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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 & services; 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, \$10/year. PNL circulation is 5,000: 2,000 by direct mail & 3,000 thru 95 outlets in CNY. We have very reasonable ad rates.

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January Production: David Goldman, Deborah Rizzo, Karen Kerney, Dik Cool, Chris Murray, Glenda Neff, William Sunderlin, Gary Weinstein, Jack Manno, Mark Solomon.

Next Month

Editorial Committee: Donna Warrnook, Ed Kinane, Gary Weinstein, William Sunderlin

Production: Mon., 1/22 - Wed., 1/31; 56 pages needs lots of help!

Mailing Party: sometime after 1/31 call us to find out!

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 progressive social change and to overcome our sense of powerlessness thru mutual support.

We feel that education, agitation and 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 and the three collectives that work out of the SPC office: the program staff, the SPC Press, and The Front Room Bookstore.

How It Is With Us....

It's been a difficult six weeks. Plowshare, Community '79, People's Energy, NVS Films, the West Valley hearing, The Front Room, the new People's Energy Primer, the SPC Press reopening are the major things that have occupied all of us. Then, to top them off, our trusty sump pump broke in the face of an artisan well invading the cellar. This breakage led to the motor going on our furnace blower. But thanks to the efforts of our new Press operatives, Sue and Steve (see p. 10) and Butch Lord these problems were fixed.

You might notice that this PNL, like the December issue, feels a little light. It's 16 rather than 24 pages because of our much-needed rest during the holidays. Several regular features, including Peaces, the Middle East column, and the book review you will not find. They will all return in the March issue (see Upcoming PNLs this page). We are also faced with the huge task of retyping our mailing list before the end of January (if you can help please call).

The money situation looks better from one vantage point: our income during the holiday period met and in some cases exceeded our budget projections. A nice thing, but we still haven't made much headway on our \$7,000 debt. Now is a real nice time (makes for such tidy record-keeping) to renew or begin a monthly or quarterly pledge to SPC in any amount.

Upcoming In the Peace Newsletter

- ** In a continuing effort to be more realistic about our work loads we have decided that the People's Energy Primer, a special 56 page sequel to our successful April 1977 PNL supplement (Nuclear Power & Its Alternatives), will be the February PNL. There will be a single page stuffer for community events in February--deadline is 1/26. See page 5 for more info on the Primer.
- ** The March issue will feature a number of articles related to International Women's Day--March 8th. They will include:
A Personal View of the Mental Health System by Deb Pillsbury.
Women in the Middle East by Judy Bjorkman.
Women-made music by Barb Dunn.
And several more.....
- ** Since April 30 marks the end of the Viet Nam war we'll have an article on the Viet Nam/Kampuchea war as well as an in-depth look at China's questionable foreign policy.

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Chaplin's MODERN TIMES

FRIDAY JANUARY 19 7,9,11pm

This 1936 classic is widely regarded as one of the highest achievements in cinema history. With beautifully subtle pantomime, Charlie Chaplin's "Little Tramp" takes on Western industrialization and the results are funny, magical and profound. Don't miss this chance to see a comic genius in his most pointed social satire.

PLUS(shown first)

Nixon's CHECKERS SPEECH

Zany Republican humor and a small black dog(?) are featured in this 1952 broadcast to the nation. The comedy is somewhat dated, but we understand the speaker is planning to revamp his material and attempt a comeback.

ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2 7,9:15,11:30pm

Based on Ken Kesey's novel, this exceptional film swept all the major Academy Awards of 1976--best picture, best director, best actress & actor, best screenplay. The formal aspects of the film are brilliant and the story of Randall P. McMurphy's imaginative rebellion against the forces of institutionalization has become a modern American myth. With Louise Fletcher and Jack Nicholson. Directed by Milos Forman.

PATHS OF GLORY

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9 7,9,11pm

"Brilliant example of the film-maker's art...uniformly excellent cast."
-Judith Crist

This powerfully dramatic study of the inhumanity of war established Stanley Kubrick as a film director of penetrating vision (Dr. Strangelove, Clockwork Orange). Kirk Douglas is excellent as the human colonel caught in the middle. The camera-work, photography, and over-all effect of the film are stunning.

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MAN O'WAR - Laurel & Hardy

Laurel and Hardy appear in this 20minute short which takes a more light-hearted look at military conflict. Our silent heroes board a train headed for the war. Amusing misadventures.

ANGELA: PORTRAIT OF A REVOLUTIONARY

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23 7,9,11pm

This well-made film presents an intimate view of Angela Davis prior to her arrest in 1971. We see her instructing classes at UCLA, at demonstrations on behalf of the Soledad Brothers, and at home discussing her convictions and the forces that

(cont'd.)

led to her political involvement. She emerges not as a caricature of a revolutionary, but as a thoughtful young woman of intellectual and moral strength, a political activist, and a spokeswoman for black people. Directed by Yolanda du Luart--a student of Angela Davis.

PLUS(shown first)

LAST GRAVE AT DIMBAZA

This moving documentary reveals the murderous apartheid policy of South Africa, including some unbelievably heartless comments by white government officials. This 55 minute film was shot illegally and smuggled out of the country to be edited in Europe. It is a powerful and captivating experience.

A WOMEN'S MINI-FILM FESTIVAL IN HONOR OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

(March 8th)

FRIDAY MARCH 2 7&9:45pm

Aspect

By local filmmaker Kate Tomlinson. Study of a woman and the walls she builds between herself and her experience.

Great Grand Mother

By Anne Wheeler and Lorna Rasmussen. A film celebrating the amazing strength of prairie women in their struggle for survival as settlers.

Malvina Reynolds

By Susan Weingraf. A documentary on Malvina Reynolds--songwriter, folksinger, and activist who, at the age of 76, successfully united her talents and humanism into song. A beautiful celebration of an older woman rich with insight, courage, and humor.

Other Half of the Sky

This film records a trip taken by a group of American women, including Shirley MacLaine, to China. They investigate the role of women in that society and their attitude toward their work and their lives.

BURN!

FRIDAY MARCH 30 7,9,11pm

"An extremely political film... it soars with the imaginative force of art."

- Pauline Kael
The New Yorker

Director Gillo Pontecorvo (Battle of Algiers) gives us a dramatic history lesson and a revolutionary thriller in this 1970 film. Despite featuring a major film actor (Brando) the film never received the promotion/distribution it deserved because of its political ideas. The vehicle for these ideas is a conflict between two men-- Marlon Brando as an agent of the British empire and Evaristo Marquez as the local black leader. Powerful use of crowd scenes, vivid cinematography and an excellent musical score. An intense social drama.

LENNY

FRIDAY APRIL 13 7,9,11pm

Dustin Hoffman gives a remarkable performance as Lenny Bruce-- a man who has become a modern folk hero. This 1974 film is a complex and gripping work which portrays Bruce as a determined, dynamic, egocentric, but above all, very funny man. Highlights include sequences of original nightclub material, a very sensitive performance by Valerie Perrine (Superman, Slaughterhouse 5) as Lenny's wife who becomes addicted to heroin, and a musical score by jazz great Miles Davis. Bruce's involvement with obscenity charges and his defense of free speech are handled by director Bob Fosse with integrity and urgency.

Syracuse Premiere!

EUGENE DEBS AND THE AMERICAN MOVEMENT

FRIDAY APRIL 20 7,9,11pm

This biographical documentary traces fifty years (1875-1925) of long-suppressed history of the American labor movement. The film reveals the brutal government reaction to workers' attempts to organize at a time when the foundation of a modern industrial and corporate nation was being established. We are presented with a portrait of the man who founded the American Railway Union, led the Pullman strike of 1894, founded the Socialist Party of America and ran four times as its presidential candidate. Debs was a dynamic American leader whose accomplishments deserve wider recognition.

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I.F. STONE'S WEEKLY

"A THOROUGH DELIGHT..."

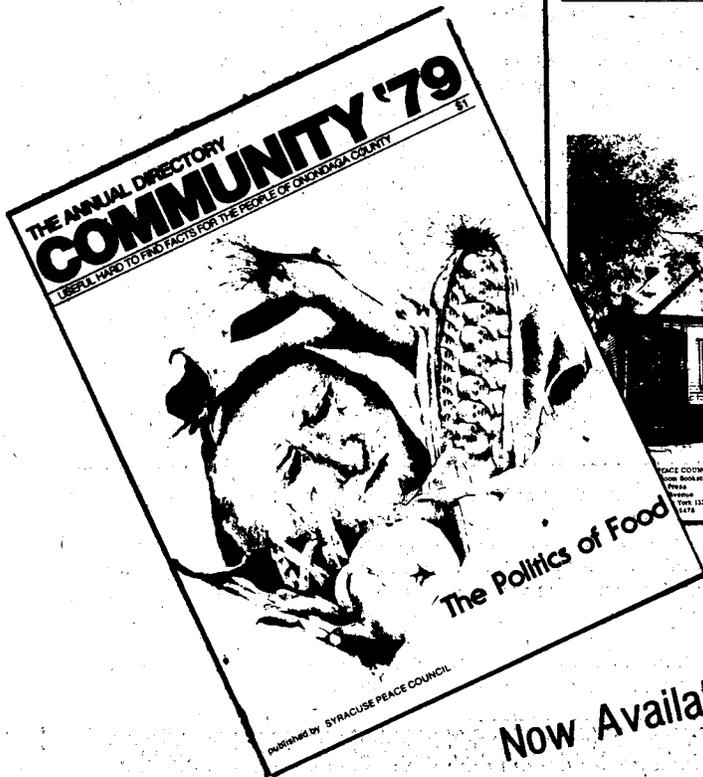
-Vincent Canby

Filmmaker Jerry Bruck treats us to a rare privilege-- an in-depth look at a man passionately interested in the truth. Washington newsman I.F. (Izzy) Stone was editor, reporter, production chief, etc. of his own independent weekly for 18 years and tirelessly sought out the facts in the capital's political arena. He was a journalist of boundless energy and rare integrity whose basic premise of political reporting was: "Every government is run by liars, and nothing they say should be believed."

WOODSTOCK

FRIDAY APRIL 27 7 & 10pm

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Below are excerpts from a review of People's Energy by Peg Averill in WIN magazine, December 21, 1978:

"PEOPLE'S ENERGY's self-description is a very modest assessment of all that they managed to stuff into a limited number of pages with humor and a light touch... Special commendation is due the collective for their success in getting original art from more than a dozen graphic artists..

"Generally speaking, the calendar stands head and shoulders above anything I've seen yet this year for approaching the vital power of the vintage calendars (of the Vietnam era.)"

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Letters

To the Editor of the PNL: /

Evelyn Zaleon was killed on Dec. 15 by a drunken driver. What a loss to her daughters, sister, brother-in-law, other close relatives and many, many friends! What a loss too for the people who would never know her personally but had benefited from her hard work for social justice.

At her funeral, where a very large number of people gathered, Evelyn's friend of many years, Faith Seidenberg, gave the eulogy. The fact that a woman gave the eulogy rather than the rabbi, the fact that there were women as well as men pallbearers, and the fact of references from the Scripture which praised women, made this ceremony appropriate to Ev, a feminist.

My first contact with Ev was through her daughter, Janet, a long-time SPC activist (at least as "long-time" as a woman in her early twenties can be). Ev encouraged Janet's participation at SPC and was supportive of SPC herself.

I also knew Ev through the CNY chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union. When I began working there 4 1/2 years ago, Ev phoned me to say "welcome" and offered whatever help she could as I got used to the new job. That kind of helpfulness and warmth continued throughout the 4 1/2 years of our friendship. As busy as she was as the office manager for the law firm of Seidenberg, Strunk and Krupkin, she would take time to be in touch with me almost daily throughout her two years as president of the board of the CLU chapter. I also valued the occasional lunches together, alas, far too few.

I miss her gentleness, her openness to various points of view, her hard work on worthy causes, her half-humorous/half-serious sense of how demanding life could be ("Oh, Linda, Linda, Linda..." she would murmur with her eyes raised upward in mock emphasis, and I'd know it had been another busy day with too much to do.) I miss her caring about me (and so many others). I miss looking at her -- a handsome woman. I miss Evelyn.

If anyone wants to give a contribution in honor of Ev, the family has requested that it go to the Louis Schultz Memorial Fund at the Development Office, 820 Ostrom Ave.,

Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 13210. This is a scholarship fund for students in creative arts. Louis was Ev's nephew.

Linda
Linda DeStefano

Dear People,

This was my first year as a participant in Plowshare, and I enjoyed it a great deal. Because I'm trying to earn a living through my craft work, sales are necessarily my primary criterion for evaluating a craft show. However, there are other important criteria such as: the presence of live music, the availability of good food, the general reception that I receive from people attending the show, and the overall atmosphere.

In my opinion, Plowshare should be rated high in all of these categories. Both the staff people and the people visiting the show were very nice, and the food was delicious, nutritious, and downright cheap--qualities which are all too rare for food typically served in public places!

I want to thank Lisa, the rest of the Plowshare staff, and the people who attended the show for helping to make two days of my work most enjoyable. I'm already looking forward to next December's show.

Barry Gordon

Dear SPC,

Someone was friendly and wrote "hi Sandy!" on the outside of my December PNL and put 74¢ on it for air-mail postage. I don't normally need to get it air, so save the extra money. Here's \$10 to tide you over for a bit. Even after 10 1/2 years in England, it's still a joy to maintain links with central NY through SPC, and to know that old friends are still struggling.

Keep up the good work. It's appreciated and valued in ways that you'll never know, and has effects far beyond central NY.

Love and peace for 1979,

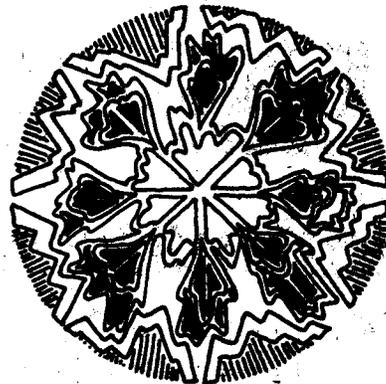
Sandy Merritt

howdi folks,

here's a contribution for your efforts: the 50¢ was donated to Clamshell by a woman at the laundromat. You see i use the old Clamshell Donation can as a means of transporting laundry detergent and the woman just dropped 50¢ into it, so i'm forwarding it to you to do with as you please.

take care of yourselves
dave wendt

John Mack Evelyn Zaleon



*they lived
their political beliefs...*

== we work in their spirit ==

It is imperative that people respond now to the parole consideration of Dacajeweah (John B. Hill). Following is a sample letter that people are sending to Albany.

Edward R. Hammock
Chairman of the Division of Parole
Executive Department
Division of Parole
1450 Western Avenue
Albany, New York 12203

Dear Chairman Hammock and Members of the Parole Board:

I am deeply concerned with the upcoming parole consideration of Dacajeweah (John B. Hill).

When Gov. Carey granted clemency in 1976, I strongly supported this action and looked forward to Dacajeweah's release.

If the tragedy of Attica is to end as the Governor has correctly decreed, then one man cannot alone be punished. My respect for the law would only be diminished by the continued imprisonment of Dacajeweah.

Reports and investigations which have been made public since you last denied parole to Dacajeweah have further shown the prosecution, which resulted in Dacajeweah's conviction to have been improper, to have lacked integrity, and to have been totally one-sided.

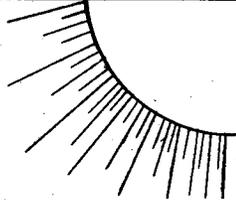
I urge you to grant immediate parole release and end the victimization of DACAJEWEIAH.

cc: Patrick Fitzgerald
Senior Parole Officer
Sing Sing Correctional Facility
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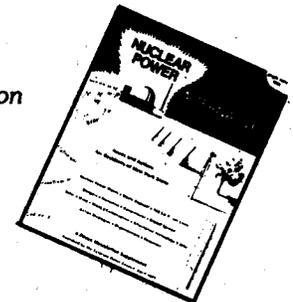
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A sequel to

"Nuclear Power and Its Alternatives"

(Release date: late January, 1979)

A special issue of the Peace Newsletter

Plowshare '78: Good Times

SPC's 8th annual Plowshare Craftsfair & Sale was surely an unqualified success - both on the giving and the receiving end.

Perhaps the feeling was best summed up by one of the craftspeople on an evaluation sheet:

"I think the whole atmosphere is great. Most craft shows now charge admission fees. Where else can you go today, for free, minimum charge for good food, music, some free, some for a small charge, plus all the feasts for the eyes."

SPC finances is feeling the success of Plowshare too. The event netted \$1,500, a tidy sum which will go a long way toward helping us pay for our current rash of publications!



Women's Information Center

The Feminist School Winter 1979

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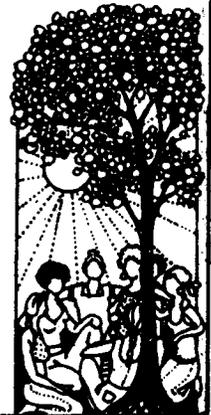
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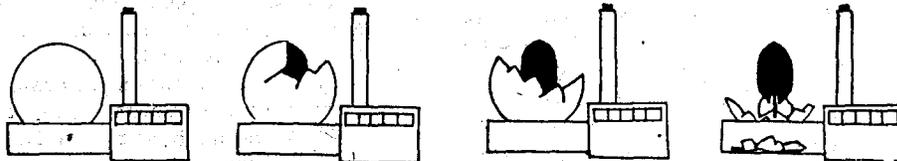
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Currents

"Currents" is a new PNL feature which will carry items of interest on the energy issue.



Incinerator May Pack a Bang

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff believes there is a possibility of explosions in the radioactive waste incinerator proposed for the Nine Mile 1 nuke.

An NRC document obtained under the Freedom of Information Act by Ecology Action of Oswego says: "The consequences of an internal explosion or significant pressure transient could be significant. Internal explosions have occurred at incinerators in the past." The document goes on to suggest that it "may be necessary" to design the incinerator "to withstand possible explosions."

The facility, planned by NiMo, is the first of its kind at a commercial nuclear plant in the U.S.

The NRC document lists several more potential problems with the incinerator, including:
*fouling of radiation control equipment by burned plastics and resins. This could cause more radioactivity to go into the air from the incinerator.

*high radiation doses for workers. Some incinerator areas could give off more than 100 "rems" per hour. The limit for worker doses is 5 rems per year.

Despite these issues, the NRC staff is trying to help NiMo begin construction of the incinerator this February, "at its own financial risk" according to an NRC memo.

There is no financial risk to NiMo in this venture. The only risk is borne by NiMo ratepayers, who will eventually pay for the company's mistakes, and the residents of Central NY, whose health and safety is threatened.

-Sue Reinert

Ecology Action of Oswego

Monkey See, China Do

While Energy Secretary James Schlesinger was in China in early November, he arranged a large "menu for collaboration" in energy

between China and the U.S., including joint work in high energy nuclear physics. Nuclear power was not on his "official agenda", but perhaps not coincidentally, the Carter administration gave its blessings to the sale by France to China of a Westinghouse-designed reactor, even though China is not a signatory to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

-Groundswell

NiMo Phantom Taxes

From 1975 to 1977, NiMo collected \$40,194,710 in federal income taxes through our utility bills, money which one would think is paid directly to the federal government. In fact, though, NiMo has only paid \$3,727,960 of this sum to the feds and it won't be paying the rest for 15-20 years, if ever.

This practice is sanctioned through an intricate accounting scheme called "accelerated depreciation." When the feds introduced accelerated depreciation 25 years ago, it was for the purpose of encouraging capital investment. It has done just that:

"Since phantom taxes increase as a utility spends more on new powerplants, these taxes encourage utilities to build more capital-intensive plants, such as nuclear reactors. (from Congressional report Nuclear Power Costs.)

NiMo villifies those who would call this practice "phantom taxing" saying:

"Using this kind of logic, such groups may next call the individual homeowner's deduction on his (sic) mortgage interest a 'tax undercharge' implying that anyone taking that deduction is guilty of tax fraud."

But the fact of the matter is that phantom tax payments are in net effect an involuntary interest-free loan from the consumer to the utility. As long as NiMo continues to grow, much of that loan will never be paid back.

Feeling ripped off? Contact SPC and we'll organize.

Seeds for a Nuclear Moratorium

The state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has released an energy demand forecast which shows that NY would not need any new powerplants until sometime in the 1990's, even if demand were to grow at its 1960's rate of 7%/year. NY's utilities are quite dismayed by this report -- demand is presently growing at a rate of only 2-3%/year.

The DEC report corroborates the argument of energy activists that the rise in energy price (due to our dependence on non-renewable fuels) and our decreasing rate of energy use are mutually reinforcing and irrevocable trends. This is the reality behind the utilities' claim that the decrease in electrical demand is due to an 'economic slump.'

New York's enormous margin of excess electrical generating capacity (as high as 50% during the winter even though the required reserve margin is 23%) is due to the decreasing rate of energy use and to the utilities' overbuilding in expectation of a return to pre-oil embargo consumption rates. Our enormous reserve margin, coupled with the discovery of 3,000 megawatts of 'small head', decentralized hydropower, creates a unique opportunity for NY to replace bad energy technology with energy technology based on a renewable, safe resource.

It is vital that we guard against allowing hydropower to be developed to increase our energy supply. It should not be viewed as supplementary electrical generating capacity, but rather as substitute capacity. Please write the implementors of the state's Master Plan (see Dec. PNL "Currents") to urge them to develop hydro as a means to a nuclear moratorium. Write:

State Energy Office
Agency Building #2
Empire State Plaza,
Albany, NY 12223

A New York State Supreme Court in Clinton County has dismissed a petition filed by a conservative political group called the Altona Citizen's Committee which would have voided a 1977 agreement between New York State and the Turtle Island Trust which provided for the occupation by Mohawk people of "State" lands in Northern New York. The court case was brought over a conflict which arose when the Ganienkeh community blockaded access roads to the Macombe and Miner lake State Parks. The Altona Citizen's Committee had claimed that the blockade of the roads violated the rights of New York's citizens to access to public lands.

The lawsuit contended that a 1977 lease by New York State to the Turtle Island Trust was illegal because it violated terms of previous agreements and New York State law. State Supreme Court Judge DeForest Pitt disagreed. In a six-page memorandum he said that the citizen's committee petition fails to demonstrate monetary damages, and that since Ganienkeh is part of the Mohawk Nation and the Six Nations Confederacy, it enjoys sovereign immunity from lawsuit. (Indian nations are recognized as sovereign entities under U.S. federal law and under New York State law, at least to the extent that they are immune to lawsuit.)

"The decision is consistent with our right to be there," says Kakwirakeron, spokesperson for the Ganienkeh Settlement. "Even under the laws of New York State, our right to be there is shown to be valid."

In 1974, Mohawk people occupied an area of land in the Adirondack Mountains near Moss Lake, New York. The occupation resulted from two centuries of unsuccessful attempts to gain recognition of the title of the Mohawk Nation and the Six Nations Confederacy to lands which the state claims under a 1797 treaty which the Mohawk Nation says was illegal. Called by its founders "Ganienkeh" (which means "Land of the Flint,") the settlement has been dedicated to the revitalization of traditional Mohawk culture.

The Moss Lake occupation became a major political and police confrontation when right wing groups in the area began harrasing the camp with indiscriminate gunfire. In October, 1974, Ganienkeh made headlines in upstate New York newspapers when two non-Indians were apparently injured by gunfire from the settlement. The Moss Lake operation became a heated political issue in Herkimer County.

In May, 1977, then-Secretary of State Mario Cuomo led negotiations for a settlement of the issues with Ganienkeh leaders. The negotiations resulted in an agreement whereby the Ganienkeh settlement would move to lands in Clinton County. Mohawk people began occupying two sites, a total of 5700 acres of land, near Altona and Schuyler Falls, N.Y., in August, 1977. The next month, the Ganienkeh Settlement closed two access roads to the former parks. The blockade of the roads initiated the court action by the Altona Citizen's Committee.

"This (court) decision shows that the interim resolution reached after three years of negotiations is valid and lawful under New York State's laws as well as being consistent with our concept of the exercise of sovereignty," Kakwirakeron continues. "It is valid from both points of view--from the State's, and from ours."

Only Interim Resolution

"The agreement to move is an interim resolution while we press our claims to nine million acres of Mohawk territory. The objective of the interim resolution was to enable the Ganienkeh community to occupy and utilize a portion of our ancestral lands in order to continue a traditional lifestyle and to enable us to strive towards self-sufficiency--to raise our own crops and livestock, provide our own education, and provide for our health needs.

"We think that the State's objective was to have our community move away from the controversial Moss Lake site. Their main stumbling block was that they wanted to relocate us somewhere, anywhere, in a legal sort of way."

Those views seem to be supported by Mario Cuomo who takes office as Lt. Governor of New York State in January. In an interview with the



GANIENKEH: A New Era of Relations?

BUFFALO COURIER EXPRESS on November 26, he said, "We disengaged them (Ganienkeh) from a hostile situation, we ceased the continued flaunting of our laws and we reduced the possibility of violence."

"What New York State is saying," says Kakwirakeron, "is that it is a new era of relations between New York State and the Indian people. In other words, they are trying to change their image. Over and over again, over the past year and a half and particularly the past five or six months, the state has publicly said, "we have made an agreement, and we're going to stand behind it." This is unusual in our time. But they are standing behind it. It was originally agreed that any secondary roads would be closed.

"We haven't interfered with the primary roads through the property. All we've closed are two seldom-used dirt roads. We are not cutting off access to anything."

The court decision could have long-reaching effects in New York's relation with its Native people. It is certain that the decision, which appears to recognize the principle of the sovereignty of the Mohawk Nation and the Six Nations Confederacy must be seen as a major step in the struggle of Native people here to maintain their sovereignty, their way of life, and the integrity of their nations.

How We Can Help

Ganienkeh especially needs our support during this difficult winter of resettlement. Items they can use are: winter clothing; canned goods; tools; dry goods; blankets and financial contributions. Please send to: Ganienkeh Territory, Box 85 via Altona, NY 12910.

What Happened to the Sexual Revolution?

by Jack Manno

In the 1950's, one could watch weeks of TV, read stacks of magazines and never encounter a word about sex. One extreme example: Jack Parr was bleeped for using the initials, "W.C.", to refer to a water closet -- a euphemism for bathroom which, through erotic connotations implied the forbidden parts of the body. In the midst of these absurdities, contradictions were simplistic. On the right: repression, hysterical anti-communism, hypocrisy, and boredom. On the left: freedom, communalism, honesty, sex and fun. If America would shed its hang-ups along with its clothes we would soon be living in a new age of freedom and the pursuit of pleasure. Oh, the joys of naivete.

Twenty years later an interesting reversal has occurred. The inhabitants of prime time TV live in a virtual garden of earthly delight.

"Reader's Digest" carries articles about the function of the orgasm while volumes of progressive and left wing periodicals are published without a reference to lust printed anywhere between their prudent covers. What happened to the sexual revolution?

Many doubt whether a revolution, meaning a dramatic change in behavior, ever took place. But obvious changes have occurred. Puritan morality has been challenged. The old morality was almost exclusively concerned with sexual matters. It was built around the dictum that if it feels good, it must be immoral. When morality is only concerned with the crotch, hypocrisy flourishes. The banker, unquestionably 'moral' in his sex life, has no questions to ask about the morality of his banking decisions. The extreme of this moral contradiction was forcefully stated by the Gay veteran who told a crowd of demonstrators, "I was given a medal for killing a man and a dishonorable discharge for loving one."

The sexual revolution, by challenging the old morality, has freed us to develop standards that will encourage responsible social, eco-

This article was adapted from an extensive treatment of the "Sexual Revolution" by Jack Manno with the editing help of Chris Murray.

nomie and interpersonal behavior. We can begin to develop guidelines for sexual well-being. Elizabeth Canfield offers the following checklist in *The Humanist*:

"These are the primary questions: Does my behavior enhance the self-esteem of those involved? Is it entirely voluntary? Does it provide pleasure and gratification? Does it prevent unwanted pregnancy? Does it prevent the spreading of disease?"

This is a long way from a list of Thou Shalt Nots. To the extent that we create social conditions in which we are free and empowered to ask those questions, the sexual revolution will have been a large step toward human liberation. This has yet to happen. The sexual revolution has not taken place in a vacuum. Much of it has served to institute new forms of repression. What did happen?

Some people consider 1954 the year of the development and subsequent marketing of the Pill, as the beginning of the sexual revolution. The pill appeared to be the materialization of a dream: easy loving without fear of pregnancy.

The popular acceptance of contraception negates the argument that the only goal of sexual activity is procreation. Most importantly, the pill expanded women's decision-making power over their bodies. It freed women to discover their sexualities without chronic anxiety.

But arrogantly tampering with the delicate interrelationships between hormonal balance and health had severe consequences. The body, despite capitalist imagination, is not a machine nor a simple set of chemical equations but complex organic, material and spiritual systems about which we understand very little. The cost of this ignorance to the health of women has been outrageous.

Chemical birth control is as much a result of sexual repression and women's oppression as it is a means of overcoming either. Women cannot realistically reassure a man in heat who pantingly reassures her that that he has taken his pill. Thus the burden of ingestion falls on her. Besides, the real value of oral contraceptives is within the sexual drama

*"America when will you be Angelic
When will you take off your clothes."*

"America"-Allen Ginsberg

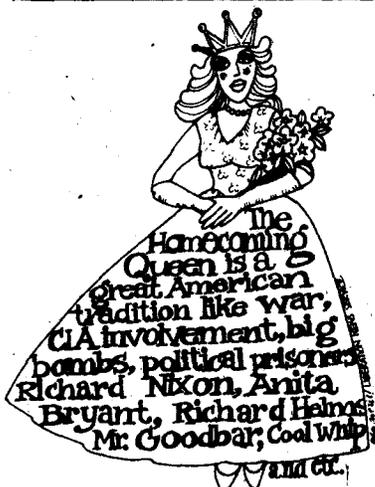
as defined by men. Other, safer birth control is available. It requires that couples slow down love-making or share orgasms without fucking. In light of what's known about female sexuality, the bringing of leisure and concern to sex favors women's sexual satisfaction. The rise in the number of women taking the pill signified a sexual revolution. The recent decline in the use of the pill is evidence of the end of the first phase of the sexual revolution and the expansions of a second, feminist, phase.

By 1960 the Supreme Court had written First Amendment decisions protecting the publishers and performers of commercial eroticism. The floodgates were opened that allowed the cultural expression of the dramatic changes of the sixties. Many of those changes were mixed blessings.

1969 was the turning point of the sexual revolution. Radical women and Gay people connected sexuality with a political analysis of oppression. Until this time, the sexual revolution had been largely confined to young white men with a buck to spend and time to kill. Women began to identify and accuse oppressors. Gay people, shocking those who had always believed fairies to be not only willing but eager to accept whatever abuse was delivered, openly and angrily rioted in Greenwich Village.

The summer of '69 was the height of the counter-cultural movement -- Woodstock. The question for those who were there and for the millions who attended vicariously was: after Woodstock, what now? Implicit in the experience of Woodstock was the recognition that the movement, without the power to turn society into the 'Woodstock Nation' dream, had reached its climax. The transformation of society would meet violent resistance, dramatically demonstrated the following spring at Jackson and Kent.

That same summer of Woodstock a group of feminists staged a highly publicized and symbolic demonstration against (shock of shocks) the



Miss America Pageant. Thereafter, "bra burner" became a byword of ridicule used to dismiss the cogent and dangerous ideas of radical feminists.

The bra, like the pageant itself, symbolizes the restraints on women's mobility. Any woman who has walked behind a shirtless man on a hot afternoon knows the rage that results from this basic inequality. Women who choose comfort and meet leers and insults know that anger even more. Burning a bra, like burning a flag, shakes the powerful fetishes that bind people to participating in their own oppression.

While men were angered by bra burners, other men were encouraging the provocative "no-bra look". The September 1970 issue of Playboy told its readers:

"any well endowed woman can now build her entire wardrobe around the no-bra look. Worn bra-less, a caftan becomes both exotic and erotic and a conventional cardigan is suddenly provocative".

The cover of that same issue of Playboy featured a woman in stereotypical hippie clothing. She is giving the peace sign. Her fingers cast a shadow on the wall behind her. The shadow forms the Playboy Bunny ears. There is no difference, Playboy told us, between the women in the new left and the "bunnies" of the Playboy Clubs. Significantly, at the same time, women on the left were drawing similar conclusions and seeing no difference between the rich businessmen at Playboy and the radical men in the movement. Robin Morgan wrote:

"Goodbye to Hip Culture and the so-called Sexual Revolution which has functioned toward women's freedom as did the Reconstruction toward former slaves -- re-instituted oppression by another name."

Feminism split the left. When women's demands were met by silence, cynicism and tired old male chauvinism, women abandoned the male left. Women's demands meant not only a redistribution of property but a redefinition of property. The traditional left had correctly criticized bourgeois men for treating women like they owned them. The male left called for a redistribution of property, implying that women should become the property of all men equally. Women, on the other hand, were not going to be private nor public property; owned neither by the husband nor the commune. They demanded that property relations be subsumed by human relations based on a developing feminist ethic.

"We are simultaneously bombarded with two conflicting messages: one from our parents, churches and schools that sex is dirty and therefore we must keep ourselves pure for the one love of our lives; the other from Playboy, Newsweek etc. almost all women's magazines, and especially TV commercials--that we should be free groovy chicks."
-from OUR BODIES, OURSELVES

These conflicting messages come from distinct social forces which are in conflict with each other. As the power of the church, family and schools diminishes, the power of the media rises. The traditional institutions were at their peak of influence during a time when the most important function of the economy was still production. Workers were likely to stay at one job in a community where cultural bonds were encouraged. The home still had a productive function and the job of homemaking, though harder, was neither as tedious nor as isolated from the community as it is now. Domesticity could work well for many women who participated in community life where child rearing was shared among the adults of the extended family. Social stability was maintained through control methods which included severe sexual repression.

But there were many for whom this system did not work. It excluded independent women, effeminate men and 'deviants' of all variety. We have a long history of struggle against those institutions. The 1960's saw the peak of that struggle, not its beginning. In the meantime economic changes were severely weakening the traditional cultural ties.

The sexual revolution progressed simultaneously alongside the breakdown of the traditional family system. The family tends to be oppressive; it is based on the notion that a man's family is his property (the word is derived from the Latin, familia, which referred to a man's household including his house, wife, kids and slaves). The family survives as a remnant of an economy where it was the basic unit of production. Its function has become to encourage consumption. But just because we believe these things about the family doesn't ease the pain caused by the loss of traditional systems of comfort and protection. The victims of that loss are many. It is ironic that the most important result of the sexual revolution has been to make it possible to deal honestly and frankly with the "modern problems" the sexual revolution helped create.

In traditional communities, a pregnant teenager would have nowhere to turn. She might be forcibly brought to a dangerously incompetent abortionist. She might be isolated with her shame from the community. Today, it is possible for her to find non-judgemental support. She will be able to continue schooling. But along with these positive facts is the tragic figure that the number of mothers under 16 has increased 80% in 18 years. Changes in attitudes have removed the moral stigma attached to non-marital sex but have failed to make safe birth control and sexual responsibility education an accepted and meaningful part of puberty.

The most tragic consequence of cultural breakdown is the growing numbers of victims of family violence. As the level of violence in society rises and the family takes new strains on its existence, the pressures of modern society are erupting in brutality. This violence must end.

The growth of marriage counseling, dating service and sex therapy industries testifies to the extent that love relationships are failing. A couple within an active social context has a variety of outside relationships with neighbors, kin and friends. As community disintegrates, more and more of the emotional needs must be met by partners in intimate relations. Partners are asked to be lovers, friends, playmates and therapists.

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Progressing alongside the isolation of couples is the continuing desensualization of everyday life. It includes the replacement of craft with assembly line production, cooking with food processing, playing with spectating, creating with functioning, producing with consuming. As daily life passes from active to passive modes of being, there is less physicality, less contact with raw material. Sex has become one of the last activities that generates contact and sweat.

Sexual relationships bear the burden of fulfilling more and more of our human needs. With such a big burden, it is no surprise that most relationships fail to live up to their romantic promises.

It is possible for love and tenderness to be at the foundation of social relations. It may be utopian but we do not need to be as far away from it as we are. Today social relations are bare coercive rights of property. Love and economic relations stand at opposite poles. We have all that unused tenderness which ought to give mean-

ing to our economic, social, community relations, gathered up and waiting to be focused on, who else but, 'the one I love'. This polar segregation of feelings is the source of terrific tension.

There's all sorts of craziness that we mean when we say that we are in love. We can't eat, can't sleep. We get butterflies, a polite name for nausea. Our hands get cold and clammy, a sign of adrenalin poisoning.

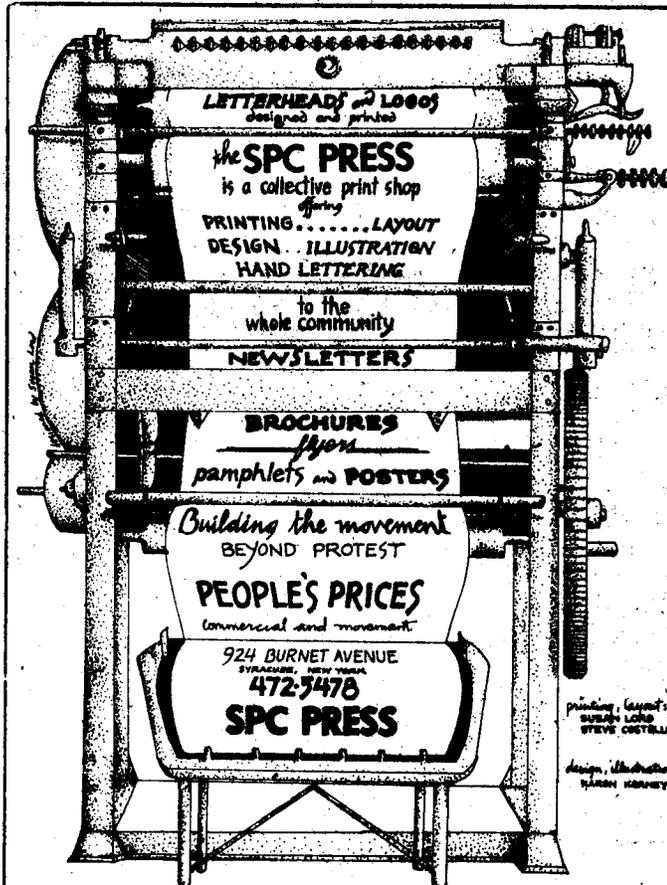
Yet it is so much more. Because there isn't this big gulf between sorrow and happiness. When we see our beloved we can be so happy we cry. Because we want to hold hands, cuddle. Because we need to be child-like. When we are in love we are reminded of all those things in the human repertoire that sometimes seem to have been taken away from us. When we lose love we feel that emptiness even more. And so, despite the pain, we look for love again.

But despite popular imagination we are not all equal in the eyes of love. Married women, of all categories, are most often the victims of nervous breakdowns and suicides. The least likely victims are married

men. It is fair to say that love and marriage has not worked well for women as a group.

As community relationships wither, intimate relationships become more important, and are less likely to succeed. As they fail more frequently they become still more important. A humane society would respond to this tragedy by channeling its resources into recomunalizing its communities. Many people are inventing ways of doing just that by organizing around community needs -- community day care, food co-ops, community laundries, restaurants, recreation, gardening, energy production, etc. The communal nature of these projects make them inefficient for the reaping of private profit. Corporate America has another answer: it capitalizes on the mass anxiety. It is a well-known marketing principle -- make people identify your product with the fulfillment of their deepest needs and you will make a sale. If people suffer from sexual anxiety then have them identify your product with their sexual needs.

"We seem to have stumbled on the cleverest form of sexual restriction yet practiced; fragmenting the impulse and attaching sexual in-



The SPC Press is open!

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Sue Lord comes to her involvement at the SPC Press from a varied background, including Eastern religion and horticultural studies at Rutgers and wholesale agricultural work in California's vast nursery system. She is now incorporating her interests in personal lifestyle alternatives and art in the co-operative running of this movement print shop.

Steve Costello majored in Urban Studies and Newspaper Journalism at S. U. In addition to co-operating the SPC Press, he plans to write occasionally for the PNL on local and international issues.

Karen Kerney is well known to SPC members for her delightful artwork. Her most recent contribution is the striking cover of SPC's "People's Energy" 1979 Calendar.

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-- Philip Slater in Footholds

Any human desire can be manipulated. If modern society lacks for love, sell 'em love. Ginger Ale Tastes Like Love. If anxiety about children is strong you can sell 'em maternal feelings (note the increased use of cute-kid commercials). If people feel nostalgic about their old extended family or their rural roots, sell 'em Just-Like-Momma's-Own Ragu Sauce and Country Time Lemonade.

It is obscene that giant corporations which did so much to make the extended family and rural familife economically unviable, now exploit the resulting nostalgia for their own commercial ends. As social breakdown continues the longing for a return to traditional family culture will increase. Wilhelm Reich, in the Mass Psychology of Fascism states:

"Since authoritarian society reproduces itself in the structure of the mass individual by means of the authoritarian family, it follows that political reaction must defend the authoritarian family as the

basis of the state, of culture and of civilization."

Although he was speaking about fascist Germany, it is no less true in our own time when politicians, unable to say anything meaningful, choose to defend the American family against those (meaning us) who threaten it. We can not afford to ignore the right wing defenders of the authoritarian family from Jimmy Carter to Anita Bryant.

The sexual revolution and the politics of ecstasy have faded as political programs. Feminism has emerged as a movement that is broadening and making the kinds of connections that empower ideas to make real changes. The sexual revolution is not over. Millions of people have taken advantage of the atmosphere of sexual freedom to grow, to develop new modes of love and tenderness, to learn about their bodies and to experience levels of guiltless passion that would otherwise have been impossible.

We live in dramatic times. The first breaths of a feminist ecology movement have been taken. We are beginning to break down the divisions that have separated us from love. When you divide the worker

from the produce of her work, you divide work from pleasure. When you divide production from consumption, you divide people from 'nature'. Body separated from soul leads to thinking without feeling. When women nurture while men rule, everybody loses half of themselves. When you divide knowledge into biology, psychology, theology, sociology, economics you end by splitting health from wholeness. Use, a relationship between people and material, has become abuse.

Women, along with all the traditional realms of women's knowledge, have long been on the bottom of a relationship of dominance. The knowledge of nurturing, tenderness, wisdom and intuition are badly needed from both women and men.

With the discoveries that feminists have made, we can approach the kinds of social organization which place love and tenderness between all social and economic relations. This will free our sexual relations from carrying so much of the burden of our needs. People committed to social change discover an old truth: that love works best as an adjunct to common work, common goals -- the stuff of a true community.

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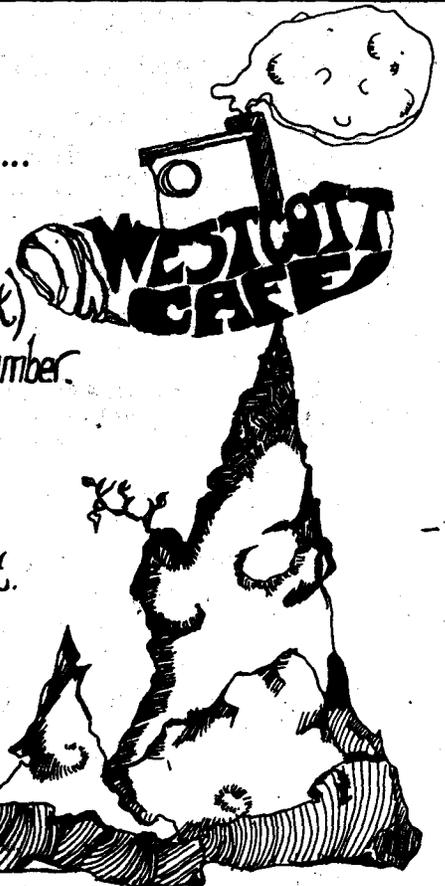
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We had more than our deserved share of house maintenance problems, and they all happened during the holiday season. BUTCH LORD, along with our new printers, SUE LORD and STEVE COSTELLO, put in many hours of repair and close watch on the sump pump, which futilely tried to hold back a bubbling spring from flooding the basement. While they installed a new pump, the blower's motor on the furnace breathed its last and had to be replaced. Due to the volunteer labor of Butch, Steve and Sue, and the discount prices we received from SPC business-people, costs were held to a minimum.

LILLIAN REINER recently returned from a ten day tour of Cuba where she visited places like a farm collective, a mental hospital and a housing development. She says her "body didn't behave well" although the climate is fine and temperate. The Cuban people are lovely and gracious and she found "the children were super."

The holiday mail warmed our hearts as we heard from SPC'ers near and far. Greetings came in from BILL CANGEMI, TOPPIE SIMONFAY, and SANDY MERRITT and TED WARMBRAND.

