless working-class people earn no mention.

Our perceptions are distorted by a history which largely omits the contributions of women. If the story of Elizabeth Blackwell's fight against the male medical hierarchy is not important enough to merit a line in a textbook, small wonder that many people are led to conclude that women have accomplished little

and must deserve their inferior status. The stereotyped image of blacks can only exist when lives of people such as Frederick Douglass do not belong in historical accounts. Similarly, the image of the 'savage Indian,' perpetuated by bigoted films and books, is widely accepted today. Information about the culture of the peace-loving Iroquois has not been readily available to Americans whose sources of history are edited. These distortions and misconceptions present a picture consistent with mainstream values and expectations, thus leading to the creation of dangerous self-fulfilling prophecies.

Omitting remarkable people from historical accounts is damaging. What may be worse yet is the easy-to-reach conclusion that history should be merely the story of special people and unusual events. Such a concept makes it inevitable that the lives of 'ordinary people' will not be recorded; whole populations will be rendered invisible. Necessarily, history will remain the story of upper and middle class perceptions, culture, and values. And

the workers will acquiesce in their own diminution: a migrant worker who accepts the 'popular' definition of history would find any attempt to record his or her personal history inappropriate, ludicrous.

Those of us who believe it is advantageous to establish a more inclusive definition of history have considerable responsibility. We must learn about, then share with others, the history of the disaffected and powerless people whose cultures have been ignored. Completing the history of America in this way, we will enable people to gain a broader understanding of how power has come to be distributed and of how roles have been assigned to various groups within society.

The scope of People's History may be broad, but the collection of information is personal and local. By presenting the information about Upstate New York in this calendar, we are reaching out to everybody whose story has been unrecorded; we change the definition of history that we may alter the course of the future.

-Jared Namenson

# SYRACUSE SCHOOL INTEGRATION: AT WHO'S EXPENSE ?

By Marjorie R. White

**Foreword** — This article is intended for no other reason other than to hopefully clarify some of the confusion concerning "School Integration", and the plan the Board of Education will implement in September 1977. Needless to say there is a segment of the Syracuse community in total dis-agreement with the plan the Syracuse Board of Education has developed to racially balance the public schools. After reading this article, hopefully there will be an understanding of why there is dis-agreement. However, in light of the fact that the City School District's plan will be implemented in less than two weeks, it is of utmost importance that all people in the Syracuse community-at-large do what they can to cooperate with the School District. Racial, ethnic, and socio-economic integration is the law, and is an essential component of a quality education. Peaceful/intelligent implementation of the plan must be a goal; and, in the final analysis true integration in all the public schools can be achieved.

School integration is the law, based on the ideals of this nation. Every child regardless of race, nationality, religion or socio-economic background is supposed to be guaranteed a quality education, and an equal opportunity to acquire that quality education.

Because we live in a pluralistic mobile society, forced isolation of minorities within our schools and our communities only continues to promote a climate of fear, mistrust, and stereotyping. The imaginary lines that have been drawn around ourselves, our schools, and our neighborhoods must be erased.

The City of Syracuse has segregated housing patterns which resulted in segregated neighborhood schools. This unfortunate fact makes busing the only means of acquiring a quality integrated school system in the City of Syracuse.

The Board of Education of the City of Syracuse has developed a plan which is supposed to racially balance all the public schools. This plan is to go into effect in less than two weeks. This plan is supposed to function on a voluntary open-en-

rollment basis. It is referred to as the Syracuse City School District "Voluntary Quadrant Plan." When examined, however, it is evident that there are very few voluntary aspects to this plan for Black and low-income parents/students. The voluntary aspects of the plan when examined can appropriately be looked upon as "subjugation." To state as the board has done, that "any parent wishing to volunteer their child/children will be guaranteed one of their three choices of schools" — is a subterfuge.

The Ad Hoc Caucus on School Integration, in their 60 day report to State Commissioner Ambach, dated August 3, 1977, responded as follows (excerpt, pages 3 through 7 and 13):

The Board of Education identified four criteria to be met by their adopted plan:

- 1) Maximum results in the elimination of racially identifiable schools.
- 2) Consolidation of contiguous neighborhoods of different racial compositions.
- 3) Retention of larger, more cost-efficient school buildings as part of a long-range facilities utilization plan, and
- 4) Open enrollment options in addition to mandatory reassignment due to school consolidation.

From the Board's method to achieve "maximum results in the elimination of racially identifiable schools," it is clear that this criterion could be more honestly stated as the "maximum result in the elimination of racially identifiable minority schools through their closing." This criterion seems analogous to a problem solving situation where it becomes more expedient to eliminate the proponents than to truly grapple with the problem. In our view, it remains paramount that within an open, democratic society, political decisions must always stand the simple, uncomplicated test of "fairness."

As for the second criterion, the Board never defined "contiguous neighborhoods," but vacillated so that the transportation zones (now

referred to as "optional zones" by District nomenclature), could undoubtedly remain unclaimed by a school attendance area boundary. This would make deployment of the "optional zone" students continually mandatory and bused during their school careers in the elementary grades, not to mention beyond.

In addition, the consolidation of "contiguous neighborhoods" through the redistricting process has resulted in the significantly increased number of minority children walking up to and including a mile and a half. We would also like an explanation as to why, with a "contiguous neighborhood" design, (which locates remaining schools in predominantly white neighborhoods) students continue to be bused past open schools within walking distance, to attend schools that are far less contiguous. The District would have the community believe it is because this has always been done; and parents are not interested in pursuing open enrollment status for their children. Indeed, the confusion in the community with the open enrollment brochure mailing two weeks prior to an anticipated Board decision on school closings, the lack of clarity in the form, and recent newspaper publicity indicating that fewer than half of the open enrollment requests will be granted, leaves us wondering how parents are expected to make intelligent, informed decisions with any degree of certainty about enrollment.

The third criterion masquerades as a legitimate variable until the proviso "... as part of a long-range facility utilization plan" is attached. Any choice of a school to be retained or closed, no matter what the size, can be justified on the basis of belonging to the Board of Education's "long-range facility utilization plan." Obviously size was not the criterion when Fowlesland and Charles Andrews, each having a capacity larger than each of the 15 retained schools were closed; when Merrick, which has a capacity greater than LeMoyné or Meachem was closed; when Nichols, which has a

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capacity greater than Elmwood, LeMoyné or Meachem, and equal to that of Webster or Salina, was closed; and Sumner, with a capacity greater than each of nine other retained schools, was closed.

With respect to building utilization, we find it is significant that the Board notes a decline in enrollment at Huntington and Salem Hyde Schools, leaving them even more underutilized. Yet the Board has chosen to close schools that were at maximum plus capacity - closings which were not by chance to occur in minority neighborhoods.

The fourth criterion is a camouflaged, discriminatory practice when viewed in the context of school closings, redistricting, and continued busing for Blacks as the "mandatory reassignments," and the open enrollment options available for the White majority. Why should White children who have retained their neighborhood schools opt for open enrollment transfers when the District knows that most families, White and Black, will choose the closest school as their first choice. For Blacks, with their closest "neighborhood" schools closed, the option is how far are they willing to travel to be exclusively labelled "outsiders." Volunteerism and open enrollment are district policies that allow the transfer of students by the District for racial balance reasons. Until there are no longer transportation zones, this will continue to be the practice.

On page 13 (Board's Report), the reader is led to believe that "All students reassigned under the plan are assigned to schools in contiguous neighborhoods from the schools they previously attended," meaning that those displaced children now attend schools in adjacent neighborhoods. With the continued use of "transportation zones" or "optional zones," far more minority students will be transferred to more distant schools. "Contiguous neighborhoods" has a different, perhaps pejorative meaning for them (the Board).

Additionally, the image created by "...students reassigned were assigned to large, more cost-efficient schools" is nonsense when school age, a rule of thumb assessment of building cost efficiency, show that many of the retained schools are "ancient" in comparison to those

closed in minority neighborhoods. Sumner and Merick Schools, for example, were constructed in 1955.

The Danforth Magnet School and the Franklin-King Tandem School raise questions of equitable resource-sharing. It is also very hard to evaluate the entire King-Franklin Tandem. How much of it is mandatory; how much voluntary? If a good deal of it is voluntary, then we must assume that it will fail, as have other plans to voluntarily desegregate Syracuse Elementary schools. What is the rationale for such a significantly complex plan for these three schools, when arrangements have been designed for others? What are the "topical educational activities" that would draw some elementary students and not others? Will the tandem be based on racial, intelligence or interest exchange? For how long, and at what cost to educational programming in other schools? (End of excerpts.)



In 1976-77, 6 of the 30 elementary schools were over 50% Black. Therefore 20% of the elementary schools were minority and 80% were majority. This is a 4 to 1 ratio, so when closing 10 schools, 8 white schools should have been closed and 2 Black schools. As it now stands, 3 of 6 minority schools (50%) are closed. Depending on whether the 3 schools going into the new school should properly be included in the total, 4 of 7 "White" schools are closed. If excluded, then only 16.6% of White schools are closed vs. 50% of the Black schools.

Excluding students from Cleveland, Clinton, and Lincoln, who are going to their new school, about the same total of Black and White students are being "reassigned." 1,323 Whites and 1,315 Blacks. (Including the Cleveland, Clinton, and Lincoln students, there are 1,942 Whites and 1,456 Blacks.)

From 3 closed "minority" schools

there are 1,039 Blacks and 502 Whites. From the 4 "majority" schools there are 276 Blacks and 821 Whites. 1,323 of 9,157 total elementary White students is 14.4% of White students "reassigned." On the other hand, 1,215 of 4,358 total Black elementary students is 30% of the Black students "reassigned." (If students from Cleveland, Clinton, and Lincoln are included, it becomes 21% White students, and 31% Black students being reassigned.)

Until all people in the total City of Syracuse have a vested interest in all the city's communities and a sincere concern for the people of every community, school desegregation will continue to contribute to the cycle of inner-city deterioration -- primarily the heavily populated Black and low-income areas. This unfortunate, however historical, fact will continue to negate the real goals of school integration. Black and low-income people

are continually denied the dignity granted people with more financial means, verbal expertise, political connections and/or political expertise.

The lack of moral obligation to all people demonstrated by our elected and appointed officials at the local, State and Federal level heavily contributes to the deterioration of every metropolitan area.

The churches, the schools and the businesses are essential to every inner-city community. Eliminate any one, and soon the other two will go. For those who are unable to flee, there is a continuation of increased degradation. It is a documented fact that all people that find themselves caught in a dilemma, such as has been described, harbor feelings of frustration, worthlessness, and hatred. This leads to more juvenile delinquency, more crime, and more poverty.

\*NOTE: These figures are based on Quadrant Books' projected 1977-78 figures.

# PNCC: What's Happening?

by Dave List

It may not seem like news to you that the Program in Nonviolent Conflict and Change is entering its 8th year at Syracuse University. Or that over 800 students have taken PNCC courses during the past two years.

Big news? Maybe not.

But to those who were involved with PNCC in its early days the very fact that the program still exists may seem a bit startling.

First established in response to student demands of the 1970 antiwar strike at SU, the Nonviolent Studies program, as it was then known, endured several years of notoriety for offering easy courses with an "anti-establishment" slant. Enrollment reached 800 in 1971 and plummeted to 48 only three semesters later.

Why didn't the program disappear entirely? It almost did.

Through the combined efforts of the staff, headed by Program Director Neil Katz, PNCC was overhauled in 1974. In order to establish greater academic rigor, course content was narrowed to focus on social change.

Since 1974 Nonviolent Conflict and Change has become an undergraduate major and has affiliated with the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. Today, the program is known for innovative teaching methods, an activist orientation, and its extensive employment of off-campus resources. A United Nations mediator, a founder of SNCC, and a local participant in the May Seabrook demonstration have all spoken on campus under PNCC auspices.

Innovative teaching methods are used by PNCC staff to give classes a "you were there" feeling. Students are likely to find themselves in a simulation game where they act as participants in a confrontation between a minority group and a local hospital. Or they may be cast as the leaders of a resistance movement trying to repel a military invasion by nonviolent means.

Dave List was active in the antiwar and disarmament movements in Minnesota, his "adopted home state". He currently is a teaching assistant with PNCC.

## Fall 1977 Courses

- PAF 201 **Nonviolent Action and Social Change.**  
An introductory look at the goals, strategies, and results obtained by several US movements, including the women's suffrage and anti-nuclear power struggles. Instructors: Neil Katz and Dave List.
- PAF 203 **Nonviolent Change in America.**  
An historical overview of a broad range of movements that employed nonviolent techniques in this country. A primary text for this course will be the newly published book The Power of the People: Active Nonviolence in the United States. Instructor: John Hunt.
- PAF 325 **Nonviolent Conflict Intervention.**  
An examination of approaches to the creative resolution of conflicts on the personal, domestic, and international levels. Instructor: John McCullough.
- PAF 427 **Models of International Peace.**  
A look at conflict in the world arena, including an examination of the role the city of Syracuse plays in that setting and an inquiry into the possibilities of nonviolent national defense as an alternative to war. Instructor: Lenny Lempel.
- PAF 450 **PNCC Minicourses (offered for one or two credits).**  
Section 01: Rural poor and social change.  
Farm worker movements in the United States.  
Section 02: Interpersonal conflict in everyday life.  
How to approach conflicts with friends, family, co-workers, etc.  
Section 03: Issues in the Mideast.  
The history and setting of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The commitment of staff members to promoting nonviolence and the newness of peace and conflict studies have contributed to skepticism about PNCC's "legitimacy." But the reputation for innovation and commitment has also attracted help from faculty and grad students outside the program who shoulder some of the teaching burden of the undersized staff, without pay.

PNCC's capacity to attract resource persons also extends beyond the SU campus. Recent speakers represent an eye-opening array of backgrounds and perspectives.

A leading figure in the War Resisters International, Devi Prasad, and Menachem Brinker, Israeli politician, were featured speakers lately. So was Col. Donald Bletz, US Army War College, who spoke on US national security here in 1975.

Staff members have worked closely with SPC, co-sponsoring the annual NVS Films series on campus.

PNCC staffers authored "What? Defend Our Country Without Guns?", which appeared in the PNL supplement "The Pentagon in Onondaga County."

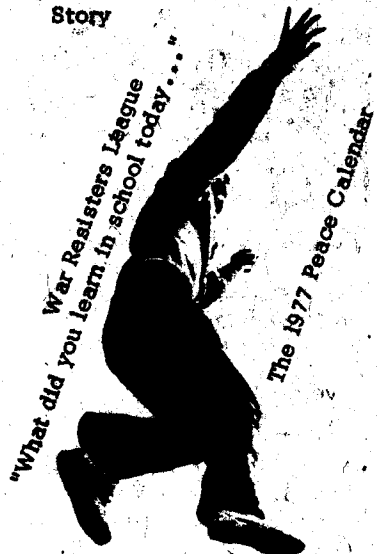
Certain PNCC personnel have also been active in promoting the National Peace Academy (discussed elsewhere in this issue).

It may be, then, that the most controversial aspects of the Program in Nonviolent Conflict and Change are also its greatest strengths. A reputation for activism and innovation may be frowned on in some quarters, but together with a renewed concern for academic standards, it serves as a drawing card for a wide range of scholars, politicians, and activists.

Persons seeking more info on PNCC should stop by the program office, 249 Physics Building, or phone up at 423-3870. SU students are strongly encouraged to stop by the PNCC table during fall registration.

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Social Role of Textbooks continued

prise" (emphasis added).

Consider Chomsky's conclusions  
on the war:

The American record... can be cap-  
tured in three words: lawlessness,  
savagery, and stupidity -- in that  
order. From the outset, it was un-  
derstood, and explicitly affirmed,  
that the US 'intervention' in South  
Viet Nam... was to be pursued in  
defiance of any legal barrier to the  
use of force in international affairs.  
... Lawlessness led to savagery in  
the face of resistance to aggres-  
sion. And in retrospect, the fail-  
ure of the project may be attribut-  
ed, in part, to stupidity.

The sad reality is that no textbook  
we examined considered the validity  
of this analysis. It is clear, there-  
fore, that it will take a struggle by  
reflective teachers, students and  
parents to introduce this considera-  
tion in American schools. Those who  
were ultimately responsible for the  
invasion of Viet Nam will do what  
they can to frustrate such an honest  
investigation, for they know full well  
that it may have serious implications,  
particularly if students emerge from

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such critical inquiry with a healthy  
distrust for our government, its role  
in Viet Nam, and threatening future  
foreign adventures.

Generations of educators, many of  
they seduced by the "Big Lies" of  
the economic and political elite,  
have worked to keep such inquiry  
from the schools and textbooks. The  
possibility of opening the inquiry in-  
to the Viet Nam war in high schools  
rests with those who not only under-  
stand the real tragedy of Viet Nam,  
but are willing to fight for real his-  
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example, math courses on metrication  
can teach not only liters and  
centimeters but also the role corpora-  
tions play in promoting or retarding  
our society's adoption of the metric  
system. History and social studies  
should include "people's history",  
labor struggles, and examine events  
from a variety of perspectives rather  
than only white middle-class men.

2. Reduce the isolation of teachers  
in schools. Through cooperative  
teaching demands, increase the col-  
laboration of teachers. This should  
reduce teacher defensiveness regard-  
ing "their" students' failures.
3. Reduce profiteering in education.  
The strength of the profit-motive re-  
duces the impact of education.
4. Classrooms should be organized  
to build on differences rather than to  
penalize (track) children because of  
them.

Julius Nyerere, President of Tazan-  
ia, has noted in "Education for Self  
Reliance", that education which  
serves all of a society's people pro-  
motes a more just society, an educa-  
tion for the good life.

# Homophobia & The PNL

Seven Advertising Publishers in E. Syracuse has been printing the Peace Newsletter for five years, ever since we transformed the PNL from a 16-pg mimeographed paper to a larger news-print magazine requiring a web press. This past month, these printers issued an ultimatum to us: they would no longer print the PNL while its contents promoted gay rights. We were incredulous but there it was.

We had felt, in general, quite good about our relationship with the people at 7-Advertising. Of late we have had difficulties with what seemed to be an increasingly poor quality in their printing, but our five year relationship had allowed a positive airing and working out of these problems. For their part, they had been patient while we developed the new graphic and layout skills required by the more sophisticated PNL. Given this, we felt that we needed to sit down with them to talk further, even though our position was unalterable as theirs appeared to be. And this was the case.

The first point driven home by all this is the extent to which fear of gay people (homophobia) is entrenched in our society. Until now, there had not been the slightest whimper of protest from 7-Advertising over the politics expressed in some 50 PNL's. Apparently the nonviolent revolution is comfortably far removed; gays are real and threatening. And then there is the total non-existence of rights for gays: here is a case of blatant discrimination and there is no legal recourse.

This travesty also illustrates how controlled the press is in this country. To our knowledge, there are 4 web presses which serve "outside" customers in the Syracuse area. It is impossible to print a paper of the PNL's size on any other type of press. Yet what gets printed is determined arbitrarily by a handful of people. 7-Advertising has a history of trying to repress newspapers -- the Nickle Review, the Black Voice, the Alternative and now the PNL.

Another point: These 4 web presses are all owned by and exist first to print "pennysavers". (7-Advertising prints The Scotchman and The South Side News at least). While penny-



savers do allow small businesses to advertise at rates more reasonable than the Newhouse dailies, still the force behind the Press is Business. We must agree with A.J. Leibling: "Freedom of the press is guaranteed only to those who own one."

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# The Auburn Prison Strike

by an Auburn Prisoner

On August 8, 1977, almost all of the Auburn Prison inmates went on a no work strike. For a month different messages, typed and written were passed throughout the prison. It reminded everyone that prisoner L. Catanzaro had died of a heart attack. Many believed this was because he literally worked himself to death on good time legislation. Several months ago he, and several other prisoners were taken from the prison to speak with legislators on good time reductions. Hopes were high. Governor Carey introduced legislation (A.7893/S.6265) calling for 10 days a month to be deducted from minimum terms of all prisoners for good behavior and conforming to prison rules. Hope had built up. Attica and Green Haven prisoners called for state wide strikes immediately. Auburn prisoners decided to wait it out. Most believed that because the Governor had written a good time bill for all, it would surely pass.

Many reflected that prior to 1967 all prisoners earned such reductions off their minimum terms. Ex-Governor Rockefeller demanded and got a new penal law. Harsh sentences and no good time. Now, ten years later, the prisons are packed. The state has nothing to take away. No hopes for early parole. Tension built up. A decision had to be made. Rumors of a violent takeover floated around Auburn prison. Everyone spoke to their friends. What should we do? Most realized that with violence, everyone loses.

Then came the notices. No work!

The Auburn prisoner who wrote this article, fearing prison authorities retaliation, prefers to remain anonymous.

Nothing! No good time, no work! The legislators lied. We were fooled. Anger built up. As in all prisons, the administrators of Auburn knew about the tensions and talk. There was no one to talk to. Who put out the notices? No one knew. But to many it made sense. No good time; No license plates. No work for \$7.00 a week. But without a leader, who could believe



Jail is just a kind of home for poor people.

a strike would come off. July came to a close. The strike was forgotten. Then during the first week of August another notice was circulated. Most prisoners found copies in their cells. August 8, 1977, all work stops. Every prisoner talked it over with his friends in the yard. The popular consensus seemed to be, I'll refuse to work if everyone else does. Wait and see.

Monday morning, August 8, 1977. Breakfast ended. In what appeared to be one solid mass, all prisoners returned to their cells. NO WORK.

On Tuesday the prison passed out a notice that anyone who does not work will receive disciplinary action. Visits were stopped. Visitors were allowed in after the no visit order was rescinded. Why punish their families? Wednesday a letter from Commissioner Ward was passed out and broadcast on the prison radio. End your strike. It takes two years for a law to be changed. The prisoners response was, in two years they will begin to produce license plates.

It was clear that no leaders were necessary. The strike was so popular that there seems to be no end unless the good time bill is passed. And so it stands at this time. No good time - no work!

### Strikebreaking Transfers

On August 12, 1977 at 11:00 p.m. fifteen men were taken out in the middle of the night, put on a bus, sent to Sing Sing Prison. On August 14, twenty-three more men were subjected to the same treatment. They await their next transfer.

On August 18th there were 96 men still refusing to go to work at Auburn Prison. They are being held in the Box and in Keyplock. The prisoner struggle goes on.

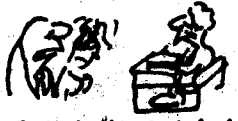
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## NRC to NiMo: "Send Us More Rubberstamps"

It's recently been reported (Oswe-go Palladium-Times 8/18/77) that the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has allowed Niagara Mohawk to operate its Nine Mile 1 nuke plant with one of its emergency core cooling systems out of order.

Permission for NiMo to operate the plant without the emergency core cooling system came from the NRC just one day after the utility giant made the request.

## Cesar's Not Boycotting Marcos

Cesar Chavez, President of the United Farm Workers (UFW), recently made a brief trip to the Philippines. He was given VIP treatment by President Marcos, and received an award for helping Filipino farm workers in California. After this, he had nice things to say about Marcos' "land reform" program, but was unable to justify Marcos' ban on strikes.

Reportedly the trip was occasioned by Chavez's efforts to win over a pro-Marcos faction of Filipino farm workers in California. But in so doing, he lent his name to a repressive, anti-labor martial law regime.

## Needed: Consumer Protection in Education

What would happen if the "truth-in advertising, Nader's Raiders" approach were applied to U.S. education?

News item:

"Today the Pure Knowledge and Analysis Commission has called back all 1970 through 1976 secondary school graduates declaring that tests have confirmed an increasing use of conventional wisdom by the graduates in dealing with aggravated social problems. The commission, in a 27 page report, declared that conventional wisdom currently being dispensed by leading media and educational sources could perpetuate problems ranging from unemployment to alienation to highly contagious warfare.

The commission stressed that the defective graduate products were found to be highly susceptible to

Severidid-Cronkitis, a condition that gradually weakens the cerebral cells. This weakening of the thought processes has caused a majority of the graduates to accept the possibility of solving social problems by simply voting for individuals who spend their entire lives explaining and/or changing the rules of the Parker Bros. game, "Monopoly" --officially known as the capitalist, free-enterprise system.

Leading school authorities were quick to respond, claiming that their educational products were safe, effective and good for the economy. The educational experts further cited as proof of acceptable quality control, the fact that higher education processes this high school graduate product in similar ways. Testimony from leading social scientists rejected the need for any knowledge going beyond standard textbooks and curricula. The scholars explained that since the only game being played is the "Monopoly" game (Parker or Rockefeller edition), information suggesting other kinds of games would only confuse the student consumer."