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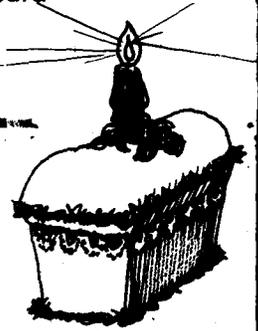
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The immediate question gripping Iran, following a spectacular display of opposition strength, is who will hold political power. Until this is settled, opposition strikes will continue and Iran will remain in a state of political and economic chaos. No government is likely to gain the credibility needed to govern effectively so long as the shah, and probably the monarchy, remain. The millions of Iranians who went into the streets this month to oppose the shah have no clear way to form their own government. But they can make Iran ungovernable for anyone who ignores their demands.

For Washington, the events of recent weeks have made a shambles of 25 years of U. S. foreign policy in the Persian Gulf. Whether or not the shah retains his throne, the fragility of his power has been exposed and his power and importance as a key U. S. ally have been irreversibly damaged.

For over two decades, U.S. policy in Iran has been tied exclusively to the shah--so much so that his strength had become an article of faith, rather than a subject for periodic review. The monarch owes his very throne to the United States, which restored him to power in 1953 in a CIA-backed coup. In the late 1960s, when Britain announced plans to pull its forces out of the Persian Gulf, the U.S. turned to the shah to fill the vacuum. Under the "Nixon Doctrine" of relying on local allies to protect U.S. interests, President Nixon began building Iran into a regional superpower. The U.S. became the shah's chief arms supplier, selling him a staggering \$20 billion worth of arms in seven years. The Nixon, Ford and Carter administrations all counted on the shah to play several key roles:

*Although the shah argued in the past for higher oil prices, he refused to join the 1973 Arab oil embargo against the West. Iran supplies just 5% of U.S. needs, but it is a major supplier for Europe and Japan and provides an estimated 60% of Israel's oil.

*A top military priority for the shah has been maintaining control of the Strait of Hormuz, through which much of the oil for the West and Japan must pass.

*The U.S. has also relied on the shah to use his military strength to deter the spread of radical or Soviet

Iran: U.S. Policy in Shambles

by Jan Austin

Adapted from an article in the Internews

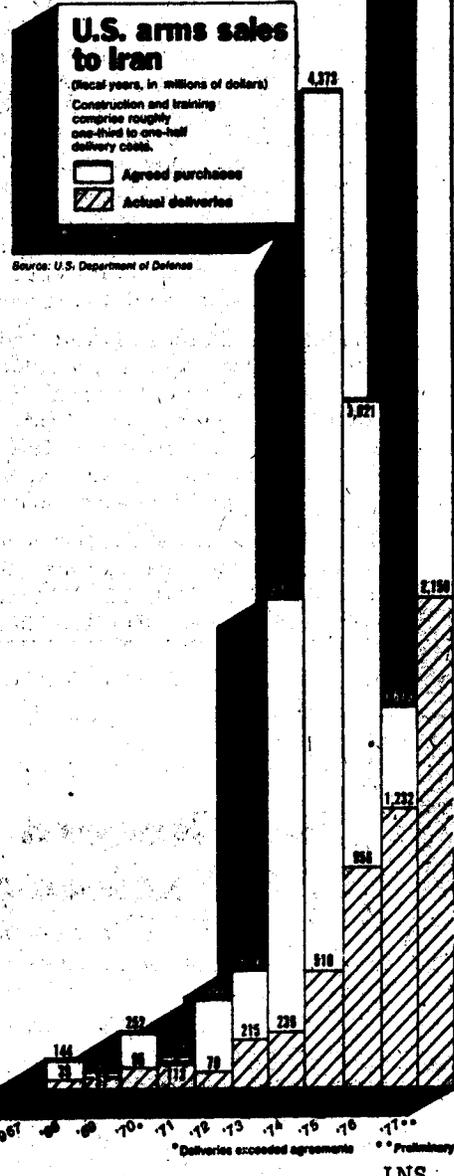
influence in the region. In 1974-75, the shah sent troops to Oman to fight against leftist guerrillas in Dhofar. He announced his intent to expand Iranian military presence into the Indian Ocean, and to intervene in neighboring countries threatened by insurgencies or Soviet-backed states.

The economic problems now facing any Iranian government are staggering. Not only have schools, factories and offices been shut. The whole system of finance and of supply and demand has been disrupted. Virtually the entire banking system has closed down. At least 700 banks have been burned this year, and others have been closed recently because of a currency shortage due to a strike by workers at the central bank. Iran's international credit rating has disappeared. New investment, domestic and foreign, has stopped. Strikes have paralyzed key industries--like power, transport and communications--which affect all levels of the economy. Food, raw materials and industrial goods are piled up on the docks. Government offices barely function. The budget is in a shambles, with an estimated \$4 billion to \$6 billion in potential oil revenues and taxes lost during recent strikes.

The problem will not simply be one of getting the economy back to where it was before this year. For one thing, there is massive pressure for a re-orientation of spending away from arms and glamour projects and towards wages, social services and the agricultural sector.

Although publicly the Carter administration refuses to acknowledge the depth of the crisis, privately it has launched a high-level inter-agency study of U. S. options in the Persian Gulf. On the one hand, the study is apt to conclude that a post-shah Iran is still likely to be an important regional military power with significant ties to the West--particularly in view of its need to sell oil to the West and Japan.

On the other hand, the U.S. is likely to begin urging other pro-Western nations in the Middle East to take on more responsibility for resisting Soviet and radical influence



in the region. The prime candidate for such a role is Egypt -- which means the events in Iran may result in even greater U.S. pressure to get an Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty signed and out of the way.

At the same time, the administration is reportedly stepping up its own role inside Iran. The New York Times reported Dec. 14 that the U.S. has enlarged its embassy staff in Teheran, and that the additional staff -- some of whom had worked in

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Iran previously--included diplomats, military personnel and CIA agents. The Times said the biggest group added to the staff was made up of military and internal security experts including specialists in crowd control.

In the case of Iran, U.S. strategy has been confined primarily to expanding U.S. influence and containing the Soviets. It was simply assumed that the chief threat to the shah came from pro-Soviet states in the region like Iraq, Ethiopia, South Yemen or even Afghanistan.

That the real threat to the shah's power would come from his own people--led, not by communists, but by Muslim mullahs--was apparently beyond consideration.



the following is taken from an article in the 1/10/79, Guardian, by Irwin Silber

If anything, the dislocation caused by Iran's "single-crop" oil economy has resulted in increased misery for both the rural and urban masses.

More than half of Iran's 35 million people live in rural-areas, but only 35% of the total work force is employed in agriculture and only 15%

of the country's gross national product comes from the agricultural sector. As a result, there has been a steady erosion of stable rural life and a large-scale population movement which has seen an average of a quarter of a million people a year leave the countryside and move into the cities. Reflecting the way in which the high-profit oil industry has distorted Iran's economy is the

fact that this country with a long history of agricultural production today imports 50% of its foodstuffs.

The displaced peasantry has not been incorporated into other sectors of the economy. Oil is a high-technology rather than a labor-intensive industry--some 70,000 workers produce Iran's annual \$22 billion revenue in oil-- and industrialization in other areas has not kept pace with the population shifts. Within the oil industry itself, most technical and middle management jobs are held by foreigners, as evidenced by the 41,000 U.S. citizens who live and work in Iran. This has given rise to many of the protests calling for the expulsion of all foreign workers from the country.

Needless to say, the immense oil revenues have done little to ease the lot of the Iranian masses. Eighty percent of Iran's private wealth is owned by less than 1% of the population. A significant portion of the country's income is siphoned off by the widespread corruption characteristic of the shah's regime. The largest portion of the state's oil revenues has gone for the purchase of arms and other imperialist powers.

New Arrivals

from **The Front Room**

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HOMOSEXUAL DESIRE by Guy Hocquenghem (trans. by Daniella Dan-goor) new work which brings together psychoanalytic theory, gay liberation, and socialism; Alison & Busby London, 1978, \$6.

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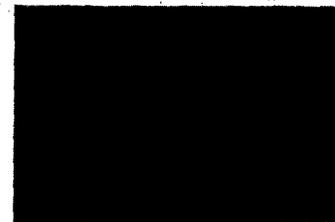
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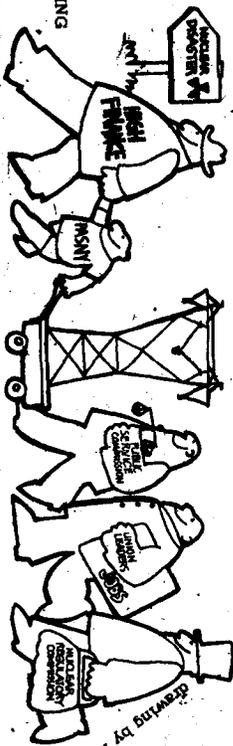
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<p>NOW General Meeting 16 9pm at Grace Episcopal Church.</p> <p>Feminist School Registration, Now till Jan. 20th at INFO. 478-4636</p> <p>Special Benefit Dinners Week at Westcott Cafe, Jan 16th-23rd. See p. 11.</p>	<p>Every Wed. morning, Coffee hour 10-12. Women's Info. 601 Allen St.</p> <p>SPC Member Jim Moran hosts WAR FM Coffee Break, 11am-12noon. Every Wednesday.</p>	<p>Human Rights Coalition meets at 7:30pm at May Mem. ph. 475-6857</p> <p>Every Thursday, laid back Women's basketball at comm. center next to Weeks School, 7:30pm Info, 472-9386.</p>	<p>NYS Films Two Comedy Classics and Nixon's Checkers Speech, 7 & 9:30 pm At Grant Aud. Disc. after 7pm show.</p>	<p>Awareness Day for Women. Free workshops on working Lakeside BOCES 425-5261</p> <p>Feminist School Late Registration till Jan 28th. INFO 478-4636</p>		

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as we go marching, marching
in the beauty of the day
a million darkened kitchens, a thousand mill lofts gray
are touched by all the radiance that a sudden sun discloses
for the people hear us singing, "bread and roses! bread and roses!"

As we come marching, marching, we battle too for men,
for they are women's children, and we mother them again
Our lives should not be sweated from birth until life closes
Hearts starve as well as bodies;
Give us bread, but give us roses!

As we come marching, marching,
unnumbered women dead
Go crying through our singing their ancient cry for bread.
Small art and love and beauty their drudging spirits knew
Yes it is bread we fight for,
but we fight for roses too!

as we come marching, marching
we bring the greater days
the rising of the women
means the rising of the race
no more the drudge and idler—ten that toil where one reposes,
BUT A SHARING IN LIFE'S GLORIES:

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Bread and Roses!

The Syracuse Peace Council's 43rd Birthday Dinner



David Truong

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The Viet Nam Trial: Espionage or Legacy of the War?

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During the height of the Viet Nam War the SPC, along with thousands of American people declared peace with the Viet Nameese by signing the People's Peace Treaty. Our efforts at reconciliation continue with reconstruction aid such as the Friendship program. And in all of this we have been hindered by our government's imperialist agenda.

David Truong is a Viet Nameese national who has long been active in the anti-war movement here in this country. As the son of one of Saigon's most prominent families, David came to study in the US in 1965. Two years later, his father opposed Thieu as a "peace candidate" and was imprisoned for five years for his campaign for a negotiated settlement with the NLF. David himself became a well-known critic of the war, particularly US involvement. He worked at the Viet Nameese Resource Center in Cambridge and after the war was over, helped to establish the Viet Nameese-American Reconciliation Center in Washington.

In early 1978 David Truong and Ronald Humphrey, a US Information Agency official, were arrested and indicted on several charges of espionage. Ronald had passed on to David cables sent by US diplomats in SE Asia to the State Department. The documents, most of them dated Spring of 1977, supposedly contain the US viewpoint of political activity and intelligence assessments in such countries as Thailand and Viet Nam.

During the trial Michael Tigar of the National Lawyers Guild with the Viet Nam Trial Support Committee brought to light the true motivations behind the Justice Department's prosecution. With pressure from the State Department and authorization by President Carter himself, David's apartment was bugged without a warrant. The FBI recorded 57 reels of tape from a wiretap and a secret microphone, and burglarized his home. Many observers of federal legislation such as S. 1437 and so called reforms of the intelligence agencies have viewed this case as an attempt by Carter's administration to give legal precedence to such dirty tricks. Former national security aide Morton Halperin concluded, Carter has "succeeded where Nixon failed."

There's certainly an element of vengeance in this trial. Our policies and actions continue to speak to the fact that the US still cannot swallow its defeat in Indochina. This truth was laid bare by a CIA memo of March, 1978 evaluating the case. "Perhaps the most respectable argument would be that the bulk of these materials deal with activities in Viet Nam, which must still be considered an enemy state." The undeclared war has obviously not ended.

Our invitation to David reaffirms our desire for full reconciliation between the US and Viet Nameese peoples. When David was convicted and sentenced last May, he expressed this to the courtroom:

"If one learns anything from history, and, of course, from the tragedy of the Viet Nam War, it would be that the people always count. They shape and mold history. And they stood together, in difficult and good times alike--that is the history of two peoples, Americans and Vietnamese, during the war.

And now, they will stand even more firmly together in their pursuit of healing war wounds in Viet Nam and here, and of normalization of relations between two countries. Nothing can change that."

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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 & services; 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, \$10/year. PNL circulation is 5,000: 2,000 by direct mail & 3,000 thru 95 outlets in CNY. We have very reasonable ad rates.

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Next Month

Editor: Dik Cool
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Cover art by Karen Kerney. Bread & Roses was sung by 12,000 women, men & children who struck the textile mills of Lawrence, Mass. in 1912. The People's Energy Primer is the Peace Newsletter for February, 1979, #752. This issue, March, 1979 is #753.

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 progressive social change and to overcome our sense of powerlessness thru mutual support.

We feel that education, agitation and 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 and the three collectives that work out of the SPC office: the program staff, the SPC Press, and The Front Room Bookstore.

yes it is bread we fight for... but we fight for roses, too!

*We fight for community and clean air, good food, decent housing
 ... and our souls.*

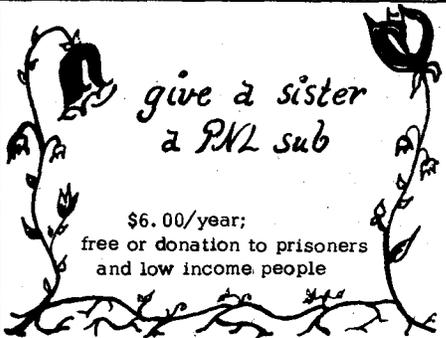
*We fight for safe jobs and strong women;
 To free the kids and breathe clean air;
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Letters

To the Editor:

I am deeply sorrowed at the information passed to you through the media about the Westcott Youth Organization, in that it was fabricated and was obtained from irresponsible, as well as prejudiced sources. As you well know, ever since the Michael Tape incident, the WYO has been unjustly and unfairly linked with immoralities like teenage prostitution selling of drugs through our youth, youth terrorism, and many other implications.

I feel that this false, as well as unproven information is a disservice to the public as well as the WYO, in that the source of such untrue information is of a biased nature, i.e., a few people who just don't like the idea of black youth activities in their neighborhood, and those with personal and political hang-ups regarding the WYO.

A good example of the falseness of the information obtained regarding WYO, is the Michael Tape incident, when it was suggested that his injuries were a result of youth gang activities, implied that they were affiliated with the WYO. This has just been proven to be untrue in that the man arrested for allegedly inflicting the injuries single handedly, has no affiliation with the WYO.

In regards to Joyce Ross and the Levy area residents' concern about the activities and conduct of the WYO youth upon departing from Levy at the end of the nightly recreational program, I wish to impress upon you that the WYO has never intended, nor has it been the cause of terrorism, vandalism, harassment or any other such activity. The WYO's recreational program's intention has been, and still is, to instill in our youth the necessity, as well as the benefits, of leading a moral, respectful, and lawful life. Its intention is also to provide supervised and healthy recreational activities, thus giving the youth something to do with their time between 6 and 9:30pm.

In fact, WYO has been a contributing factor in the reduction of youth related crimes in the area. So may I say that this program has, is and can be beneficial to the community youth as well as the area residents. I beseech you to realize that anyone can commit a crime at any time and any place, and that it doesn't have to be a youth from the program. By imply-

ing that these crimes are a creation of the WYO, you are in fact creating a scapegoat for any real criminal in the City of Syracuse to commit acts of violence in your area and not worry about being caught, or convicted, since it would automatically be blamed on the WYO youths.

However, we would like to do all that we can to reassure you of our concern in this matter, we both suggest and request a meeting at a time mutually agreed upon, through our Common Council person, Joyce Ross, in regard to this issue. The closing of the WYO recreational program would be a great disservice to the area residents, as well as the community youths.

Come let us reason together.

Larry H. Ellis

Director of the Harambee Community School at Levy

Westcott Youth Organization

Dear friends:

I was receiving your SPC newsletter and Directory while incarcerated at Green Haven Prison.

This was up until 4:30 am on 1/29/79 when I was suddenly awakened and told to pack my belongings. I was then transferred to Auburn prison.

This is known in the prison vernacular as a "P.K. Draft". (P.K. is Prison Keeper, an old term). It is a sneak movement, pulled under cover of night without notice. It not only upsets the inmate, but often his family who unsuspectingly come to visit their relative, only to find him whisked away to some distant prison.

I would like the SPC to publicize this cowardly type of action and to officially protest my transfer 350 miles away from NYC, which effectively prohibits my receiving visits from my parents who are both elderly.

Also, if any of your group is ever in the neighborhood, I'd appreciate a visit.

Peace/Truth/Freedom

(name withheld)

Dear President Carter:

Now that the United States has normalized relations with Mainland China and anticipates investing tens of billions of US dollars in Mainland China, and since Mainland China, (formerly known as Communist China) containing 25% of the world's population, now will be considered our trading partner and

friend and therefore no longer a threat to our national security, it is both reasonable and rational, given the 25% decrease in the number of enemies in the world, to request at least a corresponding 25% decrease in the US Defense budget, thereby making the American people the beneficiaries of the new-found peace in both an abstract political and a concrete material way.

Anna Wasserbach

Dear Peace Council,

This 10 bucks is for:
\$5 for subscription to Newsletter;
\$5 for when Chris Murray babysat for David and wouldn't let me pay her 'cause she said she made enough, I wish I could give you some more.

Jack Manno -- your article on the Sexual Revolution (or lack of it) is excellent. I'm putting it into David's scrapbook, next to the poem you wrote for him, so he can have an accurate account of what happened during these years.

Love & Peace to you all,

Susie Kossack

Dear SPC,

I am writing this note to tell you about Stuck-In-The-House. I started this organization about two years ago in response to the needs of over 7000 persons in the county who are stuck in the house because of the unavailability of transportation services for the physically disabled people on limited income. I have put a lot of my personal income into this work, primarily that of advocacy, lobbying and community organizing. You know well how the incidental expenses of stationery, postage, phone bills and transportation mount up.

I am now faced with the possibility that I will have to put my mother into a nursing home because it costs us about \$26 a day to give her care at home and we don't have the funds.

I wonder if you or anyone in the SPC might give me a lead to child care employment during late afternoon, evening or overnite hours on a regular basis. I can be caretaker for persons over 6 years of age. I have done this sort of work before. If the job is near by to my home, I can walk to and from the job. I am willing to work for whatever a parent is able to pay.

Harold Berman
142 Redfield Place
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"People's Energy" Almost Gone!

Our headline refers, of course, to SPC's 1979 calendar, People's Energy (PE). Our sense is that people's energy in general--far from being almost gone--is dramatically on the upswing... but that's another story. The story at hand is that People's Energy--all 3,000 copies--is almost entirely sold out making it SPC's most successful calendar while netting us about \$1500. An order for 35 from a Kansas City group left us with about six copies on March 3. The 1976 calendar, "Viet Nam: The People's Resistance", in two printings sold about 2,300.

It's always difficult to assess the value of a cultural/political publication because its influence is usually subtle and more long range. Response from groups across the U.S. has been so enthusiastic, though, that we feel pretty safe in saying that PE seems to have excited, inspired and informed people. In addition it has been a source of funds for many groups. It was an extremely ambitious project involving over 50 people, and we feel real good about its success.

We're now in the process of calling in consignment copies so if you still were planning on ordering PE we may have some for you but please do it right away! \$4 singles postpaid; 8 or more \$2.10 each +10%.

SPC Office News

Just about the biggest "invisible" office job--re-doing our mailing list of 2,400--has recently been completed. For philosophical, practical and financial reasons we still do our list the "old-fashioned" sort-type-duplicate-re-sort way. It's labor intensive and thus involves many people; the method also helps keep us in touch with our members. Even with a lot of workers the job still costs us over \$200. People who worked on this huge job were: Dik Cool, Kathy Gage, Mike Hungerford, Diane Abell, Dick Weiskopf, Alison Soden, Beverley Patrick, Corinne Kinane, Phyllis Siegel, Chris Murray, Jim Doherty, Rick Weinstein, Phyllis Denno.

Mark Solomon, a Philadelphia resident, has been working with SPC almost full time the last several months. Mark decided he urgently needed a break from his studies at SU as a film major. He also wanted to be doing some work he felt good about so he ended up at SPC where his major project (office workers inevitably have 20 minor ones) has been NVS Films. It's good to have Mark part of the office.

SPC welcomed Patrick Lacefield, a staff person for WIN magazine and one of the organizers of the simultaneous Moscow/Washington Disarmament Action [PNL 10/78], when he recently visited Syracuse. Pat joined us for a friendly chatty potluck, an interesting talk on SALT, and some brainstorming for a local disarmament action this summer. The evening was so remindful of a "Monday Potluck" that we're quite tempted....

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SPC nails NiMo for use of RSS

On Jan. 20, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) withdrew its endorsement of the 1975 Reactor Safety Study (RSS). The RSS had been the basis for utility claims that the chance of a catastrophic accident at a nuclear power plant is about the same as that of a person being hit by a meteor (see Feb. & April '78 PNLs.)

On Jan. 22, a Post Standard article quoted Niagara Mohawk engineer Charles Mangan saying that the utility had never used the RSS "in licensing procedures or in public relations." Mangan agreed with the NRC conclusion that the RSS is "so oversimplified that it may be deceiving" and added that NiMo had never relied on the RSS because it was a "pioneering report."

On Jan. 31, SPC announced to the press that NiMo had used the RSS repeatedly in public relations. We divulged that NiMo had cited the conclusions of the RSS in their widely distributed PR document "Nuclear Electric Power for the Empire State" (co-published with other NY utilities), in debates with nuclear opponents, and in conversations with and correspondence to concerned citizens. In Nov. 1974, NiMo actually went before the Oswego City Council to lecture its members on the RSS before the final version of the RSS was made public!

As an intervenor in the application by four NY utilities (including NiMo) to build a nuclear plant in Sterling, SPC will be appealing the State Siting Board's construction certificate because it relies on the RSS. Ecology Action of Oswego will be appealing the NRC construction license.

SPC will also be filing a request with the Public Service Commission asking that NiMo be made to insert a notice in our monthly bills explaining the impact of the NRC's withdrawal of endorsement of the RSS. To be sure, they'll need some help to get the story straight.

NiMo no-no No. 2

On Nov. 17, 1978, SPC member Donna Warnock filed a complaint with the NY Public Service Commission (PSC) because NiMo employee Kevin Walsh had been caught spying on the Nov. 5-6 People's Power Coalition conference (see Dec. PNL;p.6.)

After being caught, both Walsh and NiMo higher-up Jerry Currier explained that Walsh had attended on his own time, without any encouragement or support from NiMo.

The results of an investigation by PSC General Counsel Peter Schiff, received by SPC Feb. 1, said that the PSC could find no wrong-doing. Yet the investigation revealed that Walsh "was requested to attend the conference by his supervisor only after officials of IBEW Local 79 had expressed disinterest in attending. The conference program specifically invited 'trade unionists'".

But Walsh is not a trade unionist, as the investigation implies.

Stay tuned for round 2 of our attempt to find out just what's going on.

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West Valley & Incinerator hearings

On Jan. 13, fifteen SPC members travelled to Buffalo, NY to attend a public hearing on the fate of the West Valley nuclear reprocessing facility and waste storage site. The hearing was called by the Department of En-

ergy (DOE) to solicit public response to their \$1 million study on what to do with the site.

The response to their study was overwhelmingly negative: 90 speakers denounced the study while two were for it. People jeered the DOE panel all day long because it was transparently clear that the study sides with the option of re-opening the site for further nuclear use and because it doesn't come to grips with the pressing need to clean up the site safely and completely. The hearing hall resounded with the call to "Get Getty!" -- Getty Oil (which ran the West Valley operation until 1972) relinquished responsibility for cleaning up the site and turned it over to New York.

On Jan. 30, members of the Lakeshore Alliance (coalition of 12 anti-nuclear groups in CNY, including SPC) and Oswego area residents let the NRC know in no uncertain terms that they are displeased with the proposal to build an incinerator for burning radioactive garbage at the Nine Mile Pt. reactor. The NRC panelists didn't do much to allay people's fears about the radioactivity that would be dispersed routinely from the incinerator. As one farmer attending put it: "we don't want assurances, we want insurance."

PSC opens its eyes

The two Public Service Commission law judges who recently recommended for approval almost all of Con Ed's \$228 million rate increase, in acknowledging that the increase obviously will pose a hardship to consumers, stated: "The root problem may be that our society's conception of social justice is unworkable in tandem with its economic structure. If a day of reckoning is inevitable, perhaps its coming should be hastened rather than retarded so that we can proceed with our next experiment in civilization."

-Direct Currents

Correction

The Jan. PNL "Currents" reported the Dep't of Environmental Conservation as saying that we wouldn't need any new power plants in NY until the 1990's even if our electrical demand were to grow at '7%' per year. This should have read '2-3%' per year, the current yearly rate.

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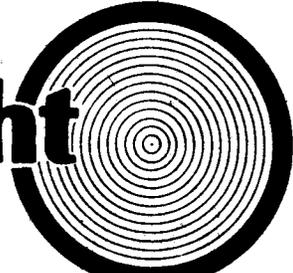
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consumed by their children (whom they have produced!) when they buy the role of the Supermother; they are consumed by authoritarian husbands who expect them to be submissive servants; and they are consumed by bosses who bring them in and out of the labor force and who extract a maximum of labor for a minimum of pay. They are consumed by medical researchers who try out new and unsafe contraceptives on them. They are consumed by men who buy their bodies on the street. They are consumed by church and state, who expect them to produce the next generation for the glory of god and country; they are consumed by political and social organizations that expect them to 'volunteer' their time and energy. They have little sense of self, because their selfhood has been sold to others."

Elizabeth Dodson-Gray, Carol Ehrlich and other women are beginning to take some of the basic tenets of the new feminism and apply them to economics and science. Looking beyond traditional feminist concerns such as E.R.A., and the fight for equal pay for work of equal value, we can see that feminism is evolving to be a broad political philosophy touch-

ing all fields of human relations and endeavors. Feminism (like ecology) embodies the belief that everything is connected to everything else. It points us toward the understanding that the eco-system, the production system, the political/economic apparatus and the moral and psychological health of a people are all interconnected. Exploitation in any of these areas affects the whole package.

Feminism is based on nurturance, liberation, equality, self-sufficiency and democracy. Its values are reflected in ecology, energy conservation, "appropriate technology," a stable-state economy with guaranteed employment, and a truly democratic political system.

Thus, with a feminist political perspective, the degree of women's liberation and the general quality of life are most accurately determined by many factors. There's quality in education, health care and recreation; there's a healthy environment and nutritious foods; there's community, peace of mind, fulfilling and equal work and personal relationships; cooperation, honesty and trust at all levels of social relations, and much more. By these standards, not even the most affluent in today's society

have a high quality of life, despite material abundance. For money cannot buy such things. Women who have bought into the notion that money and acquisitions are the primary qualifications for self-reliance have been co-opted by patriarchal propaganda.

The road to women's liberation lies not only in ousting the patriarchy, but also in rejecting its inequitable and environmentally and socially disastrous production system which is based on man's dominion over women and the earth and the illusion of infinite resources. Women cannot survive, let alone be liberated in this "man-made" environment. We are facing global destruction. Our only hope for survival lies in taking charge: building self-reliance, developing alternative political, economic, service and social structures, in which people can care for themselves; creating community. We must apply our "maternal instincts" to promote nurturance of the earth and its peoples, rather than exploitation. That's what feminism and ecology are all about.

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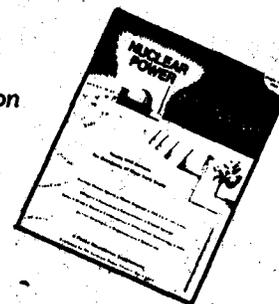
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A sequel to

"Nuclear Power and Its Alternatives"

Kampuchea & Viet Nam & China

by Chris Murray

We agree with the staff of the Southeast Asia Chronicle when they compared trying to make sense of this terrible situation to "finding a path through an emotional and intellectual minefield". We're confused about these wars and we're disillusioned. For many of us, the Indochina War brought an explosive surge of consciousness (and conscience) to the horrible plights of millions of people we had never given any thought to and the criminal policies of our own government. Many of us came to at least respect, if not identify with, the political ideals of these revolutionary struggles. It appears that some of these ideals are being sacrificed to power.

There's more than just clarity to be gained then, from examining the elements leading to the Kampuchea - Viet Nam - China crises. We're all searching for insights that will restore hope.

For the following sketch of the situation, we drew on material presented in the Southeast Asia Chronicle, Issue No. 64, "Viet Nam-Kampuchea War" and on two of its articles in particular: "Origins of the Conflict" by Stephen Heder and "Raising the Stakes" by Lowell Finley. The Chronicles's interpretation, published last fall, particularly proved very consistent with the recent events as they have unfolded. Finally, we have tried to suggest some explanations for what is happening, not justifications.

It was only a few months after the liberation of Kampuchea (Cambodia) and Viet Nam in April, 1975 that the border fighting broke out. Then the bloodletting on both sides grew more horrible, the propaganda more vengeful. Finally, a bloody overthrow of the Kampuchean government, spurred by a Viet Nam invasion.

Brzezinski has called the Kampuchean-Viet Nam war a 'proxy war' between China and the Soviet Union. Simplistic, to be sure, but true to the extent that the conflicts existing between the two societies have been exploited by the super powers, including the United States. To understand these machinations, we must look at some of the conflicts between Kampuchea and Viet Nam.

Viet Nam, Kampuchea: Origins of the Conflict

Despite the tendency of the US Left to lump the revolutions together, the nature of the Kampuchean and Viet Nameese revolutions were markedly different and drove the governments ideologically apart. The Viet Nameese struggle centered on expelling a foreign invader and served to unify a broad spectrum of the people. Establishing a socialist state was key, but overshadowed by the fight for national independence. By contrast, the Kampuchean communist party (KCP) spent its formative years under Sihanouk. So its struggle centered on overthrowing an indigenous government whose leader was a strong nationalist, maintained an anti-imperialist stance, was at least vaguely anti-capitalist and enjoyed the support of Hanoi, the NLF, Moscow and China. To be an effective revolutionary movement, the KCP had to emphasize radical class struggle, outdo Sihanouk's nationalist

line and tout the traditional Kampuchean themes of self-reliance and isolationism even more forcefully.

The situations facing the revolutionary governments after liberation were equally disparate. In Viet Nam, the new government was relatively secure. Thieu's forces had been routed; the existence of a consolidated socialist state in the north provided a major source of strength and allowed a step-by-step pace of social and economic change without danger of counter-revolution. In the relatively modern economic sector, it was possible to take over existing components of the production facilities, supply them with new socialist management (or socialist supervision of the old capitalist management) and integrate them into a state socialist system.

In Kampuchea, the post-liberation crisis was acute. The revolutionary army was battered; no socialist state existed to help guarantee the fruits of victory or to help administer the fledgling socialist state. The CPK took drastic steps to consolidate its power. Forced evacuation of the cities was undertaken to alleviate the heavy food shortage in the cities but also to disperse the CPK's enemies. This mass-based disruption was typical of the radical -- even violent -- means the CPK was to use to resolve its class problems.

Conflicting needs of the two revolutions have resulted in serious grievances. In 1954, the Viet Nameese agreed to the seating of Sihanouk at Geneva as the representative of Kampuchea. And by the final Geneva Agreement, the Viet Nameese communists were allowed to consolidate

their power in the north, while Kampuchea was granted independence with no recognition of the communists.

During the 1960's, animosities grew worse. As the US intensified its war, Kampuchea became a needed sanctuary for Viet Nameese troops. For its very own survival, Viet Nam supported Sihanouk and his anti-imperialist-US stand. The CPK felt Sihanouk's anti-communism outweighed his anti-imperialism and for its own survival, launched an armed attack against Sihanouk in 1967 -- over Viet Nameese opposition.

The Kampuchees again felt betrayed in 1973 when VN signed the Peace Agreements. From their perspective, this agreement enabled the US Air Force to concentrate its firebombing -- the worst in history -- against Kampuchea.

The sheer imbalance of power between these two neighboring countries has always created its own serious tension -- Viet Nam will always represent a potential military threat to Kampuchea. On the other hand, a hostile Kampuchea could seriously undermine Viet Nam's ability to defend itself against attacks along its long vulnerable coast, or from China.

Whether it stems from Kampuchea's strong cultural fear of national extinction or past Viet Nameese expansionism, friendship with VN potentially exposes a Kampuchean government to charges of selling out. For Kampuchea, the border issue is the key parameter of the state of Kampuchea-VN relations: the government uses it to gauge Viet Nameese attitudes, and the population uses it to measure the government's nationalist credentials.

Enter the Super Powers

China's antagonism toward Viet Nam -- from its reluctant support of the Viet Nameese revolution, to its solid backing of Kampuchea, to its very invasion of Viet Nam -- is traceable to one major source: its fear of Soviet presence in Southeast Asia.

To begin with, China has been apparently threatened by the spread of Viet Nameese influence and has moved to block it. An independent VN, the third largest communist country with a well-equipped and experienced military larger than any other on China's Asian borders is a potentially dangerous rival. And these fears are multiplied by Hanoi's increasingly stronger ties with the Soviet Union. In his Chronicle piece (referenced above), published last fall, journalist Lowell Finley suggests an explanation for the invasion of Viet Nam that was yet to take place:

"The already existing close ties between Viet Nam and neighboring Laos are seen by Peking as the first step toward such a Viet Nameese/Soviet power grab. If the Kampuchean regime were overthrown or defeated militarily by Viet Nam, the Chinese believe, it would be another big step toward Viet Nam's domination of mainland Southeast Asia, providing a convenient base area for Soviet operations."

Tensions between China and Viet Nam, identified with the Sino-Soviet split, were well known in 1963. While Hanoi joined Peking in publicly condemning Moscow for signing the nuclear test ban treaty, the Chinese made it clear they were disgruntled with Viet Nam's more equivocal attitudes toward the rest of Soviet policy. The next year saw the Tonkin Gulf incident, signaling US escalation of the war, followed by Khrushchev's ouster two months later. Both these events led to assurances of Soviet support of VN and an improvement in Hanoi-Moscow relationships. In obvious reference to Viet Nam's acceptance of Soviet aid, China denounced 'opportunistic revolutionaries' and stressed the need to defeat Soviet revisionism before victory over US imperialism would be possible. In 1966, China refused to join a "joint action" proposal backed by a number of Asian communist parties, putting a partial moratorium on

their dispute with the Soviet Union so that military and economic aid to Viet Nam could be coordinated and expedited. China did continue its own separate aid program, but these tensions threatened the very survival of the Viet Nameese revolution.

Viet Nam's leaders skillfully managed to keep both the Soviet Union and China as allies during the war. However in June, 1975, just two months after liberation, Teng Hsuaip'ing, now China's Vice premier, declared 'the other super power' was replacing the defeated US as a threat to the peace and security of Southeast Asia.



It also seems clear that China's substantial support of Kampuchea was based, not on affinity for Kampuchea, but rather on its mistrust and fear of Viet Nam and the Soviet Union. In fact, China was reportedly most distressed at the 'international bloody image' of the Pol Pot regime.

The US role in the current Kampuchea-Viet Nam-China situation reflects our relationship between our China policy and our Indochina policy. In the 1950's and early 1960's, a primary motive for US intervention in Viet Nam had been the firmly held conviction that Chinese communism was determined to expand throughout Asia, directly threatening US security. By the early 1970's, many of the same cold war warriors who had held this view, even to supporting a 'preventive' nuclear attack on China, were beginning to advocate a US alliance with China against the Soviet Union. A major catalyst for this turnaround was the recognition of the seriousness of the split between the two powers. Leading the conversion were Nixon and Kissinger, who saw an opportunity to exploit the Sino-Soviet rift.

The US effort to strip away Viet Nam's support was unsuccessful. However, the US-China thaw offered an obvious alternative for continued pressure against Viet Nam. That alternative was US support for China against Viet Nam. After all, it was clear that China would necessarily mistrust a reunited, victorious Viet Nam who was friendly with the Soviets. On May 3, 1975, three days after liberation, Henry Kissinger remarked that China now has 40 million Viet Nameese on its frontiers who do not exactly suffer from a lack of confidence in themselves." He predicted this would lead China to redouble its efforts to normalize relations with the US, an equally important objective for the US.

US Policy: Roads Not Taken

"Kissinger's postwar policy toward Viet Nam", according to Finley, "was designed to make this prediction come true by worsening the tensions between Viet Nam and China. By imposing a full trade embargo, refusing to discuss reconstruction aid or normalization of relations, and repeatedly vetoing Viet Nam's bid for a UN seat, Kissinger left Viet Nam without an alternative to greater dependence on the Soviet Union." This, in turn, increased Chinese distrust of Viet Nam, making cooperation with the US more urgent in the eyes of China's leaders.

Our post-war policy has apparently paid off. Tensions have increased to the point of a China-US alliance and a China-Viet Nam War.

The principled position that the US must adopt is to immediately end its economic blockade of Viet Nam and move toward full relations. At a minimum this would ease tensions by undercutting China's case that Viet Nam is a Soviet puppet.

The Viet Nameese have made a number of gestures recently indicating their desire to normalize relations with the US as soon as possible. Most significantly, in August, Viet Nam dropped its demand for the reconstruction aid promised in the 1973 Peace Agreements.

The United States will use Viet Nam's invasion of Kampuchea as an excuse to avoid normalization. We must not be fooled by this. Viet Nam's invasion cannot be condoned, but, after all, the Viet Nameese learned from a master.

Chris Murray asks, Do government leaders ever discuss with each other how fearful and threatened they feel?

Matilda Joslyn Gage: Early Feminist

by Barb Kobritz

Matilda Joslyn Gage, one of the leading feminists of the nineteenth century, was born in 1826 in Cicero, N.Y. She was the child of progressive parents and received a liberal education—including Greek, mathematics and physiology. From her parents, she also gained a passion for justice and became early involved in the abolitionist movement.

When she was 18, Matilda married Henry Gage, a local businessman. They settled in Fayetteville and their home, which still stands at 210 E. Genesee St., quickly became a meeting place for progressive groups and was used as a station on the Underground Railroad.

Like many women of her era who worked for the abolition of slavery, Matilda was angered by the treatment she received from the male abolitionists. Women were not even allowed to speak in public. And so, like many others, Matilda turned her energy toward ending her own oppression.

In 1852 the National Women Suffrage Association held its annual convention in Syracuse. At 25, Matilda was the youngest speaker there.

She was quickly recognized as a talented theorist and speaker. To-

gether with Susan B. Anthony of Rochester and Elizabeth Cady Stanton of Seneca Falls, she produced the 3-volume History of Women Suffrage. The three spent many hours in the Gage home writing and planning strategies for the women's franchise struggle.

In 1880 the women of New York State were finally allowed to vote in local school elections. Matilda became the first woman to vote in Fayetteville.

She campaigned all over the state encouraging women to vote. She published voter qualifications and information to help women face the harassment they were sure to receive from the men at the polls. Locally, she was instrumental in developing techniques which got women to the polls and got women elected.

Among her many activities, Matilda was president of the state and national suffrage associations; founded, and for three years edited, the "National Citizen," organized the Women's National Liberal Union, made speaking tours throughout the eastern and southern states, raised four children, and wrote several books.

In 1893 Matilda published her final book, Women, Church and State. It passionately argued that

state oppression of women is the direct product of the misogyny of the church, and describes, in unflinching detail, the atrocities visited by the church on women.

The book was immediately rejected by the local school board, and condemned by Anthony Comstock, secretary of the New York Society for the Suppression of Vice, as unfit for use in schools.

Matilda's response read, in part, "Anthony Comstock is as dangerous to the liberty of speech and of the press as were the old inquisitors, whom he somewhat resembles... That a free nation like the United States should allow a press censor within its limits is a disgrace to the name of freedom..

If there has been one education of more value to me than all others, it was the training I received from my father to think for myself."

Matilda died in 1898 at age 72. Here ashes are buried in Fayetteville. Her life-long motto became her epitaph: "There is a word sweeter than mother, home, or heaven. That word is liberty."

This article was prepared with the assistance of The Fayetteville Free Library, Onondaga County Public Library, Onondaga County Historical Association and Bird Library, Syracuse University.

Barb Kobritz is a local feminist and baker.

... In Her Own Words

from "Remarks to the National Women's Suffrage Association Convention," 1852

At the proposition of equal education and rights, man starts up and says, if women are admitted as equals, you ruin domestic harmony. If a woman is permitted to think for herself, forsooth, she may disagree in her views with her husband, and family peace destroyed. A fig for such reasoning!

Nothing is a stronger proof how natural the love of liberty is to mankind than the efforts made to attain it.

We need not expect the concessions demanded by women will be peaceably granted; there will be a long moral warfare before the citadel yields; in the meantime let us take possession of the outposts. The public must be aroused to a full sense of the justice of our claims... Fear not any attempt to frown down the revolution already commenced; nothing is a more fertile aid of reform than an attempt to check it. Work on!

from "Woman, Church and State," 1893

Property is a delicate test of the condition of a nation. It is a remarkable fact in history that the rights of property have everywhere been recognized before the rights of person.

The witch was in reality the profoundest thinker, the most advanced scientist of those ages. The persecution which for ages waged against witches was in reality an attack upon science at the hands of the church. As knowledge has ever been power, the church feared its use in woman's hands, and leveled its deadliest blows at her.

Woman's degradation is not the normal condition of humanity, neither did it arise from a settled principle of evolution, but is a retrogression, due to the grossly material state of the world for centuries past in which it has lost the interior meaning or spiritual significance of its own most holy words...

To the theory of "God the Father" shorn of the divine attribute of motherhood, is the world beholden for its most degrading beliefs, its most infamous practices.

Ntozake Shange & Holly Near:

Refueling the Long Creation

by Enid Edwards

The kind of woman artist I'm celebrating isn't of the old stamp, who skillfully created her own denial for patriarchal pay. Hardly. Holly Near & Ntozake Shange speak, instead, to the splendid & ever-increasing gathering of women who, despite the best overseeing, refuse to cheat themselves. Investing their art with immediacy, relevance, clarity & power, they are dedicated to the documentation of women's realities & committed to the recognition of women as a cultural mainstream. It is through hearty & heartfelt sharing with Holly, Ntozake & other women artists that we draw strength & hope, celebrating our beauty as we struggle against oppression.

In a field long dominated by men, we women have difficulty isolating our artistic voices; we tend to self-negate. When women do create, our art is seldom palatable to those with the means to finance us. Yet, despite the reluctance of museums to feature women's art, the scarcity of National Endowment for the Arts funds for women artists & Arthur Fiedler's refusal to accept women in the Pops, women artists are working together to survive.

Ntozake Shange is a poet: "I am not a part-time poet ... I am not going to grow up to be something else." Committed to "pulling the so-called personal outta the realm of non-art," she honors each woman's longing to know her Sister's heart. Ntozake has made language respect the recalcitrance of her spirit.

Holly Near is a songwriter/singer. Sensitive to the trials of women & men throughout the world, she writes, "The essence of struggle is recorded by natural poets & balladeers ... it is with proud acknowledgement of these people that I choose to be a cultural worker."

Holly's lyrics are personal, political & timely. She celebrates women's collective strength from

generation to generation as women rediscover themselves through the daughters for whom they toiled: "If I had not suffered, you wouldn't be wearing those jeans/ Being an old time woman ain't as bad as it seems." In "Fight Back!", she challenges women to shoulder the dusk together, to defy the physical limitations urged upon them by their fears of rape & assault. She notes woman's responsibility to woman & highlights the energy that women inspire.

In "Free to Grow," Holly features the folly of debasing ourselves in the name of some 'greater union' which is nothing without us & which, without our beauty, is blasphemy. Her concern for a more humane conception of 'success' & for a restructuring of woman-woman & woman-man relating are evident in lyrics such as "Where is the oneness we feel with each other that lets us be loving without being lovers," & "I work at a mountain school, my hammer & my mind as tools/ They're right, we did succeed!"

Holly's politics span both the globe & the spectrum of personal experience. "Our everyday lives, the changes inside," she writes, "become our political songs." Charging GIs, factory workers, miners & all cultural workers to Organize!, & proclaiming her powerful love for the Vietnamese, for Michelle Herrera & Victor Jara of Chile, for Native Americans & for women incarcerated in mental institutions, she turns the heart with every phrase rounding. Whether the policy be domestic or 'foreign,' Holly is confident that "Americans will change once they know that they are wrong." Holly's 4 albums are produced by Redwood Records, the woman's cooperatively run company of which she is a part. (P.O. Box 40400, San Francisco, Ca. 94140) They are also available at The Front Room Bookstore.

Ntozake, with her choreopoem For Colored Girls who have Considered Suicide When The Rainbow is Enuf,

blasted audiences across the nation with the songs of black women fighting to become "all that is forfeited by our gender, all that we have forgotten." Then, with one glorious heaving, she spread the spirit of women before them, that women might love themselves. Her new book, Nappy Edges, while not as distilled as For Colored Girls ..., is another exquisite womansong.

Ntozake speaks to women who grow too heavy for their own limbs, whose self-love is severed from their loving selves, who veil their trembling & discount their own desires. Page after page, she bleeds: "she was the wrath of women camouflaging despair & stretch marks/ finally bein real/ no longer symmetrical & impervious to pain/ convinced her beauty an aberration/ ... every 3 minutes some woman's innocence rushes to her cheeks/ mensis red & split/ metal horses gnawin (her) womb" ... and again, "we lie rather than betray our sons/ the suspect is black & always in his early 20s/ murder/ my first thot each mornin."

Then, with "whatever good there is to get/ get it & feel good," Ntozake leads woman to the holiness of herself released. "women/ will once again learn/ to be like/ the wind ... we cant be stopped/ our lips too thick/ the air too strong." "my visions are my own," she cries, "my truth no less violent than necessary/ to make/ my daughter's/ dreams as real as mensis." Smitten with Ntozake's vision, women can affirm with her, "my spirit is too ancient to understand the separation of soul & gender."

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Iran: Sorting the Pieces

by Toni Taverone

The toppling of the Shah of Iran and the formation of the Ayatollah Khomeini's Islamic government has brought mixed reactions from progressive people everywhere. This is largely because there is no unilinear path from "right" to "left" upon which Khomeini and the Shah can be neatly placed. Instead, the struggle of the Iranian people has many dimensions which must be sorted out. In my mind, the logical place to begin would be to ask a series of questions concerning the basic interests of the various groups involved. 1) Whose interests did the Shah represent? 2) Who opposed the Shah? and 3) What was (is) the nature of the opposition & in whose interests does this opposition act?

Who did the Shah serve?

The answer to this question is the easiest and clearest. Since a C.I.A. backed coup entrenched him firmly in power in 1953, the Shah has created the conditions whereby Western (mostly U.S.) capital has dominated the Iranian oil industry and other areas of the Iranian economy. He has done this against the interests and the will of the Iranian people by means of a massive U.S. funded military machine and one of the most fascist regimes in the world. (See Jeff Kremen "US Bulwark of Iranian Reaction" The Guardian Nov. 8, 1978. p.17 for a good history of this process.)

The forces opposing the Shah

At this point in time, there seem to be three main groups which united in February to topple the Shah's regime. 1) The Ayatollah Khomeini's Islamic government (clearly the most powerful of the three) 2) The Islamic left, represented by the Mojahadeen organization and 3) The secular left, represented by the organization of Fedayeen Guerrillas.

Who is Khomeini?

Khomeini is an Islamic scholar whose vocal opposition to the Shah began in 1963 when he attained the title of Grand Ayatollah, the highest position in Shi'i Islam, the largest Muslim group in Iran. As a holy man and a teacher at the Qum, a Shi'ite religious school, he denounced the monarchy and the Shah's sellout to the West and was jailed immediately. He continued to speak out and was arrested several more times. Finally, at the end of 1963, he was exiled. However, he continued to write and teach in exile, and sent tape recordings of lectures to Iran, where they were played in mosques before growing audiences of supporters.



His basic message was nationalism - the right of the Iranian people to self determination and the use of their own resources without domination by the West. This vision included the establishment of an Islamic government and the rule of Iran by Islam.

It is difficult to determine what exactly an Islamic government would do. According to an interview with Khomeini (Seven Days, Feb. 23, 1979) the government will follow the 1906 constitution, still official in effect but violated by the Shah, which stipulates an elected Parliament, run by Muslims (93% of Iran is Shi'ite Muslim). Religious minorities would also have elected representatives. The first task of the government will be to rebuild the ravaged country, especially the agricultural sector which has been destroyed by Western agribusiness, to make Iran more self-sufficient. (Iran now imports 60% of its food while 75% of its usable farmland lies idle). Khomeini claims that although the government is Islamic, religious freedom will prevail, secular political parties will not be outlawed (unless they "threaten the state" with arms) and there will be no prohibition on the participation of women in government.

The Mojahadeen

The Mojahadeen began as a militant anti-Shah Islamic organization and remained underground during the Shah's regime. In 1974, it split into two factions, one emphasizing religious issues while continuing to participate in political action against the Shah, and the other faction emphasizing Marxist principles while continuing to identify themselves as an Islamic group. Both factions support an Islamic republic.

The Fedayeen

The Fedayeen Guerrillas are a secular Marxist organization which began armed resistance to the Shah in 1971. Their influence is most widespread among the industrial workers, especially the oil workers. They are the only organized group

which does not identify itself with Islam. They support a program for a secular government and a socialist economy.

This is where the confusion comes in for many Western progressives. Despite the fact that much of Khomeini's material support seems to come from the national and petit bourgeois sectors of the Iranian economy (including the merchants of the "bazaar"), and despite the fact that Islam is known in the West for its conservative policy and feudal attitude towards women, Khomeini's Islamic nationalism represents a progressive force at this time for two reasons: 1) it has the immediate effect of weakening the forces of Western capital in Iran, and represents the beginning of the return of Iranian resources to the Iranian people, and 2) it has the more global effect of upsetting the balance of power in the entire Middle East and weakening imperialist influence in that area. (For example, the PLO and southern Lebanese forces can look forward to a new ally in Iran).

Another function Khomeini is already serving is a loosening up

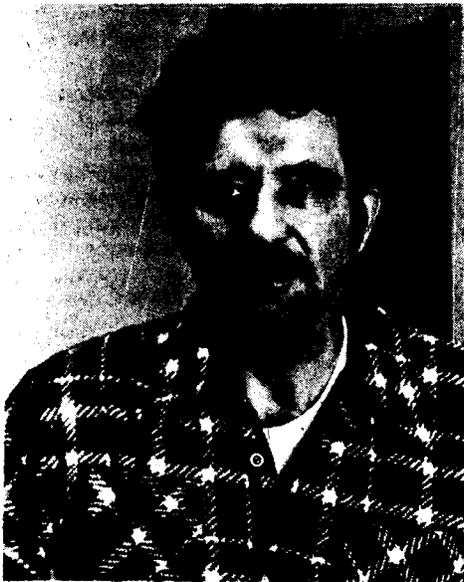
of the fascist atmosphere in Iran to allow other progressive forces, such as the Mojahadeen and the Fedayeen, to grow. Part of the reason why Muslim forces have dominated the struggle against the Shah is that between the Shah's army and SAVAK, the notorious secret police, most political opposition was smashed. Thousands were imprisoned, tortured, and killed for speaking out against the Shah. Both the Mojahadeen and the Fedayeen have been underground, severely repressed, and isolated from the people. Under these circumstances, the mosques remained one of the only means of public assembly, and were sources of much anti-Shah activity.

In the final days which brought the Shah's government down in February, Khomeini's supporters were fighting beside the Mojahadeen and the Fedayeen in united action. Now Khomeini has called for the Fedayeen, specifically, to turn in their arms. So far, the Fedayeen have refused. They have demanded the dismantling of the army and the setting up of a people's army. They have also demanded the setting

up of people's courts to try former Shah supporters. So far, former members of the Shah's government, including the hated chief of SAVAK, have been tried and executed by Khomeini's secret courts, of which even new Prime Minister Bazargan claims to know nothing. The Fedayeen are a small group but appear to be gathering steam. Very recently, Khomeini seems to have made an open break with them, denouncing them as communists and enemies of the people, and denouncing secular Marxism in general.

It is obvious that the struggle in Iran is not over. But even if Khomeini persists in his anti-communist attitudes and opposes the Fedayeen, there is no indication that he will resort to the fascist tactics of the Shah. His presence, in Iran has served as a catalyst for the development of a revolutionary left, even if his government is not itself revolutionary. This development was impossible as long as the Shah was in power. After years of fascism under the Shah, there is no way but up for the Iranian people.

The information for this article was compiled from the Guardian, In These Times, Seven Days, and (oops) the Syracuse Post-Standard.



Don Luce

speaking on

'Iran — and the US Response'

A familiar person to all of us who worked to end the Indochina War, Don Luce returns once again to Syracuse. (Don had visited here with the Indochina Mobile Education Project, the wonderful cultural exhibit he helped create.) Always a human rights activist, Don Luce discovered the infamous tiger cages in Viet Nam, and was intensely involved in the Indochina political prisoners campaign. After the War, Don became one of the directors of Clergy and Laity Concerned.

Recently returned from a fact-finding journey to Iran where he had a eight-hour personal interview with Ayatollah Khomeini, Don will bring his usual sharp political perspective to the current situation in Iran.

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Who Profits, Who Loses In Proposed S.U. Dome?

by Stephen Costello

Syracuse University plans to build a 50,000 seat domed stadium on its campus. We are asked to believe the project is in our best interests and those of community members and New York State taxpayers. If we look closely at the effects of this east side albatross, we can see that the Dome will toll—signalling doom—for the efforts of area groups and individuals who are opposing the vested interests of state politicians, University planners, and sport for profit.

A Political 'Cupcake'

Two months before the '78 general election, in which Hugh Carey won a second term as governor, the state legislature passed a \$15 million dollar Urban Development Corporation (UDC) grant to SU for its planned new stadium, contributing almost 3/5 of the total bill of \$26 million. The political effect of the grant was felt at election time. Though Carey had received only a small percentage of the Syracuse area vote when he first ran for Governor, this heavily Republican community gave him an unusually large percentage in '78. Both Syracuse daily papers had endorsed Republicans for years, but in '78 the Herald-Journal endorsed Carey. The Governor's popularity had noticeably increased since his pre-campaign swing through the area to announce the grant.

If the UDC grant helped increase Carey's popularity in Syracuse, it made him very unpopular to some people in Utica and Buffalo. In Utica, negotiations had been going on for a possible purchase of Utica College (UC), which is owned by SU, or building of a technical college adjacent to UC by the state. It was also suggested the new college might be located in downtown Utica or nearby Marcy. The figure mentioned in the sale or construction was \$15 million. It was announced in Utica that plans would be dropped for both projects within a few weeks of the announcement SU would get the \$15 million in state aid.

While no concrete connection can be made, some Utica College faculty believe the two actions are related, and disagree with the state on which project should have been given the money.

Buffalo area people were bewildered and angry that Western New York legislators, kept mainly unaware of the \$15 million as it was slipped by in a large package of legislation, did not vote unanimously against it in view of the obvious and long-standing needs of Buffalo's State University campus. A writer for the Buffalo Evening News observed "In Albany, the \$15 million grant is considered a very obvious political deal."

Students at the State University of New York campus at Buffalo were also riled. In Nov. 1978, when the Governor attended a ground-breaking ceremony in downtown Buffalo, he was shouted down and prevented from speaking by a large group of SUNY Buffalo students protesting the lack of action on an athletic facility promised the university years ago. The original plan for the new campus at Amherst included a multi-million dollar sports complex, but all the state has been willing to build there is a temporary shelter hoisted over a parking lot.

The Buffalo students seem to have a good point. If \$15 million is to be spent on athletics, and their Amherst campus stands incomplete after years of funding cuts and promises of completion, a political explanation seems probable.

Meanwhile, the State University system is being hit with a \$4-5 million budget cut in '79-'80, and it was recently announced tuition at New York's public campuses would be boosted by \$150 beginning this September because the state can't come up with an extra \$9.1 million. SUNY tuition is already seventh highest in the nation among state colleges. Also, NY State ranks first in the nation in state aid to private colleges, giving \$187.6 million in '77-'78, not including the \$15 million to SU. A Buffalo area activist explained that in view of the unmet needs at the state campus there, "There is simply no non-political way of justifying the construction of the Dome. It still remains a volatile, brain-trigger issue here."

The "Show Cause" Suit

In Syracuse, initial protest against the building of the Dome in a residential area has taken the form of a suit brought against SU and the state,

county, and city planning boards involved in approval of the plan by three university area individuals and three neighborhood groups. In the so-called 'show cause' suit, residents are asking that an Environmental Impact Statement be prepared and public hearings be held. The latest group to join the suit, the Outer Comstock Neighborhood Association, brings the neighborhood representation in the suit to over 700 people, and people speaking for the residents are convinced they have the support of a large majority of area people.

Members of the groups are very concerned about crime during events. They ask how they'll be protected when most police will have their hands full trying to control 50,000 spectators over at the Dome, and who will pay the costs of additional police and sanitation service?

The whole area used to be crowded with parked cars during games at the old Archbold stadium, which seated 30,000 and wasn't always full during games. This occurred six times each year. Now SU plans to bring in 50,000 people for ten events and an additional 15-20,000 for fifty more each year, and has yet to come up with a traffic plan.

All this puts Dome Manager Thomas F. Benzel in an awkward position. He must try to book events for the Dome that will be big enough to attract a large crowd, but is also expected not to come up with anything that will irritate local people or contribute to their fears about crowding, noise, and crime. He insists the Dome will be self-supporting, though.

Some SU faculty are worried, though, that funds will come from academic programs if income at the huge Dome falls short of operating costs.

The response from SU to concerned people was to set up a "task force" charged with coming up with a plan for parking and moving people to and from the stadium. The task force was seen as an adequate response to residents' fears by SU officials.

However, Richard Wiles, chairperson of the City Planning Commission and head of the task force, has gone out of his way to deny his group has any formal role to play. He says his

Women In The Middle East

by Calvin Mendelsohn

For most Westerners, images of Arab women evoke at once an attraction to veiled mystery tempered by feelings of helplessness and sympathy for their servile plight. Yet such stereotypical images tend both to ignore the considerable diversity and recent change in the status of women in the modern Arab world, as well as falsely portraying Islam as a faith totally devoted to the continued degradation of women. On the contrary, Islam grants women dowry rights, equal rights to buy and sell property, and equal treatment for all wives in polygamous marital relationships, a clear advance over the status of Arab women in pre-Islamic times.

The gradual emancipation of Arab women, although of mixed cultural and personal value for those involved, has generally proceeded most rapidly in those nations which have had the longest continuous contact with Western influence. In Lebanon, one of the most progressive nations in terms of female liberation, for example, women obtained the vote in 1953, and economically have advanced to the point where 38% of Lebanon's professionals are women. Lebanese women, moreover, are often highly educated, generally free to date men, and have labor unions insuring equal treatment and pay. Throughout the Arab world, however, it is socially unacceptable for a woman to live alone or share an apartment with other females.

In Saudi Arabia, where Islamic fundamentalism still predominates despite the onset of economic modernization, women (as well as men!) have yet to secure the right to vote, are generally denied the right to any form of employment, are compelled to wear the traditional veil, and are subject to customary restrictions of public movement decreed under Islam. Even in Saudi Arabia, however, about 250,000

Saudi girls attend public schools and 11,000 women were permitted to study at universities (about half of these in foreign countries), a hopeful sign of a gradual social emancipation for Saudi women in the future.

Another indication of widespread changes is the rapid abandonment of the wearing of the veil in Fertile Crescent countries. In Syria, a teacher returning after a ten-year absence recently noted: "I couldn't believe what I found... Ten years ago, the great majority of women went veiled. Now, even in the villages, few do. Most girls wear blue jeans and are really indistinguishable from Europeans or Americans." Also, polygamy is disappearing throughout most of the Arab world, e.g. in Egypt, where it is both socially unacceptable and economically impractical for the bulk of the populace. In Syria, "of the 11 men in Damascus who have four wives, six are over 60." Moreover, although one may be fascinated by the uncommon sight of Syrian Bedouin women engaged on road crews in rural areas, the casual Western observer must remember that change in traditional roles

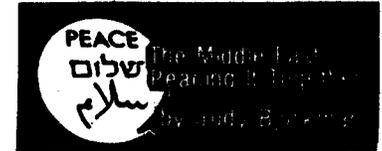
for Arab women generally occurs more rapidly in urban than in rural areas of the Arab world.

In Israel, contrary to popular belief, discrimination exists for Jewish (as well as Palestinian Arab) women in comparative pay levels, occupational distribution (there is a lack of Jewish professional women in Israel) and occupational openings. This is especially true of Jewish women of Sephardi (Eastern Mediterranean) origin in Israel, who are primarily restricted to menial occupations such as factory work, as opposed to Jewish women of Ashkenazi (European) descent, who are more likely to be employed in lower and middle levels of the bureaucracy, and as secretaries. In the aggregate, however, according to Israeli feminists, "seventy percent of Israeli women are housewives. Those who work earn an average 43% less than men in wages," for doing the same work. Despite its egalitarian notions regarding the equality of women, especially present in the guiding Zionist philosophy of the *kibbutzim*, Israeli society regards women as primarily housewives and sex objects, by and large. Women residing on the *kibbutzim*, for example, find that there is nothing liberating about washing clothes for 500 instead of five, or engaging in other similar service occupations.

In conclusion, regional variation in the status of women throughout the Middle East appears likely to continue, though to a gradually lessening degree, as through general societal education, the basic equality of women will be slowly inculcated as a theoretical and working principle in the states involved. When peace finally arrives, it should help facilitate greater and more open communication among all countries in the Middle East, higher literacy rates, and more equal opportunities for meaningful and varied contributions by Middle Eastern women.



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Reviews

Journal of a Solitude

By May Sarton, The Horton Library
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May Sarton touches me in ways I cannot remember another author doing--deeply, personally, at my woman-care. She is a friend -- a role model, of which I don't have many. She affirms in me my connections with the earth and the cycles of life. Her writing expresses the pain, joy and pride of working to be a strong, whole woman.

In Journal of Solitude she records a year in her life--her personal struggles with anger, pain, love, depression, her work. She talks about being a woman alone, "My need to be alone is balanced against my fear of what will happen when suddenly I enter the huge empty silence if I cannot find support there."

I feel the most important thing May Sarton gives me is her valuing and nurturing her relationship with herself. "I am here alone for the first time in weeks to take up my 'real' life again at last...But I must not forget that, for me, being with people or even with one beloved person for any length of time without solitude is even worse. I lose my center. I feel dispersed, scattered, in pieces. I must have time alone in which to mull over any encounter, and to extract its juice, its essence, to understand what has really happened to me as a consequence of it."

She questions whether women can have meaningful creative work and be involved in the usual kind of love/relationships.

-Liz Cool

Against Our Will

By Susan Brownmiller
Simon & Schuster, 1975

With this book Susan Brownmiller has given us more than a

well researched and documented history of rape; she encourages women to use it as a tool to both understand and effectively change their present condition.

She makes the connections between rape, and the "women-as-property" mentality painfully clear by explaining the function that rape serves during wars, revolutions, riots and other situations of violence. Her definition of rape is, "a conscious process of intimidation by which all men keep all women in a state of fear." She then asks why none of our leading social thinkers have ever more than touched the surface of this ancient male crime. The answer speaks to us throughout the book; men fear that the truth would call for restructuring our entire power system which is based upon the use of aggression to acquire and maintain property.

One of the most exciting aspects of the book is its historical perspective which avoids the view of rape as isolated acts of violence and defines it as a type of political

oppression against half the world's people. The extensive research Brownmiller undertook plus the footnotes and bibliography make Against Our Will a good starting point for those readers seeking more information about rape.

-Cindy Squillace

Feminism As Therapy

By Anne Kent Rush & Anica Vesal Mandu. A Random House - Booksworks Book, 1974, New York, \$2.45

If the goal of therapy is to make a person whole, then clearly feminism is therapy. The authors begin with integrating what is feminism, then what is feminist therapy, comparing and contrasting current therapies, such as Jungian, Reichian, Freudian, and Gestalt to Feminism. They provide a "herstory of history" and end with various techniques in integrating body/mind.

The book is not an in-depth analysis of therapy; rather it points to the various connections between personal and political, play and work, and the individual to the group.

I found that Anne Kent Rush's view of gestalt and its emphasis on taking responsibility for your own actions is very powerful. She states:

Taking responsibility for my conduct does not exclude the responsibility of others. Too often this "I" emphasis is used against women to get males or social systems off the hook... Women have been taking personal responsibility too long for difficulties in their lives whose roots are social. Put it where it belongs on the oppressive political-economic system.

The book is written in a personal and integrative style--appropriate to a feminist perspective. I highly recommend the book to anyone interested in integrating their own lives and learning about the many connections feminism offers in the process of becoming whole.

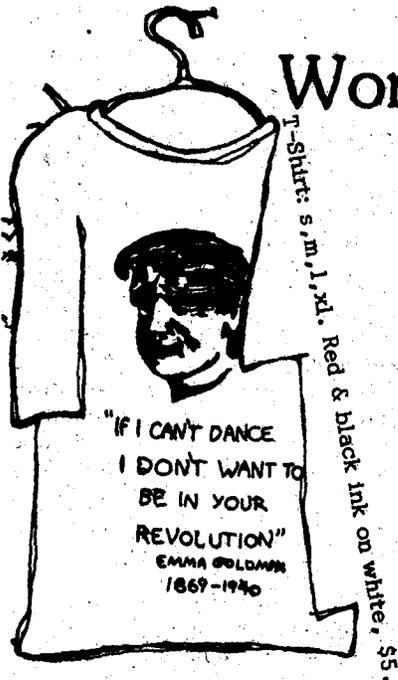
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-Sharon L. Coyne, Ann Godwin, Nancy Klein, Steering Committee

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Have you heard about the obscene idea of having the Lake Placid Winter Olympic Village (which houses the athletes) become a Federal Prison after the games? STOP (Stop The Olympic Prison), a campaign begun by the National Moratorium on Prison Construction in Washington, has been trying to do something about it for several years now [see 6/78 PNL]. But the government persists so STOP is calling for a demonstration on Thursday May 3, 11am at the Capitol steps in Washington.

STOP has considerable international support for its campaign, and is partially funded by the NYS Council of Churches. The demonstration has the backing of all major U.S. religious denominations. More info: STOP 3049 E. Genesee St. Syracuse, NY 13224 446-6151.

NEW POLICE BRUTALITY HOT LINE

There is now a Police Brutality Hotline in Syracuse thanks to the efforts of the Onondaga Co. Human Rights Coalition of which SPC is a member. The 24-hour number, 471-6839, grew out of a number of recent incidents of police harassment or brutality and out of the discovery by the Coalition that there was no central source for collecting such information and acting on it.

KAREN SILKWOOD CASE FINALLY REACHES COURTS

(LNS) Four years after the death of Karen Silkwood, and more than two after her father filed a lawsuit against the Kerr-McGee Corporation, the Silkwood case will finally come to trial March 6 in Oklahoma. [See 11/78 PNL.]

The lawsuit, which seeks \$11.5 million in actual and punitive damages, charges Kerr-McGee, the country's largest uranium producer, with willful negligence in failing to keep plutonium under its control, as required by law. A favorable ruling would establish an important precedent in holding a corporation responsible for off-site contamination.

TELL IT TO CITY HALL

The local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is calling for a multi-issue community rally on Wednesday April 4. The rally, marking the 11th anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., will address broad community concerns such as housing, education and employment.

Directed at City Hall and the Onondaga Co. Office Bldg. will be a march ending with a rally featuring speakers from different community organizations. The NAACP's attempt at coalition building is a very positive action for the progressive movement in Syracuse. All community groups are encouraged to support their call. For more info: NAACP, 111 Elmwood Sta. Syracuse, NY 13207 446-9317.

YOUR PEN MIGHT STOP NEW JAMESVILLE PEN

Now is the time to take pen in hand or we may have a very much unneeded new Jamesville Pen on our hands. A bonding proposal to finance a new Pen will soon be coming up for a vote in the County Legislature. No money -- no bars -- simple as that. We know you've been dying to communicate with your Representative so here's a great opportunity!

If you don't know who your County Legislator is call the Board of Elections 425-3312. For more info: Margaret Stinson 637-3344.

A COMEBACK FOR THE DRAFT?

A variety of bills that call for some form of mandatory registration for both the draft and national service have been introduced into the U.S. Senate and the House. It's too early to tell exactly what form of registration will occur, but it appears fairly certain that, without a great deal of opposition, a registration bill will be passed this session.

One bill, "The Military Registration and Mobilization Assessment Act of 1979" (HR23) requires the President to order a registration of young men (18 to 26) not later than October of 1979. A similar bill has been introduced into the Senate (S109). Both of these bills, and others that call for a national service which would include the military, are in committee now. They will probably be brought to the floor and voted on before May. If you'd like more info call Bill Harley at AFSC 475-4822. But please try to write a protest letter -- TODAY!!

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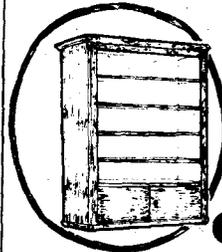
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 "What Has Happened To The Sexual Revolution, Part 2" by Jack Manno
 "China's Cultural Revolution Revisited"

March 1979 PNL Calendar

Deadline for April PNL is March 20th.

Men's Sharing and Support Group meets Sunday nights, 7-9, at ECOH. Info call Monty Bernman, 637-6721	12 MOVING? IT COSTS US \$5 TO FIND OUT FROM THE P.O. SO-PLEASE LET US KNOW IN ADVANCE	13 Every Tuesday: Dinner at the Westcott Cafe, 550 Westcott St., 6-8pm 424-9725	14 Central NY NOW meets at Federal Bld, 100 So. Clinton St. Info call 478-4636	15 Communal Luncheon every Thursday, 12 noon, \$1 don. All You Can Eat at ECOH	16 SPC's 43rd Birthday Dinner! David Tuong (see p. 2)	17 St. Patrick's Day Special Irish Boiled Dinner at Westcott Cafe, 6-8pm. Sisters Gin cooking. Info 424-9725.
Music at Westcott Cafe, Kurt Eger, 50¢ donation Info call 424-9725.	18 PLACE East meets every Monday, 9:30-11 at ECOH	19 Greater Syracuse Now mtg., Grace Episcopal Church, 8pm Info 478-4636	20 Nuclear Power Committee mtg., 7:30 pm at Linda desfano's, 148 W. Beard Info call 475-0062	21 Sharpville Massacre Memorial 6pm, Maxwell Aud., walk starts at 7pm. 475-4822	22 Squave Dance for the Disabled and Dev. Disabled. w/ Cranberry Lake ECOH	23 Personal Growth Workshop Day for Women, 9am-5pm \$12 includes child-care, lunch. At INFO 478-4636
Music at Westcott Cafe, John Bromka, Tom Fay and Bill Harley, 50¢ don. Info call 424-9725.	25 Eastside Neighborhood mtg., 7pm, ECOH 475-4636	26 Film Forum SHORT EVIS Graphic account of Prison Life, 7:30pm, Gf. Aud. \$1.50	27 Nuclear Power Committee mtg., 7:30 pm at Linda desfano's, 148 W. Beard Info call 475-0062	28 Every Thursday, laid back Women's Basketball at Comm. Center next to Weeks School, 7:30pm For info., 472-9386.	29 Every Friday: Parenting group meets at ECOH, 9:45 to 11:15am. Info 475-4636	30 Gear! & Our Families Workshop by Mary Ann Zappetello, Sat. & Sun., 10am-5pm, \$60 445-0494
Music at Westcott Cafe, Dennis Prida, 50¢ don. Info call 424-9725.	25 After School Arts, Crafts, Games, Cooking. Every Monday, 9-11, at ECOH.	27 Layout and Paste-up for April PNL, Help Appreciated Call SPC 472-5478	28 ECHOH Seniors meet every Tuesday, 11-4 at ECOH	29 SFC Member Jim Moran hosts WALK FM Coffee Break, 11am-12noon. Every Wednesday.	30 MNS Films Burrel with Marlon Brando, 7, 9, 11pm Grant Aud. \$1.50.	31 April 1 Sunday Social for the Disabled, 12-3pm at ECOH Info call 475-4636. April 1

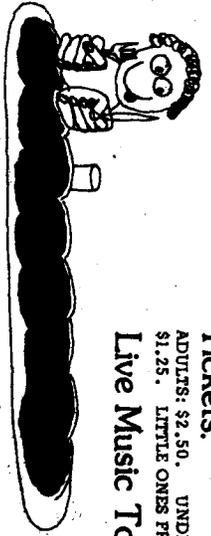
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Syracuse Peace Council

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 progressive social change and to overcome our sense of powerlessness thru mutual support.

We feel that education, agitation and 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 and the three collectives that work out of the SPC office: the program staff, the SPC Press, and The Front Room Bookstore.

Taking Some Deep Breaths

A few words on how it is with us these days -

We're feeling a desperate need to stop for a moment before we find ourselves in the midst of spring events. Looking around us: our little house begs for attention, our office systems and procedures (such as filing!) are collapsing. In a way these concrete realities mirror the conditions of our energies and program work. We find ourselves in a whirl of projects, meetings, and publications without the needed space for reflection and assessment. Our finances, as always, need a surge of growth, too. Please read the serious message about that on the facing page.

So here in your hands is an eight page Peace Newsletter, our compromise to not publishing at all this month. We've made a commitment that we will give some concentrated open time to ourselves. We want to straighten up our physical surroundings and allow ourselves the chance for organizational introspection.

It isn't easy to refrain from planning away every minute of April; it's hard to let go of that sense of urgency we all feel around the tense issues of survival: disarmament, nuclear technology, the stranglehold of corporate power over our energy, jobs, food. But we see our "breather" as a needed springtime chore - we'll cut away at the gnarled weeds entangling our movements, loosen up the soil, renew our spirits and determination. In other words, clean up the house, build that new sump in the basement, re-organize the files and rearrange the office space. We'll spend time in defining staff responsibilities and program as well as process. This special attention to ourselves will be well worth the effort as we regain a sense of balance, order and perspective in our work. We feel better simply anticipating the coming weeks!

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Dear People:

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More power to you -- to us;

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Kurt Wilner
New York City

Wow! What wonderful words to hear! It's nearly impossible to respond, except perhaps to say that no 'bit' is humble. And that's what this is all about: Clearly and simply, SPC needs money; we need your contribution today!

Traditionally, we send out a mid-winter fund appeal mailing. This year, instead, we attached a fund appeal letter with return envelope to each member's copy of our recently published "People's Energy Primer". We did this to save mailing costs, but especially to save people-energy. Time spent in fund-raising is time not spent in programming work around the crucial issues closing in on all of us.

But for whatever reasons, the response to the appeal was way below the usual. Unfortunately, our bills are not; they're soaring. And while intense fund-raising efforts last year allowed us to stay even with staff salaries during 1978 (whew!), we still labor under the old salary debt of \$7,000. (We may be broke and a bit weary, but not without a chuckle: we sold the SPC kitchen table the other day for \$335 -- clearly, the fund-raiser of the month!)

We like what the Peace Council is doing, the role it's performing in our community. We feel that SPC is doing what a community-based antiwar and social justice organization should be doing. We feel we deserve your support.

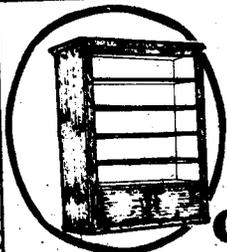
We know you suffer from surging costs also, but we ask you -- very urgently -- to do something, right now to keep SPC going. Can you send in \$6 for your PNL subscription, just once a year? Can you make an even larger contribution? \$10? \$20? Or could you consider making a pledge to SPC? (Just mark the coupon appropriately and we'll send back a pledge card.)

We believe that SPC is important to you. We know we have your moral and financial support, as usual. And we appreciate. But please send in what you can, today!

--SPC Staff

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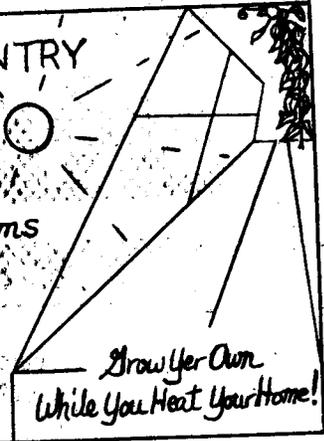
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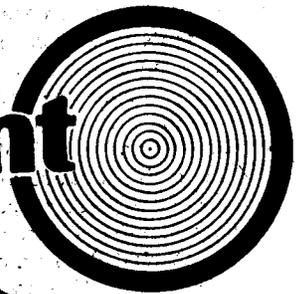
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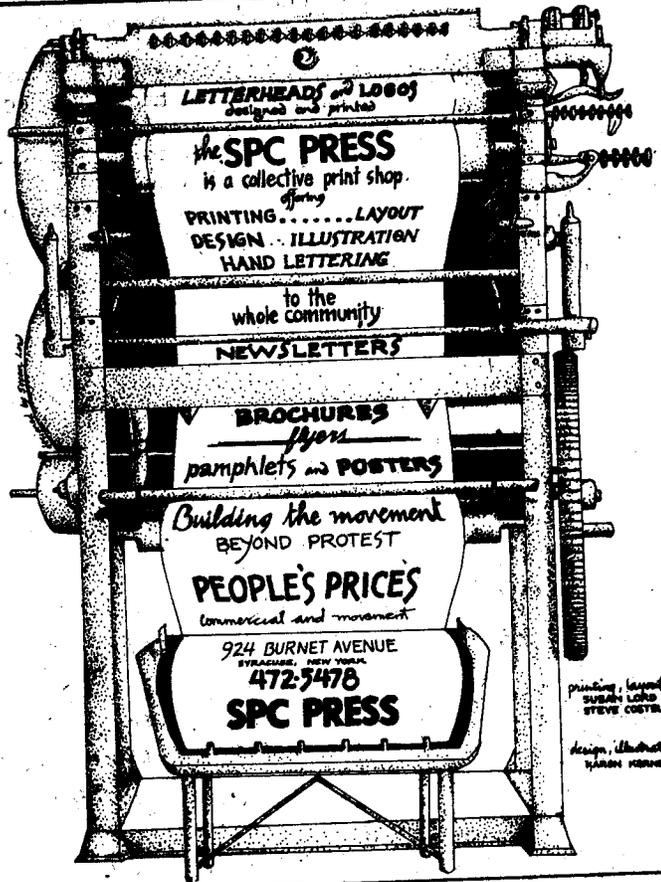
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Ever since the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ordered the FitzPatrick nuclear plant closed on March 13 due to possible safety defects, NIMO has been trying to scare us into believing that we must re-open the plant as soon as possible.

Their reasoning? The replacement oil fuel for NIMO's share of the FitzPatrick nuke (PASNY operates the plant and wholesales part of its electricity to NIMO) might cost \$500,000 a week. This is a fearsome cost to be sure, but NIMO isn't telling us about the 'hidden costs' of the nuclear fuel cycle -- Cost which, if they were included in rate schedules, as they should be, would likely make nuclear more expensive than oil.

At present, we are paying 1.7¢ per kilowatt hour (kwh) busbar* for FitzPatrick electricity, and about 3.1¢ per kwh for oil fired electricity. Some of the nuclear costs which aren't included in the 1.7¢ figure are the following:

Decommissioning: decommissioning and decontaminating a nuclear plant after its 25-40 year lifetime might cost (according to a study done by Peter Skinner of the NYS Attorney General's Office) \$1 billion per nuclear plant.

Waste disposal: estimates for permanently isolating from the environment our present supply of commercial high level nuclear wastes run into the tens of billions of dollars.

Other costs that are either hidden, ignored or passed on to taxpayers are government nuclear R&D, transportation of spent fuel, realistic accident indemnity (ie: repealing the Price Anderson Act; see Feb. '78 PNL) and phantom taxes (see Jan. '79 "Currents").

Union of Concerned Scientists economist Daniel Ford claims that if all the costs are included which should be included in our bills for nuclear power, we might be paying 40 mills per kwh busbar.

The net effect is that nuclear appears drastically cheaper than fossil sources and this tends to convince some people that nuclear power is worth the risk. Utilities have a legitimate interest in diversifying fuel sources, but playing down the financial and health burden of nuclear power is nothing short of criminal negligence.

In this the International Year of the Child, we owe it to the children to recognize that we have been providing ourselves with cheap nuclear power at their expense.

* 'busbar' cost is the cost of electricity leaving the plant (fuel, capital, and operating and maintenance costs.) 3¢ per kwh extra is assessed in our bill to cover transmission, distribution, and overhead charges.

Help SPC Leaflet

SPC is passing out its leaflet "Nuclear Power In Central NY-- Why We Must Say 'No!'" at showings of "The China Syndrome". We could use some help any night. Please give us a call 472-5478.

Boundless Gail: West Valley To Be Re-opened!

In the past two years, there have been two all-day Department of Energy hearings in Western NY to gather public input on what to do with the defunct Western NY Nuclear Service Center in West Valley.

(The Service Center was abandoned by Getty Oil in 1972, when it discovered that nuclear fuel reprocessing would be unprofitable; NY was left with a \$600 million tab to clean up the mess.)

The overwhelming sentiment at both of the hearings was to have the leaking site cleaned up and restored to non-nuclear use.

On March 20, an agreement was reached between NY Energy Commissioner James Larocca and James Schlesinger to have the federal government assume the cost of cleaning up West Valley. With unsurprising arrogance, a decision was made to have the West Valley site accept, for 'interim storage', spent fuel rods which have been accumulating at reactors around the state.

This is a desperate maneuver to shore up the faltering nuclear industry in NY. (Spent fuel storage space is quickly running out at reactor sites.) Moving spent fuel to West Valley is a shuffle game designed to avert the embarrassment (and presumably the danger) of turning reactors into de facto waste storage sites.

The maneuver is being made in utter defiance of public sentiment. We must take matters into our own hands.



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FRIDAY APRIL 13 7,9,11pm

Dustin Hoffman gives a remarkable performance as Lenny Bruce-- a man who has become a modern folk hero. This 1974 film is a complex and gripping work which portrays Bruce as a determined, dynamic, egocentric, but above all, very funny man. Highlights include sequences of original nightclub material, a very sensitive performance by Valerie Perrine(Superman, Slaughterhouse 5) as Lenny's wife who becomes addicted to heroin, and a musical score by jazz great Miles Davis. Bruce's involvement with obscenity charges and his defense of free speech are handled by director Bob Fosse with integrity and urgency.

Syracuse Premiere!

EUGENE DEBS AND THE AMERICAN MOVEMENT

FRIDAY APRIL 20 7,9,11pm

This biographical documentary traces fifty years(1875-1925) of long-suppressed history of the American labor movement. The film reveals the brutal government reaction to workers' attempts to organize at a time when the foundation of a modern industrial and corporate nation was being established. We are presented with a portrait of the man who founded the American Railway Union, led the Pullman strike of 1894, founded the Socialist Party of America and ran four times as its presidential candidate. Debs was a dynamic American leader whose accomplishments deserve wider recognition.

PLUS (shown first)
I.F. STONE'S WEEKLY
"A THOROUGH DELIGHT..."
-Vincent Canby

Filmmaker Jerry Bruck treats us to a rare

privilege-- an in-depth look at a man passionately interested in the truth. Washington newsman I.F. (Izzy) Stone was editor, reporter, production chief, etc. of his own independent weekly for 18 years and tirelessly sought out the facts in the capital's political arena. He was a journalist of boundless energy and rare integrity whose basic premise of political reporting was: "Every government is run by liars, and nothing they say should be believed."

WOODSTOCK
FRIDAY APRIL 27 7 & 10pm

All that music! All those people!! All that mud!!! Director Michael Wadleigh and editor Martin Scorsese(Mean Streets, Taxi Driver) have captured the events of that incredible weekend some ten years ago in an exciting film that celebrated peace, love, and music.

Letters

Dear Friends,

My hearty congratulations to all who worked so long and hard on the "People's Energy Primer." It is truly an impressive piece of work, one of which you all may be justly proud. It is the most comprehensive, intelligent, consciousness-raising discussion of the effects of hard energy on all aspects of our lives, the alternatives to nuclear/high technology madness, and techniques we can use in beginning to control our own future. I gained many new insights and became more and more enraged at the energy ripoffs that the so-called "public" utilities perpetrate every day. I now have a firm resolve to become more "energized" in the struggle to free myself/ourselves from the poverty and immorality of power. I hope that this letter will be the first of many efforts on my part to lend my hands, my voice, my heart with the others who say NO to nukes, NO to energy and profits for some but not for all, and NO to a high technology which denies equal rights and social justice.

Once again, congratulations. I look forward to working with you in the future for a better future for all.

Yours in Peace,

Mike Hungerford

Dear Gentlepersons,

Rape is a blemish to all society. It is far too indicative of the troubles and unfairness we face in our lives each day.

As a man, it disgusts and offends me. It angers me endlessly and makes it difficult for me to trust and be friendly towards other men.

Force and violence have nothing to do with sexuality. It is completely dehumanizing and destructive.

Unfortunately, the abuse doesn't end with the actual rape. It is carried into the investigation and the courts where the approach is one of accusation and insensitivity. The victim is questioned along the lines of "What was done to provoke it"? This procedure is not used in other criminal investigations and trials. This puts the blame on her instead of on the man and the system that should be held responsible.

How long will these inequities and sexist attitudes be condoned and accepted? These aggressions could be channelled into some constructive end. We need to regain respect towards other people. We are here together. We need to support basic inherent human rights and put an end to rape and other hurtful behaviors. Only by working together can we create social justice.

I am a feminist and wish to have these interpretations conveyed.

In Anger,

David Coons

Dear SPC and Cindy Squillace,

I read with interest your review of *Against Our Will* by Susan Brownmiller. I, too, was impressed by Brownmiller's historical research and lengthy discussion on the connection between rape and the "woman-as-property" mentality. But, I feel that the review overlooked some serious problems with Brownmiller's book and analysis.

First, as Brownmiller said, we see rape as part of the principle of women-as-property, but we must go further to understand that prin-

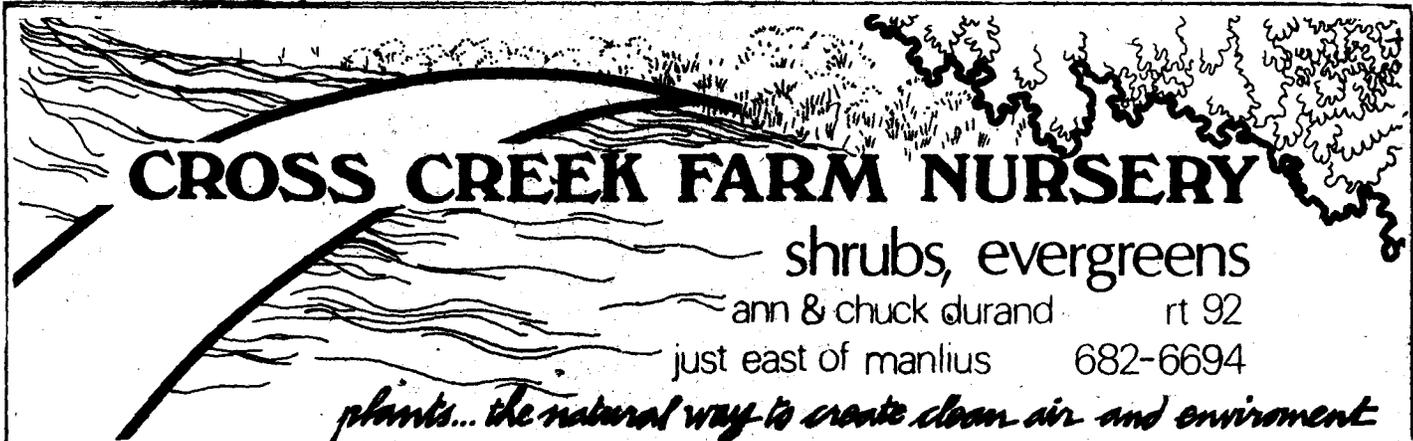
ciple originates from class society that set up property relationships among people. The source of our oppression as women is the accumulation of private property and surplus in the transition from matriarchy to exploitative class society, which today takes the form of capitalism/imperialism. Rape and violence against women is part of an entire system of exploitation which includes imperialism, racism and class oppression.

The basic division today is that between those who own the means of production (the capitalist class) and those who do the actual work, not between men and women, as Brownmiller would have us believe. The divisions between men and women, Black and white, young and old, US workers and Third World workers, gay and straight, are divisions in the entire working class that weaken us all in our fight for justice. It is the capitalist class that stands to gain from these divisions and in whose interest it is to encourage sexism and rape. It is the capitalist class that benefits in profits from the idea of women's inferiority through women's unpaid or underpaid labor and reserve labor supply.

Brownmiller's lack of class analysis in history is why she cannot explain that the rising rate of rape is occurring only in countries with capitalist economies, not socialist countries. (US visitors in Cuba continually are amazed that it is safe to walk the streets at night.) She also could not give a convincing reason why reporters could find no incidence of rape by the North Vietnamese freedom fighters.