In a related news item, the Dow-Jones industrial index fell 21 points in what was described as a selling panic based on the unfounded fear that the graduate products might actually learn of another game during their re-call.

-Bill Griffen

## Viet Nam Celebration

On September 20, the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, after years of U.S.-caused delays, will be seated in the United Nations. To celebrate this historic occasion Friendship, a coalition which has raised aid monies for Viet Nam, is sponsoring a celebration on Sunday September 25, beginning at 4pm. It will be at NYC's Beacon Theatre, Broadway and 74th Sts. Admission is \$2.50 advance and \$5 at the door and by reservation only. Pete Seeger, Buffy Ste. Marie & Vietnamese artists are among those on the program.

On Saturday (9-6:30pm) and Sunday (9-2pm) there will be a conference on Healing the Wounds of War. Resource people include Noam Chomsky, Cora Weiss, Don Luce, Dave Dellinger and many others. If you're interested in attending either of these events call SPC 472-5478.

# PEACES

## Commendations....

Go to County Legislator Tim Rice for having the courage to introduce gay rights legislation in the Legislature. Such laws are certainly very much needed (see p. 26).

Syracuse Herald-Journal, July 25, 1977

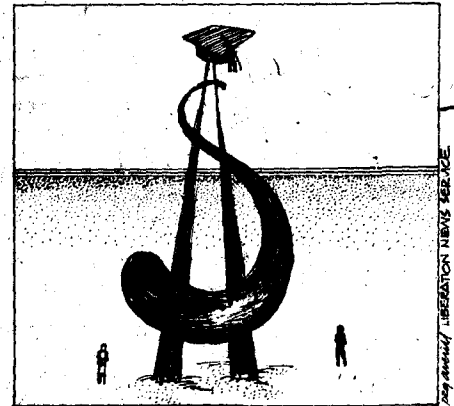
"NM to push rate hike bid"

Haehl said net earnings are lower than anticipated due to rising operating costs and lagging electric and gas sales resulting from warmer weather and energy conservation efforts of customers.

## Conservation Just Ain't Enough!

Rarely can one observe such blatant corporate arrogance as is demonstrated in the above box. What is the people's reward for conservation efforts? HIGHER RATES!

This is the best possible example of why conserving energy just isn't enough. As long as power companies must show profits to pay dividends to investors (capitalism's "free enterprise" ain't so free) this situation will continue to happen. If power companies were decentralized and owned municipally (by the people) then any excess monies would automatically result in either lower rates or money available for other human services. Excess monies now go to line the pockets of the already wealthy.



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4 NORTH COUNTRY OLD-TIME MUSIC FESTIVAL (Celebration of 765KV powerline walk.) With extra 5 drinks, 8PM-8PM, family \$3.50, person \$1.50 Rt. 11, 2 mi. S. of Canton		5 Statewide Anti-powerline coalition meeting @ the Unitarian Church in Canton 9:30-1:30 See p. 27  "Third World News", 7- 7:30pm every Mon. on WAER FM 88.8.		6  "Working Together" 6:30 0 8:30 pm every Tues., for, by and about women, WAER		7 Nuclear Power Com. mtg. 7:30 PM 659 Westmoreland  "Peace Pilgrim" speaking at Lowitts Cafe, Oswego, SPM		8 WHO NEEDS HENRY THE EIGHTH? Kissinger protest action 5:30 PM See p. 5  Board of Elections Primary 7:30-8:30PM		9 WOMAN HARVEST Celebration of changes. Time and space to renew and affirm. Through the 11th. Call (315) 478-4630 for information.  Roy Bookbinder See p. 31 Fri. & Sat.		10 An Intensive Gestalt Week- end. 10-5PM (Sunday also). See p. 30 SPC Fix-up Day 9-4PM Free lunch & legal beverages; ALL WELCOME; Call David 472-9386	
11  "As We Struggle Together" solidarity news on half hour, 6-8pm every Sunday, WAER FM.		12 Political Economy Study Group mtg, 8 Mc- Harris St., Baldwinsville 5pm - canoeing on the Seneca; 6:30 - potluck; 7:30 discussion		13 SPC Steering Committee Call SPC 472-5478 for place. "The Front" with Woody Allen, good; farical film about McCarthy period black-listing; Film Forum, 7:45 PM, Gifford Aud., (thru 13th) \$1.50		14 NOW General Meeting-- Endorsement of candidates, women textile workers' strikes, and other issues will be acted on-- 8PM		15 <b>MOVING!</b> If you're on the PNL mailing list, please let us know. Each "return" costs us 25¢!		16 "Womens' Showcase" Poetry, mild music - 8-12 at ECOH (cor. of Euclid & Westcott)  "The Conversation" with Gene Hackman, NYS Films Grant Aud. SU, 6:30, 8:30 10:30; \$1.50. Intense film on "bugging."		17 Picnic for a Nuclear Free Environment (Mattituck, L.I.) & Clamshell Alliance Fall Conference. Call SPC for details.  Cranberry Lake - Square Dance- 8-12 ECOH  Five Women Photographers (see p. 4)	
18 SPC ANNUAL PICNIC!  2PM at Helen Anderson's (see p. 3)		19 Delegation of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam will be seated at the U.N.  SPC Garage Sale is coming Sun. Oct. 21. Save your copiers! (see p. 3)		20 Energy Fair Com. mtg., 7PM, 113 Avondale Pl., All folks welcome! Copy deadline for Oct. PNL "Bound for Glory", about Woody Guthrie's life; Film Forum 7:45:30PM, Gifford Aud., \$1.50 (see p. 18) Through 22nd		21 Marcos declares martial law in the Philippines-- Sept. 21, 1972		22 Upstate N.Y. Peace Net- work mtg. in Syracuse		23 MNS Fall Celebration, Truxton, N.Y., thru the 25th, call Ann 472-1183  Jim Ritchey & Be Joe Fleming See p. 31 Fri. & Sat.		24 Rummage Sale to benefit the Rape Crisis Center, 12-5 ECOH (Corner of Euclid & Westcott.)  Viet Nam conference on healing the war's wounds 9-6:30 (9-2PM on Sunday) in NYC	
25 Reception for the UN dele- gation for the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam -- NYC. Sponsored by Friends Shipment, 4PM, Beacon Theater, 74th & B'way Pete Seeger & Buffy St. Marie, call SPC for ride. (see p. 29)		26 THE PEOPLE'S FUND MEMBERSHIP MEETING 8PM, Dorothy Money's 659 Maryland. Oct. PNL typing, layout, paste-up. Please come & help. 9-6PM		27 Final day Oct. PNL lay- out. 9-noon hours of the AM prob'ly. We can use you! 472-5478		28 COMING SOON: Oct. 17 - Barry Commoner will speak at S.U.		29 LOOK FOR THE FALL 1977 NYS FILMS SCHEDULE IN THIS PNL!		30 "SACCO & VANZETTI" Well done story of the Italian anarchists who were executed 8/23/27 by Mass. NYS Films, Grant Aud., 7:45-11 \$1.50		1 Oct. 1&2 (Sat. & Sun.) National Conference on Human Rights in NYC	

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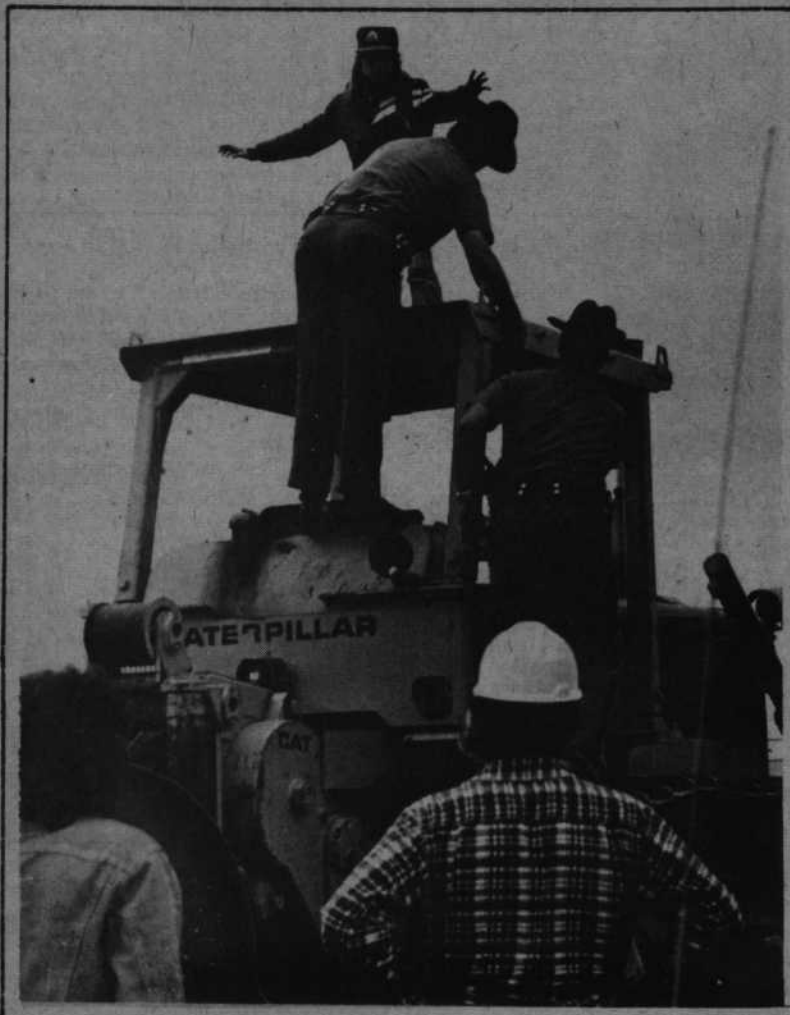
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We feel that education, agitation & organization lead to social change.

SPC membership involves being on the mailing list and feeling that you're a member. Simple as that. SPC is supported primarily through members contributions & monthly pledges and fund raising events. It's an unending struggle to raise our \$25,000 annual budget. SPC's major work is done through committees (listed below) & the 3 collectives that work out of the SPC office: the program staff; the SPC Press; The Front Room bookstore.

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# Kissinger Protest Effective

On September 8 thirty people, organized by SPC, demonstrated against Henry Kissinger outside the Temple Adath Yeshurun on the eastern edge of Syracuse. The event, a \$125 a plate fund-raiser for Crouse-Irving Memorial Hospital, was attended by over 1,000 of Syracuse's wealthiest and most powerful people. Demonstrators leafletted and carried banners reading "Kissinger Is A War Criminal" and his 1955 quote, "Even the threat of nuclear extinction should not make peace the overriding concern." Other signs pointed out the immoral irony of Kissinger raising money for a hospital when he, as Nixon's foreign policy chief, was directly responsible for the bombing of Bach Mai hospital in Viet Nam in 1972. The blood of literally millions of Indochinese, Chileans and Africans is on his hands.

Rarely has there been a demonstration in Syracuse with such pronounced class differences evident. The police seemed to realize that the wealthy weren't concerned about their interests and at one point



Proof that a good photo is worth a thousand words. This great political photo by Mima Cataldo.

requested leaflets. At another point some young black men drove by the entrance yelling "kill Kissinger". One demonstrator had the unusual pleasure of "throwing the bird" to a startled Kissinger from only 4' away.

Typically, the Newhouse dailies very briefly reported only that SPC "alleged" Kissinger was a war criminal, not any of the reasons. Such coverage serves to discredit SPC's position as without substance. In contrast TV and radio stations gave very good coverage prior to and after the action.

So what was learned? Kissinger, who was paid \$10,000, certainly learned there are few places he can go where he will not be confronted with his criminality; and activists again learned that some Americans have little or no desire to learn the lessons of Viet Nam and that the movement's arduous job is to create a just society in spite of such people.

-Dik Cool

## What Are We Doing Giving Away Money?

That's our latest mandate -- and "we", in this case, refers to the People's Fund. As of September, the Fund had sufficiently grown (to \$3000) so short-term loans could be considered. Three loans have been made so far.

Rather than setting up rigid codes and practises for loan-making, the Fund's supervisory committee (comprised of members of the sponsoring groups) agreed to general guidelines that prioritized categories of loans. For example, groups actively working to change the political/economic structures in our society receive first priority on loans. Next are small worker-owned businesses, and then individuals and households needing help for basic personal needs. The emphasis in loan-making is on flexibility -- each loan requestation is considered on an individual basis. The purpose to which the requested money would be put, the extent to which the entire community would benefit, and the loan requester's personal financial state and needs -- all are factors to be carefully weighed in deciding loans.

The Fund will publicly post all loans so that the members (and community) know how its resources are being used. The three loans granted were to:

1. Mutualist Books, a small worker-run publishing collective in Rochester, NY: \$200 to be used to publish "Common Sense Radicalism"; interest-free, 5 months
2. personal loan: \$350 for automobile parts; 3% interest, 5 months
3. personal loan: \$487 for housing expenses interest and duration still to be determined

## State Fair Report



An anti-powerline activist from Wayne County, a discouraged anti-nuke organizer from Oswego, a woman who wanted to build a windmill, a man whose son is a nuclear engineer, a retired person concerned about rising utility rates... a few of the many people who stopped by the SPC Safe Energy booth at the 1977 NY State Fair.

Several thousand people signed the Clean Energy petitions circulated by the Task Force Against Nuclear Pollution. Thousands of leaflets were distributed. Hundreds of people watched "Jack and the Power Plant". Many more took the multiple choice 'quiz' prepared by Bob Klips or carefully examined the beautiful and powerful photos taken by Mima Cataldo.

Many thanks for their work at the Fair go to:

- the 21 co-sponsoring organizations, which provided materials, workers and/or finances;
- all those who staffed the booth;
- Karen Kerney, William Sunderlin, Linda DeStefano and Debbie Kemblowski for their very creative job on the puppet show;
- Bob Klips, Deb Pillsbury, Barb Root, Larry Rutledge, Joanne Rella and John Maddaus for setting up the booth and its various displays.





## LETTERS

Nat'l Peace Academy?  
Readers Respond with Vigor

To the editor:

Thank you, thank you Bill Dunn, for your argument against the Peace Academy. You have inspired me to add to your analysis. "Negotiation" is a tool, just like "arms". The way it is used depends upon who is using it and the issues involved. The important thing is to focus on these issues, which is exactly what the concept of a Peace Academy does not. It clouds the issues by focusing on the tools, by assuming that somehow if human beings could just learn to settle things peacefully, war will be averted. This approach diverts attention from the root of war and violence: imperialism. The US government and its allies must maintain arms to put down national liberation struggles (and to police home base as well) in order to keep the world safe for capitalist business interests. That is the purpose of the state. It is not because they don't know any alternatives, or even because they are mean or nasty. It is a necessity if capitalism is to survive. And the state is charged with the task of making sure that it does survive. (In fact, if the US were to find nonviolent means of doing its dirty work, the people of the world would not be much better off.) Felix Greene, in his book, The Enemy, says it very well:

"Wars for colonies and markets are not merely accidental appendages of the imperialist system, which, with skill (my emphasis) can be avoided. They do not arise because of the machinations of 'evil men' (sic) or 'mistakes' in diplomacy. They are ests of the rich, two diametrically opposed and irreconcilable interests. Again in the words of Felix Greene, "The search for peace and nonviolence is meaningless if it is not associated with and a part of a determination to overthrow capitalism and imperialism", to create a world based on people's needs, and not profit. A Peace Academy, funded by the US an inherent, inescapable, built-in feature of imperialism. Quite literally, imperialism means war."

It is not a question of violence vs. nonviolence. It is a question of the interests of the people vs. the inter-

government, a government which exists to serve the needs of capitalism, is not the place to start.

Toni Taverone

Ladies and Gentlemen:

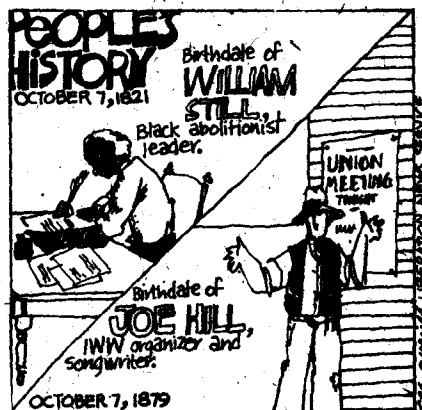
May I give a few words in addition to the articles on p. 12 and 13 of the current Peace Newsletter [Sept.]?

First neither pro or con mentioned a most salient fact that seems to me the most important of all, namely all countries that had any degree of civilization at all in the world's history have been bled to death by their own military organization. There are no exceptions. What is more, the Pentagon have started in on this country.

Prussia was the last great country that went by the board. The Hyksos might have been the first, who knows? Most people do not know the Hyksos ruled Egypt for 511 years. Where are they now? Assyria also ruled the middle east. Where is Assyria? Babylonia is another, Persia still another, Macedonia still another, Rome another and so on and on. Where are they now?

That should be sufficient proof that a great military defends no one except the generals and rulers and fails to even save them after a time. It is the most senseless of all our organizations for the simple reason that it produces absolutely nothing but destruction. No country can exist without production.

So our great military is eventually the thing that destroys us not defends us at all.



## LETTERS-TO-THE-EDITOR

We will agree that a big strong man can beat up a weak old man on a dark night when nobody is around and take all his money away from him, but if the big strong man keeps up that system, he is bound to come to grief. It is just a matter of time. After the demise of the Roman Empire most people carried swords for the purpose of running a stranger through, before he ran you through. Now we extend the hand to show we have no sword.

A National Peace Academy is a sure way to find out how to get rid of the swords, and sooner we start one the better.

John U. Morris

## At Stake: School Integration

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to remind the voting age people of the city of Syracuse of the importance of registering to vote so that they will be eligible to vote in the Nov. 8 general election. It is not only essential that you go to the polls and vote, it is also essential that you choose the candidates carefully.

There is no end to the extremes that some people will go to champion their own cause. They often resort to cloaking themselves in the armor of angels and go around echoing sounds of "free choice" for all. The irony is that these same people more often than not, are the ones that continually succeed in depriving some people of "equal treatment", by demanding privileges that will complement their own self-interest. I suggest that the truly sincere and conscientious people of this city be cautious.

As a candidate for the Board of Education, I would like to point out also, that school integration is an essential ingredient of a "quality education". Since Syracuse has segregated housing patterns which resulted in racially identifiable schools, in order to racially balance all of the schools in Syracuse sacrifices are necessary.

Be wary of those who now shout indignantly and parade like town criers now that the possibility of any sacrifice on their part has been eliminated

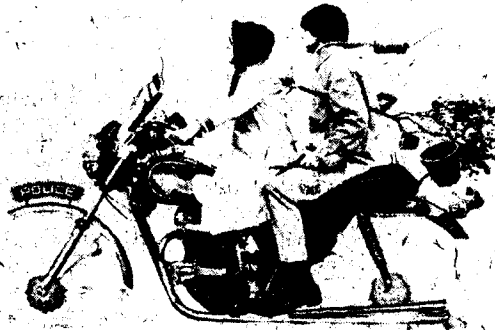
Marjorie R. White  
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# "IT IS A JOY!" Harold and Maude

—Judith Crist, New York Magazine

## Ruth Gordon Bud Cort

Unique, hilarious, eccentric, a refreshing - and challenging - film. It is basically a story of the romance between a youth preoccupied with death, and an 80 year old, precocious woman. Directed by Hal Ashby and written by Colin Higgins, Harold and Maude (1971) satirizes motherhood, our society's attitudes towards older people, the military and psychiatry, among others. You owe it to yourself to see it.



They met at the funeral of a perfect stranger. From then on, things got perfectly stranger and stranger.

## Plus the short: Nuclear Reaction in Why! (W. Germany)

On February 23, 1975, about 26,000 people occupied the nuclear power plant construction site at Why!, West Germany. Why! is located on the southern Rhine River. This dramatic action resulted in the plant being cancelled in the spring of 1977 and contributed to a West German moratorium on construction of nuclear plants. This color film (made with an 8mm "home" movie camera) makes clear that massive resistance to nuclear power can be successful. This short will be shown first.

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## NWS Films

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## Atomic Energy at Seabrook:

# The Last Resort

On August 1, 1976, 18 women & men were arrested for occupying the site of a planned nuclear power plant in Seabrook, NH. On April 30, 1977, more than 2,000 people took possession of the same site in a non-violent attempt to halt construction. Their actions captured national headlines and the imagination of anti-nuke people across the country. "The Last Resort" is a powerful color documentary about the battle of Seabrook.

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MORE NUCLEAR  
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This Danish film, seemingly a science fiction thriller, brings us past the barbed wire fences and secrecy surrounding the "peaceful" atom and face to face with one of the world's most crucial decisions. It eerily tracks the nuclear fuel cycle from power station to re-processing plant to waste storage. (Shown first.)



### Friday Oct. 21 7 & 9

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BRUCE BEYER



Refused the draft and took sanctuary in a local church. After an FBI agent hit him with a chain, Bruce defended himself. Sentenced to three years for "assault," he is still in exile in Canada.

SUSAN SCHNALL



A former Navy nurse who dropped antiwar leaflets on U.S. military installations, then wore her Navy uniform while speaking out against the war. Sentenced to hard labor, fine and a "bad paper" discharge.

MARTY DIXON



A leader and organizer of black servicemen resisting the pervasive racism of the U.S. military in South Korea, Marty was falsely charged with leading a riot and sentenced to prison, fined and given a Dishonorable discharge.

JACK COLHOUN



A former officer and antiwar deserter. He got an Undesirable discharge under Carter's "pardon," but the military won't upgrade the discharge, despite Jack's nine years of documented antiwar commitment.

Of the veterans with less-than-honorable discharges above, only Jack Colhoun is eligible for Carter's "amnesty for vets," the Special Discharge Review Program. And Jack was denied upgrading as an antiwar deserter. But even for those vets whose discharges are upgraded in this program, Congress seems intent on denying them any VA benefits, further compounding their problems of poverty and lack of opportunity.

**WE SAY:**

- An unjust war should be resisted! Racism must always be challenged!
- End the discharge system. Take away the military's branding iron. Establish a Single Type discharge!
- NO MORE "VIETNAMS"!

**THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SAYS:**

- Continue to punish war resisters and GI's who fight back against military racism.
- Leave the discharge system alone! We need the power to ruin people's lives to keep order. And we're serving Big Business, top-grading potential workers so they know who not to hire.
- We've got new "Vietnams" just around the corner...

# United Amnesty Action Week Oct. 1-9, 1977

## DO WHAT YOU CAN BUT DO SOMETHING!

**THINGS A FEW CAN DO**

- Picket, vigil, rally, at Veterans Administration office, armed forces recruiting center, or, if you know of a local company which discriminates against hiring veterans with "bad papers," demonstrate there.
- Organize a meeting where vets can testify about the reasons for their bad discharges.
- Take out paid ads in local papers—get community leaders to endorse.
- Join forces with counter-recruitment activists. "Amnesty for the Future and for the Past."
- Find people or groups in your area who see unemployment as a major concern; get together on leafletting or demonstrating about unemployment as a result of less-than-Honorable discharges, planned unemployment, the "volunteer army" as a "poverty draft."
- Find out about incarcerated vets in your area. Up to one-third of the current prison population is Vietnam war-era vets, with a high percentage of less-than-honorably discharged vets, reflecting employment discrimination and "survival crimes." Publicize these cases, pointing out the relationship between the war, class and race discrimination in America, and the need for an end to the current discharge system. When possible, organize to demand freedom for these vets as well as Honorable Discharges for all vets.
- Get local candidates to make public statements in support of total amnesty.

UNIVERSAL  
UNCONDITIONAL

AMNESTY

For more information on the Bruce Beyer campaign see the next page, p. 7. Bruce is from Buffalo; he'll be returning to the U.S. very soon, probably during Amnesty Week. He will be risking arrest in doing so and will need our support.

**THINGS EVEN ONE OR TWO CAN DO**

- Go to where people are: street corner, shopping center, park, etc.; and hand out leaflets, get names on petitions, set up a card table with 3x5 cards ready to be used as postcards to send to President Carter.
- Write letters-to-the-editor, to all kinds of papers: dailies, weeklies, college and high school, church, union, etc.
- Ask ministers and rabbis to talk about amnesty during the week; this should be particularly possible with United Presbyterian Church and Unitarian-Universalist Associations, because both national bodies have recently reaffirmed their commitment to amnesty. Also, because of the blatant discrimination involved, black churches can be key places to engage in the struggle. Ministers usually get together once a month. Ask if you can address one of those meetings in order to talk about the issues and to get them involved in United Amnesty Action Week.
- Try to get media coverage: do radio and TV talk shows; provide local reporters with material for an article, including interviews if possible; the involvement of veterans is particularly valuable here.
- See about getting invitations for a vet, civilian resister and/or amnesty activist to speak at PTA, union, tenants association, etc. meetings.

### Bruce Beyer Campaign

More than 7 years ago, acting in principled opposition to the unconstitutional war in S.E. Asia and the Selective Service System, Bruce Beyer received sanctuary in the Buffalo Unitarian-Universalist Church. After 12 days in the church, Federal Marshalls, FBI agents, and local police stormed the church. When Bruce was struck on the head with a metal chain, a fight broke out. The outcome: Bruce was convicted of assault of a federal officer. He received the maximum sentence: 3 years in prison.

Bruce left the U.S. in 1970 and joined thousands of other Americans in exile. He is still in exile.

Bruce said "NO" to a war of aggression being waged against the people of S.E. Asia. He said "NO" to a system of classification that allowed deferments to middle and upper class white youth while forcing white working class, blacks and other minority youth into the army to fight the war.

Bruce contrasts his present situation with that of Nixon and Kissinger. "They waged a war that killed one and one-half million people and they're rich and free. I'm facing 3 years in prison because I was beat up by the FBI."

Each of us can help Bruce by sending a letter to: Judge John C. Curtin (to the address below) asking that he review Bruce's case and withdraw the prison sentence. Also contributions are very much needed for legal expenses. Send to:

BB Defense Comm. 117 W. Main St. Avon, NY 14414.

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# NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTER: MANY QUESTIONS, FEW ANSWERS

by **BOB RUSSELL**

The Neighborhood Health Center on South Salina Street has served Syracuse people for ten years, most recently upwards of 28,000 persons a year. It is a comprehensive health care facility offering services to meet a wide range of health needs: from pediatrics to nutrition; from OB-GYN care to dentistry. And yet, what has made SNHC unique in Syracuse, in comparison to other facilities, might be the intangibles. There is a sense of community there; a commitment to quality service for the poor, and a recognition of health care as a right and not a privilege.

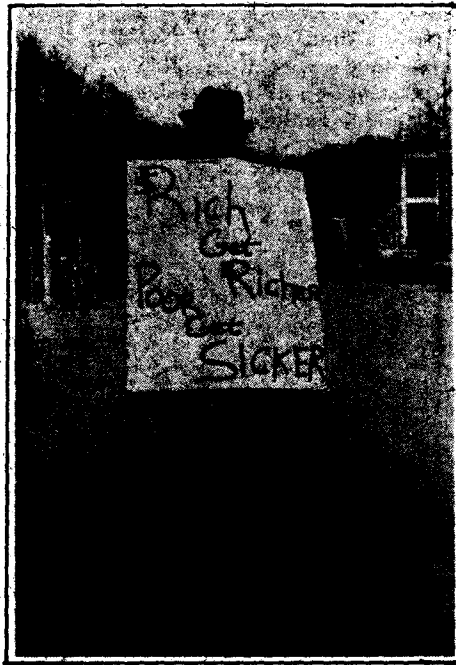
This is not to say that the Center has not had problems in the past (mainly financial and resulting cutbacks in service), but as one professional at SNHC observed: "The Health Center was an experiment working towards socialized medicine that has worked!" However, for all this, the SNHC closed its doors September 16th. When (or if) they reopen is in question at this time.

Much publicity has been made in the local media of recent problems at the Health Center: a large financial deficit and charges of "bad-faith" negotiations between employees and the administration. There have been complaints of callousness and inefficiency.

There have been some outcries from SNHC consumers about the injustice of closing a community health center without adequate alternatives. County legislator Tim Rice, and others, have made last minute attempts to keep SNHC open through negotiations. Somehow, however, the outcries have been too few ("the poor are use to being let down", one staff member said), and the attempts to arbitrate too late. And so, while there are ongoing community efforts to reopen a theatre downtown and to build a stadium for Syracuse University to play football in each Fall, Syracuse seems quite ready to allow one-tenth of its population to go without primary health care.

## COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Funding for SNHC comes from a combination of Federal, State and local monies, as well as fees for services. Over a year ago HEW made a ruling that a health center receiver of Federal funds must be incorporated with a board consisting of at least 51% consumers. This meant the the Research Foundation (connected with the State University) could no longer receive and administer funding for SNHC as it had up until the present. In principle, the ruling is a progressive one--- health care consumers would now have greater control of programming and services provided.



At the end of their fiscal year, September 30th, the Research Foundation will cease to be a controlling body for SNHC and a new board would take over. The Administration and the Advisory Council have chosen a 25 member board which meets HEW guidelines. It has been questioned, however, as to whether the new board is really representative of Health Center clients. At any rate services have been cut for a minimum of three months.

## UNION

Pat Vitacolonna, who is head pharmacist and a negotiator for one of the unions representing workers at the Center, says that employees have done all that they could to keep the Center open. Contracts with the Civil Service Employees Association and the Professional Employees Association end Sept. 30. The unions attempted to negotiate new agreements. When neither the Research Foundation nor the proposed board would negotiate (both claim that they cannot) the unions then agreed to even do away with bargaining if the board would (1) accept the unions as sole bargaining agents and (2) agree to at least the existing contract agreement levels. The new board would not comment on the contracts (most admitted they had not even read them). As Pat Vitacolonna commented: "We wanted to know what their plan was. Will there be layoffs? Workers have a right to know!"

Pat Vitacolonna speaks about the commitment to quality care at SNHC by most staff, and of the deep concern for the clients served there. He points out that closing the Center because of a money deficit is a poor reason. In just two months recently the deficit was cut in half (it is now around \$80,000). If the budget needs balancing then closing the Center is not the way. Re-evaluating other non-medical expenses could be. Of the 2.8 million dollar budget of SNHC a quarter is spent on non-health-care related expenses. For example, the Health Center pays \$4,000/year to lease a compact car; rents the building used for \$132,000/year and paid the Research Foundation \$40,000 a year for its services.

Pressure has been put on employees at SNHC to increase productivity- a scary term at best when referring to human services. The Health Center has always been committed to serving people who "have no place in the established medical system" of Syracuse, Pat points out. To put a dollar value on that service is ludicrous.

## NEW BOARD

Henry Jackson, representative of the proposed board of SNHC, has a vastly different opinion of the problems than does Pat Vitacolonna. As an advisory council member he says they had no power and could not negotiate with the unions until they became the controlling body. The new board has applied for incorporation and "Article 28" approval to operate SNHC. He claims the Health Center could not continue because the unions refused to extend their services for the three month interim period. The new board represents the community, says Jackson, and met with workers in "good-faith". For him the \$80,000 deficit is a crucial problem and made the closing necessary.



## DISPENSARY

Both Pat Vitacolonna and Henry Jackson agree on one point however: they both see Dr. William Harris' (county commissioner of health) proposal to reopen the Syracuse Dispensary as "incredible and disturbing". (see Herald-Journal 9/19/77) The Dispensary was closed in 1964, but had operated for over 75 years as "primary health care facility for the poor and near poor". Harris claims the Dispensary could provide the services offered by SNHC on less than \$5,000 annually. Jackson says he remembers the old Dispensary and called it dehumanizing---"You would see people standing around on Fayette St. just waiting until someone helped them. If no one could-- they had to come back the next day."

No one seems to disagree with Dr. Harris' observation that there are thousands of people now without primary health care, but solutions differ widely. The consequences of that decision will be critical for thousands in Syracuse.

The central issue seems to be how medical services are seen: as a right of everyone or as a privilege. Closing SNHC will only create "medicaid mills" says Pat Vitacolonna, that will cost more and deliver less. The marginally poor without medicaid, and those who are unable to untangle the medical establishment will suffer most from SNHC closing.

The conflict has been presented as one between the workers' rights (decent wages and job security) and the rights of low income consumers (quality, low cost health care). It has been claimed that this conflict closed the Center.

And yet, the problems at SNHC have existed for years. The consumers of the Health Center services have a right to ask why those services have to be cut now. Isn't it really a matter of choices. Could Syracuse honestly want a football stadium more than taking care of the health care needs of its people?

Bob Russell and his family have been consumers at SNHC the past five and one-half years, and are now trying very hard to stay healthy.

## Steering Committee

by John Brule'

The September Steering Committee Meeting was held on the 13th, at the Grass Roots Collective. Fifteen of the members were present, and it was convened by Dik Cool. Final arrangements were made for the Annual Picnic, which was held September 18 at Helen Anderson's house.

The protest of H. Kissinger's visit to Syracuse was discussed. It was felt that adequate publicity was given to the Peace Council's activities, and the protest was effective. It was remarked that the police in particular seemed quite supportive of our activities -- probably because they could identify more closely with us than the expensively bedecked participants in the dinner affair.

The State Fair Booth's effectiveness was discussed at some length. While generally good feelings existed about it, nevertheless some further improvement is possible. In particular, more SPC presence is required.



The finance mailing was very successful to date, and although final figures are not in, it is expected that it will be one of the most productive. The feeling was that this was undoubtedly due, at least in part to the efforts of the SPC's poet in residence, Sally Brule'.

People were asked to contact Seven Advertisers, expressing their views regarding the decision to cease printing the Peace Newsletter, because the Peace Newsletter carries information on Gay Rights activities.

More efforts will be put on promotion and distribution of the publication COMMUNITY, along with

more advertising. "Plowshare" activities have begun, and a host of members volunteered to work on it.

The Steering Committee Meeting was then evaluated by the participants, and it was again felt that more realistic time should be allocated to the agenda items. However, the overwhelming consensus was that it was a relaxed, enjoyable meeting at which much was accomplished. Several people who had expressed feelings of fatigue prior to the start of the meeting, finished the meeting with renewed energy.

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# 765 — 4, 3, 2, 1, The Struggle for Freedom Has Just Begun

by CLYDE MORSE

"PSC Staff Finds 765 Line Health Hazard"  
 ... "Three More Persons Arrested In Edwards  
 765kV Action" ... "Carey, Krupsak Clash In  
 Statements On Line" ... "Towers For kV Line  
 Are Sawned By Vandals" ... "Carey's Push For  
 kV Line Said To Upset PSC Head" ...

These are the daily headlines as telephones and messages buzz across the North Country trying to keep some semblance of order and communication in a movement where push is quickly coming to shove. The Power Authority of the State of New York (PASNY) is leading the offense against the people; Niagara Mohawk, RG&E and other utilities are close behind with their bulldozers and erector sets. With towers from Italy, transformers from England, cable from Sweden, foundation pilings from South Africa and electricity from flooded Cree and Inuit Indian lands near James Bay, it's obvious that this project is developed for the interest of the international "jet set", not the interest of the people. Only active concerned citizen action will stop them. If we are to protect Central and Upstate New York from Centralized Generation Facilities (including nuclear), radioactive waste storage sites and ensuing tax and utility rate hikes, we must prepare ourselves for a massive citizen alliance and more quickly. The utilities are on the move.

On August 30, the staff of the Public Service Commission (PSC) concluded that "the 765 kV transmission line will probably cause biological effects in humans exposed to them on a chronic basis."

On September 12, Janet Gotham, a farmer, Alice Norman, a 765 organizer and mother, and Allen Casline, editor of Rootdrinker, a North Country publication, were arrested for protecting Janet's corn crop. That confrontation held PASNY off for a week, exposed

Clyde works for the Peoples Power Coalition in the North Country and is an active member of Upstate People for Safe Energy Technology (UPSET) Inc. He is a small farmer in St. Lawrence County and can be contacted by writing UPSET or calling 315/355-2016 in the A.M.

PASNY's unwillingness to negotiate meaningfully and strengthened the bond amongst all who are opposing PASNY.

On September 16, Lt. Gov. Mary Anne Krupsak called for a suspension of construction saying, "I find credible and do believe that there are many questions of Health and Safety still unanswered at this late date. We are talking about exposing not only residents of Northern New York living in close proximity to the line to these hazards, but people all across the state ... to Marcy and on to the densely populated mid-Hudson area as the line makes its way Southward."



The dots at the base of this as yet un-cabeled tower in Holland Patent are cows & people. (Photo: Lisa Johns)

Specifically, one effect verified in limited research to date reveals that magnetic fields from the lines could cause an increase in serum triglycerides. Triglycerides are involved in fat metabolism and elevations beyond the normal are generally believed to indicate an increased risk of arterio-sclerotic disease.

I'd like to see government agencies such as PASNY stop spending money on lawyers to fight the average citizen and start investing in doctors and research to protect the public." Right on Mary Anne!

On Thursday September 22, three days after PASNY destroyed the first Edwards area citizens' corn field, came as one newsman called it the "opening battle in a guerilla warfare campaign." Three sets of towers on the existing Taylorville line were cut and notched and marked with the words "stop work on 765" and stamped in the mud "I will be back."

And then on September 22 came the headlines off of both U.P.I. and A.P., "Carey's Push for kV Line Said to Upset PSC Head" along with the announcement that Commissioner Berlin would be resigning over disputes with Carey over the 765, atomic generation siting, and utility rates.

Editorials in three different North Country papers have praised the anti-line workers recently. County legislators are understanding that it's boiling down to a question of local democratic control. Rate payers are understanding it's a question of local question of municipal utilities vs. monopoly utilities. PASNY is not a municipal and people are really beginning to understand.

The letter on the opposite page was written by the "Paul Reveres" of the fight, the Ft. Covington and Bombay Farmers. It was written a while ago, but its message is both clear and heart-rending.

The Ft. Covington people won a suit against PASNY. They were given an injunction against construction only to have it automatically stayed when PASNY appealed. Such are the powers of PASNY. Over a year of legal work only to have it stayed by the strike of a pen. We must control PASNY and soon. They already have miles of illegal and potentially lethal towers up.



January 1977

Dear North Country Friends,

In 1973 the State Power Authority bought some steel to put up a 765,000 volt power line, before they asked the permission of the Public Service Commission to put it up. The hearings were held elsewhere and we were never notified of them.

In 1974 they sent us a letter saying there might be a power line coming through, but the route was only proposed. They gave no details.

In 1975 they said they were going to survey proposed routes and one of the routes happened to go through our farms. Still no explanation of what was coming.

In 1976 they said, sure enough, the line was going to come right over our farms and an easement was to be acquired by the Power Authority. Their land agent set the tone for the Power Authority's dealing by telling us we might as well sign, that the line was coming through whether we wanted it or not. He told us not to get a lawyer because they had the best lawyers and they never lost...

...Now it was November and the Power Authority got around the problem of wet fields by dumping their trucks where they mired, smoothed the gravel out and made a gravel road through Barse's meadow. In the summer their agent had said they would use log corduroy roads that could be picked back up, but the first log hasn't been laid yet.

The Power Authority had said to Blacks that they would only have to top trees, but they found it necessary to top them to the ground in Black's apple orchard, in December. We had been told by our elected representatives not to contact the representatives again; the Power Authority had been given immunity from the law when they were created; and the courts would not hear our case. We could have said "New York State wants it so. Who are we to fight such odds?" But three farm women, all mothers, and an American Indian

from the Traditional Mohawks, measured themselves and found they were responsible to the Lord's direction to protect and conserve the land and the people on it. They were strong enough to stand as free Americans against the Power Authority. Judge Soden gave them a choice of paying a \$250 fine or five days in the Franklin County Jail for protecting their land. That's not a good choice for an action the American Founding Fathers would have regarded as the minimum requirement. They took the jail term rather than to admit any guilt by paying the fine, and spent the week before Christmas in jail. They found the courts supported the State Power Authority, that their elected officials supported the State Power Authority, but that the Lord and their neighbors supported them in their struggle with the above-the-law Power Authority.

The Power Authority came to cut a 95-year old elm tree on the Barse's farm and were stopped by the Barse family and their neighbors and friends, not because one tree is that important, but because there was no need for a tree to die so a line could be built to carry power from the nuclear plants scheduled for the St. Lawrence Valley...

...The Power Authority became excessive in their arrogance when they saw a 59 year old grandmother, and landowner of the Barse farm, in their way and had her put in the Franklin County jail as though she were a serf of the state instead of a freewoman. In the following week, 14 of her friends and relatives were to receive much the same treatment, some worse, some not so bad...

...Maybe the State Power Authority will get their line and the nuclear plants may be built -- then again, maybe they won't. But a group of North Country people have seen that each generation must win its own freedom, and they have taken the first proud steps to hold that freedom and to protect their land.

The Ft. Covington & Bombay Farmers

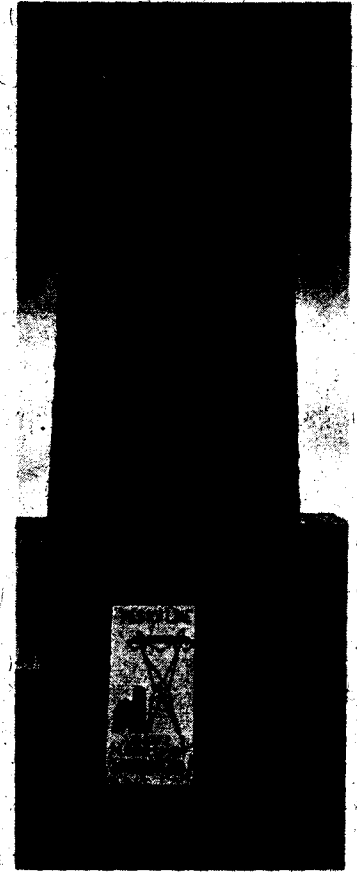


Photo by Mimà Cataldo

People passing the Barse farm in Ft. Covington don't need to ask how the Barse family feels about the 765 kV power-line.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. Write letters of support to Lt. Gov. Mary Anne Krupsak, Albany, N.Y., 12224; I'm sure she'll need your support.
2. Write letters to your state legislators, ask them to:
  - A. Join Mary Anne in asking for a halt of construction.
  - B. Support legislation in the October session to make PASNY show need to the PSC for its transmission lines and to override the Gov's veto!
3. Letters to the editors of all your newspapers as often as you can.
4. Write to the Peace Council or UPSET (P.O. Box 571, Canton, N.Y. 13617) for petitions and information to distribute.
5. Check to see how close 765's and 345's are planned to come to your living area.
6. There is a continuous need for musicians and benefits. If you and/or a friend are willing please contact SPC or UPSET.
7. Come to the Peoples Energy Assembly at the Solvay Hotel in Saugerties on November 5-6-7. Contact the Peoples Power Coalition for details (260 Lark St., Albany, N.Y. 12210.)

# THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL IS COSTING YOU MORE

by JOHN BRULÉ

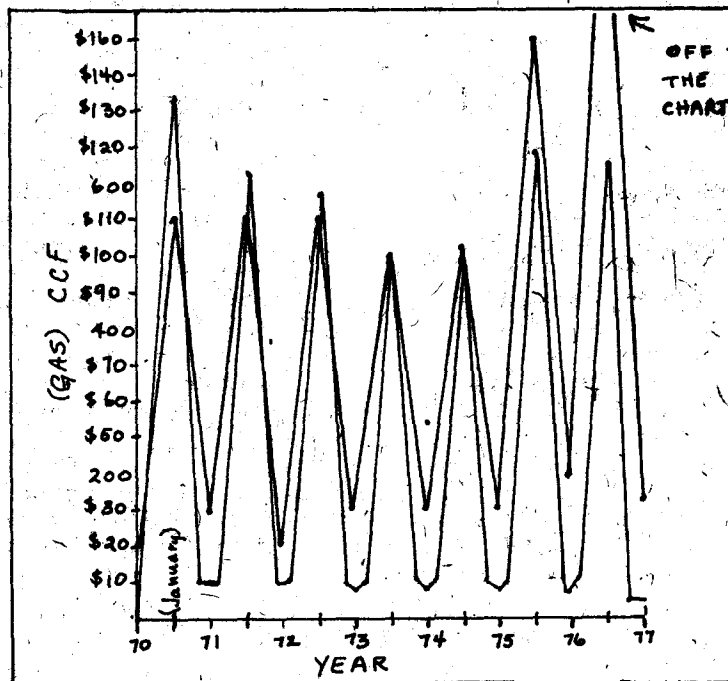
This note will present the story of one family in its attempt to reduce home energy consumption, and how success apparently will result in higher rates. One of the reasons given by Niagara Mohawk in attempting to justify their request for a rate increase was the fact that there had been a reduction in natural gas sales during the past winter. So, Niagara Mohawk was stuck with all their fixed expenses, and less sales to pay for them. Now, NiMo could hardly proceed to reduce fixed expenses, because they are seeking permission to construct even more capacity. So, their only solution is to get the PSC to grant them another rate increase. Thus, the PSC sets up its machinery for justifying the increases--this machinery is commonly known as the Public Hearing.

For the past seven years we have been keeping a record of our fuel consumption month-by-month, along with our monthly fuel bill. Notice how the peak consumption went down year by year. However, note also that Niagara Mohawk was keeping its rate increases going up year by year, so that our fuel costs didn't decrease significantly. The winters of 1975-76 and 1976-77 have been serious concerns of ours, and you can see how the cost of fuel has just blasted off the chart. We never dreamed that our monthly bill would exceed \$155, but last winter saw us hit the \$200 mark. So what to do? Naively we assumed that we should take even more drastic and significant conservation steps. In February we insulated, and immediately felt better for it. Then, as we

John D. Brulé is Sally Brulé's husband.

realized that costs were still skyrocketing, we made arrangements to buy a wood stove. We closed off our fireplace with a metal plate, and put our stove on the hearth. So, here we have put a couple thousand dollars into conservation measures, and Ni Mo says--"Hey folks, we're going to raise your rates, because you're not using enough energy." HALT! This ridiculous charade has gone far enough, somehow must be found to create a revolution in the thinking of NiMo types and PSC types so that they can think in terms of REDUCING RATES to reward REDUCED CONSUMPTION, not the other way around. People are sensible and can see the need for conservation, but lets not have the current nonsense be treated as wisdom.

So what can a body do? We are going to continue with our efforts to reduce energy consumption, probably because it almost has the taint of being unAmerican, like it was to try to act against the war in VietNam. Every chance we get we are going to try to get into meaningful contact with these forces that are trying to coerce us into using more energy, and try to get them to think in terms of planning for reduced energy consumption. We are going to continually seek new and different ways to use the sun's energy, with as little processing of it by big business as possible. There are ways, and they are now expensive ways, but it is an exciting challenge, and one that is long overdue in this country.



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# REPORT ON SECOND ANNUAL MICHIGAN WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

by LAURA WILANSKY

5,000 women and children came together in the wilds of Michigan August 25-28 for the Second Annual Michigan Women's Music Festival. I arrived early in the week, before most people. When I got there, women were building the stage, and lighting and sound towers. I felt great pride seeing women climbing the scaffolding, sawing and hammering, setting up the sound system -- sometimes capable and sometimes awkward doing these things we're not supposed to be able to do.

From the start of the festival there was a community based on sharing responsibilities, feelings, resources, and music, a community which grew as the festival grew. This community was the safest, freest place I've ever been, and my head filled with thoughts like, "this is the way people should and could live (and maybe used to) -- trusting and helping each other." This sense of community didn't mean there were no conflicts or differences -- there was support for Ginni Clemmens' non-separatist politics, as well as for Alix Dobkin's separatist politics.

The performers were wonderful -- some familiar, many new to me. My favorites were Alive and Michele Rosewoman, respectively, a jazz trio and pianist from San Francisco, who were among the few performers with a strong emphasis on instrumental music; Ginni, her songs full of gentle humor, self-revelation and a great love for people; and Teresa Trull and Mary Watkins

Laura Wilansky is a flute player and a member of No Sense of Humor.



-- Teresa's voice and presence are very beautiful; Mary is a fine pianist and composer. Syracuse was represented by Susie Gaynes, who played with Kay Gardner; Janice D'Amico, playing with Therese Edell; and myself, with Kay, and Maxine Feldman.

The festival was a gathering for more than musicians. Groups distributed literature, and the Lesbian Defense Fund raised \$2,500, enough to pay all outstanding debts in a recently won custody case. Women sold T-shirts, posters, books, buttons, jewelry, stationery. There was a video company, and lots of photographers. Jan Oxenberg was there, showing her movies, shooting film, and hanging out, as did many of the performers. There were dancers, women who gave haircuts and massages, and one woman who painted beautiful designs on faces.