Mariread Connor

(cont'd. in the May PNL)



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PNL Calendar

April 1979



Don Luce speaks on Iran

Friday, April 6 8 pm
United Baptist Church

A familiar person to all of us who worked to end the Indochina struggle, Don Luce returns once again to Syracuse. This time, however, Don will bring a first political perspective to the current situation in Iran. Don has just returned from a fact-finding tour there and enjoyed an 8-hour long personal visit with Ayatollah Khomeini.



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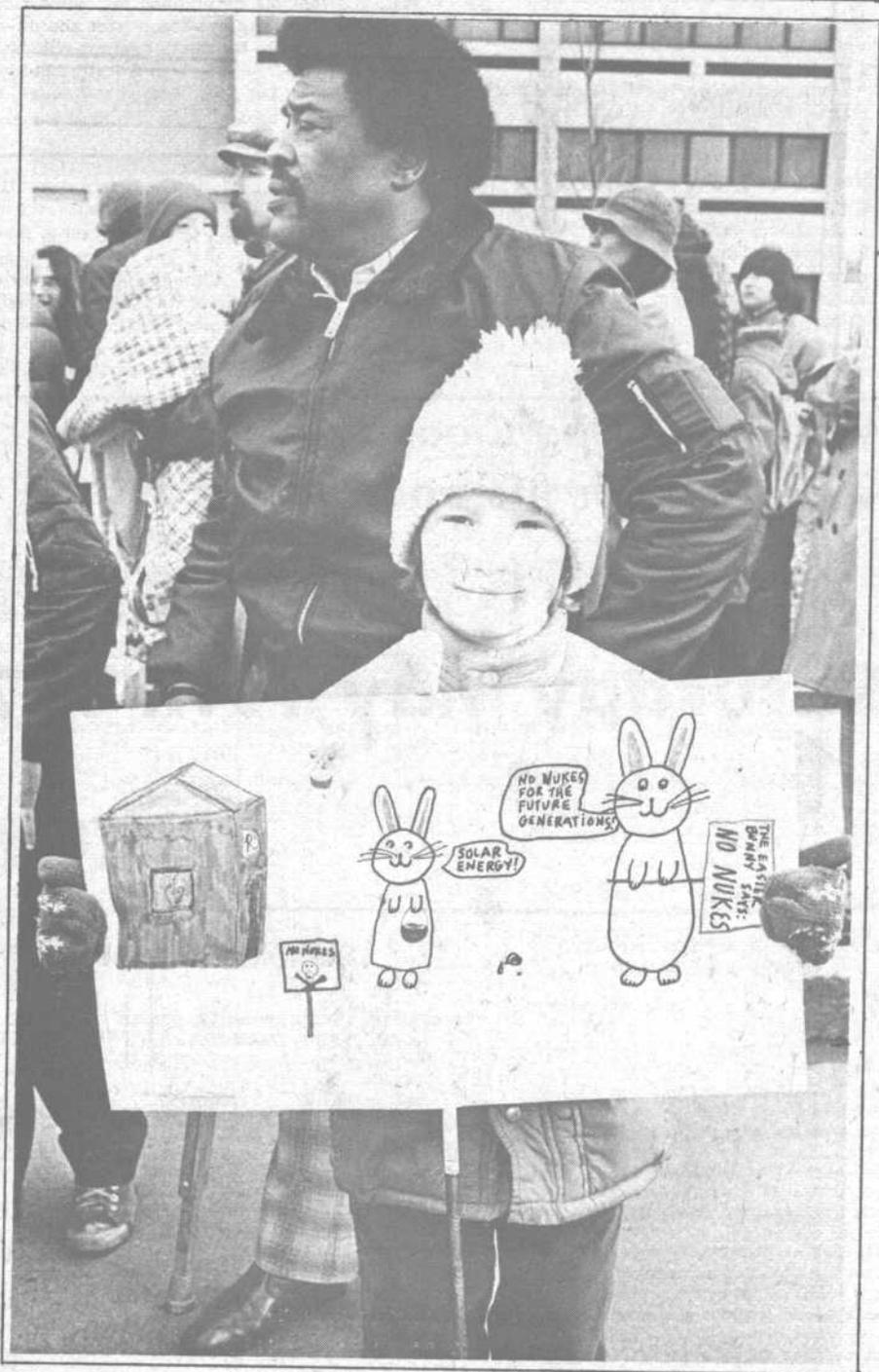
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With a sweet but determined air, 9-year old Alicia Mikles displays the poster she designed and made for the occasion: SPC's "Shut 'em All Down" March & Rally, held on April 5. Tiny Lee, who filmed the event, contemplates his next shot in the background. Photo by Mima Cataldo

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Next Month

Editor: Dik Cool
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 Tues. 5/22 very late - 'til done.
 Mailing Party: Thursday, 5/24;
 mindless fun and Schmidt's!!

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 progressive social change and to overcome our sense of powerlessness thru mutual support.

We feel that education, agitation and 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 and the three collectives that work out of the SPC office: the program staff, the SPC Press, and The Front Room Bookstore.

Moving? Spring Cleaning?
De-clutter your life and support SPC!

SPC GARAGE SALE
Saturday May 19th 1979
ECOH 10-4 pm

WORKSHOP #1 CLASSROOM CONFLICT MANAGEMENT AND PEACE EDUCATION.

- EDU 300. Sec. 1
- EDU 700. Sec. 1; PAF 400 Sec. 2
- SOS 600. Sec. 1
- May 29-June 15. 4:00-6:30.
- MTWThF.

The course will explore the many dimensions of creative conflict management, especially those most relevant to classroom teaching and peacemaking skills. It will be conducted in a workshop format and will examine resources on peace education, role playing, discipline problems, puppetry, listening and cooperation builders, and simulations. Participants are encouraged to juse their own classroom conflicts as the primary problem areas in need of resolution.

SUMMER 79

WORKSHOP #2 DECISION-MAKING SKILLS AND SOCIAL CHANGE STRATEGIES.

- PAF 400. Sec. 1
- SOS 600. Sec. 2.
- June 4-June 15. 12:00-3:50.
- MTWThF.

This workshop will help participants understand the processes and dynamics of humanized social change and creative decision making. Students will examine a variety of ways by which individual, institutional, and societal change has come about. This information will be applied to current social issues and experiences which the participants bring to the course.



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“ Dear Sisters & Brothers at SPC:
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 Please keep up the good work.
 Louis Towsley
 Schenectady, NY

Dear Syracuse Peace Council,
 Your 'voice in the wilderness' is being heard.
 Long has the SPC Newsletter spoken out on the dangers of nuclear energy dependence. Three Mile Island accident should have proven what we all have been told by NRC couldn't happen.

The accident in Pennsylvania reminded me of Pearl Harbor, the fear of war, disaster, except this time there was no 'enemy' to strike back at. Even our government officials seemed to side in with the nuclear industry, trying to calm our worst fears, as we sat downwind, knowing there is no escape from this fallout.

President Carter claims we need nuclear energy, without exploring the other possibilities such as solar collectors, wood-fired steam generators, garbage conversion to methane or gasohol.

Thanks to the news media, such as SPC, we learn the real dangers of Three Mile Island. Keep up the good work. Please accept this small contribution as appreciation of your continued service.

Jim Moulton
 a wood-burner

P.S.
 I have written to Hershey Foods, Hershey, Pa., informing them I will no longer purchase the luxuries of their products until all nuclear plants are closed. I am recommending we notify industries (such as G.E.) of our boycott of non-essentials, until this war on nuclear fallout and waste is over.
 Sorry for having had to wait until an 'accident' before I've awakened to action.

Dear Staff,
 This bit of money remained in the checkbook at the end of the week. Most unusual. I felt it was yours.
 Bob and I both wish that we had more time and energy for sharing with you all.

We hope this April allows you a bit of space and time to collect yourselves.

I continue to be amazed by the energy, courage and commitment you folks give evidence to. And I am thankful to know you.

Warmly,
 KC Russell

Dear Friends -
 ... The Newsletter is one of the few publications I get through the mail which has consistently outstanding articles and information.

The Energy Primer showed such obvious commitment to factual, carefully researched articles. I have wished I had a lot more money to send you to financially support your work.

I don't want to miss a single issue of the Newsletter or your special publications.

Keep up the outstanding journalism and commitment to our earth and our lives.

Love,
 Mary Lamb
 Albany, NY

Dear folks at SPC,
 Glad to see you're taking a break. I didn't even mind the skinny newsletter this month, as it was good to read about you setting priorities -- the main one for you right now being rest and reorganization.

Enclosed is a check to cover newsletter costs. Sorry there's not more right now.

Sincerely,
 Diane Cass

My Dearest Friends,
 From here in "Lotus Land" where often the idea of survival is all mixed up with making it on the free-ways, finding the necessary fuel for the omnipresent automobile, and "looking good", it is a refreshing Newsletter that brings things back to reality. The Newsletter is no substitute for dropping in and having lunch, or working on an SPC dinner, or working on one of the myriad projects likely to be spawned out of the minds of SPC people, but it does help...

Love, Peace Enthusiasm, Arividerci
 Pasquale [Pat] Vitacolonna
 Tujunga, California

Harrisburg happened and the Syracuse Peace Council's (SPC) cry of "Shut 'em All Down" -- following years of solid community education around the nuclear power issue -- resounded as a logical and responsible demand.

Harrisburg happened and within hours SPC was mobilizing a mass protest action.

Harrisburg happened and people from all over the area called SPC, seeking honest information they knew they were not getting from the government or the 'straight' media.

Harrisburg happened and the importance of a community-based organization like SPC became vividly real.

With clear beautiful voices, you're telling us -- each other -- through letters like those above, through phone calls, through increased activism, through your voices at the Rally just how much the Peace Council is needed.

But to continue, the Peace Council needs your money.

If the importance of having SPC flashed on you during the Harrisburg near-disaster, then please -- right now -- send in some contribution, even \$1, to SPC today.

Thank you, wonderful people.

- Here's \$6 for the PNL for 1979
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JULIA

WEDNESDAY MAY 23 7 & 9:30pm

Jane Fonda and Vanessa Redgrave shine in this true story of loyalty and courage between friends. A portrait of Lillian Hellman and her remarkable friend Julia in their struggle against fascism in Nazi Germany.

DR. STRANGELOVE: or how I learned to stop worrying and love the bomb

WEDNESDAY MAY 30 7 & 9:30pm

This is the original anti-nuke classic. Stanley Kubrick presents a wildly funny, satiric nightmare on the illogic of nuclear militarism. 1963. Peter Sellers, George C. Scott.

PLUS (shown first)

No Act of God

This brand new film on the nuclear power issue was produced by the Nat'l. Film Board of Canada. Using spectacular animation, the film clearly explains the principles of nuclear fission and breeder reactors and opens debate on the subject.

STATE OF SIEGE

WEDNESDAY JUNE 6 7 & 9:30pm

"A superb and enthralling, unforgettable film." -CBS-TV

Director Costa-Gravas(Z) and writer Franco Solinas(Battle of Algiers) created this highly controversial drama of a political kidnapping. A clear and insightful look at the U.S. role in Latin America. With Yves Montand. 1973



June 15-17 is Gay Liberation weekend in Syracuse 475-6857

OUTRAGEOUS!

WEDNESDAY JUNE 13 7 & 9:30pm

Swiftly becoming an underground classic, this endearing Canadian film stars Craig Russell and his talents for impersonation. A spirited and amusing view of sexual roles and stereotypes.

June 18-24 is National Gay Pride Week WORD IS OUT

WEDNESDAY JUNE 20 7 & 9:30pm

A remarkable documentary in which 26 lesbians and gay men from a wide variety of social and regional backgrounds talk about their lives. Produced collectively by the Mariposa Film Group.

"I was the American dream daughter-- cheerleader, Prom queen, "A" student... I was miserable."

A THOUSAND CLOWNS

WEDNESDAY JUNE 27 7 & 9:30pm

Jason Robards and Barbara Harris are in this uproarious 1966 comedy. The film desanctifies authority in a manner that is both highly perceptive and fun to watch.

MARX BROS.: A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

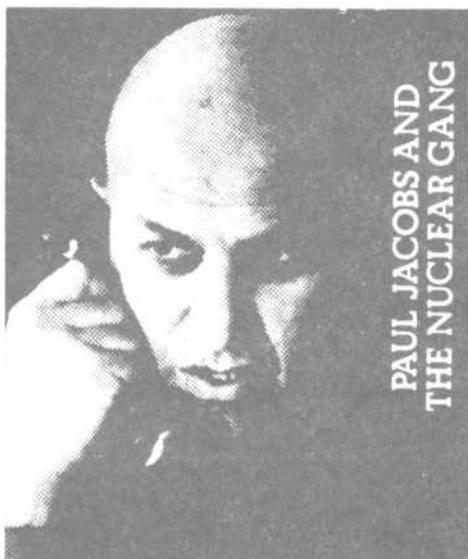
WEDNESDAY JULY 4 7 & 9:30pm

After the picnic, think about Independence Day -- and laugh. This 1935 classic sees the Marx Brothers minus Karl, but nonetheless in top form. Come and enjoy.

PLUS (shown first)

W.C. Field's : The Dentist

Possibly the funniest W.C. Fields short. 1932



PAUL JACOBS AND THE NUCLEAR GANG

WOMEN' FILM FEST

WEDNESDAY JULY 11 7 & 9:30pm

The Atom and Eve

1972 Atomic Energy Commission's version of "Woman's growing need for more and more electricity".

Birth without Violence

by Frederick Leboyer. A beautiful film record of his new method of child delivery aimed at minimizing the birth trauma.

With Babies and Banners

The story of the Women's Emergency Brigade and their role in the General Motors sit-down strike of 1937.

The Flashettes

An inspiring look at the hopes and determination of an inner-city girls' track club. Bonnie Friedman.

They are Their Own Gifts

Two short portraits of important women artists who are at once humorous and dignified.

poet - Muriel Rukeyser

choreographer - Anna Sokolow

LOVEJOY'S NUCLEAR WAR

WEDNESDAY JULY 18 7 & 9:30pm

In many ways, Sam Lovejoy's toppling of a 500-ft. tower in 1974, marks the beginning of the activist anti-nuke movement. Includes interviews with Dr. John Gofman and author and advocate of civil disobedience Howard Zinn. Green Mountain Post Production.

PLUS (shown first)

Men's Lives

An examination of American male attitudes and the conditioning to aggressively compete for material success.

WOMEN IN LOVE

WEDNESDAY JULY 25 7 & 9:30pm

Widely considered to be the best film adaptation of D.H. Lawrence. This 1970 film has Alan Bates, Clanda Jackson, and Oliver Reed who bring an intensity to the screen which has become increasingly rare.

THE HARDER THEY COME

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 1 7 & 9:30pm

Jimmy Cliff gives an exciting performance as a young Jamaican musician breaking into the reggae music scene. Directed by Perry Kenzell.

PAUL JACOBS AND THE NUCLEAR GANG

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 8 7 & 9:30pm

A powerful, chilling account of the effects of low-level radiation on Utah residents after the Nevada bomb tests in the 1950's. Important viewing. Directed by Jack Willis.

War Without Winners (shown first)

A new film produced by the Center for Defense Information. A thoughtful and compelling look at the need for world-wide disarmament.

Letters

Dear Friends in SPC:

We have appreciated receiving your publications since leaving Syracuse, especially the PEOPLE'S ENERGY PRIMER. Moving to the southeast corner of North Carolina on our retirement from Grace Episcopal Church has been a real EXPERIENCE!

We find ourselves within eight miles of two nuclear energy plants. Also, plants in South Carolina send their wastes for burial beside the waste from the Southport plants.

We are also ten miles from "Sunny Point" munitions depot for the entire east coast. Explosives are sent from here all over the states and abroad. It would make a great "hit" spot!

Our Brunswick County rates with two others as generating more hazardous waste than any other counties in N.C. An oil refinery rejected by Maryland is being invited into our area. Litter abounds and the shellfish are periodically polluted from malfunctioning septic tanks, etc.

So you see, there are a few things you don't have to fight up there in Syracuse.

Wish the enclosed could be larger. More power to you in the great work you are doing!

Sincerely,

Marie Welsh

For reasons of space we needed to severely cut the length of Jack's letter, but we found its message too valuable to ignore.

Some Thoughts on Recent International Events and the March PNL

In recent years, two visions, roughly approximating a domestic and a foreign policy, have evolved in Peace and Social Justice Organizations. Both visions are utopian. We envision in our communities the potential for new ways of being and new ways to work together lovingly. We also scan the world, particularly amongst America's victims, for alternatives to the exploitation endemic in capitalist economic relations. In the first case, we have idealized what we are capable of becoming; in the second, we have idealized what others already are. To romanticize our future spurs us to work, grants us hope, and demands from us

our best; to romanticize others' present leads to the mood so prevalent recently among peace activists: disillusionment, confusion, and despair.

Many of us matured politically in the anti-Viet Nam war movement. What we discovered about our country during that war we will not forget. Yet we also accepted a simplistic, static view of the world that said, basically, that any forces opposed to American imperialism who at least gave lip service to egalitarian ideals were, quite simply, the good guys. To understand the wars in Indochina at present, is to try to understand our own mistaken perceptions, which has led to despair at seeing "political ideals sacrificed to power."

In considering international events we need to, and we haven't yet, return to the principles that we espouse for ourselves: value people greater than parties, greater than borders, greater than profit, and greater than religious orthodoxy.

This brings me to Toni Taverone's article, "Iran: Sorting the Pieces." To assume that any direction the Iranian revolution takes is necessarily "progressive" because it defeated the Shah and Western capitalist interest, is to undermine any chance to evaluate the events with consideration for our own principles. It is one of my beliefs that anyone who claims their power derives from "god" is a tyrant. From the judgement of god there is no appeal. By minimizing the fascistic views of the "holy" minds that are apparently leading the Iranian revolution we make the job harder for those Iranian people who might be struggling for principles similar to our own.

The truth is that, for all our concern, the American peace and social justice movements have little effect on any of these events, while our government, not representing us, manipulates everyone to the advantage of multi-national business interests and the peril of the world's people. Our task is to win back our government and make it represent principles of peace and social justice. With our nuclear weapons dismantled, and our goal of living on and with the earth peacefully, lovingly made apparent by our actions, then we might sit down with our counterparts around the globe and discuss, as Chris Murray suggests, "how fearful and threatened we all feel."

Jack Manno

A response to Cindy Squillace' review of Against Our Will by Susan Brownmiller, continued from the April PNL.

Her discussion of the Scottsboro case and the chapter "A Question of Race" deserves some attention, also. The supposedly objective skeptical tone and evaluation of the "facts" lead the reader into her confusing analysis. At the same time she criticizes Amerikkkan racism and genocidal lynching of Black men, she herself falls into racist traps by calling the Scottsboro defendants "bewildered heroes" and "a handful of pathetic semi-literate fellows...who only wanted to beat the rap." Are we supposed to see bug-eyed, shuffling submissive Black men who are partially literate by choice?

Her attack on the Left and the Communist Party's defense of the Scottsboro men because "liberals" would then see lying women as the root of the South's problems of segregation and genocide twists the focus of struggle from the right-wing racists to those fighting racism and injustice. It is these kinds of errors that reveal how Brownmiller views women's struggle as isolated from all other oppressed people.

Brownmiller also calls for a dangerous "law and order" prosecution approach to rape because she can offer no other strategy without a class analysis. Her so-called solution (making women 50% of the police forces and incarceration of rapists) ignores the racist role of police and even contradicts her own analysis of the nature of prisons in this society. When women call for a law and order approach to rape we are allying with the forces that are oppressing us and victimizing Black, poor and gay communities.

Further state repression is not the answer to sexism and rape! We must analyze the source of our oppression, make clear alliances with all people who are being exploited by capitalism/imperialism, and build our unified strategy to defeat this system and build a socialist one-- learning from the women and men in places like Cuba, Mozambique, Angola and Viet Nam.

For Unity,

Malread Connor

Teaching the Viet Nam War

What Did You Learn In School Today?

This book is a close and critical examination of 28 school texts' treatment of the Viet Nameese War, particularly with regard to their interpretation of American motives and the precise facts of American participation before and after initial military actions involving Americans. This examination finds not only that the texts generally err as to history, but for the most part merely record and play back government-establishment statements of policy, motive, and events:

In noisy demonstrations [says one text] war protesters brought pressure on President Johnson. But the President would not change his stand. He insisted that for its own safety, the United States must help the one billion people in non-Communist Asian lands to defend themselves..

This is how Allanheld, Osmun, the publisher of "Teaching the Viet Nam War", describes the textbook

authored by SPC members Bill Griffen and John Marciano. Both are professors of education at SUNY/Cortland.

The publisher continues

Despite the plethora of available information contradicting official Administration statements, school children in this country are being taught that, except for a few die-hard dissidents, the country was united, her leaders brave, steadfast and true, and the issues of the war clear-cut, involving no taint of American aggression or racism. As the facts recede from the intense glare of publicity, it becomes increasingly urgent to avert the tragedy of a new "cover-up".

John and Bill undertook this endeavor to ensure that our children be taught the accurate history of the War. They began their work nearly five years ago, but writing books critical of the status quo never ensures early publication.

Fine tributes to John and Bill have been paid by such respected critics as Howard Zinn and Noam Chomsky:

"I have read through these pages and I think you have done a remarkable job in putting together, succinctly, a history of the war which is concise, accurate, and powerful. I don't know of any place else where one can find such a compact summary of the American war in Viet Nam. It is valuable in itself, aside from its usefulness as a test of the worth of the textbook material -- and I hope it will be available in some form."

"...I think you are making a real contribution."

Howard Zinn

"It is really an outstanding job... All in all I think it is really a first-class job."

Noam Chomsky

Watch for the grand announcement of "Teaching the Viet Nam War" and a publication party at The Front Room Bookstore!

Since the signing of the Paris Peace Agreements in 1973, the Peace Council has been demanding that the US normalize relations with Viet Nam, grant reconstruction aid and end our trade embargo of the country we ravaged. Never before has the meeting of these demands appeared so urgent. For while the US' attempt to isolate Viet Nam economically and politically had been seen as a vindictive policy born of humiliation, now it's clear that this policy was part of a grander Southeast Asian strategy, involving super-power play-offs. Indeed, by pushing Viet Nam closer to Moscow, it heightened Viet Nam-China-Kampuchea tensions to the point of war. (See March PNL, pp. 10-11)

We don't condone Viet Nam's invasion of Kampuchea; but we refuse to allow US warmakers to use the invasion to justify their quarter-century of unparalleled bloodshed.

The US is not out of Viet Nam. And at least until that happens, some of us will bear public witness each year on April 30.

April 30, 1979

4th Anniversary of the Liberation of Viet Nam

Silent Vigil at Noon

We demand that our government:
normalize relations with Viet Nam;
end the executive trade embargo;
and move to heal the wounds of war.

Columbus Circle



The Egyptian-Israeli Treaty: Peace?

by Judy Bjorkman

Probably the greatest accomplishment of the recently signed Israeli-Egyptian treaty is that it has demolished many of the psychological barriers to the making of lasting peace in the Middle East. Another positive consequence is that the discussion of what is needed for lasting peace has finally, decades late, focused considerable public attention on the issue which is at the heart of the conflict--Palestinian self-determination.

Yet, I find myself in reluctant agreement with one of Henry Kissinger's recent statements, that "soon after the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty goes into effect, a deadlock will develop over Palestinian home rule on the West Bank of Jordan." Such a deadlock would confirm Arab suspicions that the treaty is nothing more than a separate Israeli-Egyptian peace, and thus not a real step toward the comprehensive peace which the people of the area need and desire.

What kinds of straws in the wind are emanating from the Middle East and the United States? There are signs, indeed--simultaneously hopeful, distressing, and confusing.

The basic problem lies in the nature of the vague "self-rule" plan which the treaty proposes for the Palestinians in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. What will "self-rule" finally be--an authentic step toward eventual Palestinian self-determination in those areas (whose populations are 99% Palestinian), or a few cosmetic changes which will only result in solidifying Israeli control? The Israeli government pronouncements on "self-rule" are not reassuring. The Ben-Elissar Committee report, for example, envisions Israeli retention of control over water, land, settlement, and military rights under "self-rule" in the occupied areas. In addition, Mr. Begin has made repeated statements that there will never be a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza. Optimistically, one could say that the Israelis are merely constructing a bargaining position from which concessions might be

made. Indeed, some Israelis have stated (some with relief; others with horror) that the agreements made at Camp David will inevitably lead to a Palestinian state. And, since Mr. Begin at one time said that "not a grain of sand in Sinai" would ever be relinquished, perhaps some hope for self-determination for the Palestinians exists.

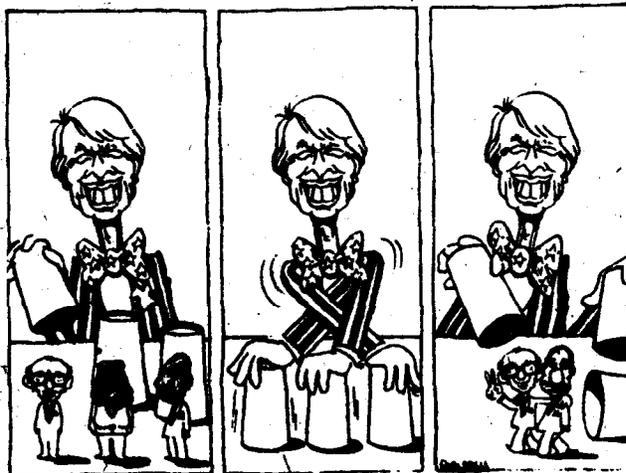
Despite a united front opposing the treaty, Palestinian Arabs have not entirely closed the door. Officials of the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization) have said that if a chance for eventual self-determination exists, they'd want to seize the opportunity. But they have very little with which to bargain and do not wish to participate in "determining" the shape of a West Bank to be pock-marked with Arab ghettos and criss-crossed with Israeli roads and settlements. (This last is the vision of General Ariel Sharon, one of the members of the Israeli negotiating team for the talks beginning in May).

The U.S. apparently has a perception of "self-rule" which is much more liberal than the official Israeli version. But the U.S. has not offered any hope to the Arabs that such a view could prevail in the negotiations, despite repeated U.S. statements that the Egyptian-Israeli treaty is merely the foundation for the comprehensive peace needed.

In the meantime, Arab states have imposed some minor political and economic

sanctions against Egypt for signing the treaty with Israel. Jordan and Syria have proposed a peace conference under United Nations auspices with all parties participating. Terrorism between Palestinians and Israelis has been stepped up, with marketplace bombings in Israel and military bombings of Palestinian bases in Southern Lebanon. Moshe Dayan has hinted that the Golan Heights could be returned to Syria in exchange for a peace treaty.

Obviously, these are crucial times for the future of peace in the Middle East. It has long been the position of the American Friends Service Committee that only a solution which provides for the self-determination of both Israeli Jews and Palestinian Arabs has the chance of bringing real peace. As dovish Israelis have often pointed out, neither its vast military superiority nor its retention of Arab lands has brought peace to Israel. A willingness to trade land for peace and normalization of relations has worked with Egypt. The Israeli expression of openness to the same with Syria is a positive sign. Some expression with a ray of hope for eventual Palestinian self-determination in the West Bank and Gaza could turn the May negotiations into something meaningful for comprehensive peace by assuring that the Jordanians and Palestinians will also agree to be present.



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Empowerment Key to Revolution

An Interview With Don Luce

Q. Can you describe what happened in Iran when the Shah left?

A. I was in Iran from January 10-23/ When I got there I took the bus to Boroujerd, a town of about 50,000, where I had some Iranian friends. Boroujerd was considered a totally liberated town even before the Shah left. On January 1st, the police had gone into the home of a respected mullah [priest], dragged him out of his house, beat him up and broke three ribs, and then blew up his house. Then the police just started going to houses and shops and looting. The people of course got very angry and began to recognize who the police were, and they set up a reward system so that children who found out the house of a policeman would get a \$15 reward, and if they found one of the officer's houses they would get a \$20 reward. So people started going to those houses -- crowds of people -- so that the policemen who were looting would get these messages on their walkie-talkies: "There's an angry crowd at Officer So-and-so's house." So he would go home. So all the police started going home.

In all of the alleyways, there were markers with directions to help people being chased by the police. There were signs that said "dead-end alley" to warn people that if they were being chased by the police they shouldn't go down that alley. In the other alleys they would have markers pointing the way out of the alley to guide people who were being chased, and there would be people up on roofs throwing bricks and stones at the police, so the police began to get discouraged.

By the time the Shah left [January 15], the police had retreated to one building overlooking the Shah's statue in the town. This statue was considered the only thing in Boroujerd which was not liberated. They were up on the third floor of the building and had trained a machine gun on the Shah's statue, and were guarding it.



Don Luce during his PNL interview
photo by Mairiad Connor

Toni Tavarone interviewed Don Luce for the Peace Newsletter, while Don was visiting here in early April. Don, a former director of Clergy & Laity Concerned (CALC), made his third fact-finding journey to Iran this past January. He also had a personal interview with Ayatollah Khomeini just prior to the Ayatollah's assuming power. Toni has been writing on Iran for the PNL for the past several months.

When the Shah left on the 15th, the police were completely demoralized and left the building, leaving no one to guard the statue. On that day I was having lunch with two Iranian teachers and someone came running in to the house shouting, "The Shah is gone! The Shah is gone!" Everyone went out into the streets and gathered around the statue. At this point the army came (When the truck pulled up, four of the soldiers threw off their army jackets and joined the crowd, and were immediately heroes.) and the other soldiers started guarding the statue. The people were shouting "Tear it down. Tear the Shah down!" Then other people said "Don't bother the soldiers. The soldiers are our brothers." Ayatollah Khomeini had sent a message to Iran earlier saying that there would be elements trying to create problems between the army and the people, and that the people must protect the soldiers.

Q. Did Khomeini say who these elements were?

A. He didn't say specifically, but it was clear that he meant the generals and higher-ups, and also countries like the US that were trying to create a situation where the soldiers would be shooting at the people, and then the Shah could more easily move in and take over. (As it was, you had this massive resistance against the Shah which spread through every group and prevented the Shah from being able to control it even though he had some of the most advanced weaponry in the world.)

Q. What do you think was the most important factor in this process of liberating Iran?

A. Ayatollah Khomeini was able to get every single group in Iran to be unified against the Shah. This included the Marxist-Leninist Fedayeen, the Moslem Marxist Mojahadeen, the tribal groups, the peasants, and the ordinary working people in Iran. The process I described above which happened in Boroujerd was a process of empowerment of people -- the people took control.

Q. How will the Iranian revolution affect the balance of power in the Middle East?

A. The situation in Iran has had a lot of impact on the balance of power in the Middle East. First of all, the Shah was one of the biggest guarantors of the Israeli government, through arms and oil. Khomeini will not sell oil to Israel. He and others are angry about Israel's relationship to the Shah, and angry about Israel's role in training SAVAK, the hated secret police of the Shah. Because of Israel's relationship to the Shah, he will not have an Israeli embassy in Iran -- he is afraid of pro-Shah subversion. So the revolution has definitely weakened Israel's position.

Iran also has a problem with Egypt. Egypt invited the Shah to come there as a first step in his exile. Now the US had been putting pressure on both Egypt and Israel to sign a "peace pact". This "peace agreement" was negotiated without the other Arab states and without the Palestinians.

This is meaningless. A peace agreement between the US, Egypt, and Israel is basically an agreement between the people on one side of the argument. To have any agreement that means anything, you have to have at least somebody from the other side of the argument. I would argue that maybe five years ago, Egypt was on the other side of the argument. But by the time the "treaty" was being negotiated, Egypt had already moved over to the Israeli side. So the role of Iran in the signing of the treaty was that it probably speeded it up -- it made both Israel and Egypt feel that it was more necessary. So I feel that the Iranian revolution has swayed the balance of power drastically to the Palestinians' side of the argument, and I would argue that this is one of the reasons why the "peace treaty" was signed.

Q. How do you see the Iranian revolution moving in the future?

A.. One of the problems that Khomeini has is that many people in Iran feel that he selected the moderates and liberals for the new government instead of getting some of the more radical people. The prime minister, foreign minister, minister of labor and several of the other people all come out of the human rights groups, and the people who had been in Mossadegh's cabinet. The whole grouping basically came from the National Front, a liberal sort of group, rather than the more radical or revolutionary groups. If there's movement, I would predict it moving toward the left -- towards a more radical direction.

Q. What forces in Iran would push the revolution towards the left?

A. Well, the Marxist-Leninist Fedayeen would play a key role. They are not a large group, but they are a very articulate group (also the Mojahadeen, the Moslem Marxist group). Another factor that I feel will push Iran to the left is that for the first time Iranians are able to discuss their political feelings openly, without fear of being imprisoned or shot.

Another factor is that people in Iran now have a great deal of a sense of power over their lives. I would argue that if you define democracy as participation in the government, I would say that Iran has far more democracy than the US. I would ar-

What's Behind Our U.S. Post-Iran Policy

The failure of American military power and prestige in Iran has led to a reevaluation of the role of the US in its foreign policy. It is a reevaluation that is being carried out by the "old guard" of the administration, including a reversal to a policy of "protecting" US interests through the use of force.

Secretary of Defense Brown and Secretary of Energy Schlesinger have urged the US to intervene militarily to restore oil supplies to the Middle East. Carter remembered their advice and ordered a major military operation in Saudi Arabia (at a cost of \$10 billion) to demonstrate our strength.

Finally, the administration has reversed the human rights record of President Carter. The administration has granted an increase of over 100% in the number of military advisors accompanying their Executive branch operations in the area.

The new military operations, rather than treaties, masks congressional aid increases and forces Congressional review and approval. Leaders used this tactic to prop up the Diem regime in Viet Nam in the early 1950s. Now Carter repeats these imperialist designs.

The people of the Philippines have already begun armed struggle in defiance of the US. The newly signed Executive Agreement provides a legal basis for US intervention, allowing US troops to participate in all sorts of military activities "in accordance with mutually agreed procedures."

With force, Carter has reneged on his campaign promise to withdraw US troops. The presence of US military muscle has been a major factor in the American-backed military. Secretary Brown has promised to announce the formation of a "Combined Forces Command" to include US troops as well as American troops under the command of US General Tom W. Valley. Brown promises that the US will "swiftly and firmly" repel "aggressors" against South Korea.

It is the American people who are at the end of this nation. Far from being a "superpower," the administration's policy, it is up to each of us to decide whether we want to prevent the march of the United States to a more radical direction.

Editorial Board, "The New Post-Iran Policy," Bill Feltner

gue that the US is one of the least democratic countries. I don't think I've ever been in a country for any length of time where people have such a helplessness about themselves -- about having any effect over what the government does as here in the US. We have one of the lowest voting rates of any country. Very few people participate in any way in the decisions that are made, or feel that there is anything they can do that will affect what the government does. That is exactly what the centers of power in our government and the corporations want Americans to feel. They want Americans to feel helpless and they go through all sorts of things to make Americans feel helpless. So one of the things that Iran represents is an empowerment of people. And people

in other countries that saw the revolution in Iran are sensing that power too.

Q. What about the question of women? Many Western feminists are quite upset over the attitude towards women on the part of the new government.

A. First, we have to deal with the myth that the Shah tried to create that he was in favor of women's liberation. The Shah did not liberate women. It has been argued that the Shah tried to modernize and educate women but that the people were against it because they were so conservative. That's a particularly racist and false argument. Most families had so little money that education was out of the question. The

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Shah had about \$20 billion a year in resources. In a country of 35 million people, that would have gone a long way towards programs which would have benefitted not only women but the whole family. But he didn't spend that money that way. As a result, basic living needs of the people were scarce, and Iran has one of the highest rates of illiteracy in the world -- particularly high for women. Under these circumstances it is ridiculous to say that the Shah was at all concerned with women's development. He made a few token gestures and tried to maintain an image of supporting women's rights to gain Western support.

The advantage that women have now over a year ago is that they feel a sense of power that they never felt under the Shah. The process of overthrowing the Shah has empowered them, as it has everyone. That is why they are out in the streets demonstrating. No matter how Khomeini feels about women's liberation, he has helped create that feeling of power among people, and they're going to use it. He has created something that will be very hard for him to stop no matter how he feels.

The overthrow of the Shah was the single most important condition for the liberation of women in Iran. No matter what Khomeini says and no matter who replaces him, women are going to be demanding more freedom and equality -- it's coming.

Q. What has been the role of the Fedayeen in the women's movement?

A. They have been very supportive, and so have the Mojahadeen. These two groups have played and will play an important role in the struggle for women's rights.

Q. How do you think US foreign policy will be influenced by the events in Iran?

A. I was talking to a Fedayeen in Gaza prison while I was in Iran. I asked him what he thought the US' response would be to the Iranian Revolution and his answer was "another Chile". This was the consensus among many political prisoners (and also Moslem leaders) that I talked with about US policy -- meaning, of course, that the US government would try to infiltrate the political groups and the economy and try

50 Faithful Trudge Through Squall to Hear Don Luce

And the 50 were treated to a speaker and program that were not only politically insightful but very warm and human. Don Luce visited here from April 4 - April 7. Under the sponsorship of the Peace Council, he spoke at SUNY/Oswego, Cornell University, and Syracuse University, as well as at our squall-beset community presentation.

to cause economic chaos and political problems in Iran.

Then I talked with William Sullivan who was the US ambassador to Iran and I asked him "Do you think the Shah will come back to Iran?" He said "Well you wouldn't think so today, but the history of Persian politics is a very fickle history. What if there was economic chaos and political problems -- if the army started fighting with the religious groups, if the Marxist-Leninists started fighting, if the tribal groups were demanding autonomy -- wouldn't a lot of people want to see the Shah come back?" So, ironically, what the Iranians were predicting would be the US policy, is what William Sullivan was speculating would happen.

Q. Did any of the Iranians you talked to say what the plan of action would be if the US or any other group tried to infiltrate the revolution?

A. Well, this is one of the main reasons why the Fedayeen and Mojahadeen have not given their arms back to the government as Khomeini has asked. They are afraid that the US will come in and stage a coup. Their argument is that in order to prevent a coup, it is very important that they keep their guns so that they can respond to force with force.

Q. But Khomeini still wants them to give in their arms. Isn't he afraid of a coup?

A. When we talked with Khomeini, he said he felt that it wasn't too late for the US and Iran to be friends, but that the US must not interfere in the internal affairs of Iran. He also said that it was very hard for him to imagine the US not trying to interfere. So he is aware of the possibility of a coup, but he doesn't want the people to have arms because he sees the pos-

sibility of angry, violent outbursts. It's not really a difference in analysis, it's a difference in tactics.

Q. What about US policy in general?

A. In a more general sense, I think US policy will move to the right as a result of the events in Iran. One of the things William Sullivan said was that "The lesson we have learned from Iran is that when a dictator liberalizes, there's bound to be trouble. This sums up the US government's attitude. The US, in general, has not had a foreign policy of friendship with the people of other nations. The US has had a policy of protecting the interests of the multi-national corporations. The US had a policy of supporting dictators all over the world, dictators who offer multi-nationals very attractive and profitable situations. Our foreign policy is based on strengthening the multi-nationals' right to exploit. Since the US has "lost" in Iran, the government is working hard to strengthen its holds elsewhere. Carter just signed a \$500 million aid package with Marcos in the Philippines, against all human rights agreements. The US has supported Taiwan all this time, even though Chiang agreed to close the schools when there was a labor shortage so the children could work in the factories and keep the price of labor down. This is the record of the US, and it will be getting worse now that we have lost our influence in Iran.

Q. What can we do about it?

A. I think we have to do as the Iranians did and earlier what the Viet Nameese did. We have to recognize that we will have power only when we are working together. We have to recognize the empowerment of a group. In Iran, everybody participated in the revolution, and that is why it succeeded. The thing that revolution is all about is the simple task of reaching people. If we want to change the politics of this country, and have a government and a foreign policy that is concerned with the people of another country and is not trying to protect the dictators and the multi-nationals, we have got to participate here in demanding those basic changes. The multi-nationals are not going to give it to us, and Jimmy Carter and the rest of the government represents the multi-nationals and not us. We have to move.

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Home for Burned-Out Activists!

It was Wednesday, March 28. Just about the time the accidents at Harrisburg began occurring, we were putting the finishing touches on the April Peace Newsletter. That Newsletter was the skinny 8-pager we had limited ourselves to so we could draw some deep breaths, shape up the office systems, the office and ourselves. I had just returned from taking that Newsletter to the printer when SPC Press-woman Sue Lord called up with the initial bulletin on Harrisburg. That seemed like the last deep breath we would take for awhile.

For years we had been anticipating Harrisburg. It was difficult to believe that it had happened; but of course it had happened. These feelings wanted to mix with other feelings of horror. But it was relatively easy to block all of these and view Harrisburg as a crisis happening out there that demanded our response.

Sue's telephone call was the first of what would seem a million. People wanted to know: what was a meltdown? was there a 'safe' radiation level? was evacuating Syracuse a reasonable action? Mostly they hoped we were privy to information that they knew was being withheld and distorted by the NRC, Met Ed, and the media. People called because they needed to communicate with folks who were solidly opposed to nukes and would understand their fears. And people called because they wanted to be put to work. They were willing to do anything as long as it would help, in the smallest of ways, to stop a nuke.

What unfolded was a definite sense of there being lots and lots of folks out there, who all along were opposed to nuclear power, who kept meaning to do something about it, and were now doing it. Harrisburg was pushing them to action. What was also unfolding was the definite sense of a mass-based antinuke movement!

By Friday, the crisis level in Harrisburg was being matched by the clamor in the Peace Council. Sometime around noon, everyone -- it seemed like there must have been 50 people -- froze in their places long

enough to caucus and decide to 1) call a news conference for later that afternoon; and 2) call an emergency strategizing meeting for the next day. The ink was still wet when we released a press statement a couple of hours later in which we demanded that the safety of people take precedence over saving the nuclear power industry and demanded -- for the first time -- that the nukes be shut down forever. The latter was to become not only our rallying cry during the subsequent week but the point around which the Peace Council's antinuke work will revolve until it happens!

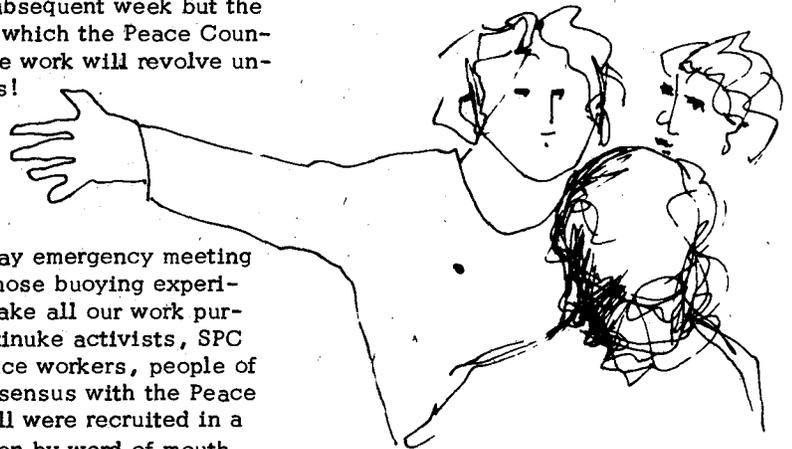
The Saturday emergency meeting was one of those buoying experiences that make all our work purposeful. Antinuke activists, SPC staff and office workers, people of political consensus with the Peace Council -- all were recruited in a hurried fashion by word of mouth.

Some of us (particularly myself) went to the meeting with a good deal of queasy excitement: there was an incredible amount of importance riding on this meeting. It was damn important to come up with a politically responsible course of action and in a matter of a few hours. What would the dynamics of the group be like? Would consensus on whatever flow easily? People were willing to work, to be sure; but tensions, given this near-catastrophe, were running high. Would they get in the way?

The first uplifting sight was 30 eager people out on that Saturday afternoon. We had to move the meeting from SPC to the Women's Information Center. The meeting began with these 30 people coming together with personal sharing -- a sharing of how each of us was then feeling and our expectations of the meeting. Several people spoke to the importance of having the Peace Council at a time like this: the Peace Council provided people with a forum for mobilizing and for speaking out.

Fears about the dynamics of this meeting soon dissipated. Consen-

sus was easily reached on a list of demands (see p. 3 of "The Harrisburg Syndrome" leaflet which is p. 23 of this Newsletter). The group created four task forces: media, mass action, leaflet (production and distribution) and legislative. Within four days we planned and executed another news conference (by this time N-M was claiming "It can't happen here" and that lie had to be publicly refuted), the April 5 "Shut 'Em All Down" March & Rally which was also in-



tended to organize leafletters, produced "The Harrisburg Syndrome" leaflet (over 200 people have distributed 35,000; see reprint on p. 21-24), and established an on-going process for influencing legislation and legislators on the Federal and state level (Call John Maddaus, 475-3279, to help!).