The weather influenced the festival in many ways. The sun's

warmth gave us the opportunity to take off our cloths, and people dressed as they pleased, some wearing only jewelry, some in shirts or pants or dresses. The evening cold brought strangers together, as women stopped at campfires on the way to their tents. The last days of the festival there was a lot of rain, which aggravated some problems with the sound system (Glenn Campbell took the system ordered by the festival and the replacement system inadequate and didn't arrive in good working order.) The sound engineers and crew worked day and night to fix the system, and the support and patience of the audience and performers (who had to deal with waiting, interrupted sets, and a lot of rescheduling) was strong and evident. The first night the sound system was shut down, women got together in small groups to make music. One large circle of congas, percussion, flutes, trombone, trumpet, dancers and singers went on for hours and hours under the full moon. The last night of the festival, after some 12 hours of performances that day, many women stood in the rain to watch the final sets.

It was hard to come home from the festival. (One thing that helped was having Women Harvest to look forward to.) Everyone who went to Michigan has her own stories to tell -- what I've written comes from my own experience there. I feel lucky to have been a part of this time of joy and heightened consciousness, and to see the strength of women working together.

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## The Neutron Bomb: A Tribute to Technological Man

As this PNL goes to press, the House of Representatives vote on an amendment to delete all funds for the neutron bomb is imminent. The amendment was offered by Rep. Ted Weiss (D-NY) to the ERDA National Security Authorization Bill (HR6566). Appallingly, no one expects the Weiss Amendment to pass. Rather, they expect this weapon, designed to kill people with intense lethal radiation while leaving property intact, to move closer to deployment.

The development of the neutron bomb, begun in the '50's, has been shrouded in secrecy. Congress discovered it last spring attached to a public works bill in the budget of the Energy Research & Development Administration (ERDA), the governmental body charged with promoting nuclear energy. (For years, we've been pointing out the "oneness" of nuclear weaponry and nuclear reactors -- that the development of each has been a smokescreen for the other. We're right.)

While much has been written and

spoken pro and con the neutron bomb, the debate has almost invariably taken place in a moral vacuum. The arguments are restricted to the bomb's military and strategic worth. (For example, is the Pentagon's logic -- the neutron bomb won't have to be used because it's so tempting to use QED -- valid or absurd?) No one outside the antiwar movement is decrying the fact that the neutron bomb is another tool of genocide. The American people were sickened when they learned that their government was using weapons like the "pineapple" bomblet -- designed to penetrate only flesh -- against the Indochinese. Did we fully realize that genocide is US government policy?

And the neutron bomb's military importance is debated strictly in terms of its deployment by NATO in central Europe. No one is talking about its other obvious use. After all, when do you want to kill the enemy without destroying its highways, bridges, materiel? When the highways, bridges, etc. are yours, or a friendly government's, when

the enemy has no military infrastructure worth destroying. That is, the neutron bomb is the very latest in counter-insurgency weapons. Its strategic value in the cold war arms race may be debatable; its value in putting down people's liberation struggles is clear.



It seems that our government's heads, if left to their own, will continue with the development of this unconscionable weapon. What's needed to stop it is a groundswell of popular outrage, translated into public direct action. We need to make them hear us -- no more genocide in our name.

---Chris Murray

## CONGRESS VOTES TO FUND BREEDER REACTOR

by JOHN MADDAUS

On Wednesday, Sept. 21, the New York Times ran a front page story quoting nuclear industry sources on the decline in nuclear reactor sales in the U.S. -- good news for those of us against nuclear power, but that's not the way the Times was reporting it.

Buried inside the same edition of the Times, on page 50, was the real news of the day on nuclear power. The nuclear industry and its allies had just succeeded in pushing another government subsidy through the House of Representatives. By a vote of 162 to 246, the House rejected an amendment to the ERDA authorization bill which would have terminated the Clinch River (Tenn.) breeder reactor project. The amendment had been supported by Pres. Carter.

The House then rejected a Senate compromise of \$75 million for the Clinch River breeder, and adopted the Ford Administration's original \$150 million allocation for FY 1978.

John Maddaus is an active member of the SPC Nuclear Power Committee.

### Central NY Representatives

"yes" (anti-breeder): Hanley, McHugh & Mitchell

"no" (pro-breeder): Walsh, McEwen

The ultimate pricetag is now estimated at \$2.2 billion. The House and Senate versions now go to conference committee, with the compromise figure facing the possibility of a Carter veto.

What's at stake is more than just another bail-out of the nuclear industry, important as that might be. What's at stake is the massive production of plutonium -- 2000 to 4000 pounds per year from a single breeder reactor. 10 to 20 pounds of plutonium is enough to make an atomic bomb. Thus, one immediate result of the "plutonium economy" is the erosion of our civil liberties, as 'security measures' are taken to prevent 'terrorists' from making bombs (unless, of course, they work for the Pentagon).

Miniscule amounts of plutonium can be lethal, and no reliable waste storage system has yet been developed

which could prevent its spread into our environment. Plutonium has an extremely long half-life of 24,000 years, and will be dangerous for over 250,000 years -- compare this to the time since the beginning of 'civilization' -- is producing plutonium being 'civilized'?

### THINGS TO DO

- (1) Write President Carter urging him to veto the ERDA authorization bill until funds for the Clinch River breeder are deleted -- more details available from SPC (472-5478).
- (2) Write your Representative regarding his vote (see above). This is but one in a series of annual votes on the Clinch River breeder and other related nuclear/energy projects.
- (3) Pick up copies of a leaflet against the Clinch River breeder from the SPC office and give them to your friends -- urge them to write too.
- (4) Call SPC about a speaker on nuclear power for your school, college, church or other organization.
- (5) Join the SPC Nuclear Power Committee -- the next meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 12 @ 7:30 pm at 1115 East Genesee St. (between Univ. & Walnut).

# Panama Canal: Old Lessons For The U.S.

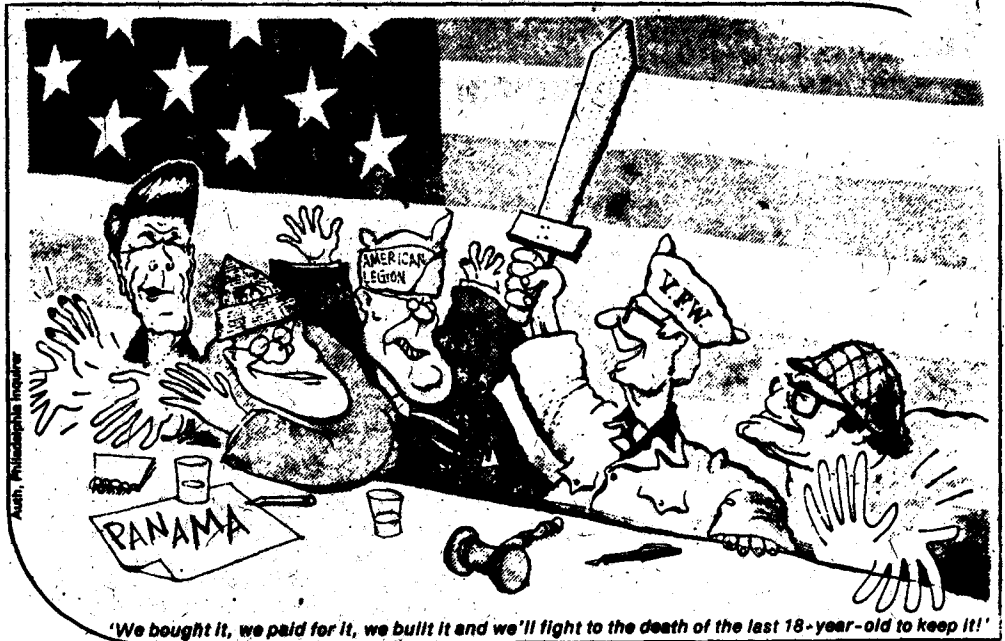
by Bill Grant

When, in 1903, the US and Colombian governments could not agree on terms under which the US would build and operate a canal through the isthmus of Panama, President Teddy Roosevelt vowed to teach those "jack rabbits" a lesson. With Roosevelt's blessing, French entrepreneur Philippe Bunau-Varilla instigated and financed a rebellion against Colombian authority in Panama.

The US marines landed to prevent Colombian troops from arriving in the isthmus, and Panama became an "independent" nation. Before a delegation enroute from Panama could arrive in Washington, Bunau-Varilla, acting in the name of Panama, signed the treaty giving the US the rights to build and operate a canal. That treaty, never signed by a Panamanian, is (with some modifications made in 1936 and 1955) the treaty in force today.

The twenty mile wide Panama Canal Zone, administered by the US Department of Defense, bisects the Panamanian nation. Its existence has long been an affront to Panamanian nationalism. In 1964, the latent hostility erupted into political violence as Panamanian students forced their way into the Zone to raise the Panamanian flag. The riots, in which several people lost their lives and scores were injured, prompted US-Panamanian negotiations to produce a new, more equitable treaty. After thirteen years of sporadic negotiations, two new treaties have been signed and are pending ratification by plebiscite in Panama and by the Senate in the US. Ratification by Panama appears assured, but in the US, the Right is determined to defeat the treaties, using them as a focal point for mobilizing conservative resurgence. At this writing, ratification by the Senate is problematic.

SPC member Bill Grant is a long-time student of Latin American affairs.



The provisions of the new treaties are quite generous to the US. Though about 65% of the Zone will revert to Panamanian control immediately, the US will retain control over the Canal until the year 2000. Over the intervening 23 years, Panama's role in operating the canal will increase, but the US military presence in the Zone will continue. After 2000, the neutrality of the Canal is jointly guaranteed by the US and Panama, but US officials are already interpreting this to mean the US will have the right to intervene unilaterally if it so decides.

Opposition to the treaties in the US is organizing around several issues, all of which are dubious at best. Opponents claim that the Zone is sovereign US territory. The 1904 treaty gives the US rights in the Zone "as if sovereign", a phrase which heretofore has always been interpreted as indicating a lack of actual sovereignty. Moreover, the way in which the US acquired its rights in the Zone in 1904 undercut any claims based on that treaty anyway.

US conservatives are also claiming that the Zone is crucial to US defense and to US foreign trade; thus we must resist any diminution of US control over the Canal. Yet, in the past five years, only 14 US naval vessels have passed through the Canal, and 12 of these were small pa-

trol craft. The Turkish, Spanish, and Swedish navies all made more use of the Canal than the US.

The commercial importance of the Canal to the US has also been exaggerated by opponents of the new treaties. US ships constitute only about 10% of the merchant traffic through the Canal; only 8% of US trade passes through it.

If the US Senate should reject the treaties, the Canal may well be lost in any event. Panamanian officials have implied that the "road of violence" would be Panama's only option if the treaties are not accepted. With or without support by the Panamanian government, guerrilla movements would almost certainly emerge to challenge US control in the Zone. The US Joint Chiefs of Staff reported that the Zone could be defended with 100,000 US combat troops, but that the Canal itself is so vulnerable to attack that it could not be kept operational.

The treaties now pending before the Senate are by no means perfect, from anyone's point of view. As Panamanian President Omar Torrijos put it, Panama must accept the "thorn" of 23 more years of US presence in order to remove the perpetual "dagger" in the heart of the nation which the current situation constitutes. But if the American Right succeeds in blocking the treaties, the lessons of Viet Nam may have to be re-learned the hard way.

# NATIONAL GAY RIGHTS LEADER VISITS SYRACUSE

by Joel Rinne

Virginia Apuzzo, Co-Chairperson of the Gay Rights National Lobby, based in Washington, D.C., will be the featured speaker at a Rally sponsored by the Onondaga County Human Rights Coalition on Sunday, October 2, starting at 3:00 PM. The Rally will be held at Community House, 711 Comstock Ave., Syracuse.

Ms. Apuzzo, an urban sociologist teaching at Brooklyn College, is also a member of the board of the National Women's Political Caucus and was recently elected as a New York State delegate to the International Women's year conference in Houston.

Following the Rally from 5:pm to 7:pm, Ms. Apuzzo will be the guest of honor at a fundraising cocktail party at the home of Karen DeCrow, past president of the National Organization for Women.

The Onondaga County Human Rights

Coalition has been lobbying for Gay Rights legislation introduced in the County Legislature earlier this year by Timothy Rice (Dem. - 18). Rice's bill is now in limbo pending a ruling by the State Attorney General on its legality. The Onondaga County Attorney had ruled--at the urging of legislative leaders who did not want to deal with the issue before the election, that according to state law, the County does not have the jurisdiction to extend the protections of its human rights law to Gay people.

The Human Rights Coalition is made up of a number of civil liberties, feminist, liberal and Gay community groups including the Central New York Chapter of the ACLU, the Syracuse Peace Council, Liberal Party, NOW, Women's Political Caucus of Onondaga County, Lesbian Feminists of Syracuse, Gay Community Ministries, Metropolitan Community Church and the Gay Light Collective.

The Coalition is lead by an Executive Committee consisting of Karen DeCrow, Syracuse psychoanalyst Robert Seidenberg, Attorney Bonnie Strunk, and Gay activist Earl Colvin.

The defeat suffered in Dade County (Miami, Florida) last June with the repeal a local Gay rights ordinance by the voters has not had the chilling effect on the Gay rights movement many had feared. Since the beginning of Anita Bryant's anti-Gay crusade early this year, Gay rights legislation has become law on the local level in three unlikely places: Champaign, Ill.; Iowa City, Iowa; and Wichita, Kansas.

The Gay rights movement has grown dramatically in Syracuse this year, and every indication is that the trend will continue. You can help by contacting the Coalition through one of its member groups or at the address and phone listed below. With the support of enough people, we can win.

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# AFTERMATH OF AUBURN PRISON STRIKE

The men who are prisoners in Auburn State Prison went on strike from Monday August 8 through August 20, 1977. They wanted the Legislature to reconvene and pass the Governor's "Good Time" Bill, which would give prisoners with court-set minimums credit for good time earned against their minimums. The effect of this would be to make these prisoners eligible for parole consideration at an earlier date.

On Monday, 100% of the Auburn prisoners refused to perform their work assignments. Auburn's huge metal shops which produce license plates were shut down. A rally in support of the legislation was held that morning outside the main gate of the prison by community supporters.

One of Warden Henderson's reactions to this was to prohibit 2 lawyers, Joe Heath and Alan Rosenthal, from entering the prison to visit with their clients. Both lawyers were accused of helping to organize the strike because they had participated in the support rally. This is typical of the prison system's view of prisoners. Henderson could not admit that the prisoners were capable of organizing themselves. Henderson's concept is that prisoners are so sub-human that they must have been lead into this protest.

For the same reason, prisoners are



not allowed to form unions to protect themselves. The prison authorities feel that their primary task is to teach prisoners to blindly accept the rules. Any attempt to change or challenge the dehumanizing conditions in our prisons is brutally suppressed.

This exclusion of the lawyers failed to break the strike and on Saturday, August 13, twenty so-called "leaders" were isolated, thrown into solitary confinement, and transferred to other prisons. They were held in solitary for weeks and deprived of their personal property which the authorities had gone through and taken everything they pleased.

This also failed to break the strike. So each man was called out one by one and forced to sign a promise to go back to work. About 200 men still refused and were placed in solitary; their personal property was taken. Also these men lost up to 6 months of good time.

All of this was the reaction to a peaceful strike in support of a bill which the Governor had introduced.

The prison bosses have failed to learn the lessons of history and Attica, which teach that the peaceful attempts by prisoners to protest and end their oppressions should not be ignored.

## From the Inside: NYS Prisons & Your Tax Dollars

This article, written by an anonymous prisoner, begins a new PNL feature, a regular column on prisons titled 'From the Inside'. If you have questions or responses concerning NYS prisons please write the PNL.

A multi-million dollar industry dealing in people. That is the State Dept. of Correctional Services (DOCS). That money is your tax dollars. There are 2 types of transfer in prisons; voluntary and involuntary. The latter is more costly because of property claim loss. An involuntary transfer takes place whenever a Supt. feels a prisoner is a problem through physical assaults, or the prisoner has become aware of the fallacies of the system.

Involuntary transfers took place at the Auburn Prison on the evening of August 13. Within the secret confines of those stone walls a decision

was made to use transfers to bring to an end a peaceful work stoppage by prisoners. Since there were no leaders, it was concluded that 20 of the more knowledgeable would be transferred. Financially, the taxpayers paid. A special bus was rented at an approximate cost of \$490. Although the bus held 42, only 20 prisoners were placed on it.

Subsequent cost cannot be determined because every transfer seems to result in claims of lost and destroyed property. The loss is incurred in 2 ways: First, the guard packing the prisoner's property just packs what he wants to and throws the rest away; second, the property is not delivered to the receiving prison and is delivered instead to another prison. The State is liable for the loss and the subsequent payment is made with

YOUR taxdollars. The responsible guards don't care. They not only do not have to pay for the loss but most of them are on overtime.

Recently at the Green Haven Prison over 500 gallons of gas disappeared. It was reported that prisoners stole it for making fire bombs. However, the gas pump is outside the prison walls and the pump cannot operate unless a tower guard turns it on; the gas cannot be taken unnoticed. So where did this gas go? Since it didn't go into the state vehicles, did it fill up 50 cars owned by state workers who took 10 gallons each? Would they be so petty as to steal a few gallons of gas? Since they deal in human beings as a commodity they are not above any other petty thefts. Shouldn't there be a stop to this practice?



## Patience & Sarah: a book review by Lois Levitan

Patience and Sarah is a beautiful love story, made of what makes good stories of love: two closeted, unrewarded individuals discover one another and flower by their mutual nurturing.

They decide their future lies in going West and farming a place of their own. This idea can be dealt with, in fact somewhat supported by their families, until it becomes clear that the bond that unites them is one of homosexual love. Within this framework the relationship of Sarah and Patience, as well as their loving relationships with others are held to the light - explored and compared.

The backdrop is rural Connecticut in the early 1800's. Sarah is one of the older daughters of a poor farming family, raised to fill a male role in a family without boys. She is tall, strong, dresses like a man and at home is treated like one alongside her father. She thoroughly enjoys her physical, outdoor work, but her position is very odd because it is a rigid society where women's hard work is supposed to be kept indoors, around the house and covered up with dresses. Her family is so isolated that the strangeness of her self identity is less apparent to her than to the surrounding community which ostracizes her.

Patience, on the other hand, comes from a family of relative affluence. Her aspirations as an artist, a painter, are nevertheless considered both an expensive and an eccentric

diversion from hard country work. She lives along with her brother's family in a part of the house that her brother inherited from their father. Her part of the house, as well as the means to make a living for herself, were specifically designated in her father's will when he was:

"admitting to himself that I would never marry. I think he didn't want me to. He told me, during that time, that he'd never met the man he'd be willing to turn me over to, to obey and scurry for. He said he thought for sure I'd be a boy, from the way I shook my mother, and when I wasn't his heart nearly broke for me, wondering how someone with all that go could stand to be a woman."

How could she stand being a woman if it meant just one thing: eventually being bartered off into a marriage that was not a love bond but an economic arrangement in which a woman drudges endlessly in exchange for the economic and social protection of a man. The Yankee culture offered no other accepted womanly role except for the lonely one, of the spinster schoolmarm.

Most of the members of their families actually found the relationship between Sarah and Patience to be quite touching, even if to do so they had to ignore the sexuality of it. Much of the antagonism they found occurred because the women were,

proclaiming to avoid the wifely role of servitude.

In addition, by feeling that their ardor can only increase with their commitment to one another, they are in unstated conflict with Patience's brother, Edward, who sees sexuality as "the passions marriage is meant to discourage and then extinguish."

Another way their relationship stands apart is that it crosses class lines. Were they a heterosexual couple expected to make an economic union beneficial to their families, this would not have been allowed.

The major struggle in the characterizations is the developing of strength, ability and courage without the resultant self image of a man, in a place where those qualities seemingly are only in the province of men. Sarah, raised to think of herself as male, is constantly coming to new awareness that she can, as herself, be womanly. As Patience says:

"Time enough later to teach her that it's better to be a real woman than an imitation man, and that when someone chooses a woman to go away with it's because a woman is what's preferred."

That "later" time is not, unfortunately arrived at in the course of the novel.

It is a good story; it is a tender story; it treats all persons in it with respect (the one exception was a guy who molested Sarah on their journey). I was glad to see them settled on their farm, but sorry to have to leave them there so soon.

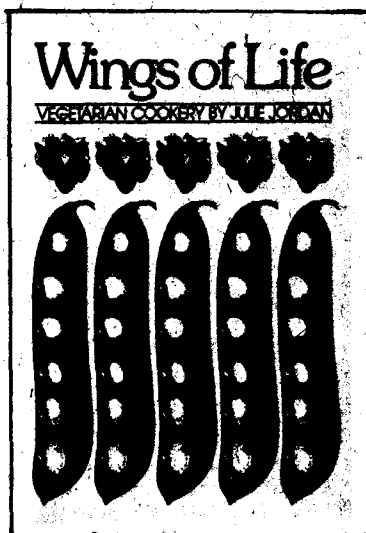
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NM's sweetheart contract runs out in May 1978 and Oswego people are beginning to push for the city to take over the station. The Mayor has appointed a committee to negotiate a new contract, but Oswego citizens are clear that this isn't the answer since NM would simply pass on increased contract costs to customers. If the station were run by the people for the people the rates would be much lower and surplus revenues could go to other human services rather than to rich investors.

## WAER OUSTS PROGRESSIVE SHOW

After weekly Sunday night shows for the last 4 years, "As We Struggle Together" (AWST) was recently cancelled by WAER-FM's program director, Ed Levine and production director Dia Stein. No reasons were given, no last shows proffered. The arbitrary decision represents cancellation of the one show on WAER (Syracuse U.'s student station) which offered alternative information from a broad progressive perspective. AWST featured Solidarity News three times each program; interviews with persons involved in struggles locally (e.g. P & S strikers), nationally (prison activists), and internationally (members of African liberation movements); and revolutionary poetry and struggle music (not love songs). This action reveals the lack of interest the student staff at WAER have for the larger

Syracuse community and shows the staff is interested only in pleasing the 'fun-loving' students on the Hill, despite the fact that they are licensed as an educational station with a 40 mile radius. WAER airs no public affairs shows at this time which present what AWST offered.

The total reason offered for cancelling the show was Dia Stein saying over the phone, "we didn't think it was worth the time."

Please send protest letters (preferable) or call:

Prof. Roosevelt Wright, WAER-FM Faculty Advisor, NCCII Rm. 381 215 University Pl. Syracuse, NY 13210, (315)423-4012. Send a copy to: Prof. Lawrence Myers, Jr. Chairperson, TV-R Dept. NCCII Rm. 377 215 University Pl. Syracuse 13210.

Thank-you. -Elana Levy (Salzman)

## NESTLE'S PR MAN BOOBOOS

In a September 3 interview in the Philadelphia Tribune Steve Corson, a pr man for the Nestle Corp., has said some incredible and very revealing things. Corson was apparently agitated by the growing boycott against Nestle which is being coordinated by the Infant Formula Action Coalition (INFAC). [See August PNL.] Nestle controls over 1/3 of the recently developed infant formula market in 3rd world nations.



Here's what Corson had to say about the situation: "These people [3rd world women] must have supplements, their breast size is smaller than women in this country, and their lactation period is shorter."

"I'll bet that most people writing to us [about infant formula exploitation] don't even know the names of 6 developing countries."

"These people [the Coalition] don't recognize the great contribution we've made to these countries. If our technology leaves a developing country, you know what happens." Corson didn't supply the answer to

this question.

"What can we do about it if these people [3rd world women] can't read?" [Inability to read causes misuse of formula.]

Nestle's aggressive marketing of formula has caused widespread malnutrition and infant deaths, but it's produced profits for Nestle.

## KENT STATE: PROTESTS DON'T STOP "PROGRESS"

(Guardian)The struggle to prevent construction of a gymnasium on the site of the May 1970 murders of 4 Kent State U. students continues. The murdered students were protesting the Indochina war as were black students killed 10 days later at Jackson State U. in Mississippi. The Supreme Court recently ruled that construction could proceed reversing an earlier decision. The May 4 Coalition, organizer of current protests, staged a fence tear down on September 10 and is vowing to reoccupy the construction site (as was done last spring for 90 days) beginning September 24, the date of a planned national demonstration at Kent State (no details at PNL press time).

In a related development the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, reversed a lower court decision and ruled Sept. 12 that a new trial must be held to determine the role of Ohio Gov. James Rhodes and National Guardsmen in the 1970 shootings.

The reversal was based on the appeals court finding that one of the original jurors had been threatened 3 times and assaulted once "during the trial by a person interested in its outcome."

Letters of protest should be sent to Brage Golding, President of Kent State (mail to address below). Send contributions and notes of support to May 4 Coalition, 248 Student Center, Kent State U., Kent, OH 44240 (216)672-3207.

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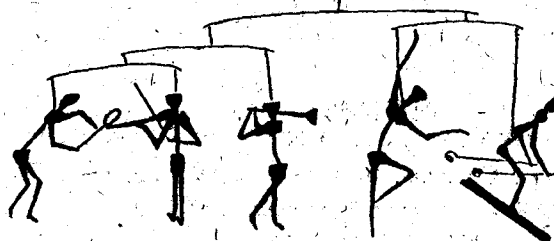
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<p><b>2</b> Gay Rights Rally, 3pm, featuring Ginny Apuzzo, Community House, 711 Comstock, spon: Human Rights Coalition, see p. 18 National Amnesty Week</p>	<p><b>3</b> "Third World News", 7-7:30pm every Mon. on WAER FM 88.6. National Amnesty Week</p>	<p><b>4</b> White Roots of Peace Hendricks Chapel all day from 9:30am "Working Together" 6:30-8:30 pm every Tues., for, by and about women, WAER National Amnesty Week</p>	<p><b>5</b> The Front Page Collective meets 4:30-6:30, 824 Burnett. Interested in the bookstore? Come to the mtg. National Amnesty Week</p>	<p><b>6</b> Write a letter to Carter today demanding universal unconditional amnesty National Amnesty Week</p>	<p><b>7</b> Reception for James Farmer &amp; Fund-raiser for Bd. of Ed. candidates, Marjorie White, 7:30 through 11pm call 492-9169, 424-1834 for details Market House Music Hall Concert, see p. 22 National Amnesty Week</p>	<p><b>8</b> Willie Tyson Concert with Susan Abod, 8pm Watson see p. 10 House Fixing Up Party at Women's Information Center, 601 Allen St. Come and help, lots of fun National Amnesty Week</p>	
<p><b>9</b> Deaf Awareness Week, Oct. 9-16, 3rd year. "Let's Sign I Love You" Deaf Awareness Week</p>	<p><b>10</b> People's Fund mtg for all members: potluck 6:30, mtg 8pm, 853 Maryland, Dorothy Money's home Deaf Awareness Week</p>	<p><b>11</b> SFC Steering Comm. mtg Marilyn Austin's home, 1000 Westcott, 7:30pm Deaf Awareness Week</p>	<p><b>12</b> SFC Nuclear Power Comm Mtg., 7:30, 1115 E. Geneva Deaf Awareness Week</p>	<p><b>13</b> Energy Fair planning mtg. 7:30 pm, 113 Avondale Pl. Chris Murray's home, all folks welcome! Deaf Awareness Week</p>	<p><b>14</b> "HAROLD &amp; MAUDE" hilarious, moving satire; plus short "Nuclear Rescission in Why!", 8:30, 8:30, 10:30. Grant Aud. \$1.50 NVS Films Deaf Awareness Week</p>	<p><b>15</b> Market House Music Hall Concert, 8pm October Memoratorium 1969 Deaf Awareness Week</p>	
<p><b>16</b> Deaf Awareness Week</p>	<p><b>17</b> People's Fund Committee mtg, 4pm, ECOH Deaf Awareness Week</p>	<p><b>18</b> Deaf Awareness Week</p>	<p><b>19</b> Muriel Rukysyer widely published poet, winner of Copernicus Award, appeared at Viet Nam Celebration 8pm; Grant Aud. \$1 donation; spon: SU Women's Center &amp; Women's Writer's Center Deaf Awareness Week</p>	<p><b>20</b> Nov. PNL copy deadline Deaf Awareness Week</p>	<p><b>21</b> "THE LAST RESORT" More Nuclear Power Stations", 7 &amp; 9pm, Grant Aud., \$1.50 NVS Films Market House Music Hall Concert, see p. 22 Deaf Awareness Week</p>	<p><b>22</b> House Fixing Up Party at Women's Information Center, 601 Allen St. Come and help, great vibes Energy Fair sponsored by Safe Energy for New Haven. Call SFC for details Deaf Awareness Week</p>	
<p><b>23</b> "As We Struggle Together" cancelled by WAER see p. 21 Deaf Awareness Week</p>	<p><b>24</b> Nov. PNL layout &amp; paste-up. Come join the fun Deaf Awareness Week</p>	<p><b>25</b> Rosalie Sorrels &amp; Utah Phillips Concert at the Market House Music Hall, 8pm &amp; 10:30 pm, see p. 22 Nov. PNL layout &amp; paste-up 9am to 3am? Come have fun Deaf Awareness Week</p>	<p><b>26</b> Deaf Awareness Week</p>	<p><b>27</b> Nov. PNL mailing party noon to 9pm. mindless fun FREE BEER &amp; PIZZA FOR DINNER!!! Deaf Awareness Week</p>	<p><b>28</b> Market House Music Hall Concert, see p. 22 Every Friday, The People's Fund at the Westcott Cafe, 550 Westcott, 6-8, teller's hrs &amp; great food! Deaf Awareness Week</p>	<p><b>29</b> Wall St. Crash 1929 Market House Music Hall Concert, see p. 22 Meg Christian &amp; Teresa Trull Concert, TWCA, 8pm, see p. 10 Deaf Awareness Week</p>	
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September 17, 77

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 Sincerely,  
 Roseann Polak  
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We think these activities ( and many others we could mention) are important steps toward our goal of fundamental social, political and economic change.

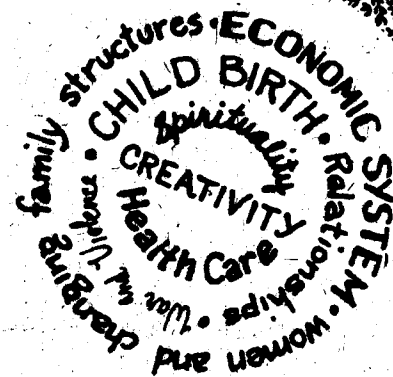
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## LETTERS

## Junking the Nukes

To the Editor:

Claims regarding the "safety" and the "economic advantages" of nuclear energy are undermined by many facts. Among these is the fact that nuclear reactors last no longer than 30 to 40 years. The art of junking them at the end of that time is riddled with uncertainties. Some components will remain radioactive for hundreds of thousands of years. Two decommissioning methods now accepted by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission -- welding the reactor shut and isolating it to protect the public or encasing the vessel in concrete -- would require long-term monitoring for security reasons. According to the Atomic Industrial Forum, an industry trade group, the cost of annual surveillance of the decommissioned nuclear plant can run as high as \$167,000.

The third method approved by the NRC -- immediate dismantlement and removal of all radioactive hardware -- avoids these long-term cost liabilities. But immediate dismantlement is by far the most expensive method over the short run. The AIF's estimate indicate this process can cost up to \$31.2 million per reactor in 1975 dollars. (It should be noted that the General Accounting Office considers the AIF estimates too low.)

Such factors as decommissioning should also be considered by citizens/consumers in comparing the cost and safety of nuclear power to the cost and safety of renewable resources such as solar, wind, and geothermal energy, and to the more efficient use of the energy we have.

Shelley Conture

### Radical Art—More Reflections

Following is the conclusion of Peter Simoneaux's letter, the first section of which was printed in the Sept. PNL. His letter is a response to Gary Eikenberry's review "Art For Whose Sake?" [July PNL]

...What began as an anti-establishment movement against a cultural conservatism has in itself become an established entity, an established anti-establishment, infatuated with its own ostensible profundity. Its basic assumptions are no longer even questionable. To do so is the equivalent of artistic heresy which, one suspects, would be just fine but for the fact that it is seen as "reactionary" and equitable with "facism", "Nazism", "Nixonism" and all sorts of other equally nasty things.

I think that we can see the same process at work in ourselves. This is what bothers me about Gary's choice of the term "revolutionary" as a genre term for the new "relevant" art which he desires. All he really does is shift the radical ethos from the sphere of aesthetics to the sphere of politics and "revolutionary" semantics. The idea now, has become, that whatever is "revolutionary" is necessarily desirable. How easy is it, really, to espouse a cause simply because it is "revolutionary", rather than its being constructive or realistic?

We need to grow up goddammit!

I thought that we were supposed to have absorbed all this by now! (I think most of us have, really, but let us not forget.) It does not necessarily entail any backing off of commitment. It does not demand that we cop-out and return to a society that we never believed in and say, "Yes, those were the days, weren't they, those were the days." Ho hum."

It has been said that we are our own worst enemies. "We have met the enemy and they are us." (A quote any self-respecting hippie should recognize -- if you don't, then shame on you!) While I do not necessarily think that is true of this generation (we have already met greater enemies -- racism, the war -- and have defeated them, and are defeating them), I think that it will always be true for mankind as a whole, and we are not excluded by the force of our "innate" goodness. Along with the obligation of social criticism goes an equal burden of self-critical responsibility. The future is before us. The movement is not dead, but only begun. The political power of this country in the next twenty years is going to fall into your hands, and the responsibility for the condition of this country is going to be ours, and no one else's. What happens in the next twenty years will outweigh by tons what happened in the '60's. Energy is a problem that we (you and I, not Jimmy Carter or the US Congress) have not yet confronted realistically. Everyone is against nuclear power (not without reason); everyone is against 765 kv power lines; everybody is against oil and gas conglomerates, but this does not solve the essential problem which is simply that without new forms of energy,

soon, we can forget the whole show. Everything else will only be piss in the bucket.

This letter has rambled far beyond its original scope, and has become more hyper-critical than was intended. It feels good to be here. I am glad to see that there are people here who have not forgotten to "Carry On". Love is coming still. My heart goes out to everyone.

Respectfully,  
Peter Simoneaux



### Our Goof

Toni Taverone, in a letter to the PNL, presented a strong rebuttal to the case for a nat'l Peace Academy. When we reprinted her statement on last month's LETTERS page, we managed to garble her very clear argument. We're trying it again, beginning with her quote from Felix Greene in "The Enemy":

"Wars for colonies and markets are not merely accidental appendages of the imperialist system, which, with skill can be avoided. They do not arise because of the machinations of 'evil men' (sic) or 'mistakes' in diplomacy. They are an inherent, inescapable, built-in feature of imperialism. Quite literally, imperialism means war."

It is not a question of violence vs. nonviolence. It is a question of the interests of the people vs. the interests of the rich, two diametrically opposed and irreconcilable interests. Again in the words of Felix Greene, "The search for peace and nonviolence is meaningless if it is not associated with and a part of a determination to overthrow capitalism and imperialism", to create a world based on people's needs, and not profit. A Peace Academy, funded by the US government, a government which exists to serve the needs of capitalism, is not the place to start.

### Right On!

Dear Editors:

I have seen your renewal notice, and am in the process of obtaining a check. Please do not let our subscription lapse!

Thank you.

Elliott Shore, Curator  
Contemporary Culture Collection  
Samuel Paley Library, Temple U.

# MORE NORTH COUNTRY ARRESTS

Ellen Rocco

On Oct. 11, the one year anniversary of the first instance of blocking of construction by Fort Covington farmers, there was an action at the farm owned by Stella and Harold Barse. While about 20 supporters watched, three people climbed into a half-erected 765 tower in the Barse Meadow and three others sat in the piece of the tower that the Power Authority wished to place on top to finish the tower.

The six people stayed on the tower all day until sheriffs finally arrested them. This action delayed the work schedule for only one day but again demonstrated that landowners and their supporters along the route of the line are still resisting construction whenever possible.

In another action, a farmer set up target practice across an access road PASNY wished to work on. He was arrested for trespass ... on his own farm!

Meanwhile, the Public Service

Ellen Rocco is an energy activist with Upstate People for Safe Energy Technology, Inc. (UPSET), and a farmer in Dekalb, N.Y.

Commission completed hearing testimony on the health and safety issues. The last witness was Gerald Ruggles, a landowner under the Ohio 765. His testimony included his response to a question from the hearing examiner which compared shocks from working under the line to walking across a carpet and touching a doorknob. Mr. Ruggles emphatically stated that the shocks from working under the line were more like those from a 110-volt household electrical system.

In a set of hearings now being held by the PSC, the question of whether or not to change the route of the line through the Edwards area is being considered. The Edwards area farmers are simply asking that PASNY move the route several hundred feet out of their best cropland and into scrubland. The hearings were held in the North Country this month after our attorney argued that only by locating them here would the farmers be able to testify.

Those hearings were well attended

by area residents. Two classes of students, one from college and one from grade school, were brought to the hearings by their teachers. Listening to the Power Authority attorneys argue against re-routing was a good lesson in agency arrogance and inconsiderateness: the Power Authority is determined to save a buck at all costs.

A witness for the farmers, the St. Lawrence County Planner, argued that the Power Authority route would cost the county about \$60 million in lost agricultural acreage.

A decision is expected shortly on both this routing question and one which concerns final routing of a 6-mile section in the nearby Port Leyden area.

The PSC will soon make a decision on whether or not to grant final certification to PASNY. It seems fairly certain that certification will be granted. UPSET (Upstate People for Safe Energy Technology, Inc.) must now decide whether or not to appeal such a decision by the PSC.

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## An Interview With Barry Commoner

# "The Poverty of Power"

A group of SPC members participated in a lively interview with Barry Commoner, on the occasion of his recent visit to Syracuse. Following are excerpts (regretably) from that session:

### capital crisis

SPC: In your book, "The Poverty of Power", you make a very strong, plausible case for converting our economic system to a socialist one. Could you comment on some of the issues you covered, the crisis in capital, unemployment, etc.

Barry Commoner: I can start with Leonard Silk's very interesting article in today's [Oct. 17] NY Times. It's about something called the Q factor. He quotes Professor Tobin, a leading economist at Yale. The Q factor is the market value of a stock divided by the capital assets of the corporation. And that's going down. Over the last 10 years, the Q factor has gone from an index of 1250 to 750.

Now what that says is that the capability of a corporation to yield economic gain per dollar of assets is falling. In other words, the efficiency of the system is falling. Because of the tendency in a profit-oriented system to replace labor with capital, the industry tends to accumulate more and more capital. The result is that the denominator of this equation gets bigger and bigger. This is known in classic socialist terminology as the falling rate of profit. This simply confirms what I think is pretty obvious: The big technological transformation of industry since WWII has very rapidly displaced labor with capital. It can't go on because this ratio is the motivation for investing. You see the motivation for a capitalist to invest his capital is that he sees a high rate of return or a higher rate than he's got now. What's happening is that the rate keeps falling and the result is that capital is not being invested. That means the economic

system is not being rebuilt and this is our big trouble.

The question one has to ask is: Is this fundamental to the capitalist system? I think it is. What the private enterprise system is about is that anyone who owns capital is free to invest it in whatever way he wants. If an oil company wants to buy Montgomery Ward's, it can. That's free enterprise. And that's what Mobil did when it got \$2 billion in 1973. Why did they do it? They thought they could get a better margin of profit. I think it's correct that the freedom of the entrepreneur to invest in any kind of technology he wants is inherent in capitalism. That freedom has resulted in a tendency to invest capital in order to reduce the need for jobs, to reduce the need for labor. That is expanding the denominator. And I don't see any logical escape from the notion that this fault, which is obstructing the growth of the economy, is an inherent principle of private enterprise.

The point is: The search for a little bit more profit will say yeah or nay to a particular kind of investment. The oil companies, when they saw they could get a slightly higher profit in the Middle East, cut down on production of domestic gas and oil, leaving us in the predicament we're in now. In the same way, the oil industry finds it much more profitable to turn petroleum into plastics and push cotton and wool off the market. So suddenly we find we're wearing plastics.

The point is this: profit as a motivation for determining the character of production and the character of products and the kinds of services we have is faulty. It's the wrong criterion



to use for determining how we're going to use our wealth and resources. The answer is that we not allow individuals to determine the character of the means of production. What we need is social governance of the means of production. And that is one-half the definition of socialism.

### energy & human labor

SPC: The Carter Plan is not thinking in terms of surviving with the amount of energy available, but constantly expanding the rate of production of energy. What is there in the economic system, that causes this? Why is more and more energy necessary?

B.C.: What's happened in the US since WWII is that the productivity of energy, that is, the economic output per B.T.U. in manufacturing has dropped so that it takes more and more energy to get the same unit of output. The only reason why this has not been true of the economy as a whole until recently is that simultaneously we were developing more and more service activities which have -- I should say had -- high productivity. In the service industry, the same process is underway. Whereas you used to have people running elevators, it is now done by electrons, secretaries are replaced by word-processing equipment, etc. So the substitution of human labor by machines means energy that you need to run the machines. That's the point.

### Carter's Plan

SPC: To return to your statement that we cannot leave it up to individuals to determine how things should be done because of profit, to what extent can Pres. Carter direct which way things go by taxing?

B.C.: What he says the plan is about is to put a wellhead tax on oil in order to cut down the use of oil. I don't think that's what it's about, given the inelasticity of the purchase

of fuel and historical experience, and the fact that even by their own figures, the savings would be 2.7% of the increment of demand between now and 1985. Not much. But that tax is designed to manipulate the production of energy. I'll make a flat prediction: If the plan goes through, the first thing that will be done with the tax money is to subsidize GE for nuclear power. I think that is the purpose of the tax scheme.

What Carter has in mind is a form of state capitalism, that is, the state to accumulate capital by taxing the people and then directing it where the state thinks it ought to go. And one segment of the existing energy industry that is in dire economic straits and must have an influx of capital is nuclear power. It's again deceptive, but the aim is to use taxation to determine the character of energy production.

### solar

Supposing the government were to put that money into solar energy development. The investment of some billions in solar today would start the whole transition to solar energy. It would quickly develop an economically feasible industry; it would create jobs; it would begin to stabilize the price of energy (the price of garbage will not escalate because it's renewable); and it will also do the opposite of what conservation does -- instead of restricting the economy, it will expand the economy. We will be able to build things. The photo voltaic thing [a photovoltaic cell is a device for converting solar energy into electricity] is enormously important because it can really make big changes in the whole pattern of the use of electricity. It means re-designing lamp posts. The Federal Energy Administration makes the point that there are now handtools run on batteries. This is quite important in industry -- it's more convenient to have power-operated tools, but dragging wires around is dangerous. A very nice system would be for a factory to have a solar panel on the roof, two sets of batteries, one charging and one being used, instead of having tools with wires running around. That means the creation of a whole new tool industry. Again what it means is social governance of the means of producing energy.

...Saunders Miller, in his economic analysis of nuclear and coal power, discusses the impact of solar energy.

He makes the point: the moment that photovoltaic cells become economically competitive is the death knell of the utility industry. And the reason is that their rate of return is fixed, based on capital. You know what happened in 1973 -- when the demand for power went down, the rates went up, because they're allowed to charge whatever rate will give them the rate of return on capital. When photovoltaic becomes competitive, the rate of utilizing the generator capacity falls, they raise the price and more people will go photovoltaic, etc. The utilities will be stopped from expanding its generator capacity and will be used as a backup transmission system. I will bet you that no private utility will stay in business under those terms. The only reason they make money for their stockholders is that they expand and the stock keeps going up. If it's boiled down to this, they'll all run and what you'll have to do is nationalize.

### the breeder & facism

SPC: You have written that the political consequences of nuclear technology will be to provide an energy base for facism. I would like you to expand on that.

B.C.: You can see it in the Carter Plan: Of the new demand between

now and 1985, 73% will be met by nuclear power and coal, and most of that coal will go to produce electricity. At the present time, 28% of the energy budget is electrical, by 1985 something like 53% will be electrical. In other words, the Carter Plan involves intensification of centralized power production. If it's to continue, it has to involve a breeder. If it involves a breeder, it involves protection.

The best evidence on that is a report by Professor Barton at Stanford Law School. He was asked by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to analyze what would be the impact on civil liberties of the necessity of protecting plutonium from theft. He describes what would happen if there were a theft -- dissidents would be arrested arbitrarily and questioned, including the use of torture. He says the reason is that under such stringent circumstances, there would be no need -- or no one would be forced -- to go to the court to be given the right to do these things. these things [breeders] would be multi-billion dollar units which would be owned by either the government or by the very largest corporations. They would be under military control. As Barton describes: You don't have cops around these things; you have

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## COMMONER AND SPC HONOR EACH OTHER

With only six days to go before Barry Commoner's address at S.U., the Peace Council was notified that Commoner would be pleased to be interviewed for the Peace Newsletter, and attend a Peace Council benefit wine and cheese party in his honor.

The difficulty of short notice was surmounted with the organizing zeal of a dozen Peace Council activists. We distributed leaflets and posters far and wide, and called all people in the SPC membership that we felt might be interested in hearing Commoner speak (about 150 people.)

The interview went fairly well, as these pages will attest. Commoner's address proved to be eloquent and interesting, but it would have been better if it had been more balanced. He over-defined some elementary points at the beginning of his speech, and in so doing, sacrificed time which should have been used to amplify some important topics (such as

the breeder reactor and the Carter Energy Plan) at the end of his speech. Time allotted for questions and answers, which otherwise might have been used to clarify some of Commoner's points, was monopolized by members of the U.S. Labor Party. When the Labor Party was done harassing Commoner, there was time for only two more questions from the floor.

From S.U.'s Hendricks Chapel (where the address was given) the discussion was carried over to the Peace Council wine and cheese party in the Physics Building. From this viewer's eye, the 50-60 who attended seemed to have had a good time.

Special thanks go to Dr. K.C. Wall, an S.U. physicist, the director of the University Lecture Series, and a Peace Council member, who helped to make the Commoner visit a community event.



The Middle East —  
Peacing It Together  
by Judy Bjorkman

This a new column and will be a regular monthly feature of the PNL. Judy Bjorkman, Middle East Peace Education/Action staff of the American Friends Service Committee's Upper New York State Area Office, will be writing or compiling the column. Feedback and suggestions are solicited.

Why do most peace groups seem to avoid the Middle East? Why didn't the Middle East replace Viet Nam as a major focus for effort?

Many reasons can be suggested. Analytical categories developed by peace groups in years of work against the Indochina war don't fit easily in the Middle East. The masses of the oppressed there do not seem intent on revolution (except for a tiny handful); they do not like Marxist or Maoist ideology and, such socialist revolutions as have occurred (e.g., in Egypt, Syria, Iraq) are distressingly "incomplete" by Western standards. Only Israel's socialist government

# Why Not the Middle East?

has any significant worker participation in national decision-making. Only in Israel have socialist ideals led to voluntary and viable collectivization. Taking the view (as many leftists do) that Israel is a colonialist, settler state, leads down paths fraught with unsatisfactory alternatives.

The difficulty in sorting out "good guys" and "bad guys" in the Middle East makes education of a rather disinterested American public even harder. Furthermore, at both local and national levels, the same Christians and Jews who can agree on anti-war work related to Chile or the Philippines, cannot at all agree on how to relate to the Middle East. Nor do Jews agree among themselves about Israel. Even the content and meaning of the past history of the Middle East conflict finds no easy consensus.

In the past few years, some major denominations have made statements on the Middle East. However

little staff time and money have followed. AFSC published Search for Peace in the Middle East in 1970, the first effort of its kind from a national peace group. It produced the worst uproar since AFSC's 1917 founding, and resulted in a significant loss of funding.

Public support of Arab grievances may have the unintended and unpleasant consequence of bringing the anti-semites out of the woodwork. Congresspeople receive some mail which contains not only support for Arabs, but also blatantly anti-Jewish references. (They also receive mail supporting Israel with blatantly anti-Arab references.)

Perhaps it is less than surprising that the search for Middle East peace is pursued by relatively small numbers within the movement. Meanwhile, the Middle East remains the area most likely to lead to the use of nuclear weapons and to big power confrontation.

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We've really outdone ourselves on the 1978 Calendar, folks. Over 25 people have put their heart & soul into it and it shows. We think we've brought People's History excitingly to life and in the process created an important political education tool. It has 6 colors, is 12 1/2x19" on the wall, folds to 9 1/2x 12 1/2"; there are over 100 dates, lunar cycles, room for appointments, a glossary and a bibliography. There are original drawings, old lithographs & photos, posters, poetry and excellent writing.