This was our immediate response to Harrisburg. What's ahead? Well, one clear goal is organizing the people of the Syracuse area in a real grassroots fashion to stop nuclear power. To begin that and to put to work all those good willing folks, everyone will be busy planning a cohesive program during the next couple of months. (Please see p. 18 for details.)

We will surely succeed if we can trust the politics of empowerment that were expressed at our April 5th Rally. They were incredible! And what's more, that was all of us up there on the speaker's truck expressing them!

-- Chris Murray

Reassurances and Concealment: NRC and Press Serve Nuke Industry P.R.

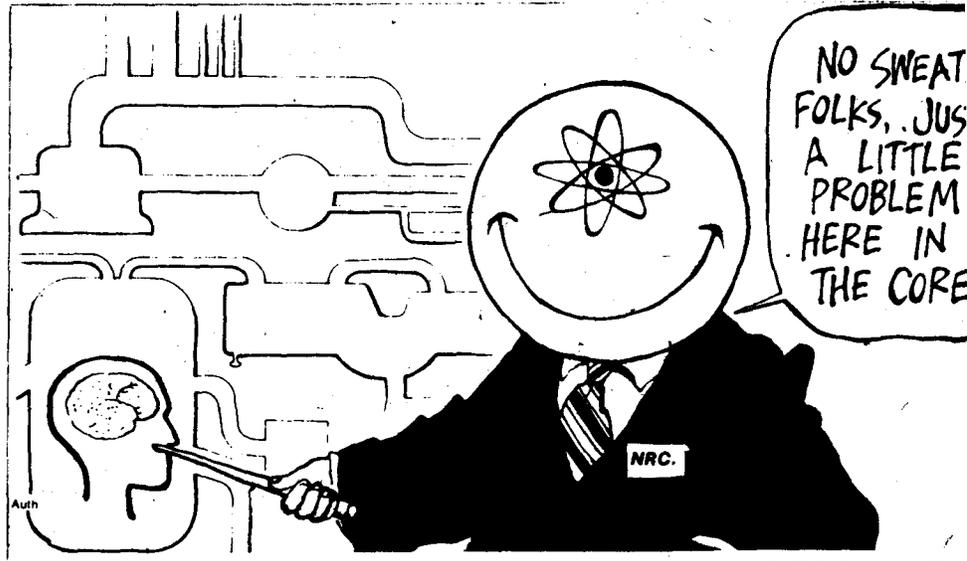
by Norman Balabanian

A number of actors had roles in the drama that unfolded after the accident at the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant on Wednesday, March 28. These included the Metropolitan Edison (Met Ed) power company, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) the White House and its public relations apparatus, the nuclear industry, and the press.

One would imagine that these players would have diverging interests; that the primary concern of at least the NRC would be the safety and welfare of the people; that the primary concern of at least the press would be the truth. This was not the case. The primary concern of all of them was to ensure the survival of a thriving nuclear power system. For this purpose, it was necessary to reassure the public blandly that all was well, that the reactor was stable, even though the opposite was true.

During the first few days, the releases emanating from various "officials" were contradictory and confusing. (In this regard, it should be food for thought that, in an earlier situation, it was President Eisenhower's deliberate policy, through contradictory news reports, to sow confusion in the minds of the American public regarding the degree of safety of the atomic tests then being conducted in Nevada.) But it has been extremely revealing to read the transcripts of meetings of the NRC and phone calls of its staff extending from March 30, two days after the accident, to April 4. These transcripts lead to a number of conclusions:

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- * The NRC was completely in the dark as to what was going on. "We are operating almost completely in the blind" NRC Chairman Hendrie says. No one had a clear idea how to eliminate the hydrogen bubble that had been generated.
- * Far from being an independent agency, the NRC was continuously in contact with the public relations apparatus of the White House and worked hard to make sure only "reassuring" information would reach the public.
- * The single item to which the NRC devoted the most sustained attention was the wording of press releases, which they debated for hours! Concealment was the major motivation, not truth.
- * At one point Hendrie admitted to PA Governor Thornburgh that the health consequences of the release of radioactive gas have not "been studied or understood in a real way."
- * The NRC had almost no confidence in the technical ability of Met Ed. At one point in the meeting, Hendrie says: "Met Ed is not all that strong technically."
- * The safety director of the NRC, Roger Mattson, was very greatly

concerned about a meltdown on Friday and he urged a mass evacuation of the area.

The failure to order an evacuation was a political decision made to protect the survival of nuclear power, not the survival of people. The fact is, as an NRC staff report makes clear, for the first 13-14 hours after the accident the reactor core overheated and then began to disintegrate. Met Ed technicians had no understanding of what was happening and were contemplating depressurizing the reactor vessel. The NRC staff report makes clear, according to the April 20 issue of *Science* magazine, that good luck had as much to do with it as engineering know-how that they didn't make this mistaken move. If they had, it might well have caused a meltdown, with all the disastrous consequences.

The people of Central NY will never know how closely a tragedy was averted by reading the Post-Standard (P-S), although there was one attempt to breach the editorial screen. Not only does the P-S conceal the truth, but it shows a remarkable degree of outright ignorance and malevolence toward any who question the advisability of nuclear power. These "pro-

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phets of doom", says the P-S, are "hysterically demanding" that the nukes be shut down. (Editorial 4/3/79.) In that same editorial, P-S claims that "scientists working for the Atomic Energy Commission and other technologists... in nuclear physics believe they are employing every safeguard to prevent what happened in Harrisburg from ever occurring." Apparently the P-S doesn't know that no scientists work for the AEC because it went out of existence several years ago! Its regulatory functions were assigned to the NRC. But what is important, the P-S doesn't know that several scientists have resigned precisely because they knew "every safeguard" was not being taken. One of these is Robert Pollard, an electrical engineering graduate of Syracuse University.

On the same day a P-S headline said: "Greatest Foe Near Nuke Plants Isn't Radiation - It's Fear". The story goes on to quote various experts who pooh-poo concerns over radiation and tell people with such fears to educate themselves. The American people are indeed being educated to the dangers of radiation,

down to the lowest levels. Many whose relatives are dying of cancer and leukemia due to earlier exposure to radiation are being educated the hard way. It is time that the publishers and editors of the P-S educate themselves on the seriousness of the issues which they treat in such a cavalier fashion.

The P-S thought so highly of a Kilpatrick column that on 4/10 they wrote an editorial which contained nothing but quotes from the column they had already printed two days earlier. The column chastised "the doomsday press" and gave out bland reassurances that all was well; in particular: "The core cooling machinery did exactly what it was supposed to do." That is false, since the core cooling system left the core partially exposed for 13-14 hours while temperatures inside the reactor vessel climbed so high that the readings went off the recording charts.

If the P-S wants to serve the truth, its reporters should seek out Robert Pollard to learn about the laxity of the NRC safety procedures. They should find out from the NRC why it issued a license to Met Ed when it had no con-

fidence in their technical ability. And how many others to which the NRC has issued licenses does it regard as technically incompetent? It should find out if the Rasmussen Safety Study of a few years ago had considered the possibility of a hydrogen bubble in its calculations of accident possibilities. (It had not.) And if not, what does this do to the safety conclusions of that study, which the P-S eagerly used to quote?

What about all the blunders at Three Mile Island found by the NRC staff; had these been considered by that study?

The Post Standard should open its columns to reasoned debate on the serious issues of nuclear power and nondestructive alternative energy paths for the future. But that is maybe too much to ask for because the P-S commitment to nuclear power is ideological and perhaps no amount of reason or reminders of the truth-serving role of the press will have any influence. But perhaps reflection on the consequences of the accident will lead to a more responsible treatment of the issue.

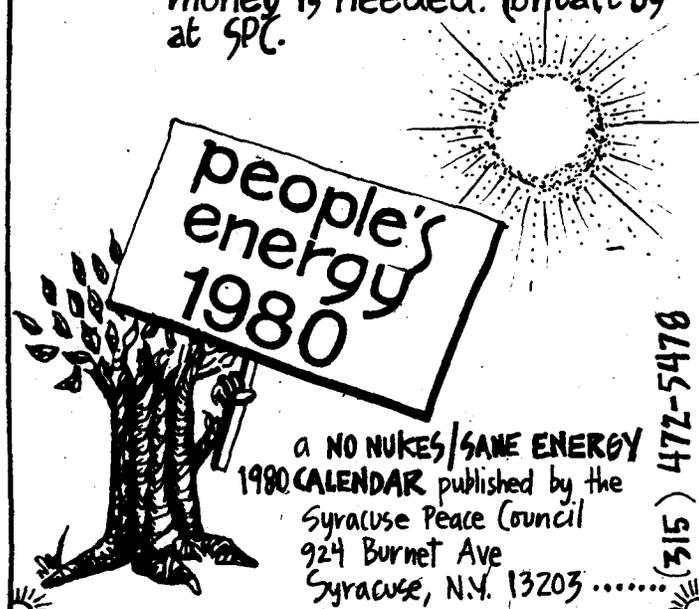
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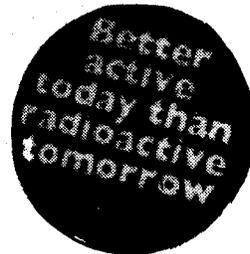
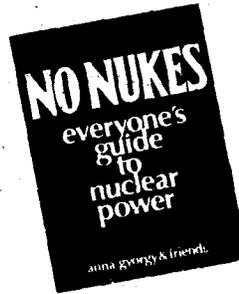
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Three Mile Island Aftermath: Lies and False Consciousness

by William Sunderlin

We heard it from Niagara Mohawk in the midst of the Three Mile Island crisis - "It can't happen here."

It was an artful public relations coup: to say (obliquely) that the exact sequence of events leading to the accident at Three Mile Island is not possible at the Oswego reactors because they are fundamentally different in design (which is true) -- and have people infer therefrom that a nuclear catastrophe is not possible in Central NY (which couldn't be further from the truth.)

This masterpiece of equivocation was embellished with a barefaced lie: "If Nine Mile Point has an accident, there would be no problem in immediately cooling the reactor down." Not only is this statement amazing because it flies in the face of professional consensus, to the contrary (among anti and pro nuclear people) but also because it was made by a nuclear engineer who knows that NiMo has on occasion had to struggle to bring its reactor under control.

NiMo lies are nothing new: their claim that they didn't send a spy to the Nov. '78 People's Power Coalition conference, that they never relied on the Reactor Safety Study (see March '79 PNL) and the perennial lies about nuclear economics and safety. There will surely be more.

Manipulation of public opinion in the near future will take the form of attempts at convincing us that we must build more nuclear plants, not so much because we need more electricity (demand growth is levelling off), but to relax our dependence on OPEC by replacing oil-fired capacity. Nothing much is made of the fact that domestic uranium shortages are being forecast for the early 1980's, or that the power of the uranium cartel could soon rival OPEC.

Utilities presumably prefer nuclear because of favorable economics, but it is likely that nuclear would rank with oil in cost if realistic assessments of the 'back end' of the nuclear fuel cycle, along with other hidden costs, were included in nuclear accounting.

Nuclear energy and the freedom of the West

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Nuclear Plant Crisis Was a Massive Hoax

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Dependence on Imports of Oil

Since 1973 the world has had a series of lessons about imports of oil. Unfortunately, the people of the United States seem to have had them attentive they would have noted that the other oil consuming nations behave as if...

rate above 2,100 degrees, and the fuel itself melts at 4,500. The test results cumulated 440 reactor-years of test-time performance.

adequate testing. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission perfunctorily gives adjustments. That's the way it goes.

and nothing would have happened. Other experts said that even if there were enough oxygen for an explosion, the mixture would stay here in the liquid phase for a week -- but there was nothing to cause a spark.

There was never any danger of the hydrogen bubble exploding," said another engineer. "There just wasn't enough oxygen in there or the liquid process to cause an explosion."

To show how silly the people of the United States are...

More important is the fact that an artificially low nuclear cost heightens its comparative attractiveness to the public (it is made to seem worth the risk) and the fact that the capital intensity of nuclear brings in more profits.

Though attention to comparative supply and economics is important, it seduces people into a state of false consciousness by not having them face squarely more compelling questions. Is anything worth the possibility of rendering New York uninhabitable because of a nuclear catastrophe? Why are we acquiescing to a choice between two bad alternatives that is being presented to us by the utilities (a choice for higher dependence on two types of near-term exhaustible fuels) when clearly our goal should be to wean ourselves from both and build a renewable energy economy with great haste?

The most opaque and stubborn lie of all is the one which says that we don't have any choices. It's brought to you by the same people who haven't given solar a snowball's chance in hell to get off the ground for the last 25 years. It's brought to you by Pres. Carter, who calls conser-

vation "the cornerstone" of his energy policy, even though the conservation component of his plan will succeed only in reducing the growth of energy supply from 30% to 22% in the coming decades. This in the face of mountains of proof that we can do with 40-60% less energy consumption by improving energy efficiency. This contradiction alone should tell people that something is seriously amiss, that some vital ends are being compromised away, that some capitalist thirsts are being more than satisfied by Carter's energy plan.

We can't rely on the government's and utilities' prescriptions for our energy future because they make self-serving judgments - judgments which don't coincide with that of the public interest. Non-renewable, centralized energy sources lend themselves well to massive profit-making by energy corporations. Renewable, decentralized energy sources like hydro, wind, conservation, biofuels and solar power do not.

It's high time that we all understand this and get on with the task of building an energy economy that doesn't ignore future generations.



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<p>MAY 4 <i>fun! fun!</i></p> <p>Anti-nuke Cocktail Party</p> <p>FRIDAY 8 - 11 pm at ECOH</p> <p>\$2.00 admission donations for drinks, refreshments and live music</p> <p>A Benefit to pay for the 35,000 leaflets being distributed city-wide</p>	<p>MAY 12</p> <p>Rally to Stop Nuclear Power East Park, Oswego</p> <p>SATURDAY 1 pm</p> <p>George Wald (he's been on our side for a long time.)</p> <p>Joe Frantz United Steelworkers Local 1010</p> <p>*We want everyone to be able to come. If you need a ride, or if you have a van or car with room to spare, please call 472-5478</p> <p><i>bring the whole family!</i></p>	<p>AUGUST 6-9</p> <p>Hiroshima-Nagasaki Memorial</p> <p>The activity is open to the depth of our concern and sensibilities. Call 472-5478 if you would like to plan or help in any way.</p>
<p>City-wide Leafletting Campaign</p> <p>Take our new leaflet, "The Harris- burg Syndrome" to your neighbors. We want to cover the whole county!</p> <p>East: Danny 479-8929 North: Debbie 7479-6142 Northeast: Debbie 422-5024 West: Cindy 478-5322 South: Ann 425-1793</p>	<p>Are you sick at the thought of paying your utility to produce nuclear power (and plutonium and strontium 90 and iodine 131 and...)</p> <p>Ni-Mo Rate Strike</p> <p><i>we won't pay for nuclear power!</i></p> <p>Put some pressure on Ni-Mo by having hundreds of utility bills deduct 12% (about 12% of electricity in NYS comes from nukes) If this idea strikes your fancy, help organize! Call William at SPC</p>	<p>AUG. 25-SEPT. 3</p> <p>1979 NY State Fair</p> <p>Our SPC booth and puppet-show are now familiar neighbors at the State Fair. Designing, setting up and staffing the booth takes all kinds of talents and odd jobs. Con- tributions and ideas from across the state are welcome. Write or call us at SPC.</p>
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Be inspired by this scant recount of the last few weeks. Call the nearest contacts for more info about upcoming events. Time and space limited our listing, find out more!

WESTERN NEW YORK

April 18th saw 500 people gather at Buffalo's City Hall, march past Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. to the Marine Midland Building, where the annual stockholders' meeting was held. The rally was sponsored by an ad hoc group, CANCER (Coalition Against Nuclear Contamination and Economic Recklessness.) Future activities include a June 2nd action and participation in the Master Energy Plan hearings. Call 716/833-9100.

On May 6th the Love Canal Homeowners Association is organizing a Walk Against Waste. Call them at 716/773-1426 for details.

During March the Rochester Safe Energy Alliance was busy leafletting the showings of The China Syndrome. On May 31st an ad hoc group of activists rallied at the Ginna Nuclear Plant. The following Saturday, April 7th, almost 700 people picketed at Rochester Gas & Electric, then marched through downtown to a rally.

The Alliance is planning an Alternative Energy Fair for June 2nd & 3rd.

In the meantime they are also organizing for the May 6th DC action and the Lakeshore Alliance Rally on May 12th in Oswego. Call 716/244/7191.

CENTRAL NEW YORK

The Syracuse Peace Council's activities are illustrated on pages 11, 16, 17, 18. We were joined by Ecology Action of Oswego and Cortland Counties as well as by many Syracuse community groups in our April 5th rally, which drew 4-500 people. See upcoming events on p18.

A march and vigil of 200 people was organized by Auburn Coalition for Safe Power on April 4th. Contact them at 315/724-6309.

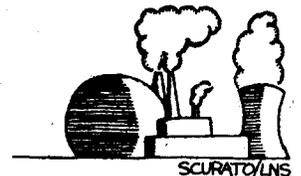
On April 8th Citizens Concerned About Sterling held a candlelight vigil in Fairhaven. As the snow began to fall, about forty people sang in a circle of light. 315/594-8298.

During the weeks following the beginning of the Harrisburg accident, rallies were held in downtown Ithaca, at Cornell University and Ithaca College. A street theater group, MUD, has formed; Ithacans are organizing for the Lakeshore Alliance Rally in Oswego on May 12th (as are all the other groups in central NY,) as well as for the DC rally on May 6th. Call the Self Reliance Center at 272-3040.

CONSIDERING THE AMOUNT OF RADIATION YOUR COMPANY'S NUKE HAS RELEASED, WHAT OF VITAL IMPORTANCE WILL BE MOST AFFECTED BY THIS DISASTER?



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NEW YORK CITY

Some 3-4000 protesters marched on April 6th from the Con Ed Headquarters to Gov. Carey's office demanding the closure of Indian Point. Several hundred also rallied against the proposed Columbia University reactor. Shad Alliance 212/744-0735 and Mobilization for Survival 673-1808

LONG ISLAND

On Long Island 200 people leafletted the annual stockholders' meeting of Long Island Lighting Co. Long Island Citizens in Action (796-4646) have begun a municipal power campaign. On June 2 & 3 the Shad Alliance will sponsor a rally at Shoreham, where a nuclear plant is near completion. There will also be a non-violent occupation at the site; call 360-0045 for info on necessary training.

In Oneonta things are hoppin'! Look for a Spring Energy Festival on May 12th to celebrate Life without Nuclear Power. It promises to be a Circus Minimus. 607/433-2367.

We heard people are stirring in the Binghamton/Tri-City area, too. Buses are available for the DC rally on May 6th. Call Don Sargent at 754-8877 or Betsy Johnson 797-2583.

Spring Actions

Better Active Today Than Radioactive Tomorrow!

Sunday May 6 Anti-Nuclear Rally in Wash., D.C. "Nuclear Power On Trial"

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Ralph Nader	Maggie Kuhn	Graham Nash
Barry Commoner	Dr. Helen Caldicott	Dan Fogelberg
Sam Lovejoy	Michael Harrington	John Hall

Contact NYPIRG 476-7645 for transportation info

Sat. May 12- Rally in Oswego - see page 18

Sat. May 19- Mobilization for Survival "Armed Forces Day" march and rally. New York City. March 11am, rally 1pm. Seymour Melman, Michio Kaku, Pete Seeger. 212/673-1808 for more info.

Sun. May 20- Women's march & rally in Harrisburg to close down Three Mile Island permanently. Speakers: Barbara Ehrenreich & Donna Warnock. Call 425-1284

Sat. & Sun. - International Days of Protest Against Nuclear Power. Stay tuned for SPC plans. June 2-3
Mass occupation of the Shoreham nuke on Long Island. For more info, contact SPC 472-5478 or Shad Alliance (212) 533-0796

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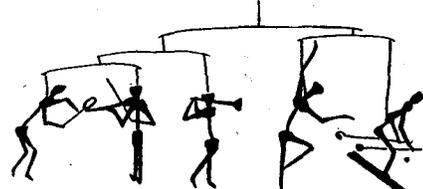
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WHAT IS A MELTDOWN ?

A meltdown is a situation where a nuclear reactor goes out of control and its uranium fuel gets so hot that it can melt concrete. If the reactor's containment vessel is broken, massive amounts of radioactivity are released into the environment. According to the federal government, if only a fraction of the radioactive material gets out, it could kill thousands in the short term, and many more in the long term, from cancer. It could cost billions of dollars and necessitate the evacuation of an area the size of Pennsylvania for generations. It is generally agreed that in a meltdown, radiation would be lethal within about a 30-mile radius and could be carried much farther depending on the winds and severity of the accident. With five nuclear plants operating and seven more planned or under construction, N.Y. residents are particularly vulnerable.

HAS ANYONE EVER BEEN HARMED OR KILLED BY NUCLEAR POWER?

Yes! Every nuclear reactor regularly releases radioactivity. This supplements the background radiation and adds to our risk of developing cancer and genetic mutations. There is no such thing as a "safe" dose of radiation. The damage is directly proportional to the dose, right down to the lowest doses. Radiation can't be detected by the senses and its harmful effects may not show up for 15-30 years or several generations. When they do, they don't wear little flags saying what caused them. Industry exploits this aspect of cancer when it says that no one has ever been hurt. No one disputes the fact that radiation causes cancer.

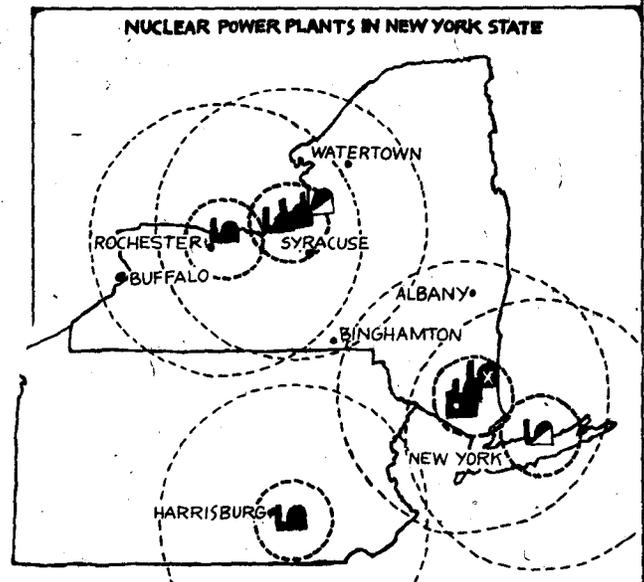
We are now suffering from the weapons testing fallout and we also see rising cancer rates among those regularly exposed to radiation, including workers at nuclear plants and those who live near or downwind from such plants. (We are downwind from Harrisburg--winds were blowing our way when that plant released radiation). Nonetheless, the industry likes to compare nuclear power plant radiation exposures to those from x-rays. But Dr. Irwin Bross' research at the Roswell Park Memorial Cancer Institute in Buffalo shows that infants whose parents had been exposed to x-rays nearly doubled the rate of leukemia in men. Our use of x-rays can be minimized by using them only for absolutely essential health protection, but as long as atomic plants are operating we don't have a choice about accidental exposures.

DOES NUCLEAR POWER PROMOTE UTILITY PROFITS OVER PEOPLE'S SAFETY?

Yes. The nuclear industry never initiates design changes for improved safety which will cost them money, and decrease profits. And they fight the public when it pressures for such change.

Because of the Price-Anderson Act, all utilities have limited financial liability in the case of a nuclear accident. The U.S. government estimates that damage from a nuclear meltdown could run \$17 billion. But the law limits the total liability claims to \$560 million, with taxpayers paying \$70 million of that.

The behavior of utility officials throughout the Harrisburg accident has frightening implications for public safety. Harrisburg utility spokespeople minimized the danger to the public from the begin-



IN OPERATION		
NAME	LOCATION	OWNERSHIP
Indian Point #1	Buchanan	Consolidated Edison
Indian Point #2	Buchanan	Consolidated Edison
Indian Point #3	Buchanan	Power Authority Of NYS
Nine Mile Point #1	Scriba (near Oswego)	Niagara Mohawk
James A. Fitzpatrick	Scriba	Power Authority of NYS
Ginna Unit #1	Ontario	Rochester Gas & Electric
UNDER CONSTRUCTION		
Shoreham Nuclear	Brookhaven	Long Island Lighting Co.
Nine Mile Point #2	Scriba	Niagara Mohawk & 3 other utilities

* Indian Point #1 ceased operation in 1974.

KEY TO MAP

Small circles indicate the lethal dose zone in the event of a meltdown - 30 miles.
Large circles delineate the possible range of substantial doses depending upon weather conditions - 100 miles.

ning--their allegiance was clearly to their stockholders. It is absurd and dangerous for people whose jobs are to promote confidence in nuclear power also to be making decisions regarding evacuations and public safety.

IS NUCLEAR POWER AN ANSWER TO OUR ECONOMIC NEEDS?

No. Nuclear power provides fewer jobs per dollar invested than any other energy source. A study done for Suffolk County, NY, analyzing energy usage on Long Island from 1975-95, found that a combination of conservation and solar energy development would produce 4 times as many jobs as building two nuclear plants.

Nuclear power is also the most expensive power option, particularly when all hidden costs are considered. In fact, it would not be economical for utilities without the massive subsidies provided by the U.S. government. The costs are constantly rising. The unknown costs of safety and permanently storing nuclear wastes have never been determined.

If we are dependent on nuclear power when uranium fuel supplies run out, an economic collapse appears certain. Nuclear power now provides a small enough percentage of our energy that we could abandon it, relying upon our surplus energy and employing conservation measures during the transition to an economy based on small scale fuel sources which are renewable and won't run out. We must call an end to nuclear power while we still have the option.

DO WE NEED NUCLEAR POWER?

No! N.Y. utilities produce 30-50% more electricity (depending on the season) than its residents use, though the required reserve is only 23%. If we relied on local, small-scale renewable resources (such as solar, hydro and windpower) rather than centralized, high-technology powerplants, which use fuels that will one day run out, we could lower this 23% requirement.

The State Dept. of Environmental Conservation's energy demand forecast shows that N.Y. doesn't need any new powerplants until the 1990's, if demand grows at its present rate of 2-3% per year. Demand forecasts have been dropping year by year since 1973.

Studies show that conservation could reduce our energy usage by 40% without any change in life-style. Conservation doesn't mean making do with less, rather doing more with what we've got.

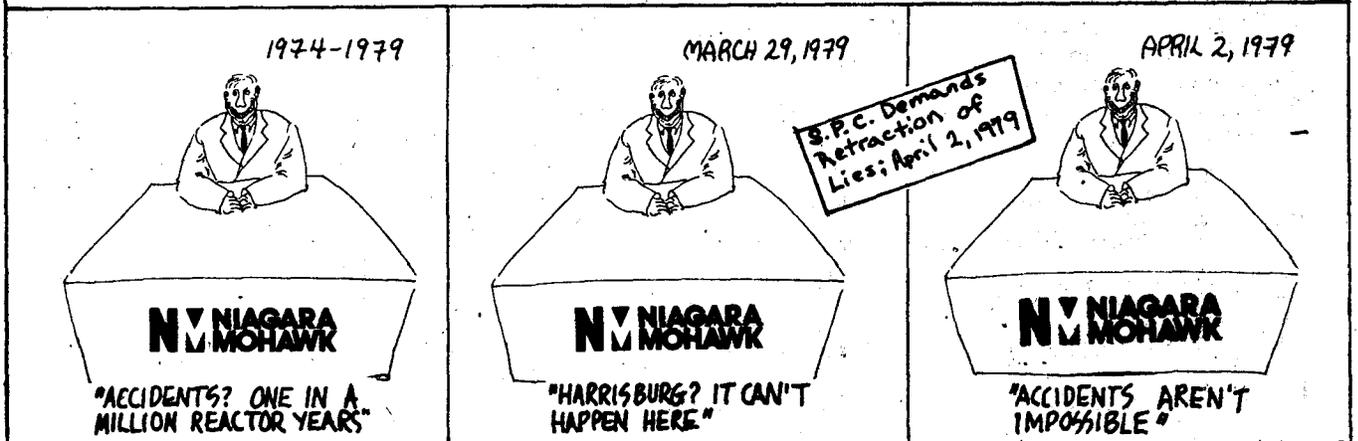
WHY IS THERE AN ENERGY CRISIS?

The U.S. is suffering from an energy crisis for three basic reasons:

1. We use too much energy. With only 6% of the world's population, we use 30% of its energy. The energy industry encourages this gluttony through discriminatory and energy consumptive rate structures. The more you buy, the cheaper the rates.
2. The U.S. relies on non-renewable energy sources. We are going to run out of oil, coal and uranium. Were we to use renewable fuels such as sun, water and wind, we would not suffer a shortage.
3. Energy is being produced for profit. Decisions are not based on efficiency, need, or environmental sanity. It is the almighty buck that rules.

HOW FEASIBLE ARE THE ALTERNATIVES IF WE WERE TO STOP PRODUCING NUCLEAR POWER?

Conservation is our biggest resource. Numerous studies conclude the U.S. could use 40% less energy without a change in lifestyle. More efficient design, insulation of buildings, and reasonable lighting standards can greatly reduce energy needs. Energy recovery from municipal solid waste is another proven resource. The reuse of industrial steam (cogeneration) could provide U.S. industry with half of its electricity needs by 1985, according to a Dow Chemical study. This could save \$20-50 billion in capital investment, equivalent to 2-3 million barrels of oil per day and



eliminate the need for 50 large nuclear reactors. Since 1952, reports have shown that solar energy is a viable, workable and safe source of energy which could contribute to employment and the economy more constructively than nuclear power (even in cloudy N.Y.). New reports continue to say that with an aggressive effort, solar energy could produce much of this country's space heating and hot water needs.

Hydropower is particularly abundant in New York. Over 1600 potential sites have been identified where small or medium-sized hydropower generators could be built.

Publicly controlled, small-scale, decentralized power by its very nature is far more democratic than high-technology centralized, privately owned power companies. All of these alternatives, including windpower and methane from animal and crop waste, are feasible now, but

they need public pressure to be developed. Large energy corporations are resisting their development because they don't lend themselves to massive profit-making.

WHAT IS THE CONNECTION BETWEEN NUCLEAR POWER AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS?

After the first nuclear weapons had been used to wreak an unimaginable death toll, they were never to be used again. The splitting of the "peaceful atom" was to generate electricity "too cheap to meter." We now find ourselves paying dearly for that energy with threats to life as grave as those from nuclear warfare. The average nuclear power reactor contains the same amount of radioactive poisons as 1,000 Hiroshima bombs. Nuclear powerplants contribute to the threat of international proliferation. Nuclear materials diverted by terrorists from commercial nuclear facilities might also be used to fashion bombs.

We Demand:

■ The immediate & permanent closing of all three nuclear plants on Lake Ontario.

The three plants are Fitzpatrick and Nine Mile I near Oswego and Girma just east of Rochester. We also demand that plans for future plants (Sterling, Nine Mile II, New Haven I and II) in this region be abandoned, with alternative job placement guaranteed to all displaced workers. We demand that Niagara-Mohawk get completely out of the nuclear business and that nuclear power be stopped everywhere in the United States.

■ That Niagara-Mohawk cease its war against municipal power systems such as Massena.

On March 29, NiMo announced it would not cooperate with a court order allowing the city of Massena to appropriate NiMo facilities. In a 1977 letter to stockholders, NiMo president John Haehl showed rare candor: "we will protect the interests of stockholders... by continuing to exert absolute opposition to this (Massena takeover) effort". Municipal rates average 30% lower across the U.S. than private utility rates.

■ The evacuation of the four-county area surrounding Three-Mile Island as long as the situation remains critical and the possibility of a meltdown exists.

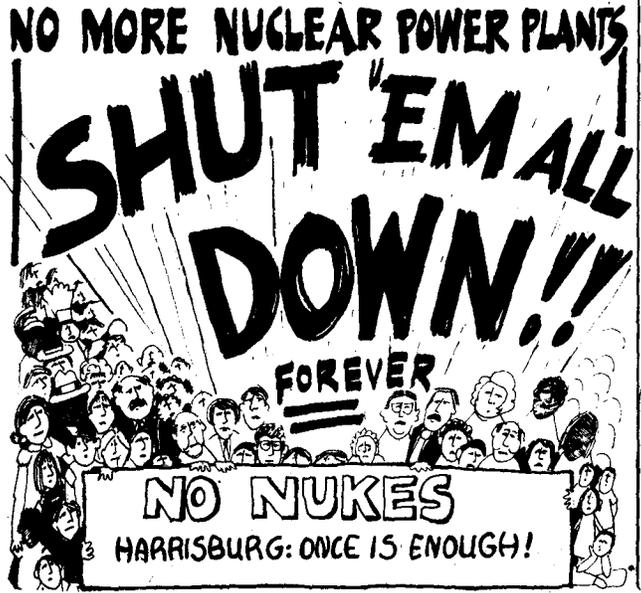
We demand that people's lives rather than the nuclear industry's image be given first priority. We demand long-term health monitoring of the residents of the area. We demand that the Metropolitan Edison Company pay all damage costs incurred in the Three Mile Island tragedy and that these costs come from corporate profits not ratepayers. Caution should be the key in determining the extent of further evacuation. The government should include health and safety experts from the Union of Concerned Scientists and other public interest organizations expressing reservations about nuclear energy in its decision making and/or fact finding bodies to insure that the people's rather than the corporate interests are at least aired. We call for a repeal of the financial liability ceilings imposed by the Price-Anderson Act, effective retroactively. Let the utilities pay the full price of nuclear power without passing the costs onto their customers!

- WE DEMAND THAT LOCAL RADIATION READINGS BE TAKEN DAILY IN THE SYRACUSE AREA AND MADE PUBLIC.
- WE DEMAND THAT A TEST EVACUATION BE HELD FOR NUCLEAR EMERGENCIES IN ONONDAGA COUNTY.
- WE SAY NO MORE NiMo RATE HIKES FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS CONSTRUCTION!
- WE DEMAND THAT ENERGY SECRETARY JAMES SCHLESINGER BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE!

**STOP NUCLEAR POWER!
MUNICIPALIZE ENERGY!
POWER FOR PEOPLE-
NOT FOR PROFIT!
SAFE, SANE ENERGY NOW!**

What We Can Do!

1. **INFORM YOURSELF.** After reading this leaflet we suggest the "People's Energy Primer" (25¢ from SPC). Several good books: No Nukes by Anna Gyorgy and Nuclear Madness by Helen Caldicott; both available (along with a great variety of other antinuke/sane energy resources) from The Front Room bookstore, 924 Burnet Ave.
2. **DISTRIBUTE THIS LEAFLET** (\$3/100) in your neighborhood, workplace, school or any place.
3. **CALL NIAGARA-MOHAWK** and tell John G. Haehl, Jr. (president), (315)474-1511 x1833, to get NiMo out of the nuclear business.
4. **SET UP A LITERATURE TABLE.** Contact The Front Room bookstore, 472-5478.
5. **CONTACT STATE & FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES** (Send copies of letters to area newspapers):
 - a. Tell Gov. Hugh Carey (State Capital, Albany, NY 12224) to completely stop nuclear power and waste storage in NYS.
 - b. Also tell other elected officials to stop nuclear power:
 - * US Reps. James Hanley (32nd District), Gary Lee (33rd), Matthew McHugh (27th), Robert McEwen (30th), Donald Mitchell (31st), House Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20515.
 - * US Senators (for NYS) Jacob Javits & Daniel P. Moynihan, Senate Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20510.
 - * Pres. Jimmy Carter, White House, DC 20500.
 - * NYS Senators Martin Auer & Tarky Lombardi and NYS Assemblypeople Leonard Bersani, Hyman Miller, Melvin Zimmer, William Bush, Legislative Office Bldg. Albany, NY 12247.
 - * If you don't know your representatives call the Board of Elections 425-3312.
 - c. Join local delegations to visit representatives. Call John Maddaus after 6pm (475-3279) for this or other information.
6. **MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO SPC'S ANTINUKE WORK.** Founded in 1936 SPC survives (our yearly



- budget is \$25,000) almost entirely on individual contributions and fundraising events WE organize. We urgently need your financial support since we currently are laboring under a \$6000 debt! (See below.)
7. **SUPPORT PUBLIC POWER** for our communities following Massena's example.
 8. **CONSERVE ENERGY:**
 - a. US households account for only 14.7% of US energy use. We must place the major burden of conservation where it belongs--on the major user
 - b. Industrial (factories) and commercial (stores & MALLS) account for 44.5%.
 - c. Transportation (over 1/2 car use) is 24.8%.
 - d. Electric utilities (to generate electricity) 16%
 In your workplace, school or neighborhood oppose high energy use construction such as Syracuse University's proposed 'Carrier Dome'. Press for job-creating conservation projects.
 9. **CIRCULATE A PETITION.** SPC HAS ONE.
 10. **REFUSE TO PAY RATE HIKES.**

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We'd like ___ copies of this leaflet at \$3/100 (\$4 by mail). We'd like to subscribe to the PEACE NEWSLETTER, SPC's monthly paper which extensively covers antinuke news and action in Upstate NY. Subscriptions are \$6 or more per year; less to low income people. Enclosed is

\$ _____. We'd also like to become involved in antinuke work; contact us at _____. Here is a contribution of \$ _____ towards SPC's ongoing sane energy struggle. Send us The Front Room bookstore's complete list of energy books and resources _____.

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Invisible But Real

by Jim Ellis

This is the text of a statement prepared for the Anti-Nuclear Rally at the Syracuse Federal Building, April 5 1979.

The National Organization for an American Revolution strongly supports the demand to stop all nuclear power now. Its dangers are inherent and unavoidable and mean any attempt, well-meaning or not, to better regulate nuclear power safety is a grave mistake. We see nuclear power as the most frightening example of our country's addiction to technology and incessant economic growth regardless of their human or environmental costs.

We're speaking today between the Federal Building on the one hand, and Niagara Mohawk across the street on the other. The government bureaucracy, though it contains well meaning individuals, has proven itself largely incapable of even addressing the most serious questions before America, such as the energy crisis. It is best suited to perpetuating itself and, as in the case of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, to working out complicated compromises with the Devil. And Niagara Mohawk is a well-loved local example of the huge corporations that dominate our economy and government today, and whose primary concerns, as demonstrated all too clearly in Harrisburg, are maintaining profits and a "good public image," no matter what this means for Americans or the world. The bureaucracy and the corporations are the visible, external forces we are going to be confronting in the years ahead, if we are willing to fight for what we believe in: in this case, the very future of life on earth.

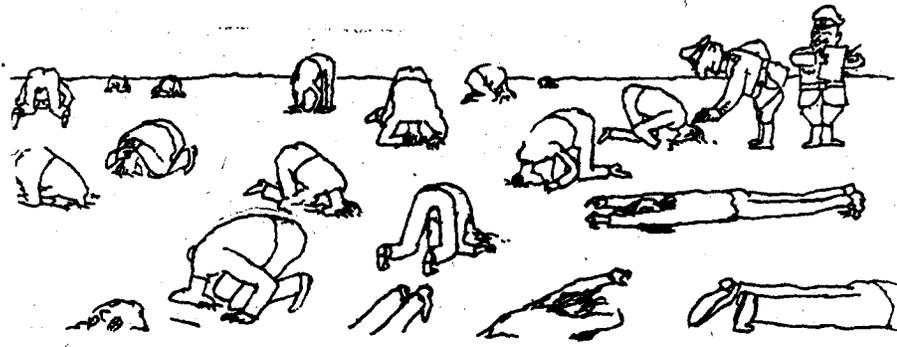
But I want to conclude my comments by raising an issue that is more complex than the pretty obvious social irresponsibility of these two institutions. How did we end up with nuclear power in the first place? and why have so many Americans remained so indifferent to its profound dangers?

Unlike the Post-Standard, which in an article a couple days back advised us that the problem isn't radioactivity anyway, but only our fear of it, we know that radioactivity, though it is invisible, is horrifyingly real. In the same way, the attitudes, priorities, goals, and values of the American people, though they are less visible than these buildings, are real, and in fact are the ultimately determining force in deciding where our country goes. Haven't those of us who oppose nuclear power been consistently guilty of denying the reality of our people's attitudes, and forgetting the fundamental importance of those attitudes in developing a strategy to change this society? We have too single-mindedly vented our anger at the institutions that promote and profit from nuclear power, without taking seriously or realistically enough the hearts and minds of the only force that can stop it.

We can't have an energy-sane America as long as many Americans want several TVs in their homes. We can't have a real self-government while so many of us live by the philosophy of "Look out for Number One" and think politics is someone else's responsibility. We can't make intelligent democratic decisions about technology as long as the majority of our people regard science as a kind of God. Attitudes like these are just as incompatible with a safer, more human America as is Niagara Mohawk's greed for profits.

It's right to be here today, confronting these institutions and demanding an end to all nuclear power. But as we think about those Syracuseans who aren't here today--realizing that without many more of them actively on our side we cannot stop nuclear power--let's be realistic and admit that it's not just a question of "getting them the facts," though that is important, but also of directly challenging the widespread apathy that is so intensely dangerous in this technologically overdeveloped country and era. We should be asking ourselves if our immediate goal, of stopping nuclear power, is really attainable as long as our demonstrations continue to look and feel like Ten Year Reunions of the Anti-War Movement. And in the long run, we know we have to create an America that no longer produces monsters like nuclear power and weapons, or tragedies like the South Bronx, or the "normal" horrors in our lives such as the inability of women to walk the streets alone anymore, even in the daytime now. Can we really attain that long-term goal if, along with confronting institutions, we aren't at the same time honestly challenging all Americans, including ourselves, to begin the very difficult but urgent task of integrating political responsibility into our day-to-day lives?

For those of us here today, this is one of the great challenges lying ahead.



SPC's 43rd Birthday Dinner hears David Truong

The 43rd SPC Birthday Dinner promised "savory friends, spicy laughter and fragrant conversation," as well as a stimulating discussion of David Truong's Viet Nam Trial. The hundred or so SPC'ers who attended would surely agree; tables graced with the dry field flowers of winter were surrounded by spaghetti mounds and the chatter of old and new friends. A special treat was the most mouth-watering bread fresh from the ovens of of Yeast Affection.

1979 Peace Award

With appetites satiated, steering committee member Linda DeStefano guided us through a program of rousing sing-a-longs and an entreaty fund appeal. Chris Murray then presented the 1979 Peace Award to Bob Russell for his long time earnest commitment to non-violence and social change activism. Bob was intensely involved in the local scene during the Indochina War; the dramatization of Thieu's tiger cages in downtown Syracuse is one example of his efforts. In all its facets Bob's life reflects a love of justice and humanity.

On January 31, 1978 David Truong was arrested on a seven count indictment including espionage and theft of government property. David opened his talk to us describing his strict jail confinement during the months before the trial. He was kept in a solitary cell, not allowed to speak, exercise or socialize with other prisoners. The Justice Department portrayed David as a dangerous spy who had threatened national security by handing over US diplomatic cables to Viet Nameese living in France. Another prisoner, however, managed to smuggle a March 1978 Peace Newsletter into his cell. David recounted how

he was surprised to find Chris Murray's article, "The US against Viet Nam: More War and Witch Hunts." A year later he was invited to speak at our Birthday Dinner which revived his memory of that incident of support.

For over a year before the arrests of David Truong and Ronald Humphrey, his co-defendant, the State and Justice Departments worked to build an "espionage" case based on illegal surveillance of all types. Their success has very serious implications for both foreign and domestic policies of the US government.

Shades of Nixon

From the domestic perspective, the "spy ring" image was orchestrated to set legal precedents for executive powers. The court accepted evidence procured by electronic surveillance (wiretaps and microphones,) opening of mail, secret videotaping of Ronald's office, and a search of David's home, all without judicial warrants.

Even with reams of evidence from these illegal means the Justice Department was never able to prove that any of the documents or cables David received or transmitted were related to military defense - a necessary element in the usual legal definition of espionage. In fact, two different State Department assessments concluded that "compromising" the information within the diplomatic cables would result in "minor or no damage."

To prove David to be a spy the prosecution was left with evidence downright comical. For example; a slide of Washington, DC with an inked in "target box" of a B-52 turned out to be part of an anti-

war slide show. More ludicrous were FBI photos of David's apartment such as his clothes closet, stacks of books and files, and FBI burglars watching his television!

The absurdity of the evidence contrasts with the dead seriousness of the charges and convictions. Besides allowing unwarranted surveillance the government is branding leaks of information as "theft of government property." This is a warning to future 'Daniel Ellsberg's' who make an ethical decision about what the public has a right to know.

David strongly related his case to US imperialism in Southeast Asia. His arrest was used by the US government to deport UN Ambassador Dinh Ba Thi when no evidence ever supported such action. The trial came at a sensitive time of Paris negotiations for normalizing US-VN relations. The most recent events in Indochina along with US foreign policy moves in China give reason, David believes, to the apparent attitude that the war against Viet Nam is not over.