We've printed many more copies this year (2500) because a number of upstate groups will be distributing the Calendar. The retail price is \$2.75 (+tax); by mail it is \$3.25 each with 3 or more \$3 each. The bulk rate, on 8 or more, to movement groups, teachers and bookstores is 40% off \$2.75 plus postage (prepaid orders only please). The Calendar makes a neat gift!!! We'll send gift cards too.

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# 3,000 People Welcome Viet Nam to U.N. by Dik Cool

Viet Nam became the 149th member of the U.N. on September 20. Notwithstanding this international attention, 'ingenuous' still seems to be the best word to describe representatives of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam. This word was frequently used in May 1975 descriptions of victorious soldiers entering Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon). At Friendship's September 25 celebration the large Vietnamese delegation delightfully showed as much (if not more) excitement and emotion as the 3,000 other attenders. They embraced hundreds of people and were, in turn, moved, excited and awed by the various entertainers-- especially the Bread & Puppet Theatre's amazing skit.

Somehow, these Vietnamese didn't quite seem to fit our government's unchanging propaganda of the cold, heartless, calculating communists. I couldn't help but compare them to those Vietnamese the U.S. supported -- Thieu and Ky for example. Westernized, slick, corrupt, almost mafiosa-like in their style were Ky

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military units capable of pursuit. It's a military situation. Well, if you have the bulk of the nation's energy system dependent on units which are under somebody's military control, it provides a very ready base for dictatorial control of the entire society.

...It [the breeder] makes enormous changes in the whole economic and political structure of the country. The thing I have against the Carter Program is that it involves pushing nuclear power, which would make no sense without a breeder, and it involves introducing a breeder. Incidentally, it suppresses solar, because as you centralize, you pour capital into exactly what you don't need, namely the network. 50% of the capital costs of electric power is the network. So what they're talking about is dominating the structure of the energy system in such a way -- and using enormous amounts of capital -- there will be no way of finding capital to introduce solar. And I think the main trouble with the Carter Plan is that is a covert choice of

## LESSONS by Grace Paley (excerpted)

Near the Ben Hai River  
In Vinh Linh the little last village we asked  
you are so few  
why do you remain here?  
The boy said  
if we leave, who  
will defend this earth?  
Now at last, dear comrades from Viet Nam  
you are here in New York  
our city of towers and rubble  
Nixon and Dave Dellinger both worked in this city.  
One consumed the people, the other and Thieu.

Representatives from 46 countries attended the celebration, but, as Dave Dellinger pointed out, "there was still one empty chair." Cora Weiss reported that the 2 day working conference which preceded the celebration had galvanized activists into a renewed determination to win U.S. aid for Viet Nam, which a majority of the American people favor.

the nuclear route against the solar route.

## Jobs

SPC: There is a claim that if we do not build nuclear power plants, there will be an enormous loss of jobs.

B.C.: A study made by the Office of Technology Assessment of the job capability in solar vs. coal-fired -- and coal-fired is certainly more labor intensive than nuclear -- and the ratio is something like 3 to 1 in favor of solar. And that's simply jobs for producing energy. But much more important is the impact of decentralization on jobs.

Solar has to be done on a local basis. Take solar collectors in an area where there are tile roofs that are slanted in a certain way. It will take a certain type of expertise to do them. In another area, it will be different. What that means is, that it is going to have to require local industry, which means small scale contractors and so on, and it's bound to be labor intensive. Not simply because of the mechanics of making the things, but also because of the need for local installation, maintenance and so on.

The other thing is that the moment

served them

Many of our streets will seem familiar to you  
for the houses of the poor are burned and blasted by the same American arsonists  
who withered your young shoots  
But this is our home  
our place which we love  
and will not abandon  
for who will defend it?  
Nor will we abandon you  
from whom the lessons  
of our lives were learned  
to turn pain into political courage  
and horror to fidelity.

(from CALC Report)

Aside from the Vietnamese delegation about the loudest ovation of the evening went to G.I. resistance to the war--seemingly a sign of a strongly matured movement.

Another highlight was readings by 3 women poets, Denise Levertov, Muriel Rukeyser and Grace Paley. Their impassioned words left me numb but very much inspired.



"Are you sure that's the only way left?"

you've got a source of energy which is efficient on a small scale, you enhance the economic strength of small scale operations relative to big ones. This means a push toward small scale operations which are always going to be more labor intensive than large scale ones. So I don't think there's any doubt that solar is more amenable to a sensible labor intensive construct.

-- A. P. Balachandran & Chris Murray

YOU SAY YOU MET A SPIRIT  
IN MY ROOM

And now that she is dust  
there is a fine layer of her  
all over me

Almitra David

At night  
in the silence of the clock ticking  
I hear breathing

\*\*

On the wall above my desk  
the photograph of my mother  
urges me to work

Yes you're doing well  
Yes I'm happy  
I'm glad for you

I dreamed of being with her  
one first night here

I've forgotten the dream

It was she was just  
here we were together  
I touched her hand or held her  
We talked

I've had such dreams before

\*\*\*

When I first walked up  
into this garret I danced  
up and down  
the floor resounding  
all smiles hands of glee  
rubbing together for warmth clapping

I cried to my friends  
"O can we live here O  
please Mommy let's live here"

\*\*\*\*

"Twenty-three times two"

A gypsy woman tells my fortune:  
This is my year  
to realize  
dreams

I am 23 at 23  
my mother was paralyzed  
muscles burnt out by lightning  
polio save  
her neck moved and two fingers only  
she died at thirty-six

\*\*\*\*\*

You say she was young  
the spirit  
You say she watched  
down the stairwell



Editor, Jack Manno; Graphics, Karen  
Kerney; Production, Randy Cahall.

We appreciate all of the poems sub-  
mitted for this issue. We're sorry  
there wasn't room to print them all.

A special thanks to the Women's  
Writers Center which, "confronts the  
issue that historically, male dominated  
culture has separated and ignored  
women writers."

I like to sit part way up  
part way down between  
the cool solitude up  
here where only she is

and down in the kitchen  
warmth and women living

I watch  
both ways

\*\*\*\*\*

Spirit you are

as I am walking  
up into your eyes

the photograph

what you would do  
in your strong body  
what envision through mind  
to burst heart

creating breathing

I will for you  
through you  
I am Mother

Melane Lohman

OLD MAN BILL CHAPMAN  
(1913-1975)

Come a truck rattling  
dogs' alarm sounding the silence  
chickens scatter from dry road  
raised to dust  
billowed about the creakings  
of a battered Ford  
and old man Chapman.

Backing round to the woodpile  
his truck comes to rest in splinters  
mounded stove-high with mansanita  
and a jag of oak  
hauled from mountainsides  
and winter's weight of snow.

Dogs keeping fierce watch  
Bill swings stiff from the cab  
tells 'em to go to hell  
and straightens slowly  
his body an angle  
twisted, bent down  
by the passing of sixty Octobers.

"Picked up this stuff by the road  
comin' down from Charlie's place  
it'll do you for kindling a while"  
Wry wrinkle in his eyes.  
We lay into limbs and trunks  
the weight of trees

off the flatbed  
lift and pitch them  
strongarm toward the sawhorse.  
Oak drops with a thud  
and mansanita snaps, brittle

magenta heartwood exposed.  
I joke about the sawing, splitting  
stacking yet to come  
he teases about my muscles  
and the men in the house  
we settle on coffee.

Indoors he seems older, caged.  
His face sags  
heavy, the grime of mines  
cracked in grooves by veins  
of gold, copper, iron ore:  
dusty gullies in erosion.

Sipping coffee, huffing  
he stands gnarled as oak  
and burls that won't be split  
bowed by the winds of October.  
There's a look of mountains  
and snow squalls in his eyes.

Melane Lohman



shimmerless dusk crumbles  
 into the dark arms  
 of the ridge steep  
 retreats of light up  
 the peak the oncoming  
 night does not flinch

Michele Connelly

fearless we  
 ran through the  
 ink  
 dark on our feet  
 already tracking us through the  
 year

Michele Connelly

#### After the Deluge

We watched the barometer fall for ages  
 waiting for our sunday apprehensions  
 to work their vague auguries,  
 watching the horizon coalesce  
 into a grey, leaden mass  
 to roll over us;  
 We watched the pain we feared most  
 as it encroached upon us;  
 We lit our days with oil lamps  
 till the dark hours washed over us;  
 caving the surge of ocean  
 into a tidal siege of night's rage,  
 we never grasped the sea's turn  
 or the peace we woke to  
 as from a dream

Peter Simoneaux

#### Note to a communist self

I love you more than anything  
 with your beautiful logic  
 like the verse demanded  
 by the verse before

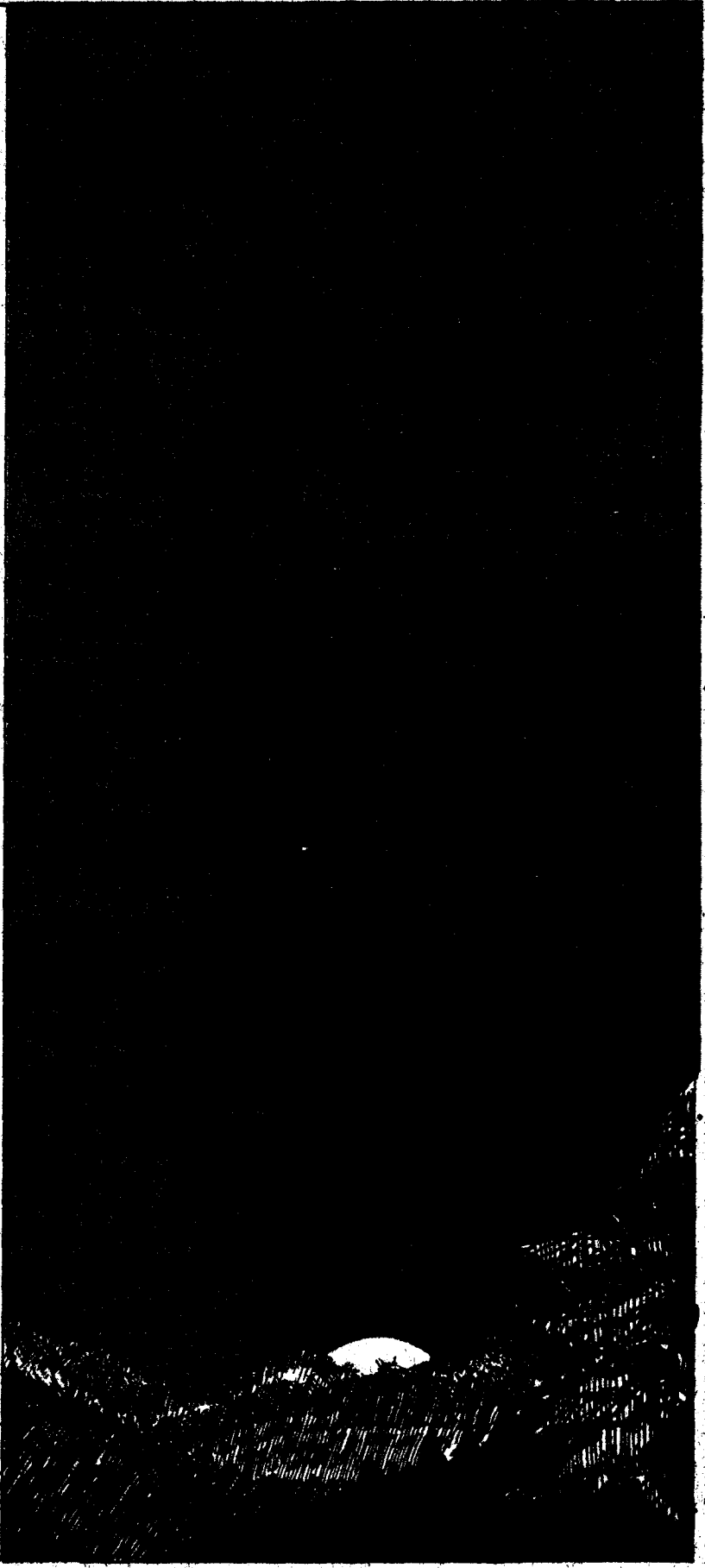
I love the spaces that you make  
 where you ask me to live  
 where time is what I create  
 where love is what I give

I love the hatred that you offer  
 and the weapons that you carve  
 to comfort those who suffer  
 to feed those who starve

But when you feel that you are certain  
 that you always know what you mean  
 remember the constant, dark curtain  
 the shades the unknown, the unseen

And don't forget those things we love  
 not only because they are just  
 but just because they are.

Jack Manno



he was an old Chicago boy,  
 who never missed a Cubs opener,  
 a visit to the baby polar bear  
 at Lincoln Park Zoo,  
 or a tribute to Mayor Daley;

he married a girl who loved to cook,  
 who loved to have babies,  
 who loved being married to a real man,  
 and who disappeared one day;

now he watches the world,  
 like a dream he'll never remember,  
 sobbing in his coffee,  
 while Mayor Daley's ghost passes by  
 in the St. Patrick's Day parade;

if he doesn't burn up  
 in some third floor walk-up,  
 or get left in an alley,  
 he might fall on the el tracks,  
 if he's lucky

Melinda Wheeler

Poem for a Woman Poet

.....Fortunately  
 the desk lay in front of her  
 sprawled out, spread eagled  
 giving birth to a page on which  
 she could speak as her own attorney,

Turning around she saw her lover approaching  
 like a dictator clothed in a grey robe,  
 "I am weary", she said.  
 "I know".

She had drawn her own conclusions  
 painted landscapes behind her house  
 felt proud to dance her fingers over the piano keys.

She could lie in bed for weeks  
 but she wouldn't  
 for she had learned that she wouldn't.

Her hands and feet were wet and cold  
 she fell, rose to her knees  
 spread out her hands  
 watching the cool sweat  
 drip into pools on the floor.

She wanted an answer  
 he didn't care and she grabbed him  
 by his cock to play tug-of-war.

She wrote all this down, leaned back in her chair  
 hysterically complete.

Jack Manno

Instant coffee  
 I never measure.  
 Makes life more exciting.  
 Last night, I dreamed  
 I was being driven backwards  
 on a motorcycle  
 and I guess  
 that's the way life's going  
 these days.

Reenie Haughey

Canyon de Chelly

All day we've been  
 in another country.  
 Stretches of dessicated land  
 flat brown hogans  
 glimpses of dark  
 women in rainbow velveteen.

Now at the top  
 of this canyon  
 its sheer sandstone faces  
 its wide pink floor  
 and quiet stream,  
 a boy rides his horse  
 to the edge.  
 Against distant cowbells  
 and bleating sheep  
 he shouts  
 thick H sounds.  
 Hundreds of feet below  
 a friend answers.  
 Back and forth  
 the canyon space  
 they sing in Navaho  
 ringing echoes  
 growing waves

Later you yell my name  
 across the rocks.  
 It returns too quickly  
 a spade  
 clanging against stone  
 jarring  
 and embarassed.

Priscilla Lynch

## Daughter

You were unwittingly conceived,  
 During my period of pre-intellectual awareness.  
 The days when hot hormones and high adolescence cursed my  
 fevered veins.  
 Despite all my naive wishing and ill-fated belief,  
 "It couldn't happen to me"

You inexorably came to term,  
 During those pre-abortion days  
 when old wives tales and absurd remedies miserably failed.  
 My frantic lack of sophistication and  
 "Good Girl" front came crashing down.

You came screaming out of my womb,  
 During those first dark days of trapped desperation  
 While I lay in painful animal dumbness, frightened, deserted.

You survived my time of shock.  
 The unending days of responsibility and burden.  
 The time in Hell when I grew into myself.

And during these days against all odds,  
 A culture against women, a society that hates  
 and a holocaustic belief that only the rich are saved,  
 I learned to love myself and you.

And during the days when love was growing,  
 I saw clearly I could not hide you, overprotect,  
 underdevelop, or program you.  
 I learned you weren't mine.

I watched you go.  
 But the love is there for you always,  
 an emergency dime in your shoe,  
 the invisible safety net against bad falls and  
 I watch you go still.

And as you grow into your own womanhood,  
 and the careful love of mother-daughter is replaced  
 by all the vigor and power of our separate selves,  
 be it granted that you and I find each other in  
 sisterlove.

-Linda Curns

Plastic is better  
 and so is frozen salisbury steak,  
 For glass could break,  
 and who takes time to chew  
 real-life stuff...  
 And does it really matter?  
 Is REAL enough?  
 Tough.

-Louise Mancuso

Two Ways of  
Seeing One Event

He did not see the fire; just the light.  
 High above, the vision appears  
 As some very bright affirmation  
 of his prowess, love, and maleness.

At ground level its something else.  
 A mother rolls her baby in the dirt  
 but the flames won't subside.  
 Yankee ingenuity; the chemical torch.

A tearful father moans low,  
 a voice beyond sorrow.  
 The huts go up like paper lanterns.  
 The rich soil is turned to dust

When the heat dies the whole land  
 lay cold and barren as the moon  
 which glows, orange and fat  
 behind the confederated pilot's shoulder.  
 -Tom Corbett

## Almost Haiku

Washing Laundry

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to allen ginsberg.

i leave my good  
there in the type  
anybody left a  
staring ins  
who lit  
what



Opening Up  
(from the Day Care Center Series)

I shove back the bolt,  
snap off the burglar alarm  
in the dark blue bruise of six am.

Full open heavy fire doors for Smith Corona mothers  
who push three and four year old burdens toward stiff cots.

Factory girls with pinched sharp eyes  
to spot defective keys.  
Conveyor belt laborers with tough quick hands  
to work obstinate typewriters into cardboard cartons.  
Non union piece workers with tuned-in ears  
to hear higher daily quotas.

Mothers who can't afford to see red stomach rashes,  
who can't afford to feel morning fevers,  
who can't afford to hear raw croupy coughs,  
scurry to make a seven am deadline with an assembly line.  
to face a clock that punches them in on time  
or punches them out of a job if late.

We stand in a clot.  
Toddlers, eyes squinty with sleep,  
bump their heads into my thigh  
and anchor their arms around my leg.

The women awkward in their gratitude and hurry,  
smear hit and run kisses across a baby soft cheek.  
Clutch more than hug a short body.  
Run, already quitting time tired, out the door.

-Linda Curns

Sunshine

Sunshine, light and bright  
Flowing, full of golden light  
Sunshine light as light

-Sara Austin

## Angels in Flight

Are there angels in flight tonight?  
For something is furious  
A frozen fog of frozen air  
Has called a curfew.

And only I am out tonight  
Seeking mysteries in solid air,  
In the message of footprints erased,  
The only sounds are the entrance of gust  
The clicking of ears  
The cracking of ice  
The breaking of boughs  
The hosannas of empty streets.

Is it foolish to search for mystery  
Rather than answer?  
To think angels?

The world is simply too large  
To be contained,  
We focus on the thin  
Fault in a frozen pool  
And it in turn, escapes.

The freezing and melting of ice—  
How beautiful!

Across the road a boy of 12  
Climbs the stairs  
Thinks snow  
Disrobes  
Handles himself  
Slides between cool sheets  
Breathes steam  
Sleeps.

This too is unbridled  
This too is a son's son  
This too is love,  
Is he an angel?

Am I an angel?  
I am a nurse  
I've held the frozen hands of death  
Seen faces returned  
In the reflections of ice.

The problem is bigger than cities.  
It is the beast whose enemy is itself  
Like the snake who snacks on his tail  
Who full, refuses his meal.

Angels are grey skeletons  
Rising from chimneys  
Dispersed by the wind.

- Jack Manno

The aged doze  
(Clocks Tick On)

The aged doze  
while waiting for  
sleep,  
While glaciers slowly  
recede  
into the arctic,  
The aged contemplate  
mute television images, and  
although the substance is  
somewhat indistinct,  
the figures whisper  
secrets, and  
move discreetly.  
They might contemplate  
the wall, but  
the television images  
evolve,  
while mountains slowly  
erode,  
and the wall gapes stupidly  
and says nothing  
As continents slowly  
drift,  
the aged contemplate  
clocks,  
and wait for  
a piece of candy or  
a glass of water;  
the nurse sitting at her desk  
is somewhere else  
and minutes  
like years  
are soon forgotten,  
as islands sink  
and clocks tick on  
in the dreams of the dying

- Peter Simoneaux

Where will you settle, Where will you go?

That Woman walking by  
I recognize as someone I've known  
raising my hand I stop  
realizing I never could have  
still I know remembering that someone  
guessing at what they do that moment  
to fill the absence gap awhile  
the ache of losing track  
repeating the old with the new  
remixing repeating adding and losing  
more than the missing  
or the longing to have again  
but the nagging fear now  
of maybe having been to late or too soon  
for someone so important once  
now out of touch  
trying to hold on as you go  
still leaving behind as you go  
still leaving behind what was there  
and wondering  
do we live in life by chance?

- Patricia Daugherty

## PRODIGAL SON

you are the November fly  
buzzing the turkey  
just when everyone  
is being thankful  
for the end of the  
Season of Flies

an autumnal surprise

Where the hell have you been?

your unaccountability  
wings its way  
past the cranberries  
and settles momentarily  
on the edge  
of a fork

a lunge

Don't hum when I'm talking to you

erratic swoops  
maddening  
to a predictable man

designless  
in an ordered dining room

You filthy son-of-a-bitch

to your back  
fast and free

already  
on the farthest branch  
of the farthest tree.

- Almitra David



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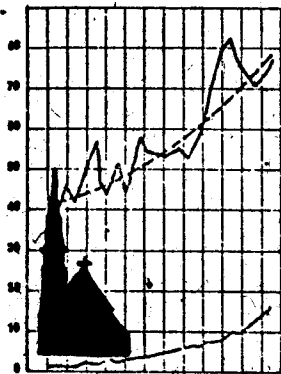
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# Old Dreams And New Nightmares

The front page of the Buffalo Courier Press juxtaposed these three headlines the morning of October 20th, 1977: "FBI Poised to Arrest Antwar Activist, Beyer, at US Border Today"; "Mitchell Seeks Immediate End of Prison Term"; "Ford Admits Nixon Pardon Hurt Him".

On October 20, 1967, ten years ago today, I stood on the steps of the Justice Dept. in Washington, DC and returned my draft card, along with hundreds of young men. By committing this act we were saying "NO" to an illegal, unjust, and racist war being waged against the people of Southeast Asia.

-- Bruce Beyer

Seven years in exile, Bruce Beyer was returning to the US. In the tradition of governments at war, he faced a term, not for refusing three induction orders, but for assaulting federal officers when sanctuary in a church was interrupted by thirty marshalls, police and FBI agents, swinging restraining chains.

We have been told that the war was a mistake and that we should close the book on the war years. But a nation simply cannot

kill over one million people, spend \$150 billion dollars doing so and then turn around and say that it was a mistake.

Short statements by Cora Wiess, Ramsey Clark (Attorney General in 1967), a POW who lived for five years in Vietnam, and a woman whose son died in the war just before his nineteenth birthday spaced the continuous hugging, laughter, and tears in the Steelworkers union hall, the last stop of ten years of struggle.

There is only one way to close the book on Viet Nam and that is by insuring that no more Viet Nams be allowed to happen.

About one hundred people walked the Peace Bridge with Bruce Beyer. He is a beautiful person, made more so walking in the sunshine with parents, fellow resisters, Vietnam veterans, and the many who work daily for amnesty.

There is only one way to heal the wounds of that war and that is by granting UNIVERSAL UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY to the more than 790,000 Viet Nam veterans with less than honorable discharges and to the tens

of thousands of American war resisters who directly opposed that war.

More than a hundred arm-raising supporters greeted him as he entered the US. Media people crushed around as marshalls peacefully took Bruce Beyer into custody.

Today, after more than seven years in exile, I am returning home... I believe that we need amnesty not just for the past but for the future as well. We must demand of our government that no more Viet Nam type wars be allowed to happen."

Hitching back to Salt City, the young navy man and I listened to the news that Bruce Beyer was out on bail.

--Paul Frazier

## Pinnacle-type vibes

Charlie King, political folk artist, songwriter and singer (and creator of the album "Old Dreams and New Nightmares"), recently visited this area to raise funds for Bruce Beyer's defense. At the "Autumn Agitation" event held Oct. 15 by SPC and the Westcott Cafe, Charlie joined local cultural workers, Barb Dunn, George Johnson, Scott Luscombe, and Laura Wilansky, for an absolutely delightful evening of music, politics and camaraderie. He also performed at Oswego's Market House Music Hall.