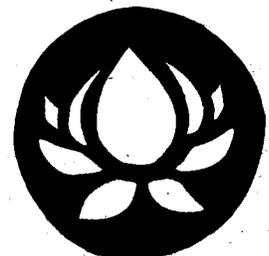
A question directed to David at the dinner was "Why did you do it?" He replied; "I didn't do 'it.' I didn't commit espionage. Everyone in DC is leaking or receiving government information: workers, media, lobbyists, scholars; it is a fact of life."

David ended his talk with a clear and serious warning: the suspension of civil liberties in the name of national security has created a precedent. In this case David's nationality provided a cold war shield, next time it may be a minority or dissident with an American issue. David's case must be given serious attention by all people concerned with freedom, peace and justice.

Viet Nam Trial Support Committee

David needs and deserves our help, financially and politically. Send your contribution to the address below. (By the way, only transportation costs were paid to David for his visit with us.)

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S.U. Dome: Bogus Benefit -- Bona Fide Snafu

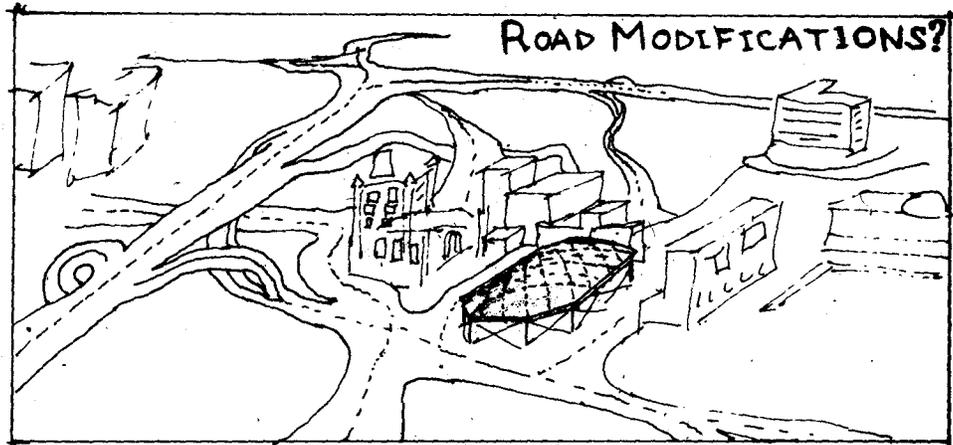
by Stephen Costello

Despite an article in the March PNL, the Syracuse University Domed Stadium project is still alive. As the court battle to halt construction of the Dome moves toward a State appellate court hearing in early May, neighborhood people who have been fighting for their right to participate in decisions that affect them are finding it difficult to keep from becoming cynical.

It's not hard to understand their frustration. S. U. has managed to totally avoid any public input in this huge project from the beginning. Regulations dealing with public hearings, air quality reviews, environmental impact statements, and workable traffic plans have been bent beyond recognition as the university and Carrier Corporation politically elbow a seat for their stadium in the most densely populated area in Syracuse. Attorney Richard Schecter is trying to convince the courts that this project should be required to comply with State, County, and City planning laws like any other project of this kind would, but has so far been unsuccessful.

The political lessons of this neighborhood effort are not lost on many residents, though. As they try to keep control over the quality of life in their area and are confronted by the power, self-interest, and greed of the S.U. administration, it has become clear to many people how hard and expensive it is just to keep open the possibility that their interests as residents of the neighborhood will be taken into account. There is a feeling that City legislators have given assurances to placate them, but don't intend to firmly take a stand on the issue. When residents' "representatives" ask them to be patient because of the complications of the legislative process, they are growing less ready to believe that the process is the real barrier.

Stephen Costello writes on local issues. This is the second in a series on the SU Dome.



It turns out that Carrier's involvement in the Dome project and in the Archbold site decision was much larger than had been publicly announced. What had the appearance of a civic-minded, generous donation of \$2.75 million was part of a much larger process.

It began around June 1st, 1978, when Carrier representatives asked to see the Dome plans being firmed up by realtor Jim Kelly around a site in East Syracuse. Two months before, the County Stadium Commission had recommended the E. Syracuse site in its Final Report.

Holms had the professional staff at Carrier rework the plans, according to Kelly, along lines decided on at a private meeting with Melvin Eggers and County government leaders. When the proposal was presented to the State for funding, it was for a Dome on the Archbold site, to almost everyone's surprise.

Almost everyone. The small group of University, Carrier, and County heavies who engineered the switch in sites are also the only people who can conceivably benefit from the new location. City and County officials asked admit the site is a bad idea, but the ball is rolling and area politicians don't seem to want to see what will happen if they stop it.

way. Holms is also on the Syracuse University Board of Trustees; Eggers is also Chairman of the City Chamber of Commerce.

If, as expected, the Dome runs into soaring construction costs and can't pay for its operating expenses when it's done, there will be no public notice or dramatic announcement. Because S. U. has an agreement with the First Trust and Deposit Co. (Eggers sits on the Board) to borrow up to \$13.5 million if the Dome fund drive doesn't produce enough, the probable result is a perpetual Dome fund drive.

The faculty are already feeling the effect of funding priority going to the project. Academic and support programs are being shelved for lack of donated funds, and a whole new building that was planned is now on the back burner indefinitely due to the shift in priorities.

Meanwhile, the University's traffic consultants have recommended drastic road changes be made around S. U. and 4,600 parking spaces be squeezed into the area to accommodate crowds.

The plans get worse, the costs to the neighborhood rise, and for now all hopes of stopping this madness are pinned on the court process. Maybe residents ought to be thinking of alternatives if the ball is

The Russian Anarchists

THE RUSSIAN ANARCHISTS, Paul Avrich, Norton Paperback, 1978, (Orig. Princeton University Press, 1967), 303 pp; index, chronology, 35 p. annotated, updated bibliography (with primary sources in Russian and other European languages), 16 p. of photos; \$4.95

The human species evolved for hundreds of thousands of years under conditions radically different from those under which we have lived for the past several centuries. Until very recently (in terms of evolutionary time) we spent our entire lives in small groups.

In these small communities all decisions were made by the individuals themselves, by consensus, or by home-grown leaders. The decision makers were present and familiar, accessible and expert.

This was the practical nonhierarchical democracy that prevailed nearly everywhere and at all times for 99.5% of human history.

But in the past several thousand years, with the origin of cities and of the state, most human beings have become increasingly removed from the locus of power. They have forfeited decision making to remote leaders and institutions ignorant and indifferent to their needs.

The industrial revolution has further eroded the autonomy of the individual, family, clan and community, and has even rendered weaker states subservient to the more colossal. The industrial revolution has meant the concentration of energy, capital, and the devices of coercion and social control into fewer and fewer, and more alien, hands.

While some of us may now have unthinkable amounts of mechanical/electrical power at our command,

individuals and communities have far less political power - have far less control over their own fate - than they once had.

Power has become increasingly centralized in multinational corporations and states. And these have developed interests of their own apart from, and generally antagonistic to, those of individuals and communities.

Their decisions penetrate more and more into our every day life - even unto the marrow of our bones. (The citizens of Harrisburg, captives of a deadly industry, recently had a jolting reminder of this penetration and of their powerlessness.)

In 1905 and 1917 the Russian people - peasants, workers, students, captive nationalities - pushed to the uttermost limits of provocation, rose up against their czarist masters. They sought to reclaim their democratic birthright; they sought control over their own lives and over the conditions of their labor.

Those heroic struggles were as much tragedy as triumph: yes, the czars were overthrown, but power and capital became increasingly centralized, and remain so today. How much control do individuals and communities now have over decisions vitally affecting their lives in industrial soviet Russia? The battle was won...but was the war?

In the first two decades of this century a small but influential force sought the overthrow not only of the czars but of the state and state capitalism. These Don Quixotes - tilting

at the windmill of history - were the Russian anarchists.

Paul Avrich, professor of history at Queens College, has provided us with a scrupulously researched, yet exceedingly readable and fast paced study of the anarchists' impact on the Russian Revolution.

With broad brushstrokes, fleshed out with interesting, colorful, concrete, pertinent detail, he examines the historical and ideological background and the class composition of revolutionary anarchists.

He introduces us to the personality, values, and actions of the major anarchists (eg the gentle scholarly Peter Kropotkin and the fiery violent Bakunin) and to the anarchist organizations. He distinguishes carefully between the three categories of Russian anarchism: anarchist-communism, anarcho-syndicalism, and anarchist-individualism.

These could differ greatly in their commitment to violence or non-violence. They also held distinct views of the role of the proletariat in the revolution.

One of the book's major threads is the anarchist critique of Marxism and of the Bolsheviks - especially once they came to power.

While broadly sympathetic to the anarchist vision, Avrich is not blinded to the excesses and inadequacies of its practitioners:

"Visionary utopians, the anarchists paid scant attention to the practical needs of a rapidly changing world; they generally avoided careful analysis of social and economic conditions, nor were they able or even willing to come to terms with the inescapable realities of political power." (p.253)

-Ed Kinane

Ed is an anarchist and paleolithic reactionary.



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To Each According To Their IQ . . .

Henry Goddard in 1912 tested immigrants for the U.S. Government, establishing that "83% of the Jews, 80% of the Hungarians, 79% of the Italians and 87% of the Russians were feeble minded."

"There are intelligence genes which are found in populations in different proportions. . . The number of intelligence genes seems lower, overall, in the black population than in the white."

-- Arthur Jensen, 1969

"Nature has color-coded groups of individuals so that statistically reliable predictions of their adaptability to intellectually rewarding and effective lives can be made and profitably used by the pragmatic man on the street."

-- William Shockley, 1971

It is accepted by most people that the IQ test performs an important human service by differentiating between people of superior and inferior caliber. For racists, it confirms their view that people of darker shades are also less intelligent and genetically destined for more menial kinds of work. As seen by the liberals as well, the test measures intelligence: poor performance, however, indicates not bad genes, but degrading social surroundings. Thus, those who do poorly are stupid, but it's not their fault and we should be kind to them. Let us examine these beliefs by studying briefly the history and content of the IQ test.

The test was invented by a French psychologist, Alfred Binet, around 1910. His method was to separate children into two groups, smart and dull, on the sole basis of ratings provided by their teachers. The children were then subjected to a series of tests and the test questions rated as to their ability to distinguish between the two groups. The questions that were most effective in making the distinction were used to form the early "intelligence" tests. The early IQ tests thus served as a quantitative measure of what a school teacher in those days considered intelligence.

An important change in the IQ test occurred in 1937. Before this time, males had scored consistently higher on the average than females. After

1937, the tests showed no difference. The reason for the change was not that women had suddenly become smarter, but rather that the test had been revised to improve their scores. This was done simply by adding questions for which women on the average were known to perform better than men. If the IQ score is in fact intended to be a measure of intelligence, then this change can have one and only one interpretation: women from then on were apparently to be assumed on the average to have the same intelligence as

es of the test designers. An example from James McKeen Cattell, father of the testing movement in America and longtime editor of Science and Popular Science Monthly, concerning the Black population in the U.S.: "A savage brought up in a cultivated society will not only retain his dark skin, but is likely to have the incoherent mind of his race." Remarks of this kind have not been uncommon among the test designers.

The argument that the results of IQ tests consistently prove the intellectual inferiority of certain groups is thus circular, since the tests were designed in the first place with this inferiority as a built-in assumption. The tests are of course reasonably good predictors of success in a class-biased society precisely because they are class-biased tests. To claim that they measure intelligence is absurd, especially since no serious attempt was even made to define intelligence.

We live in a hierarchical social structure, and the hierarchy has been largely unaffected by social reforms. The social order has always seen the need to designate various groups for unequal rewards. The IQ test serves the useful function of helping to legitimize this process on the basis of an allegedly inherent quality to which the test's users give the name "intelligence". The designer of the test gets to decide which groups will come out ahead, depending on whose interests are to be served. The winners can then justify their eventual progress to positions of special privilege on the basis of actual or potential quality; the deficient scores of the losers help to tranquilize them by persuading them that their poverty is an unfortunate result of their incompetence and thus they deserve a smaller proportion of the benefits of the society. And, most important, testing serves to persuade winners and losers alike that since those on top are there because they are superior, the status quo is justified. This gives moral and theoretical justification to the general resistance to fundamental social change.

SOME SAMPLE IQ TEST QUESTIONS

QUESTION: What's the thing for you to do when you are on your way to school and notice that you are in danger of being late?

CORRECT ANSWERS:

Hurry.
Go right ahead to school.
Take the street bus.

WRONG ANSWERS:

Go on to school and tell my teacher why I'm late.
Not stop.
Just keep on going.
Get a late card.

QUESTION: Which is prettier?



men, no more, no less. The change was called "standardization".

Today's IQ test still shows differences in score that correlate with race, ethnic group, and economic class. However, the tests have never been standardized for any of these factors. Clearly, a decision to standardize must be a political one.* A test can be made to reflect what its designer wants it to reflect. The bias of a test will therefore reflect the bias of the designer, and we can then ask ourselves what were some of the bias-

*In fact, even the results of the standardized IQ tests for women are easily circumvented in practice, as is well known.

WORDS TO REMEMBER

Some amazing quotes related to the Three Mile Island near-catastrophe.

"But cancers will develop from this accident--this is not in dispute."

-Dr. Paul Milvy, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine

"I would assume the worst was going to happen and plan accordingly. If it doesn't happen, so what?"

-Dr. Jan Beyea, nuclear physicist who has studied nuclear accidents for Swedish Energy Comm.

"A meltdown would require long term restrictions on agriculture over a land area about half the size of the area east of the Mississippi River."

-AEC 1957 accident study

"Accidents will happen."

-The Village Voice

"...the company (Metropolitan Edison) did not contact the state Civil Defense until 7am, three hours after the accident. We will investigate whether there was any lag."

-Syracuse Herald-Journal front page AP story, 3/28/79

"Which amendment is it that guarantees freedom of the press? Well, I am against it."

-Joseph M. Hendrie, chairman Nuclear Regulatory Comm. (NRC)

Pennsylvania Gov. Richard Thornburgh: "Is there anyone in the country who has experience with the health consequences of such a release (of radioactive gas)?" Joseph Hendrie: "Ah, not in the sense that it's been studied and understood in any real way."

"We have got an accident that we have not been designed to accommodate and I don't have a reason for not moving people. I don't know what you are protecting by not moving people."

-Roger Mattson, NRC's director of safety systems speaking from Three Mile Island to NRC Commissioners in Washington

"If anyone is hurt or killed in an incident such as the one in Harrisburg, they should be thought of as casualties and treated as soldiers who suffer in the line of duty. More may yet fall in the fight for energy independence."

-Letter to the editor, Syracuse Post-Standard

**BOYCOTT CHIQUITA BANANAS**

Once again the United Farm Workers of America AFL-CIO (UFW), led by Cesar Chavez, are turning to the national boycott as a weapon of justice. Following in the wake of the successful grape and Gallo boycotts is the call to BOYCOTT CHIQUITA BANANAS!!

United Brands Co., (formerly United Fruit) is the parent company of Chiquita. United Brands also owns Sun-Harvest, which is the nation's biggest iceberg lettuce producer. The UFW has had contracts with them for years but now they are refusing to negotiate in good faith.

In the words of Cesar Chavez: "The company is bringing in strike-breakers and using the rural court and sheriffs in a concerted effort to break our strike. This curtails our ability to picket, and the violence of the growers and threats of more murders of our sisters and brothers like Rufino Contreras (who was killed in the lettuce fields February 10, 1979) force us once again to ask for your help."

If the UFW can carry the struggle in the fields, we can certainly do the same in the stores, so please Boycott Chiquita! For more info or to help call Dave Wendt 476-2891. VIVA LA CAUSA!!

PEACES**CELEBRATE MAY DAY!**

In most nations of the world May 1 is May Day, the International Workers' Day. It is a day of commemoration and celebration of the rights and struggles of working people everywhere. Ironically it is little known in the US even though May Day originated in 1886 as part of the massive movement for the eight hour day that gripped American labor. Some 340,000 workers dramatized their demands with nationwide strikes and demonstrations. Three years later the International Socialist Congress, meeting in Paris, adopted May 1 as International Workers' Day.

What could be more appropriate this year than to celebrate May Day by attending the protest rally at Niagara-Mohawk's annual stockholder's meeting (see p. 32)!

BRUCE BEYER GIVEN 30 DAYS

Buffalo native Bruce Beyer, represented by former US Attorney General Ramsey Clark, was given a 30 day "symbolic" sentence on April 9, 1979 by Federal Judge John T. Curtin. Bruce is the Viet Nam war resister who lived in exile for 6 1/2 years before returning to the US on October 20, 1977. Bruce's return openly challenged the government's failure to grant universal, unconditional amnesty to all of the estimated 1,000,000 Viet Nam era veterans and civilians that would benefit from it. (see 10/77 PNL)

Judge Curtin, who is now seemingly sympathetic to Bruce's antiwar stance, imposed the sentence to uphold law and order. Bruce describes the sentence as a slap in the face to resisters who have not yet returned home. Letters are needed to Pres. Carter calling for a pardon for Bruce and total amnesty. The Viet Nam war ended on April 30, 1975, (see p. 5) but the US callously continues its diplomatic war against the Vietnamese; and it continues its civil war against Americans who had the courage and foresight to oppose the war's injustice. More info: Bruce Beyer Defense Comm. 124 Jewett Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14214 (716)836-1815.

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Energy Legislation: while concern is high over Three Mile Island the state and federal legislature must be pushed to pass good energy legislation. SPC's legislative task force needs more people to write letters, make phone calls or join with others in delegations to the Syracuse offices of our representatives. Contact John Maddaus (after 6pm) 475-3279.

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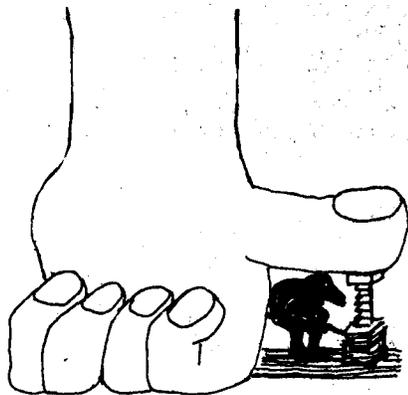
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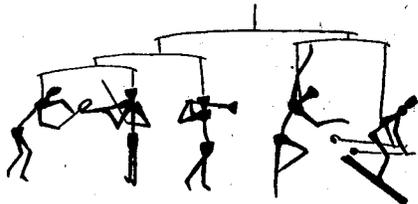
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Letters

To Robert McEwen,
United States Congressional
Representative, 30th District

I recently learned of the planned installation of Cruise missiles at Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome, NY and it raised some questions in my mind about the defense of our own area against enemy attack.

You're certainly aware that we in Oswego have somewhat more than our share of electrical generating capacity nearby. In fact, there are two functioning nuclear power plants and four more planned - a total of over 6,000 megawatts of nuclear power - plus an additional 2,000 megawatts of fossil-fueled power from plants in operation or under construction. All of this is located in a 12-mile radius of our city.

It seems to me that this enormous concentration of power plants will make a target of critical importance for any foreign aggressor. What plans have been made to protect these installations from enemy bombs and missiles? What plans have been made to protect those of us who live in this area from enemy bombs and from massive releases of radiation that would occur in the event of destruction of a nuclear power plant by a hostile military action?

I suggest that a full inquiry be launched immediately into the feasibility of a missile defense system for this area and that local residents be regularly informed of plans to insure their security.

Pete Caplan

[Is your neighborhood nuke protected by a missile? Would you feel safer if it were? We suggest you shake up your Congressperson with a letter similar to the one above today!

-- PNL Staff]

Annual Dinner An Autumn Affair

Given that the weather is predictably sweltering for our Annual Dinner in June and cold and rainy for the Annual Picnic in September, why not switch the two events? suggested a friend. Good idea, we said, and we have.

Dear PNL,

It is with a sense of anger and frustration that we note the ongoing events in San Francisco surrounding the trial of former Supervisor Dan White. While some members of the gay community in that city were moved to violence in what was an extremely light and inadequate verdict for Mr. White's double murder of Mayor George Moscone and openly gay Supervisor Harvey Milk, many thousands more demonstrated peacefully and with dignity.

While we deplore mob violence, we feel the need for an understanding of the situation that led to yesterday's violence. Since Harvey Milk's murder in November of last year, relations between police and the gay community have been strained. On March 31st off-duty police entered a lesbian bar and physically assaulted its patrons. Off-duty police have been seen, according to published reports, wearing "Free Dan White" T-shirts.

This country must know that with the murder of Harvey Milk, the gay community lost one its few leaders of national stature. Mr. White's conviction on a lesser charge than murder has only underscored the notion that gay men and lesbians who have for centuries been the victims of violence may continue to be subject to the grossest forms of physical and psychological oppression. If people are shocked by the sight of violent gays, they should know that it is a result of this society not allowing its 20 million peaceful, healthy, and constructive lesbians and gay men to be seen as we live in its midst.

Dan White's initial act of violence against the gay community did not provoke riots, neither have acts of violence against gays in this and other cities. Gay people counted on the courts to bring justice. It was the failure of system that is supposed to provide equal justice under law to all citizens, gay and non-gay, that provoked this outburst,

Harry Freeman - Jones
Human Rights Coalition

Dear Friends,

I have neglected to get moving on things this year, including support for your efforts. Please find enclosed first of \$ for this year. Also many thanks from Bill [Griffin] as well for

your plug on the book. Last changes made on editor's suggestions and it is to be mailed back to them today (May 9). Hope that next comes galley proofs and then book itself. We have been quite busy and have neglected to inform you that we will share all royalties (50-50) with you, so we hope that this thing we have worked on for years really sells. See you soon.

For Bill,
In struggle,
John Marciano

Dear PNL Editor,

As you probably know, despite his pre-election promises, President Carter has refused to meet with Traditional Native American leaders, even those who organized and led the Longest Walk to Washington, D. C.

It is incumbent upon the citizens of the United States to insist that President Carter keep his campaign promises and treat these leaders as representatives of sovereign peoples. Therefore, Maria Debagnac [a concerned citizen] has begun a campaign for signatures, asking for such a meeting, to be presented to the President. She has gathered 14,000 signatures in New York City alone.

We encourage readers of the Peace Newsletter to duplicate the following in petition form or simply cut it out, sign it and mail it to Maria Studio, 16 W 22nd St., Rm 200 New York, NY 10010

Marian C. Waelder
Patricia K. Waelder

We the undersigned are gravely concerned about the special problems of the American Indians. We hereby petition President Carter to discuss these problems with a delegation of traditional leaders of all American Indian Nations in Washington D.C. on June 1, 1979, or such other date in June '79, as might be convenient for the President. This petition will be hand delivered.

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Fighting Nuclear Power: the Legislative Front

by Mike Hungerford

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Write to your legislators. And join with your friends and neighbors to visit your representatives. It's simple, but it's up to you. Critical decisions regarding the future of nuclear power in New York are being made today in Albany and Washington. The time to act is right now.

Legislators do respond to their constituents, when those constituents express their thoughts. If they want to be reelected (and when was the last time you met a legislator whose first thought was not staying in office?), legislators must be aware of and sensitive to the wishes of the people they were elected to represent. But you have to be the one to let her/him know what your feelings are.

It is amazing to learn how little input most legislators receive on even the "hottest" issues. When a group of concerned citizens recently met with a member of the staff of a Syracuse area Congressman, they were surprised to learn that they were the first group to contact this representative to express opposition to nuclear power. And this was more than two weeks after the accident at Three Mile Island!!

A dozen letters in a single district may be enough to change the vote on an important bill. Twenty-five may permanently alter that legislator's stand on nuclear power. A visit with your representative to personally lobby for your views can build good will and increase the effectiveness of future contacts by those who share your opinions.

Mike Hungerford has been a member of the Peace Council for a number of years and, inspired by the People's Energy Primer, has recently become reinvolved in anti-nuclear activities.

Your letter or visit can make a difference. Your voice does count.

Let it be heard. Say "NO NUKES" to your elected representatives today.

Moratorium Bills

Whether you write or visit your legislators, it is always helpful to be as specific as possible. If there is a particular piece of legislation you oppose or support, try to find out its number and sponsor and tell your representative. And always indicate why you want her/him to vote for or against a bill or take a certain stand.

There are a number of bills that are currently in various stages of consideration and adoption by the State Legislature which could have a profound effect upon the future of nuclear power in New York. The Hoyt-Barclay bill (S. 3868 and A. 3197B), banning a permanent nuclear waste repository in New York State passed both houses and will soon be sent to the Governor. Legislative approval for a measure banning a temporary (Away From Reactor) repository (S. 5417A Volker and A. 7164 Walsh) also seems assured. Because these bills would reduce his power, it is uncertain if the Governor will sign them. Write Hugh Carey urging him to sign these bills when they come before him.

Nuclear moratorium legislation is also pending. Two bills are now under consideration--S. 1920 (Rolinson) and A. 6666 (Fink). Letters supporting both these proposals should be sent to your own legislators, as well as the sponsors, in each house of the Legislature.

Two other bills are of particular interest and importance. One would prohibit the Public Service Commission from including "construction work in progress" (CWIP) in the rate base of a utility until the facility is within a year of going into service. The practical

effect of this bill would be to make it economically infeasible

for new nuclear powerplants to be built. This bill is S. 4318 (Lack) and A. 6017 (Parola).

Finally, a bill has been introduced which would make it the State's policy to encourage cogeneration (the simultaneous production of electricity and thermal energy for industrial and commercial use) and would direct the PSC to establish non-discriminatory rates for the purchase of electricity and thermal energy by a utility from a cogenerator. Write your legislators in support of S. 3733 (Volker) and A. 5359 (Orazio).

On the State level, if you want to find the current status of a bill, you can call the LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE at 1-800-342-9860 toll-free, if you know the bill number.

Both your U.S. Congressperson and State Legislators have staff people to answer your questions, find out information for you, and obtain materials, such as copies of bills, for your use. Use their services and expertise.

DO IT NOW! BETTER ACTIVE TODAY THAN RADIOACTIVE TOMORROW!

Local Legislative Network

Join the SPC Legislative Action Phone Network. Contact Shelly Conture at 446-6491 and have your name added to the list to those willing to write and contact their representatives regarding important energy matters.

If you wish to set up or join a delegation of concerned citizens to visit your legislators, you can contact John Maddaus at 475-3279 for helpful hints and guidance. John can also help put you in touch with others in your district who might be willing to work with you on a lobbying-type effort.

NiMo: Bringing it in hand over fist

If you haven't yet drawn the connection between Niagara Mohawk's continual rate hike requests (including the latest \$180 million request) and NiMo's involvement in nuclear power, that's because it's all part of the game plan. They want it that way.

NiMo is desperate not to have you know that construction cost for its Nine Mile II plant in Scriba is the single most significant part of their request. In the next three years, NiMo will be spending \$190 million on NM II, which is a third of their entire construction budget.

Nine Mile II will end up costing 1.9 billion -- by far the most expensive nuke in NYS. And this is only the current estimate -- the millions of dollars which will be added for "extra safety" expenditures as a result of Three Mile Island haven't been factored in yet!

NiMo will go as far as to admit that the rate hike is for "increased activities, facilities and financing costs that NiMo must incur to assure reliable service", and they invariably cite the cost of an oil fired plant that they are building in Oswego, but they assiduously avoid mention of the whopping expense for Nine Mile II.

For comparison, see the chart below on projected expenditures for both projects; (note that NiMo owns 41% of NM II and 76% of Oswego 6). If these figures aren't enough to gall you, get a load of this - One other reason why NiMo is looking for a rate hike is because they feel the executive staff is underpaid. "The information I have found indicates... that the executive compensation levels at Niagara Mohawk are generally below those of comparable positions at other utility companies." (John Endries, Controller of NiMo, in NiMo's pre-filed testimony to the PSC on the rate hike request.)

At present, the salaries for the top one hundred executives averages \$40,977, with the top twenty salaries averaging \$42,795 apiece. There is not a single woman listed in the top 144 officers of the corporation.

Comparison of costs for Oswego 6 (oil-fired) and Nine Mile II (nuclear) *in millions of dollars

expenditures to 12/31/78	1979	1980	1981
Oswego 6 231.7*	68.7	14.7	0
Nine Mile II 549.6	221.1	238.9	283.5

NiMo RATE INCREASE HEARINGS JUNE 6

On June 6 at 1pm & 7pm, the Public Service Commission will "hear" public opinion on NiMo's rate increase request. If passed, people heating with gas will pay \$100 a year more than now. Electric rates will increase 15.5%. Nuclear power will continue to be financed. What do you think?? To disagree is not enough. Be present and speak at the Common Council Chambers in City Hall June 6. Call SPC. Rate Strike not Rate Hike!!

Silkwood Victory!

For years dedicated anti-nuclear activists have kept alive the query, "Who killed Karen Silkwood?" On May 17 the Oklahoma Federal District Court declared her former employer, Kerr-McGee guilty of criminal negligence and thereby added strength to the emerging answer to this question. In awarding \$10.5 million in damages to her three children, the court validated what supporters of Silkwood have been saying all along; that work conditions at the plutonium-handling facility were horrendous and life threatening, that attempts by the company to disguise this were persistent and that Silkwood's attempts to expose the treachery resulted in her being killed in a suspicious car crash in November 1974 on her way to meet a N.Y. Times reporter. The documents in her possession at the time were never recovered.

The trial unveiled the horrifying ease by which plutonium at the plant leaked, was emitted and was transported beyond containment into contact with workers and the public. The court decision is the first in which a nuclear facility has been found guilty of off-site contamination. Kerr-McGee was also found to have falsified worker's signatures concerning training certification as well as forging quality control records. It was these very documents that Silkwood had in her possession on the day that she was killed.



The trial continues as Kerr-McGee plans to appeal the decision and as the second and third parts of the suit are brought to court. These later charges concern wiretap, harassment and conspiracy to violate Silkwood's civil rights. In this phase of the trial individual members of the company's board of directors may be indicted.

It now appears more certain than ever that Karen Silkwood died because she knew too much about the madness of the nuclear industry. If Silkwood could only have lived to see nuclear power go on trial, she would have known that the death knell now sounds for the industry.



NYS Groups Obtain Herbicide Ban

The link between high-voltage powerline fighters and more traditional environmentalists may grow considerably stronger with the recent victory by two upstate NY groups in their obtaining a temporary ban on the use of the herbicides 2, 4, 5-T and Silvex on powerline right of ways. Aiming of course, for a permanent ban, the groups will submit a further questionnaire info to the EPA.

Meanwhile Dow Chemical president David Rooke moans, "I'm sick and tired of the chemical industry being picked out as the evil of mankind... We hung in on napalm when it didn't mean anything to us business-wise... We believed in the principle."

Homebirth & Midwifery In Syracuse

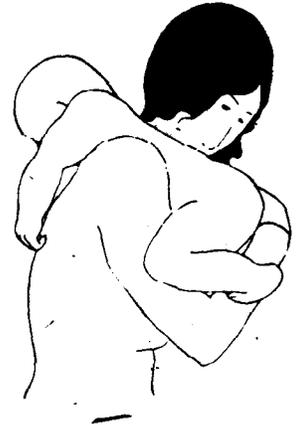
by Beth Batki

My first child was born in a hospital in N.Y.C. in 1972. In my innocence (ignorance) I had assumed that I would drop the kid like the peasants in the fields, but after 36 hours of labor I gave up all notions of a home birth and went to the hospital where I was summarily subjected to the standard "natural" delivery, routine I.V., prep, lithotomy position, episiotomy, and a ten hour separation from my new baby. In 1974, I was again pregnant; the family moved to Syracuse and my husband started med school. Our second daughter was born at home after a 2 3/4 hour labor in the company of a doctor, my sister, and a close friend.

I had been attending La Leche League meetings and the news quickly spread that I had had a home birth. Suddenly I became the local expert on alternative birthing. Women I'd never met, never heard of were calling me for help and for sympathy. In my own struggle, I had encountered a great deal of opposition: when we first arrived in Syracuse I made inquiries about humane ob-gyns (there weren't any), midwives (out of the question), or any other means to reach my end. The closest I got was the Ithaca birth group with an American midwife trained in England; but Ithaca was just too far away. I didn't even get past the receptionists when I called various "liberal" obstetricians.

Finally a friend suggested a family physician who practiced in Cazenovia. I called him in desperation after a horrendous experience with Medicaid and the Neighborhood Health Center. Instead of calling me crazy and hanging up he asked me why I wanted a home

birth. My heart leapt. I listed all I could think of: emotional reasons, physical reasons, psychological reasons, spiritual reasons. He listened considerably and replied that he wasn't sufficiently satisfied and he was sorry. I was crushed. On impulse, I called him back 15 minutes later and asked that he take me for pre-natal care, as I hadn't a doctor anyway. He agreed. Thereupon we entered into a delicate and curious relationship. My husband, Steve, my daughter, Maya, and I would attend every pre-natal visit (as a show of our solidarity) and work on the man. He would repeatedly tell us he didn't support home birth, that he had done them but they were accidental and he didn't anticipate helping us. We sometimes wavered and gave token consideration to another hospital birth, while still trying to arrange something else. I even convinced a 3rd year medical student to help us, something I would never recommend now, knowing how little experience a 3rd year student has had in delivering babies. I was desperate. Then about three weeks before my due date our doctor casually dropped the comment that if we were serious about our intentions, when I went into labor we should call him and "maybe" he would come. In the parking lot we were jubilant. Here I was, nine months pregnant, leaping around and yelling, "He's coming, he's coming!" Until that moment, I hadn't fully realized how anxious I had been about the whole situation. Subsequently, the birth was fine and uneventful and we were very grateful.



Now I had a real dilemma on my hands. As the local "expert" I had a rash of strangers to contend with. I would spend two hours at a stretch talking to someone I'd never seen before and listening to the same anxieties and frustration I had felt. I heard horrible birth stories and the great need these women had, as I had had, to reclaim the birth experience for themselves and their families. I felt totally powerless. I offered them the doctor's name, knowing he would give them the same hassle (understandably) that I'd given me. After all, he was the one around and peer pressure is great in the medical community. All I could offer was a sympathetic ear and encouragement.

Then, about a year later, I heard about a woman who had had a home birth with a midwife. I took the plunge. I had assisted at a few births in N.Y. and so I called the midwife and asked if she'd take me as an apprentice. She was floored by my frankness but so

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she would consider it. We had lunch together. I convinced her of the need and of my sincerity and heard about her considerable experience abroad. We agreed to work together (I had a car!). We met with four couples in her apartment and informally discussed birthing with them. After a few sessions this way, I decided I'd better learn a lot more and I contacted the Ithaca birth group for information. So for seven weeks in the dead of winter I drove to their weekly meetings and took notes. I gathered some interested friends in Syracuse and we formed the Syracuse Birth Group, holding meetings weekly at Women's Info. I put a small ad in the New Times for our first class and 28 people showed up. I was amazed. The midwife and I began doing informal pre-natal exams and keeping notes. Our classes were well-received and we tried to be as comprehensive as we could. Each birth brought a world of new experiences and insights.

Throughout this time, the women that came to us were either telling their doctors the truth about their intentions and were hassled by them, or they simply lied and told them after the fact. We had to take two people to the hospital during the year I worked with this midwife and it was a very bad situation for us all: the families were subjected to harrassment at a time when they certainly didn't need it, and we were afraid our identities would be uncovered. The midwife was foreign born and extremely paranoid; after our second hospital admission she dropped out of the group because she was so scared, and we were once again adrift.

That was a bad period for me. Women knew that I had assisted at several deliveries by then, so I was the logical choice to ask. I did not feel at all confident in my limited abilities and did not dare allow anyone to put themselves in

my care. So we had the usual runaround with the local doctors and people went elsewhere. We even took a woman in active labor to Rochester to be delivered by a midwife there. I was sure she would have the baby in the car! So we struggled along for about eight months when another midwife surfaced and we were once again in business. This happened this January and since then a new group of people have surfaced to teach classes and field phone calls:

mouthpiece and he lives right here in Syracuse. It is amazing that we have been able to do as much as we have, considering the medical climate here.

I have talked to many, many women in the last three years, and the need is great for real change in the health care delivery system in this regard. People are not happy with institutionalized birthing, especially considering the amount of money they have to pay for what they consider to be inferior care. There are a multiplicity of reasons for people desiring home birth. Women and their families are asking to be treated humanely, as individuals, during a time of stress, anxiety, and intimacy. Birthing is a time when a family becomes a family, and at a home birth the new member is treated with delight and respect. I know the hospital proponents will point to the "birthing rooms", a euphemistic name for labor/delivery rooms with wallpaper, as a more home-like atmosphere, but I've been there and home can't be duplicated.

I am leaving for San Francisco in two weeks, hopefully to pursue midwifery in a more liberal atmosphere and possibly obtain licensure as a lay midwife. The Syracuse Birth Group, as it is now called, is in the hands of Wendy and Dave Pavlus (422-7791) and Jacki James. We have updated our record-keeping and the classes are always being upgraded and improved. We even have a film of a recent birth to show at our labor and delivery class. We have, in recent months, been in contact with Barb Vermilye of the Perinatal Center of CIM and with the director, Dr. Richard Aubrey. Barb is interested in our work and Aubrey is vehemently opposed to it. He is the spokesman for the American College of Obstetrics in opposing the dangerous trend toward home deliveries. I feel that we are especially privileged to have this man in our midst, as he is the national

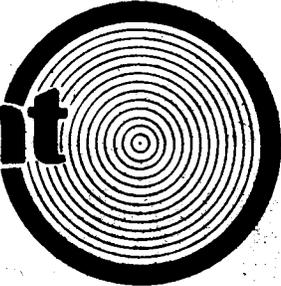
Not everyone can or should have a home birth. I feel that I am quite a conservative person. The people we transported to the hospital needed to be there and I am grateful that modern technology saved them and their babies from what might have been a disastrous situation. However I do feel that the needs of the people must be responded to and that people desiring home birth deserve adequate medical care and backup, as is available in parts of this country and abroad. People will have home births regardless. This has been amply demonstrated to me. I would certainly have another home birth if I were having another child. I deserve the best medical attention. All child-bearing women deserve to be treated respectfully and considerately no matter where they choose to deliver. These are our bodies, our babies, our families and our right.



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China Since Mao: A Great Leap Backward?

by Ed Kinane

Knowing of his interest in China, we asked Ed to write an article on its domestic and foreign policy changes since Mao's death and to assess these in terms of whether or not they betray the ideals of the Revolution.

But Ed was in no way an 'expert' on China, and felt that he was in no position to give any kind of authoritative analysis. He would, however, write how his China watching was linked to his own political development, and about his China since Mao's death.

-- PNL Staff

I made it thru the '60's seemingly without being scarred by what this country was doing to Viet Nam. It couldn't have happened without the connivance of my own selective ignorance. True, I was lost, dullened, angry and alienated, but I had no political awareness.

The connections weren't being made. They certainly were never made in the classrooms of Syracuse University, where as a student I was immersed in privatism and narcissism. I had no tools, no vocabulary, to link what was going on in the world to what was amiss in my own crabbed heart.

In the very early 70's, in the wake of Earth Day, I somehow acquired somewhat of an ecological consciousness. Like so many others I became increasingly aware of what this species was doing to itself and to the biosphere. Each book I read (The Population Bomb, Limits to Growth, This Plundered Planet, and on and on) was like a piledriver bludgeoning my skull.

My pessimism grew exponentially. We were hurtling toward ecological Armageddon. The human species seemed to be a cancer consuming the earth. To those who might chide me from my grimness I would quote Brecht's: "Those who laugh have not heard the terrible tidings." My slim consolation was that at least I had the intellectual honesty and courage to think about the unthinkable, to not anesthetize myself with a mindless optimism.

At the same time I was taking some courses in anthropology and political economy at the New School for Social Research in NYC. I acquired a smattering of Marxism--

As we go to press, Ed is beginning a several month long hitchhiking trek through the developing countries of Saharan and east Africa.

enough to see that the villain was not so much the human species, but certain expanding and predatory economies. Foremost was the U.S. with its arms sales and military bases and its ganglion of multinational corporations despoiling the globe.

While deeply in debt to Marx's critique of capitalism, I could not call myself a Marxist. Marx was too much a creature of the industrial revolution, which is intrinsically ecocidal and imperialist. His woefully misguided view of history as progress and his opposition to Malthus were an ecological false consciousness which has long confused those who could not free themselves from his grip. Further, Marxism, despite its lip-service to the ideal of the withering away of the state, in fact stands for the centralization of hierarchy and repression.

Independently of my studies I began taking notice of developments in China. I read with mounting excitement essays by Mao, and Hinton's Fanshen, Sidel's Women and Child Care in China, Horne's Away With All Pests, Bettelheim's Cultural Revolution and Industrial Organization in China, etc.

Surely, if there were any grounds whatsoever for optimism on this sad planet, it was here. In one generation the life of one quarter of the human species was radically improved. And this occurred without siphoning off raw materials and coerced labor from weaker nations around the world, and without raping the earth, and without robbing and endangering those not yet born.

Despite the desperate poverty and dislocation bequeathed by colonialism, the Chinese seemed to

be, and to do, everything right.* Realizing that rapid industrialization served only the interests of a bourgeoisie technocracy, they repudiated both the US and the USSR models of development. Those models are based on technolatry, (i.e., the unreasoning worship of technology). And in their consequences they are the parallel and converging blades of the same bloody sword.

The Chinese were reinventing the wheel, and coming up with a decidedly better version. By dint of enormous struggle and solidarity they were feeding, clothing, housing, healing, and politicizing themselves. They were even taking stringent steps to slow down the growth of their population.

And China was not yet blighted by necrotic tissue of urbanism and industrialism. The Chinese were striving mightily to resolve the contradictions (or, conflicts and exploitations) between the cities and the country-side, between industry and agriculture.

More hopeful still were the efforts made by the Chinese to resolve the contradictions between male and female, old and young, modern and traditional, expert and ignorant, bourgeoisie and worker, centralized and decentralized, and the leaders and the led. There was so much to be learned from their reweaving of the social and economic fabric!

The revolutionary ardor of the Chinese was so gratifying. In foreign policy they were supporting the Vietnamese in their valiant struggle against the U.S. And they were vocal and blunt about identifying the major threat to global well-being and peace: U.S. imperialism.

* This is not to say there were no false starts or excesses amid the trial and error on the revolutionary path.

I felt shivers of respect for these people, and for Mao, their leader. With Mao, politics (i.e. as human values), and not economics (i.e. as industrial development), was firmly in command.

But in September 1976, after leading the Chinese Communist Party for nearly a half century, Mao died. How to assess such a colossus! During his lifetime his writings (The Little Red Book) were probably read and studied by more human beings than any other author in human history. And indeed no author in history was revered by more people in his own lifetime than was Mao. For good reason: no major world leader was ever so militantly and persistently revolutionary for so long.

In the power struggle following Mao's death, the Hua/Teng faction emerged victorious over the radical Maoists, the so-called "Gang of Four". Charles Bettelheim in China Since Mao (pp 87-92) describes Hua's accession to power as a coup d'etat. "...leading to the substitution of a revisionist and bourgeois line for the previous revolutionary and proletarian line." The coup, he says was accompanied throughout 1977 by a purge of perhaps 1/3 of the party cadres - mainly those who came up through the ranks during the Cultural Revolution. "In all provinces for which we possess information there have not only been arrests but also executions, and the latter seem to have been exceptionally numerous."

The policies, both domestic and foreign of the new regime must have Mao spinning in his grave. Hua and Teng are bent on rolling back the Cultural Revolution, which was a triumph of grassroots empowerment. Their policies conform exactly to the notion of "following the capitalist road". More and more power is being centralized; workers are being disciplined and regulated from above; production is being speeded up; profit-making in state enterprises is being made the overriding priority; trade agreements with non-socialist nations are multiplying; right-wing despots are supported (Pinochet/Chile, Marcos/Philippines, Shah/Iran*, etc.); the US is an ally while Viet Nam is invaded.

The new policies are a devastating betrayal of the people's revolution both within China and

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internationally. They can be understood from two perspectives: 1) by class analysis, and 2) by a consideration of the antagonism between China and the U.S.S.R.

1) It must be asked; which segment of the population benefits from the Hua/Teng policy of rapid industrialization and forced production? The people - workers and peasants - must now work longer and harder, and their lives are more directed from above. They certainly aren't the beneficiaries of the new policies. Their labor is being used to provide profit which is accumulated by the state in order to have funds with which to pay for the imports of the complex technology which the bureaucrats and technocrats will administer.

The more complex technology will mean more specialization of education, which will lead to greater class differences and hierarchy. As in Russia, rapid industrialization is promoted by, and serves the interests of, the emerging bourgeoisie. This class will work to perpetuate its own power and will resist any efforts by the workers and peasants for the genuine equality demanded by the Cultural Revolution.

2) China's foreign policy is very much determined by who it perceives as its major threat. During the Viet Nam years the U.S. was clearly the major threat to China since it was invading and bombing neighboring countries, and seemed bent on escalating the conflict. However as that paper tiger got scrapped, Russia

moved into first place as the major threat to China. The two nations have a 4000 mile-long common border and much of Russia's formidably well-equipped army is deployed along it... poised to strike.

The Chinese army is not equipped for modern warfare. It lacks the sophisticated weapons and the electronic surveillance systems which might put it in a stronger position vis a vis the Soviets. The Chinese do not now have the technology, the expertise, or the capital to acquire such systems.

Chinese international policy, then, is not shaped by revolutionary ideals, but rather by its perceived needs for survival. It is seeking stable relations with the world community in order to assure allies against the USSR. Hence their coming to terms with such anti-communist countries as the U.S., Chile and the Philippines etc.

But what they do have is oil. If that oil can be developed and exported, Hua and Teng may be able to pay for a large share of the military modernization they seek. The Chinese can not quickly develop their oil on their own. It likewise requires technology, expertise, and capital. And as long as China is willing to abandon its policy of self reliance, aid will be available through such new friends as the U.S. and Japan, who won't be the least bit shy about getting their fingers in to the Chinese economy.

* "The Chinese government and people view with delight all the successes and progress of the Iranian government and people." -- Chairman Hua in Teheran. Quoted by John Gittings, Seven Days 9/29/78, p. 19

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"B.S. Hardsell" sales rep. for Babcock & Wilcox, announces clearance sale on 3-Mile Island-model nuclear reactors. Pres. of NiMo John Heehl (far L.) is obviously elated at the news. NiMo rep. in background (far R.) doesn't seem to share his enthusiasm.



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Announcement of a meltdown at 9-Mile Point brings the meeting to an abrupt end. NRC red tape in foreground didn't provide the expected protection.

Determined

at the Niagara-Mohawk Stockholders' Meeting on May 1st

A profit-grubbing corporation holding its stockholders meeting on May Day is funny in itself. But even funnier was the stockholders meeting that SPC held at the same time outside Niagara-Mohawk headquarters (see photos at left).

Meanwhile inside the meeting, SPC stockholders took the floor legitimately to challenge the utility.

And meanwhile in the lobby, four SPC non-stockholders, in order to raise the point of Niagara-Mohawk's accountability to the public, demanded to make a statement to the meeting, were blocked from entering, and were arrested and charged with criminal trespassing. Lillian Reiner, William Sunderlin, Danny Hakim and Chris Murray were given adjournment contemplating dismissal -- automatic dismissal of the charge in six months following 'good behavior'.

The three-pronged assault proved quite effective. The news media clearly liked it and for the most part, cooperated in our getting our message across. And the support of the community's common folks was very strongly felt -- loads of anti-Niagara-Mohawk sentiment out there!

All in all, another good step in bringing down Ni-Mo and the nukes!

in Washington, D.C. on May 6th.



Five times as many people as expected jam the Capitol to protest nukes -- and no one was apologizing for the demo's success!

Resistance:

at the Oswego Rally on May 12th

Rally at Oswego, - the nuclear power center of the state - was the call that was heeded by some 1,200 determined people. Syracuse area people eagerly responded -- we're 40 miles downwind from Oswego's two functioning and four proposed nukes and most of them bear the stamp of Niagara-Mohawk, our very own utility, in one way or another.

Featured speaker was Nobel Laureate George Wald, who was eloquent in his indictment of the multinational corporations: The earth is our home, not your place of business. Wald also stressed the inseparability of nuclear power and nuclear weapons -- something that the Peace Council needs to continually make clear in its ongoing work against nukes.

The event was sponsored by the Lakeshore Alliance, a coalition of sane energy groups which includes the Peace Council.

In many ways, the day in Oswego offered a definite sense of unity, of commitment, and an understanding that we'll all be back in Oswego soon again.

and all over ...



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Syracuse University graduation conflicted with the Rally at Oswego. But antinuke graduates did their thing anyway!



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Oswego Rally, May 12. SPC staff member Dik Cool agitating, educating and organizing!



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Oswego Rally, May 12.

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Insulate Against The Draft

by Bill Harley

The drafting of men into the army ended in 1973. When the draft ended and the all-volunteer force began, there were already persons in Congress who were dead set against the success of the volunteer force. Recently, those same people have been leading the charge for a new draft. This week, a vote in the House will determine whether or not we will take the road back to conscripting people into the military. The justifications for any draft are shoddy, the methods our legislators have used to introduce legislation is shoddier, and the implications of the legislation are dangerous and far-reaching.

Although the drive to reinstate the draft began several years ago, it was with this session of Congress that real momentum began to build. Nine bills for draft registration, induction, or national service were introduced into the House and Senate. While the Senate has been waiting to see what the House intends to do, the House Armed Services Committee has passed legislation out onto the floor of the House for a vote.

Legislation for a draft registration, induction, or national service

Legislation for draft registration has been attached to the Defense Authorization Bill (H.R. 4040). The legislation calls for all men who turn 18 after December 31, 1980, to register with the Selective Service for induction into the armed forces. The bill also requires the President to make recommendations to Congress regarding several issues, including 1) an automatic method of registering persons through an automated system using school and other records, 2) giving the President permanent induction authority, 3) the registration and induction of women, and 4) the induction of up to 200,000 men each year into the Individual Ready Reserves.

The legislation introduced is designed to avoid opposition. Prior to this call for draft registration, all legislation dealing with the Selective Service has been dealt with

separately, and has thus been open to public debate. By attaching draft registration to the DoD Authorization Bill, it has become hidden among all the other issues and projects that are part of the larger bill. Such a move enables Congress to vote without taking responsibility for the specific legislation. Furthermore, after passing in the House, the legislation would move to the joint Conference Committee, where the bill would be combined with the similar Senate bill. While the Senate would have to approve the bill, bills coming out of joint committee have traditionally been passed pro forma. Thus, it is quite possible that there will not even be a debate in the Senate about draft registration.



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The content of the bill is distressing. Because it calls for registration by those who are not yet 18, it seeks to avoid much of the potential opposition by college age students, since they would not be affected by it. Even more objectionable is the fact that it is making decisions about the lives of people who have no say in the legislative process.

Proponents of draft registration say it is not an actual draft; such an argument is only a smokescreen. Sen. Sam Nunn, chairperson of the Senate Armed Services Committee, has acknowledged that registration is the first step towards a return to the draft. Furthermore, passage of legislation now would encourage the development of a mandatory national service program, a costly and bureaucratic project that would be a serious threat to civil liberties.

There are two important issues in the draft debate: a tacit acceptance by Congress and society of the growth of militarism and the threat to civil liberties. Calls for the draft are based upon increased manpower requirements which have never been questioned. Recent reports by the Pentagon and the Brookings Institution show that the quality of the armed forces is higher than during the draft. A draft is one of the most serious infringements upon our lives. It is unjust. And it is unjust for bad reasons.

It is crucial that people register their opposition to legislation immediately. Wire your Congressman and Senator immediately to oppose the amendment to the Defense Authorization Bill. Keep in touch with the issue.

If legislation is passed, there will be eighteen months before it goes into effect. Significant opposition could have a great effect on the success and viability of the draft registration. If you are interested in spending some time working against the draft, please contact Bill Harley at AFSC, 821 Euclid Ave., Syracuse, 13210 (475-4822) Please help. STOP THE DRAFT

"It's really quite simple. People are more important than money!"

THE "MIRACLE" AT 924 BURNET AVENUE

by Dik Cool

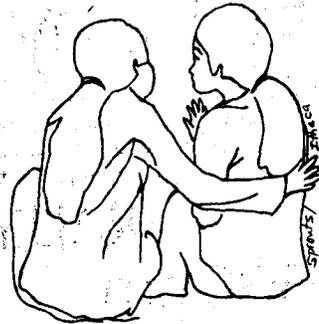
[In the SPC office there is frequent talk of how we should report on our alternative and hopefully more humane workplace systems. These are the personal/political processes by which we carry out our day to day work. This reporting is usually lost in the crush of more "important" work-- which we realize with considerable irony may not be as important in the long run. Resolving, for example, the SPC Press crisis (with which this article deals) is not a glamorous task. It doesn't make headlines, it doesn't bring in badly needed contributions. But such tasks are the revolutionary glue that holds it all together. It's time we began giving such matters the attention they deserve.]

**"Simmering resentment--
not anger or confrontation--
is the real enemy of love."**

We have learned that resolving feelings must come first. This major tenet of feminism is extremely difficult to grasp. We have all been brought up to control and repress our feelings. The expression of emotions in men, especially, is looked at as a sign of weakness. I have spent years fully realizing that expressing feelings can be a way of getting through them (of being healthier) rather than a way of putting down or controlling other people. Honest feelings out in the open can almost always be dealt with in a reasonably safe setting.

It was with the above thoughts in mind that a small group of us began meeting in mid-January 1979, to resolve the feelings and money problems surrounding the SPC Press. (The Press, founded in 1974, occupies the basement of the SPC house. It is separate structurally and financially from SPC program work but is an integral and important part of the SPC house operation. The Press does commercial and movement printing to support itself and does SPC's printing labor free in exchange for rent, utilities, etc.)

As of 4pm PNL layout day Dik deeply wishes he had gotten this difficult article written by the Press benefit dinner, May 18, as was intended. It's also more properly bylined "All of Us."



At the first meeting there were eight of us: Chris Murray, William Sunderlin, Dik Cool, Glenda Neff, Cindy Squillace, Corinne Kinane (representing staff and steering committee) and Marilyn Austin and Karen Sayers, who functioned somewhat as Marilyn's support person. Marilyn had been one of the SPC Press staff for two years, leaving in September 1978. Nancy Travers, the other Press person during Marilyn's tenure, had left in June 1978. Realizing that both Nancy and Marilyn would be leaving we had all carefully worked out a transition to new people. This suddenly fell through in the summer of 1978 and neither Marilyn nor SPC staff had the energy to deal with it during our gruelling fall activities.

By September 1978, for a variety of reasons, the Press' chronically bad financial situation had become worse. Marilyn was almost \$1000 behind in her salary; creditors were owed another \$900. This, then, was the crux of the feelings/problem. Who was responsible for this debt? The new Press staff? (Sue Lord and Steve Costello were, by January 1979 preparing to take over the Press operation.) How did the debt happen? Where should the money come from? Feelings were very high. The beginning of the first meeting was filled with tension. On the one hand Marilyn felt she was being left holding the bag for the Press' persistent indebtedness. She felt she had worked long and hard at subsistence pay (about \$70/week) and was entitled to her back salary. Other departing Press staff had gradually received their back pay though the amounts had not been so large.

On the other hand people felt it wasn't fair for the new staff to assume the huge debt; they also felt there were reasons for the debt and

that it should have been clear much earlier that changes needed to be made. There was a general frustration over money since we all realized SPC as a whole was deeply in debt and couldn't possibly come up with the money.

We used the Movement for a New Society (MNS) process in all our meetings: a prepared but flexible agenda; two facilitators; personal sharing; consensus decision making; times for items; evaluation; etc.

The first meeting consisted of each of us presenting our perceptions of the "facts." There were considerable differences in our perceptions. This moved rather quickly into feelings and by the end of the first meeting we were all feeling somewhat better. By the end of the second meeting we were seeing each other's humanness. We mutually realized no one was trying to rip someone off. We wanted to help each other. At this point we also asked Sue and Steve to attend the third meeting and in retrospect felt they should have been at all the meetings.

By the end of the fourth meeting (February 20) practical solutions were emerging. We had raised \$900 by selling unused equipment. Discussions were held with Press debtors-- some were able to pay, some were not. A formula was worked out for splitting the money and Marilyn agreed to forgo a good part of her back salary in exchange for badly needed immediate cash. Finally, we decided to have a combination fundraising/celebration dinner at the Westcott Cafe' to raise the last \$150 owed to Press' creditors. We all worked on and felt good about the May 18 dinner (the food was fantastic!) which did, indeed, raise the needed \$150.

We were euphoric over our accomplishment! Mingled with our euphoria was the realization that there were prerequisites: a fairly well developed feminist consciousness in the group; an understanding of and experience with group process; an underlying commitment to social change. Nevertheless we all remain warmly uplifted by our success in translating theory into practice, and we hope that others may find strength in our experience. Carry on.....

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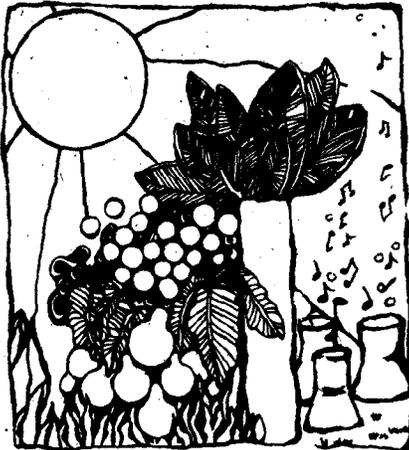
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Wandering Minstrels: In Search of the Perfect Tune-up

by Barb Dunn and Laura Wilansky

We started off with original music and energy to share, a desire to escape the snow, tenuous finances, and a car bought and inspected but a few days before the cross-country trip.

Planning for the trip started months in advance. We had no manager to set up gigs for us, so we sent a publicity mailing to women's centers, anti-nuke groups, coffeehouses and so on, using a list compiled from SPC and Women's Info files, along with previous personal contacts. The response to our mailing was encouraging - we really could set up a tour for ourselves!

Early February...leaving during a week of intense snowstorms, planning to head south as fast as possible. A stop at Laura's parents' in Pennsylvania stretched into a week - her sister had cancer and we waited for more tests to be completed. The probability of a complete cure was very good, according to the doctors, and she was about to begin radiation treatments as we resumed our trip. We had many thoughts and conversations on the way about cancer - the environmental causes including stress, pollution and nukes; the value of surgery, chemotherapy and radiation, all of which have side effects; prevention and non-traditional cures such as nutrition therapy.

We arrived in Austin, Texas, and after a few days we were ready to move there. The women's community is warm and diverse - including a Women's Appropriate Technology group and the Red River Press - a collectively - owned union print shop. We played a benefit there for Marie

Parker, a lesbian whose children may be taken from her for that reason alone. It was good to see all the support she received from her community in her struggle. Austin has colorful coops, Mexican food, and lots of music. A benefit for the Committee for Human Rights in Chile drew thousands to see Quilapayun, a Chilean group playing in memory of Victor Jara. We stayed with people who apparently are under surveillance for their work with Marie and/or against nukes - one day Laura saw a stranger taking pictures of the house - the recent murder of an Austin anti-nuke activist brought this back vividly.

Albuquerque...more beautiful mountains...streets named Lead and Coal...cows and chickens and dogs in red sandy-clayey backyards on city outskirts...a city plan using L.A. as a model. There are also a lot of cooperative enterprises here, including a community center with food and bike coops, herbalist, women's groups, Metropolitan Community Church, masseuse, anti-nuke group and more. We played a benefit for Citizens Against the Nuclear Threat at the Siren Coffeehouse - a lovely restaurant run by women - on the day of the solar eclipse.

Phoenix... more Recreational Vehicle dealers than anywhere else on earth...lemon trees with lemons in February...a very good tune up. Car troubles were a major source of tension between us Throughout the trip our car was kept alive by friends of friends, who made up for the mechanics we had to depend on when the car broke down in out of the way places.

March... San Luis Obispo, California...to play music for an Abalone Alliance conference held on a beautiful state-owned ranch. The Abalones were learning to use consensus in decision-making - a new process for them which helped resolve some long-standing conflicts. We were inspired by their dedication, their playfulness, the many women involved in leadership roles. During the conference they reached a decision to organize

a land and sea blockade of the Diablo Canyon reactor, scheduled to go on line soon.

San Francisco...rain... buses that take you anywhere...lots of women's music and music of all types...getting ripped off. In Golden Gate Park, the green-gray setting for an ERA rally, Barb met up with a group of friends from Syracuse in an animated crowd which bustled among an impressive array of literature tables sponsored by women's health, political and business groups. Enflaming speakers, including Bella Abzug; pleas for financial support; music and mist...

Kansas... days of intense wind and tumbleweed... a uranium oxide spill in Wichita we heard of on the radio as part of a routine traffic report - after hours of exposure the tons of spilled powder were covered with plastic and the public was told it was perfectly safe.

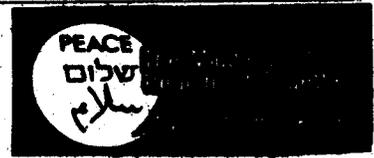
We attended the Second Annual Women's Jazz Festival in Kansas City Missouri, heard many excellent musicians and spent a lot of time discussing the contradictions of a women's festival which took place mostly in an expensive hotel-restaurant complex, and which awarded a scholarship to a man.

Chicago... Jane Byrne elected mayor of an oppressively dark city... streets spewn with wet garbage - the recently unfrozen remains of a hard, cold winter. Rainy newsstands grab our attention: Harrisburg... Meltdown Threatened... so near Laura's folks on Bethlehem. Women connect in a warm church basement as they have weekly for the past three years. Here at the Mountain Moving Coffeehouse, a non-profit women's space, our music was graciously received.

Above all, the trip was a learning experience that made us realize our place on a continuum. We met so many concerned people working without models with an impressive dedication to stopping all people's oppression - so much giving of self and so much struggle! We're all so strong, yet it's true we've got a lot of sorting through to do...but we're just tuning up!

MOVING ON THE MIDDLE EAST

by Judy Bjorkman



Recently, I read an article entitled, "The American Peace Movement and the Middle East." Written from a Marxist perspective by Mark Solomon, professor of history at Simmons College in Boston, it analyzes the nature and responses of the U.S. peace movement to Mideast issues, from the late 1940's through Camp David. (The article appeared in a recent publication of the Association of Arab-American University Graduates, probably the most left-leaning representatives of an ethnic group which is otherwise somewhat to very politically conservative.)

In general, the U.S. peace movement has been characterized by silence and inaction on the Arab/Israeli/Palestinian conflict. This does not mean that the peace movement was simply pro-Zionist; indeed, Solomon notes that in the early '50s it was very possible to "engage in critical discussion of Israeli internal politics and their potential impact on war or peace." He continues, "The hysterical, smothering censorship which characterizes the present situation is by no means an endemic, permanent feature of the environment which has surrounded inquiries into the Mideast."

But the rise of McCarthyism dealt a serious blow to the wider dissemination of a radical analysis. The relatively nonideological peace movement of the late '50s to mid-'60s also neglected the Middle East. Even the Suez War of 1956 did little to alter this pattern.

The June War of 1967 created new traumas for all parties, including the

peace movement. Caught among various pressures (e.g., "memories of the Holocaust, ...the breakdown of theoretical depth and principled consistency in the peace movement, the powerful, efficient organizational base and resources of the Zionist movement, fear that Israel was indeed threatened with extinction," etc.), the peace movement responded again with near-total silence. Solomon found unhelpful an analysis espoused by some (including AFSC), viz., that the conflict is one of "right against right," "two peoples struggling, dreaming, longing," preferring instead a focus upon government policies which ran counter to the interests of all peoples of the Middle East.

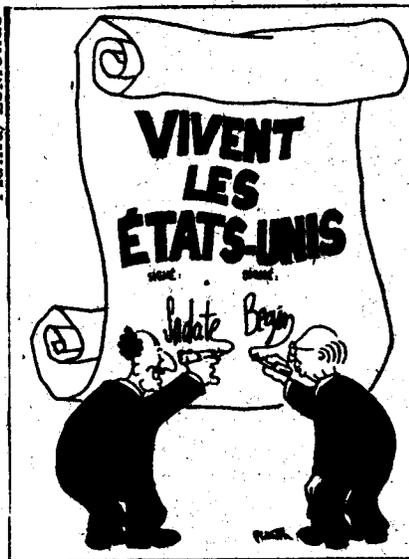
Nevertheless, the dangers made evident by the 1967 War did force the beginnings of some dialogue and involvement. The New Left, represented by such figures as I.F. Stone, Paul Jacobs, Noam Chomsky, and Daniel Berrigan, was rewarded for its scattered efforts with false accusations of being purveyors of a "new anti-Semitism," by a group of social democratic intellectuals.

AFSC is credited with "promoting the most intensive effort to break the silence on the Middle East," with its 1970 publication of Search for Peace in the Middle East, which was subsequently vilified by both pro-Zionists and Arab commentators. Eventually, other groups (WRL, FOR, WILPF, ADA) came out with official positions on the issues.

Solomon deplors the failure of the peace movement to develop an analysis which would use imperialism as the central theme for understanding and taking action on the various levels of conflict in the Middle East. He claims that these groups have rarely been able to "project to the American public a proud tradition of the peace movement--a sense of a wrong, unjust policy being conducted by the government in the people's name. Programmatic demands have not focused upon the U.S. government but upon the indigenous forces in the region... (and have virtually ignored) ...the potential of a reconvened Geneva conference..."

(Concluded next month)

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Jason Robards and Barbara Harris are in this uproarious 1966 comedy. The film desanctifies authority in a manner that is both highly perceptive and fun to watch.

July

MARX BROS.: A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

WEDNESDAY JULY 4 7 & 9:30pm

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(WIN) The New York City War Resisters League (WRL) local group decided to demonstrate its opposition to the annual Armed Forces Day Parade on May 12. First, WRL applied for a permit to march in the parade but was turned down because "the aims and objectives of the WRL and those of the Military Order of the World Wars (the Parade's sponsor) are not compatible."

At 5am on the morning of the parade a half dozen people stenciled the street directly in front of the reviewing stand with the words "DISBAND the MILITARY", 35' long, in fast-drying orange paint. About an hour before the parade began, a man with a spray can of black paint attempted to cover the word "DISBAND." However, the result was "DISBAND" stood out in black (against the grey street) and the rest in orange.

As the front of the parade reached the reviewing stand, and the rain began to fall, 19 people carrying flowers entered the street and sat down. The mounted police who led the "honor guard" of the parade charged, but pulled back when the demonstrators didn't scatter. Two sitdowners were slightly injured by horses' hooves. After a police warning all 19 were arrested.

Simultaneous with the sitdown, ten people who had obtained tickets for the reviewing stand spread out a 30' banner reading "FIGHT MILITARISM--NOT WARS". After the police asked that the banner be taken down, the ten exposed T-shirts spelling out "STOP THE DRAFT" and began chanting "Hell No, We Won't Go". After some confusion on the part of the police, the grandstanders had their tickets revoked.



THE "NICKEL" RETURNS

After a nine year involuntary absence, the "Nickel Review" has resurfaced. One of the earliest and best alternative papers, the NR again presents "original" jive, humor, and culture from an upbeat (the left way) political perspective. "Mostly we hope to keep you chuckling as we assault your sensibilities", is the closing intro line of Walt Shepperd (co-editor with Mary Beth Ross). To subscribe send \$1 to Box 6392 Teal Station, Syracuse, NY 13217 Welcome back NR.

THE FDA VITAMIN CAPER

The newest FDA anti-vitamin proposal will label vitamins and minerals as drugs and will enable this agency to decide what vitamins you can buy and in what strengths. Massive response is needed to stop this latest assault on our right to practice preventive medicine.

Write your Congresspeople and ask them to co-sponsor H.R. 3574, Rep. Lawrence Patton McDonald's bill to stop this FDA move.

The proposed FDA regulation is docket #78N-0024.

Anyone who wants to write the FDA has until June 14th to do so. (Hearing clerk HFA-305, F.D.A. Room 4-65, 5600 Fishers Ln. Rockville, Mass. 20857.

DISARMAMENT VIGIL AT GRIFFISS AFB

On Sunday May 27 about 30 people assembled in silent witness against nuclear weapons at the Mohawk Gate of Griffiss AFB in Rome, NY. The silent vigil was the second in a continuing series sponsored by the Fig Tree Fellowship, a newly formed group associated with Syracuse area AFSC.

The first vigil was held on Palm Sunday, April 8th. Griffiss is a SAC ("Strategic" Air Command) base and therefore stockpiles nuclear weapons. The vigil is looked at as a low-key ongoing presence against nuclear madness. Everyone is urged to attend the next vigil on Sunday July 1st. 3:30-4:30pm at the same gate. For a ride or more info call Tom Boudreau 469-5231 or AFSC 475-9469.

REAL "NORMA RAE" FIGHTING

J. P. STEVENS

If you've seen or heard about the widely acclaimed movie "Norma Rae", you're aware of the superb performance by Sally Field of a Southern cotton mill worker trying to organize a union in the face of vicious and illegal resistance by a powerful textile company.

"Norma Rae", as perhaps you didn't know, is based on the lives and experiences of textile workers in the South who have been waging a 16-year battle for justice against J.P. Stevens & Co. - the nation's second largest textile firm and one of the most notorious union-busters and labor scofflaws in history.

"Norma Rae" parallels the real-life struggle at 83 J.P. Stevens plants employing more than 40,000 men and women. The union election victory at the conclusion of the film also had its real-life parallel in the August 1974 vote at Roanoke Rapids, but the "Hollywood happy ending", even in a film as realistic as "Norma Rae" was only an encouraging episode in the lives of real textile workers. The Roanoke Rapids workers still don't have a contract almost five years after the union elections!

J.P. Stevens workers are determined to win their rights and benefits most American workers take for granted, but they need your help. People in all 50 states and Canada are pledging not to buy J.P. Stevens products, and to support the growing consumer boycott of those products until the Stevens workers' REAL victory is won.

Locally, the Stevens boycott is entering a stage of increased activity. For details and more info, call SPC 472-5478



April 30, 1979 in downtown Syracuse. Part of SPC's vigil line commemorating the 4th Anniversary of the end of the Viet Nam war. Photo by Mima Cataldo.

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TRAINING PROGRAM FOR ORGANIZERS: June 16-19, 1979; and August 11-24, 1979. Sponsored by War Resisters League, 339 Lafayette St., NYC 10012. Or call SPC for more information.

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10	SPC worker Gary Wein-stein speaks on Channel 3 TV show "Community". Nuclear power issue. 9am. Kendall Jackson/salongo Westcott Cafe, 9 p.m. "Live music!"	11	"Contemp. Social Change Movements" talk by Dudley Weeks at 7:30pm in Founder's Room (SU) call 423-3878 for details.	12	SPC Steering Committee meeting. Potluck supper at 6 and meeting at 7:30 1009 Cumberland Ave.	13	Outrageous! Gifford Aud., 7 & 9:30 Every Wed. morning. Coffee hour 10-12. Women's INFO, 601 Allen St. 478-4636.	14	June 12-26 is intensive work time for 1980 People Energy Calendar. To help call DK at 472-5478	15	OUTRAGEOUS! Showing at 8:30pm at Laurel Tree (201 Hawley Ave.) 92. Co-sponsored by the Gay Light & SPC. Film: Incident at Brown's Ferry. Low Life Cafe in Oswego. 9pm. 343-2391	16	Seneca Falls Women's 1/6 History Conference at Elmira College. To register call 682-7088. GAY LIBERATION RALLY 3-5:30pm at Federal Bldg. on Clinton St. Children's Theatre: "Animal Crackers" United. Low Life Cafe. 10:30pm.
17	GAY PRIDE ACTIVITIES 4-7pm picnic, 7pm Gay Pride Service, 8:30pm Candlelight March. Grace Episc- copal Church.	18	Greater Syracuse NOW meeting. Call 472-4200 for details.	19	Word is Out Gifford Aud., 7 & 9:30pm Copy Deadline July PNL	20	Human Rights Coalition Meeting, May Memorial Church (3800 E. Genesee) 7:30pm.	21	Scott Reagan at Low Life Cafe, Oswego. 9pm. 343-2391	22	Andy Cohen at Low Life Cafe, Oswego. 9pm. 343-2391	23	SPC Garage Sale (see Adj)
24	CHRISTOPHER STREET LIBERATION DAY PARADE NYC Scott Reagan at the Cafe	25	EVERY WED. THRU THE SUMMER AT 7 & 9:30 - NYS FILMS. (see page 21)	26	A Thousand Crowns Gifford Aud., 7 & 9:30pm	27	A POLICE BRUTALITY HOTLINE, 471-6839, is now in Syracuse. A central source for collecting such information and acting on it!	28	Summer Solstice	29	Gary Melnick at Low Life Cafe, Oswego. 9pm. HAVE RECYCLABLES?? drop 'em off behind the Women's INFO(601 Allen) or call Carol for pick-up 457-0391	30	
JULY 1	Yolanda Fundora and Barb Dunn at the Westcott Cafe Bismarck Vigil at Gardis AFB, Rome, NY. 3:30-4:30pm. Call Fig Tree Fellowship 469-5231 or 475-9469 for ride and info.	2	Typing, lay-out, paste-up for July PNL. Come & help	3	Typing, lay-out, paste-up for July PNL THE BIG PUSH	4	Independence Day RALLY AT WEST VALLEY! Call SPC 472-5478 for further info. MARK A Night at the Opera Gifford Aud., 7 & 9:30pm.	5					

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RHODESIA: WHAT NOW?

The convoy of 31 buses, each overflowing with chanting celebrants, slowly passed, its gleaming headlights illuminating the road. The diminutive man who stood on the veranda. Bishop Abel Muzorewa acknowledged the tribute with a two-fisted salute, then went inside to await the next celebration. The results had come in Rhodesia's first democratic election. Muzorewa was savored as his new Prime Minister-designate of the Zimbabwe-Rhodesia.

In Washington the mood was different. Secretary of State Alexander Haig was hunched over the table in the Senate hearing room, looking defensive. It was "premature" to discuss the fairness of Rhodesia's election, he said, and he warned that the U.S. would not begin trading with Rhodesia. Vance said—adding that the president would act "in total good faith."

Muzorewa's election put the administration in a quandary. From the time he took office, Carter decreed that the U.S. would not trade with Black Africa countries.



primarily... policy... rule in... involving all... list rebels who... Rhodesia's peace... disputed...

son's foreign... main... battles," said one Carter aide.

One question that U.S. policymakers grappled with was whether Muzorewa's victory was legitimate. There was disagreement on that subject. In interviews with NEWSWEEK (page 46), conservative Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina argued that the vote was fair, while the Administration's point man on African policy, U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young, raised doubts. In Rhodesia itself, the Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole, who ran a poor second in the voting, complained of "gross irregularities" and demanded an investigation. Many observers agreed that Sithole was simply a sore loser.

The U.S. was sifting reports that hundreds of backers of guerrilla leaders Mugabe and Nkomo were arrested for trying to organize an election boycott.

UD: There also were reports of vote exceeding 100 per cent of eligible voters in two provinces. And a British observer in Salisbury, Lord Chitnis, complained that Rhodesian troops and white employers had pressured many blacks to vote in order to prove to the world that the election was popular. "The one factor that should not be taken into account is that this is a fair and free election," said Chitnis. "It wasn't. It was a fraud."

For whatever reasons, 64.5 per cent c

DON'T BELIEVE A WORD OF IT!!
 See "Zimbabwe - Rhodesia: No Real Freedom" pp. 11-14.

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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 progressive social change and to overcome our sense of powerlessness thru mutual support.

We feel that education, agitation and 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 and the three collectives that work out of the SPC office: the program staff, the SPC Press, and The Front Room Bookstore.

SPC Summer's Evenings Potlucks

Witnesses to Tyranny

Monday, July 9

John and Sally Brule, SPC activists (and dear friends), share their first-hand account of this past year in the Philippines. US involvement, the effect of multi-nationals, militarism, nukes, Marcos & life under martial law are all packed into this personal provocative (and entertaining) presentation. (slides)

Crunching Nestle's Quik

Monday, July 23

This evening's program kicks off a local campaign around the Nestle Boycott. Featured will be the showing of "Bottle Babies", a documentary filmed in Nairobi and Kenya, an infant formula abuse. The film starkly details the conflict between babies who need good milk and corporations who want higher profits.



IMPACT

Thornden Park (Beech St. Entrance) 6:30 potluck 7:30 program

Place settings provided. Inside space will be available in case of rain. Call SPC for this info.
Syracuse Peace Council 924 Burnet Ave. Syracuse, NY 13203 (315)472-5478

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SPC Treading Water- Help Us Get To Shore!

Many thanks to those of you who responded to our Spring fund appeal and to the request for contributions in our last PNL. It's truly buoying to get the support that we know is out there and that we know we deserve.

From one perspective our finances are doing ok. In the past year we've been able to arrest the backslide and keep pace with our \$9,000 debt (ie: the debt hasn't grown any larger.)

We see this as a phenomenal achievement. Making ends meet on our bare bones budget with labor and time intensive fund raising schemes is nothing short of grueling.

But it's hard to find solace in this perspective, because reality stares us in the face -- our \$9,000 debt won't go away if we just blink long enough and hard enough. Most of this sum is being shouldered by the

four SPC staff persons, whose salaries are in arrears on the average nine months apiece.

It's not that we pay bills rather than salaries just so that we can make our readers feel sorry for us. Faced with the choice, it's the only way we can keep operating.

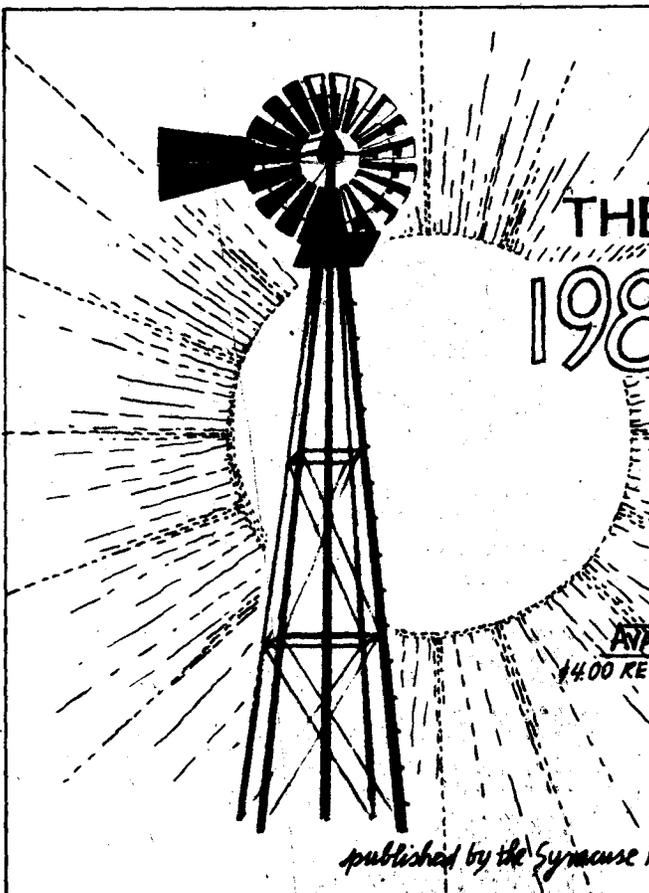
One giant step that we are making in an attempt to escape this awful burden you can read about below -- the 1980 People's Energy Calendar. If we sell out of this calendar (as we did of last year's) we stand to make a lot of money. But this project is enormous and scary. The run is much larger (10,000 as opposed to 3,000), we're borrowing a sum almost as large as our debt in order to finance it, and the project will be draining already scarce staff time away from our normal office maintenance functions.

On a heartening note, you should know that there's been a momentous surge of activity in the SPC house this summer. Apart from the four people in the staff collective, eleven people are coming in on a regular schedule, and many more randomly to do office work!

One way or another, please become part of this enthusiasm. Come in the office to see what you can do to help out, or send a contribution our way.

Help us do the work that must get done.

- William Sunderlin
for the SPC staff



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Letters

Greetings -

Enclosing a copy of a page out of Thomas Paine's Rights of Man which I came across the other evening. A response to Edmund Burke's criticism of the French Revolution, the passage denounces the idea that one age of people have any right to "bind" the ages that are to follow. While speaking here of governmental institutions, the principle can be easily extended to apply to the issue of nuclear waste production—do we, in order to meet present day "needs", have the right to pollute (time and space) thousands of years of human future? You and I say "no!" and Paine, who personified more than any other single individual all that the American Revolution was meant to become, would appear to support us.

I have seen in the NEWSLETTER a quote from Jefferson along this same line, and thought perhaps you might be able to put Paine to the same good use.

The page is copied from The Life And Major Writings of Thomas Paine edited by Philip S. Foner, 1948 and 1974, Citadel Press. Foner's analysis of history in the biographical section and his introductions to the essays are very working class oriented. Also makes this an excellent work for anyone interested in Paine's (and Jefferson's) views on human rights as opposed to property rights, which is one of the larger questions looming behind the nuclear issue. As an example, Foner cites Jefferson in a letter from 1787:

"Whenever there are in a country incultivated lands and unemployed poor, it is clear that the laws of property have been so far extended as to violate the natural right. The earth is given as a common stock, for man to labor and live on."

Keep up the fine work. Look forward to my NEWSLETTER each month. One minor complaint—all the coming events are past history by the time I get mine. Would have liked to be in Oswego this past weekend but didn't get my paper until the day before. Went to school there, have friends I like to haunt (one now works at Nine Mile II). Prompter notice of major events appreciated.

So, NO NUKES, and here's to the day we can all get together and dance on their graves.

Don Wienk

Sehkon;

I finally got a chance to drop off these books. I hope you can use them in the SPC Front Room Bookstore.

I appreciate the work you have done in covering aspects of the Native struggle and hope that you will continue to publish articles on Native issues.

Finally, for this donation, could you send me a subscription to the SPC Newsletter? Thank-you.

Keep up the good work.

Onen,
Louis T. Cook

Dear SPC,

The 35 people who attended our last vigil in a cold drizzle learned that the Griffiss Base in Rome, N.Y. will be the first SAC base to install CRUISE MISSILES! This represents a serious escalation of the arms race here in upstate New York.

The July 1 vigil is scheduled near Independence Day to remind us of the need to defend our freedom from the insecurity of the arms race. Before 1776 the country's security was in jeopardy to the British, now it's in jeopardy to the threat of nuclear annihilation.

The style of the vigil will be silent—however, there will be an opening and closing prayer. We do have permission from the commanding officer of the base, so we are not trespassing. He prefers that we would not be there (he says he's working for peaceto), but it is a citizen's privilege to be in a vigil at the gate if one wants to.

This about says it all about our vigil at the Rome Air Force base. If people need more info, call the AFSC at 475-4822.

Ruth Mueller

Dear William, Chris, Deborah,
Corinne,
Trust your vacation was fun and relaxing, William.

Deborah, I read your fine review of The Deerhunter in Clergy and Laity Concerned, or was it in WIN?

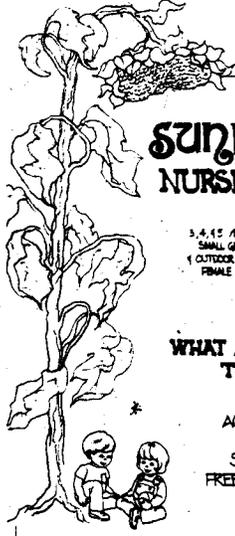
Chris, please send me about 300 brochures immediately for leafletting regarding Nestles. Would like cards also listing products to boycott. Drugstore here in Old Forge is boycotting Nestles! Owner told salesman not to bring anymore Nestles products 'till company changes its sales practices.

Rosa and I plan to go to Saratoga Arts Center a couple of times this summer and will leaflet there at the restaurants which are run by Stauffer's, a subsidiary of Nestles.

Good to see Utica area folks becoming more active in anti-nuclear struggle (they mention how much help SPC folks have been to them).

Corinne, I'm enclosing my July pledge.

Peace,
Cynthia



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And the Folks Are Doin' It!

They were more than we had even hoped for and you know how optimistic we are! Our June Workshop Days: Anti-nuke Projects for People were extremely well attended by half old and half new and equally high-spirited people.

Workshop Day I: "What Can I Do?" saw over 50 people (people came from Binghamton, Ithaca and Oswego) maintain an amazing level of enthusiasm on a scorching Sunday afternoon, as they participated in workshops offered on ten different topics. In addition to 5 new ongoing projects that were created, sessions were also held on the Waste Campaign, Evacuation, Conservation and Monitoring the Media.

The following week at "How Do I Do It?", 25 people shared skills in workshops that included The Art of Propaganda, Group Process, Speaking Your Mind, and Demystifying the Media.

We feel that this organizing scheme was a wonderful way to help people develop their own projects. We'll do it again and we'll help you organize something similar in your town.

The Workshop Days only initiated the projects. You can join any time. The names & numbers of convenors are listed right over there ----



photos by Steve Williams

Rate Strike Campaign

A core committee was formed from Workshop I to launch a ratepayers' strike in protest of Niagara Mohawk's increasing use of nuclear power. This daring campaign needs you! All willing people are invited to help organize this educational/out-reach/direct action project. The goal is 500 withholding households. First meeting was June 27th. For info on next meeting, call Gary at 472-5478.

Film/Slideshow Committee

The Film/Slideshow Workshop was attended by folks who are eager to see SPC become a film resource for central NY on the nuclear issue. They will purchase films and rent them to community groups for a small fee. Several participants at the "Speaking Your Mind" Workshop expressed interest in working with the committee to provide speakers. Anyone interested in the Film or Speakers' Committee, call Linda at 472-5478. Next meeting is at 116 Redfield Place, Friday, June 29, 5 pm.

Municipal Power Campaign

On the road to taking control of our energy future out of Niagara Mohawk's hands, activists are laying foundations for a municipal power campaign. Newcomers are welcome to take part in the research presently underway. The summertime goal is to formulate an educational program and leaflet. Next meeting is Thursday, July 26, 7:30 at 534 Westmoreland Ave. Call Sue at 476-0887 for info.

"But you like the electricity, don't you?"

or How to talk to friends & co-workers

The "How to talk to..." Workshop-goers hope to improve their ability to discuss nuclear power and the energy crisis by sharing experiences and role playing situations. The group stresses the How-to of talking with friends, neighbors and co-workers. You don't have to be an expert! Come to 116 Redfield Place on Thurs. July 11 at 7:30 pm if you'd like to form a support group with us. Contact Glenda at 472-5478 for more info.

De-making our Kids

This workshop produced a group of people who have decided to counter the information provided by Niagara Mohawk to elementary and high school students. Resources from the Film/Slideshow and Speakers' Committees will be offered. During the summer contacts are being made with the schools. The committee appeals to any teachers who are interested in using these materials to contact them. To find out next meeting date, contact Art Wilm at 474-0297.

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ART FOR PEOPLE AND CHANGE

An exciting new resource produced by SPC for the U.N.'s International Year of the Child. Designed by artist and activist Bonnie Acker, it's taken from the People's Energy 1979 calendar. The colors used in the calendar, however, have been changed and brightened. Printed by Glad Day Press. The poster gives the same energy movement a tool for inserting some politics into Year of the Child activities in local areas. It can also raise some money for local groups as it's available at 40% off on orders of 8 or more.



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Blackwell

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Libby's: Stouffer frozen
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Soups: Crosse and Blackwell

Hotels and Restaurants

Stouffer: Rusty Scupper

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In Asia, Africa and Latin America, over 10 million babies fed on infant formula suffer "bottle baby disease"--diarrhea, malnutrition, brain damage and even death--every year. Nestle's unethical promotion has made it the world's leading seller of baby formula in developing countries, where misuse is inevitable.

For more information call SPC 472-5478.



Columbus Circle, Syracuse June 3, 1979 International Day of Protest Against Nuclear Power.

New faces and old, over one hundred turned out to the June 3rd vigil in show of solidarity with the thousands around the world protesting nuclear power and weapons. Join us again in August.

Photo by
Steve Winick



Three Mile Island: Silent Catastrophe

First the utility representatives were heard saying that no one would be hurt or killed by the accident at the Three Mile Island nuclear plant. Then HEW Secretary Joseph Califano said that at most one person will have died as a result of radioactive emissions resulting from the accident. Soon after officials revised their figures allowing that there might be several victims...

All along, nuclear critics have been pointing out that these casualty figures are based on slanted interpretations of radiation dose/effect models, and on the amount of radiation that was known to have been released; they added that in all probability much more was released than was detected.

On June 21, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) admitted that it will never know how much radiation escaped from the plant because the levels exceeded the ability of the plant instruments to measure them.

Dr. Ernest Sternglass, professor of radiological physics at the Univ. of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, contends that the NRC has underestimated the toll from known radiation releases by a factor perhaps as high as 130. Says Dr. Sternglass, "...The NRC reported only the external gamma radiation doses received from passing clouds of radioactive gases. It failed to calculate the total and most damaging dose received by organs and bones from inhalation of fission gases... If the unreported exposure from inhalation is also considered, 300 to 2,500 cancers may develop in the next 20 years."

Dr. Paul Milvy, professor of medicine at the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, aptly describes the insidious nature of nuclear death -- "...Twenty-five years from now these deaths will go completely unnoticed. Still, these are real men, women, and children. And the deaths will be real."

NRC Hides Zirconium Problem

During the Three Mile Island crisis, Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) officials said that they were at a loss for how to explain the formation of the hydrogen bubble inside the reactor core. As it turns out, the reasons for the bubble formation were clear and obvious, but the NRC chose to appear perplexed because the bubble was caused by a defect that is shared by more than one hundred commercial and research reactors in the U.S.

The bubble was caused by the interaction of high temperature steam with the zirconium alloy cladding of the fuel elements in the reactor core;



the elements were exposed to the steam by the loss of reactor coolant. For the NRC to have been candid about this fact would have been to accentuate fears of nuclear power at a time when they could ill afford to do so.