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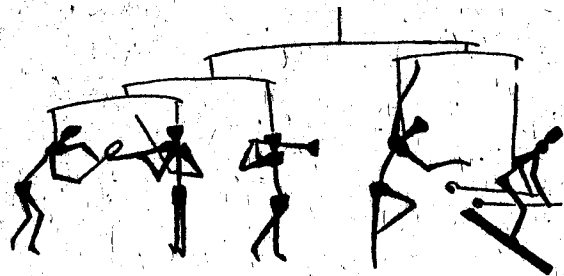
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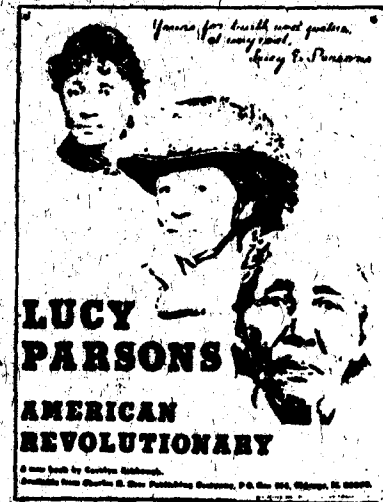
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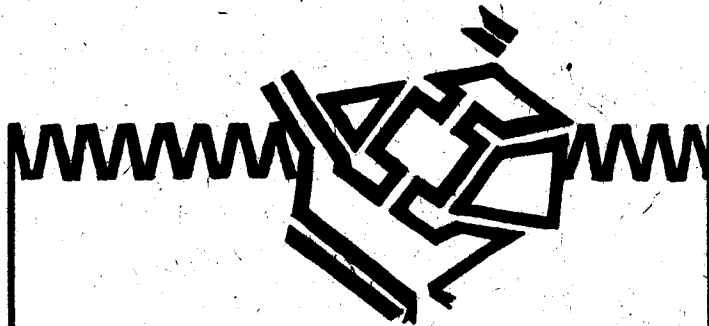


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The October Steering Committee meeting, held on the 11th at Marilyn Austin's home, served mainly as a feelings and news exchange; no earth-shaking decisions were made. It was reported that the September garage sale made \$380; it was a lot of work (much of it unnecessary -- we could have been more selective in what we hauled to the sale.) Thirty-five people came to the annual picnic even though it was cancelled due to rain! With this much potential in view, it was decided to hold next year's picnic at a place with a shelter. It was reported that the energy struggle is gradually gaining the attention it merits: locally, NYPIRG, the Sierra Club, and Ch. 9 seem to be getting interested.

It was announced that this year's "Community" theme would be women, and that the Holiday Cards tradition would be resumed.

Sub-committee reports: The Alternative Energy Committee will become a study group when/if attention is freed from the Nuclear Power Committee's and Energy Fair Committee's action orientation. The Publications Committee will meet once a month to critique SPC publications. The Human Rights Committee decided to explore feelings about issues and relate them to the direction of SPC. The Finance Committee cast a pall on an otherwise happy meeting, announcing that we are \$2,000 further in the hole than we'd thought we were.

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# Health Care for People Not Profit

by Jack Manno

The following is the introductory article in a series which will appear approximately every month on the economics of health care. Future articles will be: Drugs, Profits and Politics; Health Care Workers; Insurance, Profits and Politics; Nursing Homes and Profits and the Aging; Health Care in Syracuse.

With the renewed debates in Washington over National Health Insurance proposals we are once again reminded (if we were lucky enough to stay healthy and outside the health care system and need to be reminded) that there is a national health care crisis. In fact there are two crises. One is faced by the people in their attempts to maintain and restore health. It is the failure of the present system to deliver adequate care at any price; cold inhuman treatment isolated from the social, economic and environmental causes of ill health; increasingly long waiting lines, hostile health care workers and bills that send thousands into irretrievable financial collapse.

The other crisis is the breakdown of the old systems of financing. The hospitals near collapse as costs skyrocket and financing fails to keep up. This threatens not only the institutions themselves but the multi-billion dollar drug and hospital supply corporations who depend on the hospitals as retail outlets for their products.

The various proposals for National Health Insurance analyzed in the May '77 issue of PNL are designed to meet the second of these crises, to shore up a system which has proved very profitable for a few and profoundly unhealthy for the rest of us. The only experience the U.S. has had with government sponsored health insurance is the HEW programs of Medicaid and Medicare. These programs began in 1966. By 1970, hospital daily fees had increased 71.3%. In the following year after the passage of Medicaid, the hottest of hot stocks on Wall St. were profit making nursing homes. Amazingly,

after the costs of co-insurance and deductibles, the average out-of-pocket expenditures of those eligible for Medicaid and Medicare has actually increased from what it was prior to the programs. This on top of the massive tax burden placed on the American people as a result of the programs.

The U.S. medical industry, the 2nd largest industry in the U.S, produces by far the largest quantity of drugs, the most varied array of technological equipment and builds the largest number of physical structures in the world. Yet by all estimates it is nowhere near the top in meeting the health care needs of its people. Fourteen other nations have lower infant mortality rates, 20 other nations have lower rates of the chronically debilitating diseases of cancer and heart disease, 17 nations have longer male life expectancies. And for third world people within the U.S. the figures are far worse.

There is one thing that drugs, equipment and construction all have in common: they are all highly profitable and capital intensive. As long as the power to make decisions about the allocation of resources remains in the hands of the capitalists



whose goal is the creation of profit then it is these areas which will receive the vast bulk of our material and human resources. We can imagine the wide range of possibilities for improving the quality of our health: massive health education, available recreational facilities, neighborhood health centers providing good preventative care, foods produced for health rather than processed for profit, safe, non-toxic workplaces. The possibilities are enormous but the resources are scarce. What all these programs have in common is that they will not return a profit on investment and are labor intensive, requiring committed hard labor from large numbers of workers.

The kind of chronic, unyielding crises that face the American health care system call for new and revolutionary approaches. To take an analogy from the history of medicine itself; the discovery of the causes of infectious disease. Until the time of Pasteur, disease was universally seen as "God's punishment" or some equally esoteric cause. Pasteur discovered that certain organisms found and recreated the conditions for their intensive reproduction. The logical key lay in discovering that which had its ends served by biological crises. We are as ignorant of the causes of our present health care crises as we once were of the causes of infectious disease. By the same kind of logic we can discover the source of the present crises by discovering those economic ends that are served (for what is economics but the metabolics of social systems) by the present health care structure.

Those who have power tend to use that power to recreate the conditions necessary for the continued use of that power. The medical establishment incestuously married to the American capitalist system holds the most incredible power; the power over our very bodies, our lives and our deaths. They use that power to further alienate us from our bodies by means of a technical language inaccessible to the uninitiated and by defining and medicalizing the human processes of birth and death in that language. They use the tools of the state and the ritual of licensure to extend that power by professionalizing all segments of health care right to the healing properties of kindness and caring. By professionalizing charity we further release individuals from the responsibilities of being charitable to each other, to participate in the social act of caring for each other. This release from responsibility further weakens social bonds creating still further vacuums which can then be filled by still more professionals intimately tied into the economic structures.

In order to win our rights to quality health care we must begin to win the power to allocate resources toward human needs rather than profit. No one should profit from our ill health.

Jack Manno is a local poet, novelist and nurse.

## Nukes Don't Cause Thermal Pollution?

Nuke plant propagandists have been telling us for years that there is little or no thermal pollution from their operations. Some plants use over 1 billion (billion, that's right) gallons of water per day and return it to its source as much as 39 degrees F warmer. It now seems possible that plans to keep the St. Lawrence Seaway open year-round (yielding bigger corporate profits) may rely on the warmed water from proposed nuke plants around the northern edge of NYS. So it seems there's enough thermal pollution from nuke plants to keep a giant river from freezing but not enough for it to be an ecological problem!! Come on guys.....

## Kent Struggle Continues

(LNS)Protesting students are proving that their memory of the May '70 shootings of students at Kent and Jackson State universities cannot be buried.

Tension has been building on the Kent, Ohio campus since last spring, when Kent State trustees announced plans to construct a \$6 million gymnasium complex on the hill-top where four students were shot and killed 7 years ago by National Guardsmen during an antiwar protest.

The fall semester opened as over 2,000 angry students from several dozen campuses rallied at Kent on September 25 [see Oct. 77 PNL] behind a huge banner reading: "Long live the spirit of Kent & Jackson State."

"They're trying to take away our history," remarked one student, "and we wouldn't let them do it." The protesters want a memorial to the slain students built on the hill-top.

After the rally tension mounted as students marched to the site of the slayings. Wearing bandanas over their faces to hide their identity from a police official with a video camera, over 500 protesters ripped and trampled down a fence surrounding the construction site, as over a thousand watched.

Letters of support and contributions can be sent to: Kent State Legal Defense Comm. Box 366 Kent, Ohio 44240.



## Crumb of the Month

In a decision frighteningly similar to the infamous 1851 Dred Scott ruling, the Supreme Court let stand, on October 3, rulings by Washington State courts that gays are "immoral" and may be fired from their jobs "because of their sexual preference." The Dred Scott decision essentially said that black people had no rights--they were nonhumans. This Supreme Court "nonruling" practically says that gays have no rights compared to straights--they are nonhumans. The Supreme Court's action makes clear the tremendous task ahead of us in our struggle to build a just society.



## Words To Remember

"Simmering resentment, not confrontation, is the enemy of love,"  
-unknown

"Cynicism is perhaps the greatest obstacle to revolutionary change."  
-unknown

"Nuclear plant waste storage is a nonproblem."

-PR man, New Hampshire Public Service Co.

"People don't seem to realize that a public utility is a private corporation."

-PR man

"Better blatant than latent."

-SPC lunch table

## Subsidizing Runaway Shops

Here's a little known use of our taxes to, once again, subsidize the profits of large corporations. Seems as though unemployment insurance has a special allotment that is paid to workers who GE says have lost their jobs due to the company going "offshore" where costs are lower. The workers of course need the money, but why shouldn't GE pay??

## S-1's New Number: S-1437

S-1, you'll recall, was the monstrously repressive judicial recodifying bill that Nixon, then Ford, tried to get through Congress. So now there's a new Senate Bill 1--called S-1437. If this repressive legislation passes, hundreds of organizations could not function--and citizens would lose important rights guaranteed by the Constitution. This bill, co-sponsored by Senators John McClellan and Ted Kennedy (that good liberal), would, among other things: give any Federal employee the authority to disperse a gathering or forbid picketing, parading or leafletting anywhere in the U.S. on the vaguest grounds; it limits articles and pamphlets opposing war if such material might reach the hands of members of the armed forces.

You can help by writing your Senators urging opposition to S-1437 (send copies to papers). Call ACLU 471-2821 for more info.

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# FREE CLASSIFIEDS

That's right FREE! Donations, of course, are appreciated. Please type or print your listing and try to keep it brief. Mail to: PNL Classifieds, 924 Burnet Ave., Syracuse, N.Y. 13203. December deadline is 5:00p.m. Sunday November 20, 1977.

Will swap or sell one used thermograte (for fireplace). Make us an offer. Contact John or Sally Brule at 445-0115.

ENERGY AND RACISM will be the areas of concern at a, "conference on Corporate Responsibility and the Christian Conscience," Sat., Nov. 19, in Rochester. The conference is being co-sponsored by the N.Y. State Council of Churches and the Upstate N.Y. Peace Network. (SPC is a member of the Peace Network.) Preregistration required. For further details call John Maddeus at 476-2960 or write 1115 E. Genesee St., Syracuse, N.Y. 13210.

Coming soon: The PEOPLE'S HISTORY Calendar. Covers topics from Erie Canal Workers to Harriet Tubman. This valuable educational resource can be ordered at a 40% discount for 8 or more copies. Single copies by mail are \$3.25.

Watch for it! "Community 78" This years publication will concentrate on women's perspective of community. "Community" will also include a large and varied listing of community services.

World Military and Social Expenditures by Ruth Leger Sivard. Compares military expenditures in 138 countries. Send for a free copy to: The Rockefeller Foundation 1133 Ave. of the Americas N.Y., N.Y. 10036.

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Truly Beautiful HOLIDAY CARDS. Three designs by local artists created specifically for SPC. Available at Plowshare and The Front Room bookstore.

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Become part of "Community 78's" craft listing. An inexpensive forum for advertising your craft. For an advertising form come to the Peace Council at 924 Burnet Ave. or call 472-5478.

HELP FOR GANENKEH Traditional Mohawk Settlement near Eagle Bay established for three years in face of local and state opposition is now moving (with the acquiescence of N.Y. State) to a site near Plattsburg. Estimated cost of moving 32 buildings and 25-35 families is \$10,000. Desperately needed are financial donations, the loan of large trucks (9 tons or more) and food for the winter. Make checks payable to NCDC-Ganienkeh Fund and send to 24 Pleasant St., Potsdam, NY 13676. For more information, contact Ed Dubtnsky, 315-265-2906.

Inmate's Thanksgiving Fund has for 10 years helped to support Syr. families whose providers are in prison. Send contributions to I.T.F., P.O. Box 192, Colvin Station, Syr., N.Y. 13205. Think about the families, usually minorities and poor, who are outside prison walls.

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6 Human Rights and Social Justice Comm. Meeting 10:00am at Lillian Reiner's 3008 Cumberland Ave.	7 Copy deadline-Community articles.  Energy Fair mtg. 113 Avon- dale Pl., 7:30pm.	8 Election Day  SPC Steering Comm. Mtg. at Lillian Reiner's 7:30pm. Holiday Mailing 11-7pm, workers needed-free lunch.	9 Typing, lay-out and paste up of COMMUNITY. ALL WEEK! Come and Help! Lots of FUN.  SPC Nuclear Power Comm. Mtg. 119 Victoria Pl., 7:30	10 UNIVERSAL AND UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY	11 Grapes of Wrath  "Why We Boycott" 7&9:30pm, Grant Aud., SU Law School, \$1.50, NVS Films, "CONTAINERS," a women's art exhibit opens at the Women's INFO Center	12 ACLU Benefit, 4pm, at the Syr. Stage, \$10.00, Call 471-2821. Women's INFO Workshop Day, 9-5pm, "Women in Transition," \$10.00 fee in- cludes lunch and child care-deadline for registra- tion Nov. 8. Limit 50 women.
13 MOVING!  If you're on the PNL Mail- ing list please let us know. Each return costs us 25¢.	14 Last Ditch Effort on COMMUNITY!!!	15 Final lay-out/pastepup for COMMUNITY!!! All day and Night, Stop by anytime.	16 Better Blatant Than Latent	17	18 "Women's Showcase" at ECOH, Readings and Music 8pm.  Don't miss MICHAEL COONEY at New Market House Music Hall in Oswego, 18th-20th, see p. 18.	19 Corporate Responsibility Conference 9am-4pm, Downtown United Presby- terian Church, Rochester, N.Y. "COMMUNITY" Mailing Party. Come join the fun, 10-4pm.
20 "As We Struggle Together" cancelled by WAER.  Dec. PNL Copy Deadline Please have all copy sub- mitted to the SPC on this date.	21 Dec. PNL layout and paste up. Come join the fun.  End of the Cuban Missile Crisis 1962.	22 TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE!!!! All day and all night long we'll be pasting up and laying out Dec's. PNL. COME JOIN THE FUN!!!!	23  Visit THE FRONT ROOM Bookstore at the SPC.	24 THANKSGIVING	25 THE PEOPLE'S FUND every Friday at the Westcott Cafe 550 Westcott, 5-8pm tel- ler's hours, +great food.	26 Dec. PNL Mailing Party, 10-4pm, mindless fun, FREE BEER AND PIZZA FOR DINNER!!!
27 1964, U.S. Army murders 133 unarmed Native Am- ericans encamped on a Government Reservation. Known as the Sand Creek Massacre.	28 Watch for the CRAFT listing in "COMMUNITY 78."	29 Don't Forget. Order your HOLIDAY CARDS from SPC.	30 Order your 1978 PEOPLE'S HISTORY Calendar Today.	<h1>PNL Calendar November 1977</h1>		

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This issue of the Peace Newsletter and the upcoming January issue are abbreviated to 16 pages from our customary 24, due to the limitation that the holiday season imposes on our energies.

## Credits

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## Next Month

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# Syracuse Peace Council

The Syracuse Peace Council (SPC) is a non profit, community based, autonomous antiwar/social justice organization. We have an affiliation with Clergy & Laity Concerned (CALC). We have a vision of a world where war, violence & exploitation of all kinds (economic, racial, sexual, age, etc.) do not exist. Primary functions of SPC (which has a basic commitment to nonviolence) are to help people work for social change in whatever way they feel comfortable and to overcome our sense of powerlessness through mutual support.

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SPC membership involves being on the mailing list and feeling that you're a member. Simple as that. SPC is supported primarily through members contributions & monthly pledges and fund raising events. It's an unending struggle to raise our \$25,000 annual budget. SPC's major work is done through committees (listed below) & the 3 collectives that work out of the SPC office: the program staff; the SPC Press; The Front Room bookstore.

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## Article VIII Hearing in Syracuse

Since 1972 Article VIII of the NYS Public Service Law has played a key role in preventing the proliferation of nuclear powered generating plants in New York State.

Article VIII requires that before any major steam electric plant be built, its sponsors must prove that:

- 1) such a plant is needed;
- 2) it is not incompatible with health and safety;
- 3) it will have 'minimal adverse environmental impact';
- 4) that alternate location sites and sources of power have been carefully considered.

Article VIII was deliberately designed to insure that citizens, groups, municipalities and other public agencies can actively participate in the licensing and review process.

And it's been a resounding success! Since 1972 not one major electric generating plant has been licensed.

But Article VIII will soon expire.

The Utilities and other vested interests wishing to see nuke plants spring up around the state are vigorously lobbying to have Article VIII replaced.

State Senator McFarland, a good friend of the Utilities, is currently holding hearings on the fate of Article VIII in several cities.

The hearing comes to Syracuse on Tuesday, December 6.

It will begin at 11am in the Bevard Community Room in the Civic Center. We urge you to come and let your voice be heard. Save Article VIII!

For more information call: John Maddaus at 476-2960, or Ed Kinane at 475-8256.

## Gift-Giving Can Help SPC!

Glenn Witkin, a dedicated SPC worker for many years, used to say in his tongue-in-cheek manner that the December PNL looked a bit like a Montgomery-Ward catalog. And by a certain standard it does. There are many ads and not too much news in this shortened 16 page issue. But the ads are all for things we feel good about. They help us make money, but are also consistent with our vision of a better world. SPC's financial situation continues to be extremely precarious. Here's a quick run-down of our holiday offerings:

1. Holiday cards--4 beautiful new designs. p.15
2. Plowshare--SPC's grand annual cultural event; attend and enjoy. p.16
3. People's History 1978 Calendar--a wondrous cultural/political achievement; give as a gift and/or be an SPC salesperson for it. Take 15-20 and sell them to your friends. To see it is to want it. Call Dik 472-5478. p.8
4. Community '78--send in your \$1; order a bunch for your workplace at 50¢ each. p.9
5. Bring your individual or commercial printing and graphic work to the SPC Press. p.10
6. Visit The Front Room bookstore--lots of exciting new things! p.5
7. Give a PNL gift sub.--\$5 or more & we'll send a nice card. p.2 Or just send a contribution!

## McBride Street Trash Plant Stopped?

by Ed Landale

"Cautiously optimistic" perhaps best expresses the feelings of inner-city residents who have been fighting for over two years to keep the proposed garbage-burning steam plant out of their neighborhood.

The concept behind the steam plant is a good one: burning garbage to create steam energy. However, the proposed plant's sponsors (County Executive John Mulroy, Carrier Corp. and Syracuse University) picked the most densely populated area of the county to build the plant -- S. McBride St. About 8,000 people live within half a mile of the steam plant's proposed site.

After the proposal was announced, residents of the S. McBride neighborhood formed a group called Don't Dump On Us, and, together with members of the Syracuse People's Housing

Coalition, organized to have the plant built in a non-residential area. They collected petitions against the steam plant, lobbied County Legislators, publicized the issue and organized a referendum on the matter (in which the people in the neighborhood voted 960-14 against construction of the plant on S. McBride St.)

These efforts appeared to be successful last spring when the County Legislature voted not to build the plant on S. McBride St. It seemed that the neighborhood had won.

Then, late this summer, the proposal to build the plant of S. McBride St. was resurrected. John Lawton, chairperson of the County Legislature, suggested that the S. McBride St. site be reconsidered. James Tormey, Republican candidate for Mayor, held a press conference to announce his support of the S. McBride St. site, and was supported by Roosevelt Baums, Republican candidate for the inner-city County Legislature seat.

The site for the steam plant became a major issue in the mayoral campaign with Rormey supporting the S. McBride St. proposal, Liberal candidate Earl Colvin opposing that or any other residential site and Democratic incumbent Lee Alexander, after trying to avoid the issue for months, finally saying he didn't like the McBride St. idea.

The election results were encouraging to those opposed to the construction of the plant in a residential neighborhood: Tormey, Lawton and Baums all lost.

County Executive John Mulroy still wants the steam plant built in the inner-city and members of Don't Dump On Us and the Housing Coalition are not taking any chances. Plans have been made to contact all the newly-elected County Legislators to acquaint them with how neighborhood people feel about this issue, and preparations are being made to continue fighting the steam plant if an inner-city site is proposed next year.



## LETTERS

## Society's 'Condoned Vandalism'

Dear Gentlepersons,

I just couldn't believe it when I read Sept. 21st Herald-Journal and saw that Charles Andrews school is possibly going to be demolished. What's worse, is that it is being blamed on children's vandalism. I feel that more correctly it is the fault of parents and society.

Look at the examples that we give them to follow. It is part of the general intellect of the population that it is OK to destroy housing and schools that are perfectly useful and/or easily rehabilitated.

I consider the destruction of useful buildings a form of condoned vandalism. We live in a world of limited resources. We need to learn to live within these confines or face an unhappy ending to our history. How can we expect children to have values that parents don't have?

The vandalism problem is just an outgrowth from the scam we were given which forced us to close our neighborhood schools. Demolishing the school doesn't correct the problem -- it only covers it up.

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Upset,  
David Coons

## Pollution vs. Jobs: An Immoral Choice

To the editor:

On Election Day, I watched closely the referendum in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, in which the voters in the Pittsburgh area overwhelmingly voted to lower the air quality standards if necessary to keep jobs in are area.

Being a student of medicine, I have learned that while poor air quality seems like an abstract concept, it has a very real and devastating effect on everyone's lungs. It is an especially great danger to those already suffering from lung disease. The recommended air standards which were voted down in Allegheny County are by no means excessive.

But I am also sympathetic to those who have jobs in Pittsburgh's factories. Which is worse: lung disease or poverty?

This is a choice that no one should have to make. (But the reality is that the affected corporations would be more than willing to move to an area

with lower air quality standards if it would mean greater profit. So the fears of the voters in Allegheny County were justified.

What we have is a society which is dominated by large corporations pursuing increased profit at any cost -- even people's health. What we need is a society which would plan for economic and ecological stability, where employment for all and a healthful environment would both be priorities.

When it comes down to capitalism versus the very breath of life, I am committed to fighting for my health and the health of my future patients.

Marvin Malek

The H-J omitted the bracketed portion of the above letter, i.e. that portion that nails capitalism.



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Dear Folks,

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Love,  
Toni Taverone

## Enforce Reclamation Act

Cecil D. Andrus  
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Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Andrus,

The Steering Committee of the Syracuse Peace Council urges your continued strong enforcement of the 1902 RECLAMATION ACT.

The Reclamation Act, as you know, has been on the books for 75 years. It stipulates that an individual owner of land watered by Federal irrigation projects can have no more than 160 acres (a farmer and spouse could have 320) and must live "in the neighborhood" of the holdings. The intent of the law is clearly to protect family type farms and to prevent large scale, absentee-owned, corporate farms from being subsidized by taxpayers' money.

We realize that these large corporations are bringing their money and influence to bear on your decision to enforce the Act. We can only hope that you continue to serve the interests of the great majority of the American people rather than the profit-minded large corporations.

We believe that federal irrigation subsidies should be shared as broadly as possible, and that rules should be strengthened to achieve this end.

Yours for a better society,  
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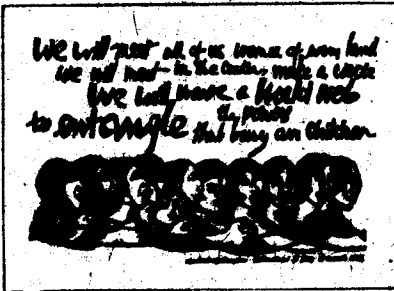


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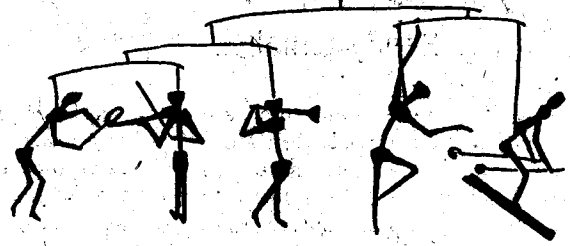
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# The Farm Worker Struggle in Lyons, N. Y.

by Randy Cahall

Many of us have been conscientiously boycotting grapes, lettuce and Gallo wine for years. Likewise many of us are aware of the horrible conditions farm workers suffer from. Thousands of articles have been written on the subject. All of these efforts have been sincere and hard fought struggles have been won. Yet the power of agribusiness and government which controls agriculture and the lives of farm workers, remains largely unchanged. The struggle goes on and more action must be taken -- action near to home in the village of Lyons in Wayne county, N.Y.

## Water Street Evictions

For many years farm workers in Wayne county have been living on Water St. in the village of Lyons, N.Y. The housing is not luxurious but it is equipped with the necessary conveniences, unlike the substandard migrant camps that dot the entirety of Wayne county. Approximately four months ago the village officials of Lyons decided to "improve" the Water St. area by evicting tenants, most of whom are black, and then proposing to tear down housing and build a parking lot and park on the site. In short, they were turning their backs on farm workers and eliminating an "eyesore" in the community. Of course once plans were announced to eliminate housing on Water St., village officials began cashing in on the development by buying up adjacent property and improving the sites. Likewise, "historical" buildings were discovered and federal money poured in for improvements.

## Farm Workers Fight Back

Among those evicted on Water St. were the organizers of the Eastern Farm Worker's Association. The EFWA is a mutual benefit association which seeks to work with farm workers in changing their virtually powerless situation. The village moved against the association by arresting and jailing an organizer from the EFWA office. Village police,

acting without a warrant, arrested organizer, Mark Heimbach, as a tenant for building code violations. The farm workers of Water St., along with the EFWA, decided not to sit back and be evicted. The farm workers of the area have no where else to go but migrant camps so a Citizen's Committee to Save Water Street was formed. First, a temporary court order was obtained to halt evictions, and then, to dramatize their defiance of village actions, citizens picket village offices daily. Presently the committee has filed a \$4 million lawsuit in federal court against the village of Lyons for its actions to deprive low income Lyons residents of their basic civil rights. It would appear that Lyons officials have been stopped temporarily but vigilante groups in the area recently fire bombed a tavern frequented by migrant workers. Also a labor camp near Lyons was fired on with an M-16 rifle, killing one farm worker.

only the Water St. people who face a struggle but all of the farm workers in Wayne county. Because of this larger struggle the EFWA has expanded its efforts beyond the Water St. situation and developed a far reaching benefits program for farm workers. Benefits include emergency food, clothing and medical care. The EFWA also offers legal advice and direct assistance in Workmen's Compensation claims.

## Action

The farm workers of Water St. and across Wayne county need help. Now is the time when people can take action by supporting the Committee to Save Water Street and all farm workers in Wayne county. An organizational meeting will be held on Monday, December 12 at 8:00pm at the Syracuse Peace Council to acquaint people with the issues, as well as to prepare for a fund raiser to obtain food, clothing and money for farm workers in Wayne county. People are needed in Lyons to help



Photo from EFWA

## EFWA Program

The EFWA organizers of Lyons do not see the Water St. situation as an isolated incident but yet another step in an overall pattern to harass farm workers and keep them in a situation where there is no way out. It is not

Randy Cahall is an ex-staff member of the United Farm Worker's boycott. He is presently living in Syracuse doing general farm worker support activities.

EFWA organizers administer the benefits program and to staff the daily picket lines. A committee has already been formed in Syracuse which is working to support farm worker struggles across the country. Organizing is already underway. What is needed now is people to take interest, take action and help farm workers in their struggle for justice.

For more information or to help call the Syracuse Peace Council at 472-5478.

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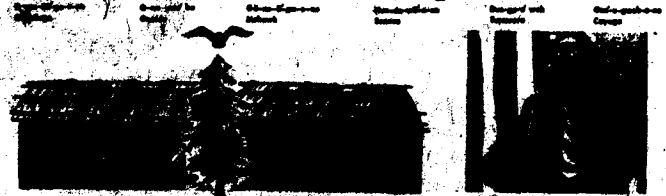
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Topics included: Iroquois Confederacy; Mark Twain; Harriet Tubman; Little Falls and Skaneateles Falls Textile Strike; Student Strikes; Eliz. Blackwell; Irish Workers Build the Erie Canal; Sloop Clearwater; Rockwell Kent; North Country Resists the 765 kV Line; Frederick Douglass; Martin Sostre.

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# Steering Committee Report

The SPC Steering Committee meeting, held Nov. 8 at Lillian Reiner's home, began on a high note with most members' "feeling sharing" quite positive.

Earl Colvin reported that the powers in Onondaga County seemed determined to put the waste disposal steam plant in the McBride St. area -- only a massive grassroots protest can stop its being located there. A committee was formed to discuss what SPC can do to help this effort.

The mailing asking SPC "non-contributors" to indicate if they wanted to remain on the mailing list brought in only \$125. Twenty responded -- sixteen wanted to keep receiving the PNL. The savings in cutting uninterested people from the mailing list will be significant.

The Energy Fair Committee described their work to date. The Fair, scheduled for late spring and hopefully at OCG will raise money through admission fees, exhibitor fees, program advertising, food, music, etc.

Initial planning on the traditional Birthday Dinner to be held in January. Brainstorming of speakers and sites and committee assignments took place.

### Subcommittee Reports:

Human Rights Committee is working around the Neighborhood Health Center situation, studying HEW guidelines and talking with doctors.

Publications Committee has made suggestions for changing the format of the Peace Newsletter and will evaluate each PNL after its printing.

The December Steering Committee meeting will begin with a holiday potluck.


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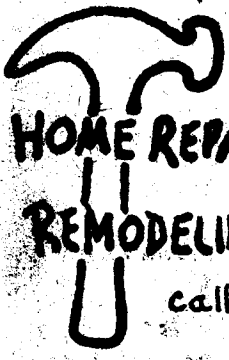
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# Help Ganienkeh

by Ed Dubinsky

Much of what we have been calling New York State is actually Indian land -- in particular the Iroquois/Six Nation Confederacy. Although this land claim is solidly based on treaties between sovereign nations, it may soon happen that these rights of Native Americans will be adjudicated in U.S. courts as has happened in Maine and elsewhere. But it will take a long time, and meanwhile, back on the reservation, Indians continue the struggle to preserve a way of life.

Traditional Indian life in this part of the world is governed by the Great Law of Peace on which the Iroquois confederacy is based. This law is a way of life set down centuries ago. It calls for harmony between animal, plant and human life; respect and love for the land



that nurtures us; individual rights along with a commitment to society as a whole; a truly democratic social political structure. It is said to have influenced the U.S. Constitution and present day U.S. society would benefit from a greater understanding of it.

But the Great Law of Peace does not seem to work on the reservation. Instead, the main social institutions there have become Alcoholism, Drug Addiction and Suicide. There have been many theories about the basic causes, but running through all of them is the contact with white American society.

So, three years ago, a group of Indians made Ganienkeh - Land of the Flint. They took over an abandoned girls' camp in the southern Adirondacks near Eagle Bay, 50 miles north of Utica. They came in the night, moved in, set up guards to keep out everyone who is not an Indian and proceeded to begin

Ed Dubinsky is a member of the North Country Defense Committee and a teacher in the North Country.

rebuilding their lives under the Great Law.

If has been a hard three years. The land they have gone to can be used for hunting and fishing, but it makes very poor farms. Their relations with the local population have been very tense. Night riders, snipers and prowlers have been the local responses. But they have survived. They are relearning many of the traditional ways -- some even have to learn to speak Mohawk. There are eleven children born in Ganienkeh.

Now, with the concurrence of the state, the people of Ganienkeh are



- Amherst Cultural Workers Collective

moving to new sites at Altona and Schuyler Falls, near Plattsburgh. There is better farmland, more room, hunting and fishing, and a chance to build good relations with their neighbors. It is an historic occasion when the State of New York agrees that Indians will live in a place where no white people will be allowed -- and have an opportunity to rediscover their traditional way of life in peace and without interference.

But there are serious practical problems and they need our help. Eventually they will become self-sufficient -- as they often say,

not for themselves, but for their grandchildren. During the transition they welcome help from non-Indians who can feel and understand what they are trying to do.

The state has insisted that they dismantle and remove every one of the 32 buildings at the camp where they are now. Although the buildings were there when they came, the people of Ganienkeh will remove them so they can use the materials to build their new homes.

They did no farming in the old place this year because they didn't expect to be there for the harvest. They did no farming in the new place because they didn't get it until the middle of May. They will need food and lots of it -- to feed 250-350 people now and through next winter.

In the new place, they will need woodstoves, oil lamps, chain saws, farm tools and all sorts of household items for cooking, sewing, etc.



This article is a plea for help. Please send money or offers of any of the things mentioned above to:

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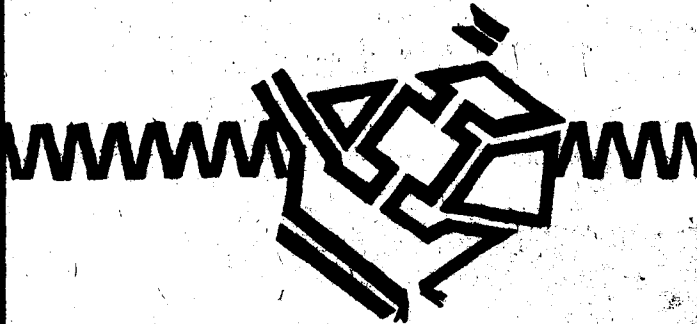
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SUBJECT: Media Review

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PEACE NEWSLETTER - Oct. 1977

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The dark ages are upon us again! Reeling from vehement attacks that have come from various law enforcement agencies, notably the conservative guard union locals of NYS, the Dept. of Corrections, headed by Commissioner Benjamin Ward, has embarked upon a frenzied campaign of repression in the prisons. Privileges granted during a more liberal era are being summarily taken. But perhaps one of the most ominous signs of the time is a return to censorship.

Only 5 men at Attica get the Peace Newsletter. The October 1977 issue of this innocuous publication was disapproved by the Attica Media Review Committee because of articles concerning the Auburn strike and current happenings at Greenhaven.

It was the contention of this Committee that such articles "incite disobedience towards law enforcement or prison officers."

Most prisoners are fully aware of the fact that 90% of all contraband, including drugs, are brought into the prisons by guards! These kinds of salient examples of remedial correction are unexciting and uninspiring. Pettiness and petty thievery, ways of life with many guards, are realities most prisoners shrug at and try to ignore. The Dept. of Corrections, always prone to a cavalier disregard for law, fairness, or justice, will go to any extreme to silence dissent and to suppress peaceful protests.

Prisoners may fail to appreciate Departmental hysteria and illogic, but they have never been nor will

they ever be a particularly disobedient bunch; and fortunately for Mr. Ward and prison administrators everywhere, most prisoners are above emulating the lawlessness correctional personnel perpetually display.

**WRITE A LETTER TO HELP END PRISON CENSORSHIP.**

The holiday season is a good time to help prisoners in their struggle against prison injustices. Censorship is one of these. Drop a short letter today to the NYS Dept. of Corrections, Albany, NY urging that they end all censorship of prisoners' mail and reading material. Help prisoners receive the PNL!

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I've been an avid participant in the Syracuse Peace Council political-economic study group for 3 years - have met many people, savored many potluck meals, and grappled with many facts and ideas.

Currently, 6 of us are discussing Instead of Prisons by the Prison Research Education Action Project, with supplemental readings from the letters of Sacco and Vanzetti.

We meet every 2 to 3 weeks in



each others' homes and start with a meal that everyone contributes to (cheese, juice, cassarole, whatever) at 6:30. We then hear one or two reports from the readings and discuss them. Personal sharing is also given time.

Responsibilities of reporting and facilitating are shared, but it isn't necessary to have a place to invite people to in order to participate in the group. We already have enough places so that isn't a problem.

Care to join us?

Contact Linda DeStefano:  
476-2841 (home) 471-2821 (work)

## Protests Greet Shah of Iran

(LNS)Eight thousand people protesting the Shah of Iran's visit to the U.S. converged at the White House November 15 & 16 in the most organized and militant Washington demonstration since the Viet Nam war.

At the same time, 4,000 demonstrators marched in Iran's capital city, Teheran, and large protests were held in San Francisco, and in England, Sweden, Italy, Germany and France.

For the 12th time in 28 years Shah Mohammed Fahlavi was an honored guest of the White House, and for the 12th time Iranian students voiced their criticism, this time more loudly than ever.

Despite knowledge of the 100,000 political prisoners in Iran and the thousands of political executions, the Shah, installed in a 1953 CIA-organized coup, is invaluable to the U.S. government as a key regional policeman in the Middle East, as well as sentry over the 34 million, largely impoverished people in his oil-rich country. The Shah came to the U.S. with a shopping list of weaponry worth \$5 billion.



The "puppet" and his string-puller at San Francisco demonstration November 15, 1977. 5,000 people protested the Shah's visit.  
Photo: Eddie Foronda/LNS



## New Seabrook Occupation Date Set!

(Ithaca New Times) June 24, 1978 is the new Seabrook nuke plant occupation date. The 3rd occupation, you'll remember, took place on April 30 with about 2,000 people participating. Organizers predict thousands more for the upcoming occupation. Seabrook has become a symbol of resistance to nukes in the eastern U.S. If we can stop one plant through massive protests then the viability of nuke plants will be totally eroded. It's the domestic domino theory and we need to make sure it's realized. If massive protests can stop the nukes in Europe (W. Germany has declared a moratorium on construction) then we can do the same here.

An indication of the stakes--at least as far as New Hampshire is concerned--is that occupiers who appealed their convictions for the April 30 action have been given very severe sentences of 2-6 months. Such sentences are unprecedented in NH for first-time trespassing convictions. Says Richard Berg, an occupier from Ithaca, "once they've exhausted the court punishment, they have nothing left. They're scared."

## Later for CNY NOW.

On November 9 a simmering struggle within CNY NOW (National Organization for Women) finally came to a head. A faction within NOW felt that support of gay rights would reduce NOW's effectiveness locally even though National NOW has a very clear pro gay rights position. This faction wanted NOW to focus primarily on passage of the ERA. Strangely, CNY NOW failed to formally support the recent ERA Walkathon. One person commented that this faction seemed more committed to inaction than anything else.

The pro gay rights group took the position that it was NOW's respons-

ibility to support all struggles for human justice and liberation. This group, about equal in size to the first faction, walked out of the November 9 meeting after a non gay rights candidate was elected president of the local chapter by a narrow margin. This group has already formed the 'Greater Syracuse Chapter of NOW'. For more information: Betty Bone Schiess 446-2754.

## Local Police Harass Kissinger-Dissenter

Syracusan Del Bullock was upset about war criminal Henry Kissinger's September 8, 1977 visit to Syracuse. He decided to register his concern with the people responsible. First, he called Temple Adath Yeshurun and was told that they were only providing the facility for the event. Their hands were clean.

The Temple referred Del to Bonds for Israel where he talked to a very defensive man who claimed they weren't responsible either. Next Del called Crouse-Irving Memorial hospital for whom the event was a fund-raiser. The person he talked to had no answers but assured him someone would get back to him. No one ever did.

At each place Del called he left his name and number feeling he had every right to file his complaints with the appropriate people. Rather than dialogue or information, Del got a visit from the Syracuse police. They visited his place of employment. This can only be seen as a subtle form of harassment since at no time had Del issued any threats. Fortunately, Del's job was not jeopardized, but many people wouldn't have been as fortunate.

## Crumb of the Month

This month's award goes to Rep. William Walsh (R. 33rd) for his "courageous" effort to introduce legislation in Congress that would invalidate all treaties between Native Americans and the U.S. This would of course prevent Native Americans from reclaiming any of their lands that were stolen from them. Congratulations, Rep. Walsh, you're the first 2-time winner!

# FREE CLASSIFIEDS

That's right FREE! Donations, of course, are appreciated. Please type or print your listing and try to keep it brief. Mail to: PNL Classifieds, 924 Burnet Ave., Syracuse, N.Y. 13203. Reply deadline is 5:00 pm, Tuesday, January 3, 1978.

The PEOPLE'S HISTORY Calendar is here! Covers topics from Erie Canal Workers to Harriet Tubman. This valuable educational resource can be ordered at a 40% discount for 8 or more copies. Single copies by mail are \$3.25.

In a jam? Don't push the panic button. Dial CONTACT 445-1500. We'll help you work it through. Anytime.

**Free Room** at SPC. Bill Cangemi, the SPC house resident for over 2 years is leaving; the arrangement is free room in exchange for some maintenance chores; if you're interested call SPC at 472-5478.

Painting and Redecorating, reasonable rates, free estimates, Call Marilyn and Sharon, 474-3237.

PAF 400, A Woman's Place: An Overview. Spring 1978, T&Th 1:15-2:40. Instructor: Toni Taverone, grad student in Social Science. An interesting exploration of women's roles in society. This course was collectively developed by a group of women from the S.U. Women's Studies Program. It is designed to stimulate, educate, and challenge you. See Women's Studies procure (Spring, 1978) for further details.

Plant Care Service, industrial, commercial, residential plant care, interior landscaping; business and house calls, free advise, call Mo 475-5461.

International Soldier's Movement is a history of GI organizing in Holland, France, Italy, Germany and England. With conclusions relevant to GI organizers here in the U.S. Send 50¢ plus 25¢ postage to RECON, 702 Stanley Street, Ypsilanti, MI. 48197

In These Times: Distributor needed to spend about 3 hrs. a week to deliver papers to 5 locations. Present distributor is moving. Contact the SPC for more information.

Interested in urban environmental issues? Group forming in the Syracuse area. Highway trust funds, local transportation and usage of abandoned buildings are some suggested ideas. First meeting on Dec. 22 at 7:30pm at 107 W. Newell St. Contact Sam Sage, 472-4606 for more information.

Movement for a New Society is presenting a 2 week training session in Philadelphia. Jan. 14-29. Themes will include personal growth and social change strategies. Write to: January General Training Program, c/o Michael Lillith, 4713 Windsor Ave., Phil., PA. 19143

United Farm Workers Winter Program. Jan. 16- Mar. 27 in California. If you want to apply contact Larry Trammutt, Boycott Dept., UFW, PO Box 62, Keene, California 93531

Replica of Jotul #4. Brand new with warranty. \$400, \$455 retail. Never Been Used. Call Butch at 424-9771 or 695-2170.

Educational Opportunity Center FILM SERIES on Chile will be presented at the Public Library throughout December. For exact dates and times contact the Educational Opportunity Center at 473-4741.

EGOH and the Free University will co-sponsor a newspaper drive, to be held at EGOH on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 9am to 4pm. Proceeds will be divided between the two groups. Arrangements can be made for pick-ups. Contact Lee Gechas at 472-4157, evenings.

**FREE KITTENS:** Call Randy or Wendy at 478-4432.

# Holiday Cards from SPC

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BE OPENED & THE EARS  
OF THE DEAF  
UNSTOPPED...

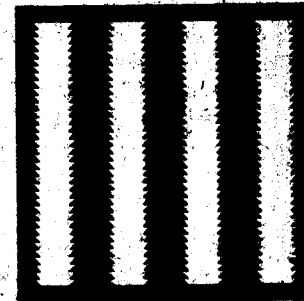
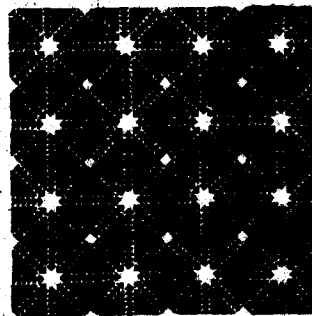


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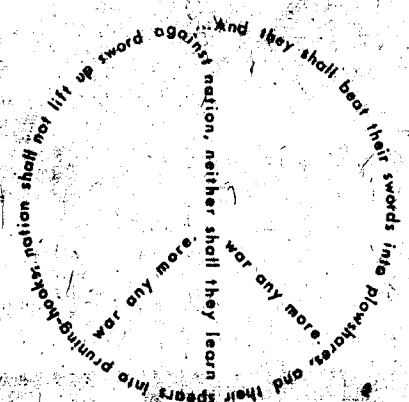
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# PNL Calendar December 1977

4	Plowshare	Free Films - Educational Opportunity Center, "Phala Ndaba - End of the Dialogue powerful, 8. After-dinner in secret, 1pm-7pm library KOC, 105 Gilford.	6	Article VIII Hearings Board Community Room Civic Center see p. 5 People's History Calendar collecting party, 528 Allen St., 4pm - 10pm Come & help & get a free calendar! For a ride call Dix 472-5478	7	Maudie Kuhn, novelist, Pulitzer Prize for poetry 173, 8pm, Grand Aud., \$1 donation to Bennett Women Writers Ctr. Scholarship fund. 655-3466, x138.	8	Free films at E.O.C. "When the People Awaken" - Chile under Allende, 1pm & 7pm Gain opening of Auradine - a woman's gallery, 7:30pm W.I.C., 601 Allen St., refreshments, music, \$5 donation.	9	MSV Films: "ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST" 6, 8:15, 10:30pm, 12:45am Grand Aud. - (S.U.) \$1.50	10	The Front Room is open 10pm - 4pm	
11	City's guidelines for the fair 7th April, 12 1/3/78	12	Free films at E.O.C. 155 Gilford "Child with Poems and Songs", 1pm & 7pm Planning or organizational meeting at SPC - 8pm	13	SPC Steering Comm. mtg. Foodluck at Charlotte Hawk, 6:30 pm 1200 Euclid Ave. Political Economy Study Group Foodluck For info call Linda De-sterano, 476-2841	14	Free films at E.O.C. 155 Gilford, "Carn-panemto", 1pm & 7pm Urban Indian Crafts - 6 Open House - Active Amer-ican crafts, 410 E. Willow 6-9:30pm, 425-4288, free.	15	The Front Room is not open on Dec. 24	16	Dec. 17 is our last date of calendar "work" items. Enjoy the holidays and relax!	Dec 30	The Front Room is open 10pm - 4pm Michael Cooney Benefit Concert

Syracuse Peace Council's 7th Annual  
**Plowshare  
Craftsfair & Sale**  
**Dec. 3-4  
1977** 60 area craftspeople showing,  
demonstrating and selling their  
work!!  
**Saturday/Sunday  
10-5 1-5  
Plymouth Church**  
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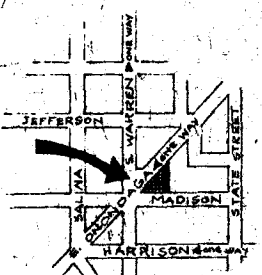


**Great Food**  
Low priced petal foods, lunches and refreshments will be available.

**Raffle**  
**ENDS COUNTRY SKI:** Annes Tur Langrend donated by Nippenose, 3006 Erie Blvd. E., value \$63.  
**HORSESHOE NAIL MOBILE:** multiple items designed to the winner's specifications by Mobile Art Forms, John & Sally Brule; value \$20.  
**CERAMIC HANGING POT:** designed by Sherop Wegener; value \$15.  
**STAINED GLASS MIRROR:** Gothic-shaped with flower on top, 11x15" designed by Annie & Rick Hansen; value \$35.

**Free Parking**  
3 hours of FREE PARKING at many downtown garages on Saturday. Free parking at meters on Sunday.

**MSV FILMS SEASON TICKETS:** Spring 1978 season, 7 great films, 2 tickets; value \$31.  
**GIFT CERTIFICATES:** to The Front Room book store, 524 Barbet Ave.; value \$15.  
Tickets are 50¢ or 3/\$1.25 and are available at The Front Room, Nippenose, Syracuse Book Center, Grand Wazoo. You can help SPC by selling tickets; call 475-6921 or 472-5478. DRAWING at Plowshare Craftsfair, Sunday: December 4, 1977, 4pm.



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