All water-cooled reactors have zirconium cladding and, as retired Westinghouse research scientist Earl Guldransen put it: "There appears to be no way to overcome the inherent material problems associated with zirconium alloys and the current design of the reactor."

Physicist Daniel Pisello, who is leading the attempt to expose the NRC cover-up, points out that the zirconium problem has been known for decades, and that explanations of the problem are commonly available in nuclear engineering textbooks. (In These Times)

DOE Weaponst

It's bad enough that the 1980 defense budget will be consuming a staggering \$125.8 billion of the total \$532 billion federal budget. But consider that this compares with

\$8.4 billion for the 1980 Department of Energy (DOE) budget, and that more than a third of this amount will go to defense!

\$3 billion of the DOE budget will be spent on such things as research, development, and production of tactical and strategic nuclear warheads, the cruise and MX missiles, and research on a new abomination called the particle beam weapon.

While 1980 DOE budget allocations for conservation and energy technology research have declined from 1979 figures, the budget will show a 12% boost in defense spending.

(Coalition for a New Foreign and Military Policy)

Solar Satellite

The Citizens' Energy Project is organizing citizen reaction to the solar power satellite plan now being promoted by aerospace, military, and energy corporation lobbies. The plan calls for mammoth solar collectors to be lifted into orbit. There, they would absorb solar energy and convert it to dangerous microwave radiation for beaming to earth ground stations. At the earth's surface, the microwaves would be converted into electricity and distributed through existing power grids.

The satellite plan has many drawbacks. It carries a multi-billion dollar price tag, could be used for military purposes and poses a potential health threat should its microwave beam strike populated areas.

CEP is looking for citizens and groups that would be interested in reviewing summaries of federal studies of the proposal. The DOE is running a three-year assessment of the plan, and has asked CEP to gather citizen input.

Citizen's Energy Project
1413 K St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Words to Remember....

Niagara Mohawk Pres. John Haehl addressing NiMo annual stockholders' meeting on May 1, 1979:

"... I am pleased to report that earnings per share for the first quarter of 1979 rose to 86¢, compared with 78¢ for the same period a year ago. The principal reasons for the improvement were rate increases previously received and higher sales, stimulated in part by colder-than-normal weather."

Niagara Mohawk's New Clothing

by Gary Weinstein

"You want to probe deep inside the utility's operations and to understand its inner logic so you can grasp its real weaknesses. Remember the truth is on your side; you don't need to stretch the facts to establish a utility's irresponsibility and greed." (Bob Hall, "Investigating Your Local Utility", Southern Exposure; 1973)

"But he hasn't any clothes on!" shouted the whole town at last. And the emperor had a creepy feeling because it began to dawn on him that the people were right..."

Hans C. Anderson, The Emperor's New Clothes.

This article probes deeply into Niagara Mohawk, Upstate New York's largest energy utility. What investigation reveals is a power structure of interlocking banks, corporations, insurance and holding companies. A host of powerful characters are likewise identified whose activities represent the covert motivation of the utility, largely unbeknownst to the public.

Maximizing Profit

What are the reasons behind NiMo's elaborate relations with so many parties? In our capitalist economic system profit-making is the life-blood and adrenalin of corporations. We have too long acquiesced to this fact as though it were a law of nature. The numbness we feel toward the criminality of profit-making may be the numbness that destroys us; the roots of nuclear power lie in the fantastic profits that NiMo once envisioned reaping.

Profit-making is based on the illusion of gaining 'something for nothing.' Ratepayers pay more for electricity than it costs to produce while the excess of capital is used to strengthen that very same system. The conditions necessary for this to occur are the ownership and control by a very few of the means to generate electricity that meets the needs of the many. In this case NiMo has sole control over our life-support systems of heating, lighting and power. Once momentum is gained in profiteering, a qualitative change occurs where the motive is no longer merely gaining profit but maximizing profit. As Fitch points out, "The purpose of Niagara Mohawk is to earn maximum profits, not to provide jobs, heat customers homes or turn lathes in factories."¹

Gary Weinstein has rarely enjoyed research so much as in doing this article. He does not make \$150,000 a year.

It must be further understood that NiMo is a monopoly by design. Competition between utilities for the delivery of a vital service is not viable as it would result for example, in numerous sets of utility poles instead of one. Therefore utilities are granted exclusive rights to service areas. The state then is obliged to 'regulate' their profit-making: guaranteeing a certain rate of profit, while supposedly limiting the upper bounds of that profit.

A tense situation is created between regulation & maximization of profit. The result is an institutional/corporate structure that constantly twists and wrestles to alleviate this tension in favor of the utilities...

Covert Connections

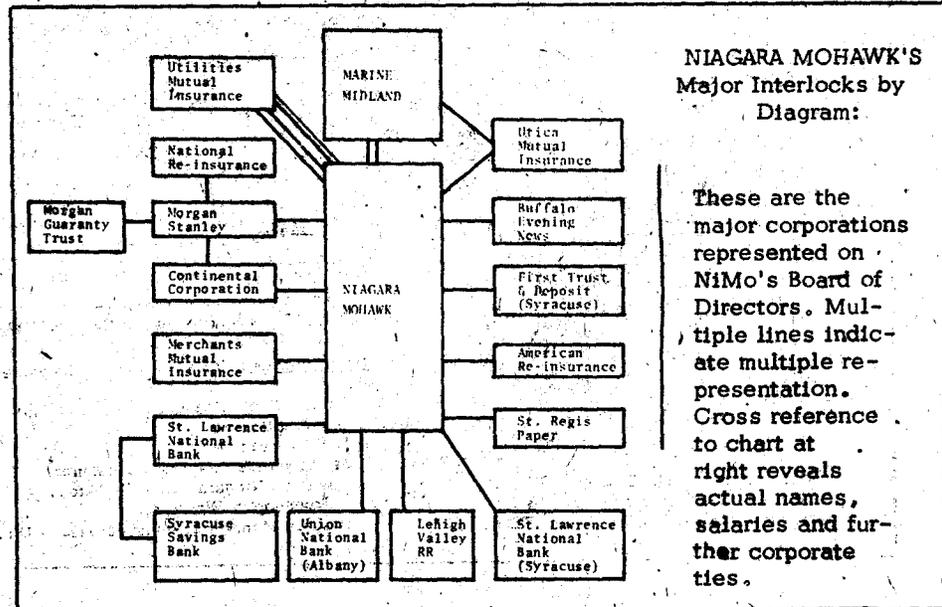
Niagara Mohawk requires major bank connections to finance their operations. This financing does not come without strings attached. Marine Midland is the largest stockholder in NiMo with close to one million shares (or 2.7%). Potential withdrawal or selling of stock ownership is a constant means by which banks maintain a hold on utility policy, so that while Marine Midland does not have a controlling interest, their influence is always

strong. NiMo corporate decisions are always at least partially decisions with MM in mind.

Morgan Guaranty Trust is NiMo's tie to the N.Y.C. banking establishment. Morgan Guaranty is the largest U.S. bank in terms of trust assets, and considered by some the most prestigious in the world.² Morgan Guaranty has over 360 vice presidents.

Morgan Guaranty is in the business of leasing equipment to utilities. This is profitable for the bank and more costly to the utility than purchasing the same equipment. NiMo makes this choice for its payoffs in terms of MGT's financial backing. J.P. Morgan founded General Electric, now a billion-dollar a year profit corporation, second in the manufacturing of nuclear power plants. The Morgan-G.E. interlock remains intact today.

These complex inside dealings consistently enhance the 'health' of the institutions involved to the increasing detriment of the ratepayers. As one author puts it, "A given utility may be striving to maximize profits for itself, Chase Manhattan Bank, G.E. and Atlantic Richfield all at the same time. Of course the public is in no way represented."³



Create your own insurance company and then charge your own premiums... Is that why four Niagara Mohawk officers (see chart) are members of Utilities Mutual Insurance Co. (UMIC), a thirty 'employee' company composed mostly of utility executives from NJ, NY and PA?? NiMo's very own John Haehl is the president, while Walter Creitz of Metropolitan Edison (owners of the Three Mile Island disaster) and William Lyons of N.Y.S Electric and Gas are vice presidents. One has to wonder what possible panic UMIC and NiMo feel with their tie to Met. Ed.

NiMo is tied to at least seven insurance companies. They may serve as back-up financing in case of accidents and disasters, covering the initial costs for which the utilities are responsible. What benefits that NiMo officers receive from being 'employed' by these companies is curious.

NiMo in Texas

By-passing inter-state trade regulations has allowed NiMo to form a 50/50 partnership with U.S. Steel in a uranium mining and milling operation in eastern Texas called Niagara Mohawk Uranium. U.S.S., the 15th largest corporation in the nation, is the operator of this extra-ordinary mine which NiMo claims is the largest of its kind in the world. An "in-situ leaching" process, it involves massive drilling of wells and disruption and poisoning of the water table while millions of tons of uranium-rich sand are sucked out of the ground.

It was long ago noted that capitalism in its highest form develops into imperialism, the acquisition and domination of undeveloped lands.⁵ This applies perfectly to NiMo. With a direct uranium supply to fuel its reactors, NiMo is that much 'healthier' a corporation. Ratepayers are unwittingly dragged into this; there is evidence that a large percentage of NiMo's 1977 rate hike went to financing their purchase of this 50% partnership.⁶

The State Public Service Commission is set up to regulate the state's monopoly utilities. The cost of operating the PSC is borne by the utility companies it regulates.⁷

A recent challenge to the PSC's ability to control the state utilities took the form of ESPRI (Empire State Power Resources Inc.). This multi-billion dollar autonomous corporation is the dream of the state's seven utilities as a means of generating capital to finance the construction of a planned 13 nuclear reactors. ESPRI would be regulated by federal rather than state authorities and would have automatic rate hike mechanisms; in short, a monstrous super-utility that would supercede all familiar forms of regulation. As one can see, NiMo officers have a significant role to play in the formation of ESPRI, as they serve in significant positions.

Stock ownership is the scorecard of investors and their degree of control in NiMo. True to style, much of the

stock sits in holding companies with 'dummy' names, making them hard to trace.

31% of NiMo stock is controlled by a mere 51 parties; an average of 340,000 shares apiece. The remaining 204,048 shareholders (with an average of 200 shares apiece) of the 204,099 have almost no say in NiMo's energy decisions.

Conclusions

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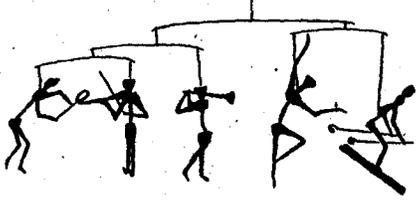
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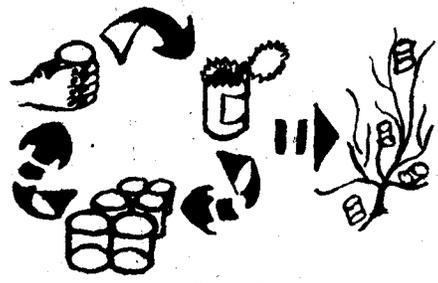
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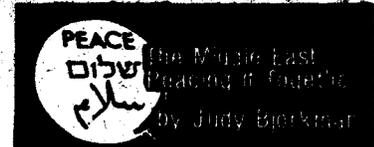
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MOVING ON THE MIDDLE EAST Part 2

by Judy Bjorkman



Part II (Continued from June PNL)

Last month, I began an analysis of an article by Mark Solomon on the American peace movement and its responses to the Middle East conflict. Until 1967 and even after, that response generally was characterized by "near-total silence." Beginning with AFSC's pioneering study in 1970, other peace groups have emerged with position papers and some activism. Solomon decries the lack of an analysis which would use imperialism as a tool for understanding the Middle East conflict, rather than focussing on the conflicting claims of the peoples in the region. He describes the basic responsibility of the peace movement as "the Middle East policy of the government that acted in the name of the American people."

Much of what Solomon writes, I find resonating with my own thinking and experiences in working on Middle East issues. His analysis of Camp David -- that it is built upon denial of genuine Palestinian self-determination, and is thus a "testament to the unwillingness of the U.S. to foster regional stability and decrease the danger of a world war" -- parallels my own.

But I find questionable his major critique of the peace movement, that

they have failed to achieve a mass audience. Solomon acknowledges that some major reasons for this failure are "the external pressures and resources arrayed against them by pro-Zionists and others," and points to the need for a substantive political analysis based on the political forces at work in the world and the region.

Though a more substantive political analysis is certainly desirable, it is, in my opinion, not likely to be helpful in achieving a mass audience, due to several factors. First of all, unlike Viet Nam, about which few Americans had opinions or information, the Middle East is already slightly "known" by millions of Americans (primarily as the Land of the Bible) in ways which can make them less receptive to political analyses. Second, any failure to achieve a mass audience is related to the amount of staff time and priority assigned by the peace movement to this issue. Third, the chronic difficulty of Middle East work is finding a credible action project around which to do educating, organizing, and activating. Fourth, a political analysis which casts the U.S. only in the role of chief villain (regardless of how true that may be), while simultaneously failing to consider Soviet aspirations in the area (re-

gardless of how modest and relatively less successful they may be) is going to find tough sledding in a mass audience.

Nevertheless, it is clear to me that the peace movement does need to "get its act together" on Middle East issues, and there are some hopeful signs. At AFSC's recent national conference on the Middle East, the point was well-made that it is time to stop treating the Middle East as an issue in isolation from others. Whenever arms sales, disarmament, the draft, human rights, environmental concerns, and racism in all its forms (both anti-Arab and anti-Jewish) are under discussion, the Middle East component of these issues needs to be included. For example, to decry U.S. arms sales and not also point out that in 1978, \$9.7 billion (= 70% of our arms sales) went to the Middle East, is bizarre. To allow \$4.8 billion for additional armaments to accompany the Egyptian-Israeli "peace" treaty, and raise no outcry, is strange indeed, particularly in light of how very unhelpful the Shah of Iran finally found all his armaments to be.

I sense that AFSC, while not rejecting an analysis of the conflict which uses imperialism as a focus, will still continue to talk in terms of reconciling the conflicting claims of the peoples of the region. One of the reasons for this is that AFSC has on-going work with both Israeli Jews and Palestinian Arabs, and has since 1948. In this respect, it is unique among peace groups. Even the denominations with self-development projects in the Middle East work mostly with Arabs (not Israeli Jews). Because of these experiences, AFSC feels a responsibility to continue to deal with the needs and fears of the peoples who live in the Middle East.

It is my hope that Solomon's article could further stimulate the coming of the long-overdue and long-needed discussion within the peace movement of a viable and through-going analysis of the Middle East conflict and of how best to work for peace and justice there.

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"BUT DON'T USE THEM!"

Yedid Amigot

Zimbabwe: Elections But No Real Freedom

The Case-Javits Amendment to the International Security Assistance Act 1978 requires President Carter to lift the economic sanctions imposed by the United Nations Security Council in 1968 against the illegal regime in Rhodesia if the following political conditions are met:

1. If he determines that the government was elected in a free and fair election, in which all political and population groups have been allowed to participate freely with observation by impartial internationally recognized observers.
2. If the current government is willing to negotiate in good faith at all parties' conferences held under international auspices, on all relevant issues.

The aim of this article is to demonstrate to the people as well as the leadership in the United States that none of the above conditions have been met and to suggest that the current demand by some members of the US Congress to President Carter to lift sanctions against Zimbabwe-Rhodesia is premature, unwarranted, and contrary to the principles of the Case-Javits Amendment.

First of all, universally free elections mean an electoral process based on a democratic constitution and conducted under objective conditions that guarantee genuine choice. The April elections in Rhodesia did not meet this test. Any election that arbitrarily set aside 28% of the parliamentary seats for 3.5% of the population solely on the basis of color cannot be characterized as free and fair. Indeed the election failed to meet the basic democratic requirement of 'one-man-one-vote' and established instead multi-racialism -- a principle repugnant to democratic practice and theory.

Second, the constitution under which the recent elections were held was written by Ian Smith (and

Reverend Ndabaningi Sithole

Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole who is a cleric by profession was partially instrumental in the creation of the successive, anti-colonial, nationalist movements from the late '50s to early '70s in Zimbabwe. He held prominent positions in the National Democratic Party, the Zimbabwe African Peoples' Union (ZAPU) and the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU). After having served as a president of ZANU for over ten years, Sithole was replaced by Gde. Robert Mugabe in 1974. Ever since his replacement and subsequent expulsion from ZANU, Sithole has steadily become extremely compromising with the settler government to the detriment of the masses of Zimbabwe. Accordingly, his drift from a nationalist position to a reactionary one reached its peak on March 3, 1978 when he signed the internal settlement accord which consolidates settler power in Zimbabwe. Although Sithole has disputed the results of the recent elections in Zimbabwe-Rhodesia, he has not, however, repudiated the principles embodied in the internal settlement accord.

his henchmen) and was later approved by less than one percent of the population, all of whom were white. It is therefore important to underline the fact that the document was approved through a highly exclusive referendum in which the majority of the population did not participate.

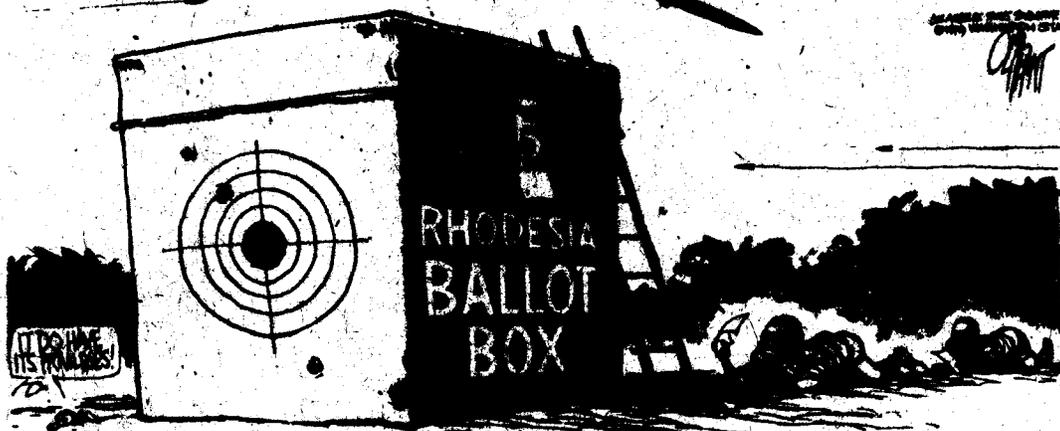
Third, free elections require voluntary participation by all political groups; it calls for freedom to campaign or offer significant opposing views to the people. But it is too often forgotten that political parties belonging to the Patriotic Front were banned in Rhodesia and their members legally forbidden to express their views before and during the elections. Today, more than 2,000 of their leading cadres are still languishing in prisons and detention camps.

Bishop Abel Muzorewa

He was a late-comer to the Zimbabwean political scene. His appearance, not altogether by accident, occurred in 1972 when he alone could effectively mobilize the masses in rejecting the British-inspired constitutional proposals through the Pearce Commission. His success at this point in time could be attributed to the existence of a political vacuum since all other political party leaders were in exile, and those within the country, were either detained or imprisoned. Nevertheless, this initial success propelled him further and further into the political arena until he became the President of the United African National Congress (UANAC) in the mid-'70s. Today, he is the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe-Rhodesia. But like Sithole, he has abandoned the people of Zimbabwe. Thus he too was one of the signatories of the internal settlement which, as has been noted elsewhere, perpetuates and consolidates settler power in Zimbabwe.

The continued incarceration of these dissidents proves that the Muzorewa Government, like its predecessor, continues to deprive the Zimbabweans of one of their inalienable rights.

Evidently, under such arbitrary and oppressive conditions, the majority of the people in Zimbabwe were unable to exercise their democratic right of choosing a truly representative government for which the Case-Javits Amendment was meant. Electing a truly representative government was impossible because (a) 87% of the country was and still is under martial law and (b) of the existence of private armies loyal to the internal settlement members which, according to a New York Times report, "roamed unrestrained in the rural areas, intimidating and



'IF THIS IS VOTING, WHY DID WE WANT IT SO BADLY?'

coercing Africans to vote for legitimization of this infamous Smith-Muzorewa-Sithole plot".

The Smith regime which seized power illegally in Rhodesia 13 years ago is giving pretense to the world, and to the US Congress in particular, that it has indeed changed heart. It was under this pretense that on March 3, the Smith regime signed with three puppet African leaders an accord which they claim will pave the way to black majority rule. The accord is as deceptive as the elections that were conducted under its guidance. The following analysis of the accord will prove us right.

The granting of the vote to the African majority has been a major stumbling block in previous negotiations and therefore the provisions for elections based on adult suffrage has been hailed by some observers as a significant concession. Although 72 out of 100 seats are reserved for Africans in the new assembly, these African assemblymen are a toothless body, powerless to make changes over areas protected by the entrenched provision. That is to say, the entrenched provision stipulates clearly that the 28 white members have veto power against amendments to any section of the constitution, no matter how detrimental to the African welfare. The universal suffrage therefore will give the appearance of

majority rule, but in actuality the power will be kept in the hands of the minority. Moreover, the new constitution is not designed to create political integration through which individual voters can choose national leaders but instead it enshrines race as the basis for the electoral process and the guarantee of political and economic privileges.

Specially Entrenched Provisions in the constitution number eight, and can only be amended by 78 votes. (Hence they can only be amended with white support.) They guarantee that present institutions of power remain intact -- the military, police, legal and economics. It should be noted that these are also the institutions that in the past have performed the most objectionable roles in the regime's terror operations, and therefore their activities must be expected to continue without restraints.

Among these Provisions are the declaration of Rights, which amounts to preservation of white privilege. As if it is not the Africans who have been the victims of minority oppression for the last 89 years, the document stipulates the protection of white property rights, which in return will make it extremely difficult for any new government to address itself to the problem of land redistribu-

tion, given that 4% of the population unjustly controls 50% of all the arable land.

In the Judicial System, the accord leaves the entire system intact. But many of the Judges and prosecutors are not only white, a majority of them were appointed after the declaration of the Unilateral Declaration of Independence in 1965, and have been complicit not only in sustaining the illegal regime, but also in practicing a judicial exercise which is devoid of justice and fairness. They have, contrary to any accepted legal process, sentenced black political fighters to death by secret hanging, and are particularly directly responsible for the inhuman security legislation and emergency regulations, including the Emergency Powers Act, the Law and Order (Maintenance) Act, and the Indemnity and Compensation Act. All of which are nothing but repressive measures to keep the majority of the people indefinitely oppressed and silent.

The Provision also creates a Police Service Commission that will be run by all white commissioners, who will be independent of the so-called Muzorewa government. This is the same organization that in the past has carried out acts of terror, torture, and murder in their now famous combined operation. Under the new system, the Muzorewa government

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does not have any constitutional powers to intervene in their decision-making, nor is he empowered to fire the undesirable members, which they all are. It is to these tormentors that the security of Africans will henceforth be entrusted.

The Public Service commission, also predominantly white in composition, will be left intact. This is the institution that has been responsible for implementing the country's discriminatory racist policies. It also is responsible for the so-called "protected villages", (Viet Nam's "strategic hamlets"), in which many blacks have been confined forcefully, and whose real functional intent is to keep the people from organizing together politically. These same civil servants are practically guaranteed their jobs as well as their pensions. Furthermore, payments are remittable abroad, which in time of world recession would create a major strain on the balance of payment in a country with an annual pension bill of approximately \$37 million.

Even after the appointment of Muzorewa as Prime Minister, the Smith Clique continues to direct the affairs of state through the cabinet, where

they occupy half of the cabinet positions. The other half is split two ways between Muzorewa-Sithole, even though the latter has boycotted his share because as he claims, the elections were rigged. Since the decisions are being made by majority votes, it also gives Smith the advantage of having to gain only one African vote to control the decision-making.

The above evidence should be enough to demonstrate that Smith has had no change of heart. To the contrary what they have changed are tactics. The military pain inflicted by the Patriotic Forces, the continuing economic disruption inflicted by the economic sanctions, the unfavorable world opinion towards the regime -- all have forced Smith's Rhodesian front to make some insignificant political concessions in order to safeguard and prolong the economic interest of the minority. Such interest of course cannot by any circumstances be considered compatible with the interests of the majority Zimbabweans. An imposed solution that does not include strong provisions to correct past economic grievances of the blacks, is not only a sham, but will increase the suffering, and help

to intensify the war, all of which could be avoided. But it would appear that Smith and his collaborators are determined to continue ignoring world opinion. So Smith's regime's cosmetic transformation could not be prevented by either world condemnation or civil war. But neither will more bitter warfare and economic strangulation be prevented by this deceptive transformation.

So what is the result of all this? If Congress lifts the sanctions, the US will be alone with South Africa in supplying money, goods and arms to another unpopular regime, whose main duty is to fight its own people. Backing Mr. Smith's scheme would be a serious obstruction of world opinion. It would also increase the political animosity between the United States and black Africa, particularly the "front line" states, whose support to the Patriotic Front is based on their knowledge that no hope for stability exists until the regime formed by Muzorewa-Smith is either displaced or forced to yield real power to the blacks. It would also discredit the United States without solving the crisis to the satisfaction of all involved, bringing

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neither majority rule or prospects for peace.

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Finally, since Americans claim to be a greater supporter of civil and human rights, how then can you in all good conscience explain rationally your support pertaining to the electoral process in one of the most repressive countries in the world.

You, as a responsible citizen of the US and the world can help prevent this. We strongly urge you to write or call your Senator or Congressman, to inform them that you are opposed to the current internal settlement, and therefore directly opposed to the lifting of economic sanctions in Rhodesia, until such a time as when the will of the majority will prevail.

Even as we go to press, a move that could have a far-reaching consequence for the new puppet regime of Muzorewa has already taken place. A senior member of Abel Muzorewa's Party announced on June 19 that he would form his own party. Eight members of the so-called National Assembly have already joined.

The announcement was made by James Chikerema, a former senior vice-president of Muzorewa's party who has long background in nationalist politics. He was for a long time an ally of Joshua Mkombozi, co-leader of the Patriotic Front. According to the Washington Post (June 21, 1979), the spokesperson for the new party (The Zimbabwe Democratic Party) said that they would "go to the cor-

ners of the earth to get peace in this country". And referring to Muzorewa's United African National Council, the spokesperson added that "those who have failed to unite a political party cannot succeed to unite the nation."

The emergence of the new party led by Chikerema will definitely complicate Muzorewa's efforts to deceive the international community opposed to the so-called internal settlement, that he represents a genuine majority rule. At the same time, it will add credibility to the Patriotic Front, who are opposed to anything less than a democratic representative government for the people of Zimbabwe. Their case of course has been strengthened by the fact that no Black African state has shown willingness to even listen to Muzorewa, let alone recognize the government. All of them are showing an unexpected degree of solidarity so far in rejecting this new puppet regime in Rhodesia. And for once, there seems to be a broad consensus bridging the usual moderate-radical split in African politics that no settlement in Rhodesia can be termed legitimate until the freedom fighters of the Patriotic Front led by Robert Mugabe and Joshua Nkomo respectively participate.



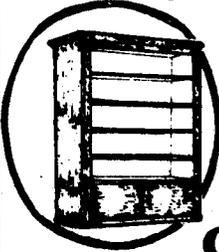
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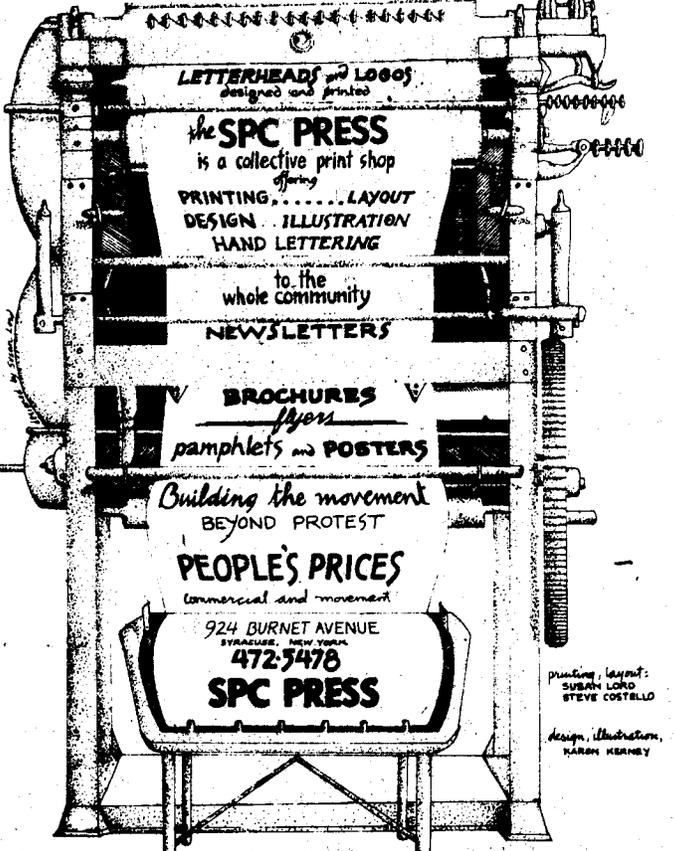


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Nicaragua and U.S. Intervention

NEW YORK (LNS)--U.S. intervention wasn't as noisy and dramatic as the invasion by U.S. Marines 14 years ago in the Dominican Republic. But intervention by any other name is still intervention, and when the US is playing the game, the stakes must be high.

In a letter to various U.S. senators, Father Miguel d'Escoto and Dr. Sergio Ramirez have decried the intervention which goes by the name of U.S. Hercules planes. The planes, which were sighted on May 30 and 31 along Nicaragua's Atlantic coast, are transporting arms, ammunition, and other military supplies to General Anastasio Somoza's National Guard from Howard Military Base in Panama. U.S. military assistance comes in the wake of a popular insurrection and general strike called by the Sandinista National Liberation Front (SNLF).

The U.S. State Department has "categorically dismissed" all allegations of intervention. Press Officer Mary Ann Bader told LNS that such reports were "totally erroneous" and that the "military program to Nicaragua was suspended some months ago." Asked how such reports could be gaining credibility, Bader replied, "I don't know where the press gets its news."

Though Nicaraguans and supporters in the U.S. do not flatter themselves with an imminent end to the 46 year-old Somoza dynasty, they have observed that Somoza and his friends in this country are nearing the end of their political tether. For example the Nicaraguan government has called on the Organization of American States (OAS) to invoke the "Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance," a pact written in 1947 which would inundate the Central American country with hundreds of "peace-keeping troops."

Somoza's End Near

In a change of political style, Somoza had earlier expressed willingness to open a "dialogue," with whom he would not say. But after the Sandinistas stepped up their activity, the multimillionaire did not eat humble pie for long. Seething, he called

for the emergency meeting of the OAS. Already El Salvador has, with Guatemala, sent C-47 planes equipped with troops, ammunition, and combat supplies.

Devastated by National Guard bombings in September 1978 and an earthquake in 1974, the government is still trying to dig itself out of the physical rubble and a compost of unpaid loans. Enter the International Monetary Fund. In late May, the IMF agreed to bolster the Somoza economy with a \$66 million loan, a purely non-political act of economic grace, it rationalized. The IMF's benevolence wasn't condoned in all quarters, not even by some members of the U.S. Congress. Forty-two Congresspersons recently told President Carter in a letter that the IMF loans would only "impede the resolution of (Nicaragua's) political and economic crisis."

Ramon Ortiz, who has worked with Nicaraguans on a movie about the Sandanistas, says that most news reports don't focus on the fact that the mountains have been essentially liberated for four or five years. When the National Guard released its salvos of repression last year killing over 5000 people, many urban dwellers fled to the mountains where they are now engaged in primitive-style industries making weapons and shoes and growing some food.

What makes this round of insurrection different from the one in September is the extent of popular support. Nine months ago when the Managua business community called for a general strike, people

were taken aback by the ferociousness of the National Guard's attack. Today, organized by the United People's Movement, (MPU) and the National Patriotic Front (FPN), Nicaraguans have formed neighborhood and defense committees, and strongly opposed the US-backed plebiscite earlier this year which would have taken Somoza out of the presidential chair while allowing him to retain economic power. (The Somoza family virtually owns Nicaragua textile, manufacturing, fishing, meat and yes, blood industries.) "All along the people ran to the Sandinistas as though they had been invited to a wedding," says Ortiz. "But now the people are not only politically supportive, but defensively ready too."

US policy makers are tugging nervously at their neckties, anguished over what possible course except intervention is in their deck of cards. Pleas that Somoza leave the presidency have long fallen on deaf ears; even pro-Somoza plebiscites find their appropriate places in a dusty government file cabinet. And the State Department's primary concern, according to the director of intelligence and research, is that the mounting violence might "transcend the limits of an internal conflict and affect the peace and tranquility of the whole of Central America."

In light of the devastation and an ongoing repression which has already left 3000 dead since January 1979, life for Nicaraguans is dire. They see no other option open except insurrection.

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The XYY Controversy

by SPC Science for the People Committee



In modern times, there is a growing tendency to blame socially deviant behaviour on "scientific" and extrasocial causes. Thus we find professors of sociobiology writing articles which claim to prove that aggression is genetic, and National Institute of Health funding studies which correlate 'criminality' with the XYY chromosome.

The underlying hypothesis in such activities is that the existing social order is just, and deviation from it is a sign of sickness. If the latter is also biological and not social in origin, then the social order and its rulers bear no blame for it. It is then like small pox or meningitis, and should be treated and controlled like lice in hair. This line of reasoning also tries to persuade the victims that their deviance is their fault alone and their punishment is hence just.

The notion that a male with an extra 'Y' chromosome (XYY as opposed to XY) is likely to develop anti-social or even criminal behaviour has already passed out of the realm of scientific research and into social and medical wisdom. But an increasing number of researchers are now challenging the original science: they say the link between XYY and criminal or anti-social behaviour is accidental rather than causal, and that psychiatric intervention is more likely to precipitate abnormal behaviour rather than to prevent it. The history of this field of 'research', as we shall see, is replete with biased, uncontrolled studies and extensive publicity for unfounded statements.

From the beginning of these researches, numerous flaws in the methodology of the studies and in their interpretations have been obvious. Pooling the results of about forty studies done in Europe, Australia and the US to prove the correlation between XYY and violent and anti-social behaviour in inmates of

mental-penal institutions, one researcher estimated 2% of the inmate population are XYY.

Since the initial studies suggested that XYY males tended to be taller than average, in 50% of these studies, only men over 6 feet tall were tested, thus making it difficult to tell whether XYY chromosome was associated with being in an institution or just with being tall. Very few studies have concerned themselves with the prevalence rates of XYY in the general population. For all we know, there may also be an increased incidence of XYY chromosome among men who are considered socially very productive!

It has been pointed out that chromosomal non-disjunction (aberration), leading to XYY karyotype, is increased among lower socio-economic groups. This may be due to nutritional deprivation, since the lower economic classes are represented in the prison population out of proportion to their numbers in the total population. The observed higher frequency of XYY's in prison may be the expected result without invoking behavioural effects of the extra Y chromosome. So this illustrates the point that the observed correlation between two characteristics in a particular setting can, in no way, be used to derive a cause-effect relationship.

When researchers report evidence of anti-social behaviour in XYY males, their criteria often range from the absurd (for example masturbation and homosexuality) to the ill-defined and subjective. The lack of any real criteria concerning these aspects in the published studies raises, of course, questions as to what is the appropriate control population. The answers to these queries may be found more in the social than in the genetic condition. An important question to ask is whether the supposed deviancy seen in certain XYY males is an inevitable result of neurological disorders caused by the extra Y chromosome or is rather due to an interaction of certain physical characteristics like extreme height and severe acne of certain XYY males with a particular social environment.

With so many undefined variables and such slender statistical data, a

scientific case for a correlation between possession of XYY chromosomes and criminal behaviour can not be established. There are also contradictory data to invalidate the relationship. For instance there is no consistent indication of violent and aggressive behaviour among XYY's. On the contrary, among all the inmates of the institutions, the XYY's show significantly fewer crimes against people compared with other inmates.

So a direct causal relationship between the XYY genetic character and supposed "socially deviant" behavior has not been demonstrated. Yet the idea that XYY males are doomed to a career of anti-social behaviour has taken hold in the medical and government communities and programs are underway to "remedy" the situation. For instance in at least two states in the US, Maryland and Massachusetts, adolescent males in the juvenile delinquency institutions have been screened for XYY chromosome without legal consent of the parents and the results are included in the boy's criminal records. In one institution, XYY inmates were treated with female sex hormones in an attempt to restore "normal behaviour."

Several prominent public and professional officials have proposed that all XYY males be immediately registered at birth in order to keep them under proper scrutiny over the years. Screening programs for newborn male infants are being done in maternity hospitals in Denver, New Haven and Boston in the US; Winnipeg and London in Canada; Edinburgh Scotland and in Denmark.

The pursuit of such studies and the publicity they receive help to reinforce a growing tendency to explain away the problems of society in terms of genes or biology of individuals. It is another illustration of using pseudo-science to back the current ideology of "blaming the victim". These arguments support the concept that it is not the deprived social conditions that generate social unrest and anti-social behaviour and hence social programs designed to eliminate inequality will not solve the problem. Only programs aimed at controlling the individual, it is said, will work.

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A PHILOSOPHICAL NOTE

Now that the sane energy struggle is becoming a mass-based movement we are beginning to see profiteer's moving in from all directions with their products. The best and most dangerous example is, perhaps, large corporations (frequently with government assistance) trying to capitalize on solar power. A Carrier-built solar collector is still inappropriate technology. Decentralized, worker-controlled production and installation is the answer.

In this vein we ask you to think about who you support when you buy your sane energy books and paraphernalia. The Front Room is small, non-profit, progressive and our survival is often tenuous. We know it's sometimes less convenient to shop here, but we hope you'll consider the point we've raised. [The same principle can apply to most goods you purchase.] We also want to thank everyone for your past support.

-Carol, Dik, Lois



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From John Gofman's IRREVVY

3rd Annual BOOK RECYCLING

Please start saving your unwanted books for The Front Room's great used book sale scheduled for September. If you need storage drop them by the SPC garage or give us a call, 472-5478, to pick them up. Also are you interested in working on the sale? Give us a call.

Songs of Freedom & Struggle III

by Barb Dunn and George Johnson

I don't have the riches of fortune
I don't have the riches of fame
But I do have the riches
of a few close friends
That I love to my name.

I don't tell them often enough
On how much I depend
On their love and belief
And their tears of belief
I have cried in their arms.

They are my brothers and sisters
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I have no children except for myself
They are my family.

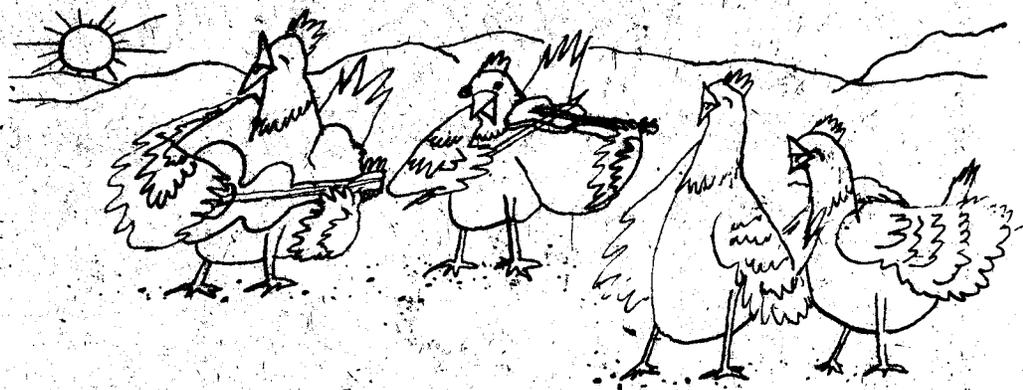
I Don't Have the Riches ©1978
by Julia Burrough

This June, sixty musicians came together at CNVA (Community for Non-Violent Action), a well-known conference center in Voluntown, Connecticut used by many alternative groups as a meeting/retreat space.

The purpose of this meeting, which brought together most of the political/topical musicians of the Northeast, was to share musical skills and experiences, and to continue our work together. We are building a network based on support and cooperation rather than commercial competition. We share our contacts with alternative communities/gigs, other musicians, the media, the recording industry, etc.

It was a beautiful weekend to be outside together, with the warm sun, ripe strawberries, full moon and fire flies. We brought our harmonies, guitars, flutes, violins, banjos, mandolins, basses, saxophones, harmonicas and invisible pianos. The music that evolved was a composite of original folk-rock-gospel-old time-bluegrass-swing-jazz. Our songs reflected the struggles and hopes of all people and our commitment to social change.

Saturday's workshops started off with women's and men's caucuses. These groups functioned as a place where needs and support could be voiced as we became more familiar with each other.



The workshops offered were so varied and numerous that it made it difficult to choose only three or four, among them: Performing, Women's Music, Songwriting, Songwriters' Support Group, Humor, Sing-a-longs, Recording, Cooperative Songs and Games, and Getting Gigs. Reports from each workshop attended were enthusiastic and informative.

Singly None

At all times of the day and night, and from the most obscure places (tents at night, the bathrooms, the strawberry patch), music could be heard, and everyone knew that they would be welcomed if they felt like joining in. A lack of fear on the part of the participants, which grew more secure as the weekend progressed, contributed greatly to the overall freedom of the music that emanated.

The highlight of the weekend was the Round Robin Sing on Saturday night, a giant song marathon lasting from 7 p.m. 'till 2 a.m., where each one shared a favorite song. This event was accompanied by much dancing, revelry and laughter.

Dissident Chords

Throughout the weekend, there were a number of important group decisions which we attempted to make through consensus. These included whether or not to have alcohol at the Round Robin Sing (absolutely no drugs are allowed on the farm), and what to name the newsletter. These were

difficult processes because the goal of consensus seemed unrealistic, considering we were a group of sixty people who had never worked together before and hadn't built up trust. We feel that there is a need for all of us to learn better structures for dealing with conflicts when we come together in groups like these.

We came away wishing it could have continued at least one more day, giving us more opportunity to develop our musical relationships, share more songs, and evaluate our dynamics more effectively. As we made the long trip back to Syracuse, we practiced new songs and refined our old ones, afraid to let go of the current that buoyed us up so high, and daydreaming about the great new song we'd each have for next year.

If anyone is interested in becoming part of this network, you can write to:

Songs of Freedom and Struggle
RD 1 Box 430
Voluntown, Connecticut 06384

A \$3 membership includes having your name and a short biographical interest blurb placed on the network list which is distributed along with the newsletter.

Several albums by members of the network are available at the Syracuse Front Room Bookstore. These include recordings by Charlie King, Pat DeCoti, Tex LaMountain, Joanna Cazden, Michael Cooney and "Walls to Roses" by a men's music collective.

George and Barb are musicians and chicken

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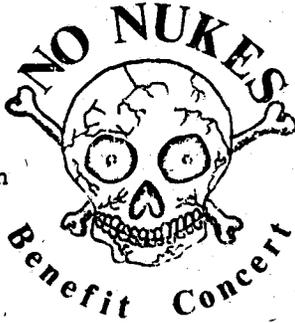
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**Hiroshima and Nagasaki Days (August 6 & 9)

**A Radical Assault on SALT -by Chris Murray

**Office Workers' Struggle at SU Continues -by Sharon Coyne of the Organizing Committee Intended for this month's PNL, unforeseen circumstances have forced us to defer this article to the August PNL.

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**Report from US Conference for An Alternative Cinema -by Deborah Rizzo & Mark Solomon

**Oil, Gas, Nukes: The Connections -by Lisa Johns

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Gov. Carey Needs A Reminder

These words were spoken by our own Governor Hugh Carey at a press conference on April 19, 1978:

"...We certainly will oppose any attempt by the federal government to use any part of New York State for a nuclear waste disposal... This state is not suited for that."

Until July 16, Carey will have two pieces of legislation on his desk that are of special interest: the Hoyt/Barclay (S3868/A3197) and Volker (S4517/A7164) bills.

They are both quite "tame" bills. They (respectively) would merely give the state legislature the right to approve or disapprove of plans for a permanent nuclear repository, and temporary storage of spent nuclear fuel. It is because the bills are so tame that they passed the senate and the assembly overwhelmingly.

Yet Carey is balking at signing these bills. The reason? Schlesinger and the DOE are trying to strongarm him into accepting a repository in exchange for financial assistance in the clean-up of the West Valley nuclear waste storage site.

Please write Carey and tell him not to go back on his word.

Gov. Hugh Carey, Executive Chambers,
Legislative Office Bldg

PEACES

SYRACUSE'S "MEN OF THE YEAR"

In September, 1977, Temple Adath Yeshurun hosted war criminal Henry Kissinger, the man most responsible for the deaths of over 1,000,000 Vietnamese and Americans. SPC members were there to protest. Following in this tradition of honoring infamous Americans the Temple, on June 24, sponsored a "men of the year" awards dinner. The recipients were: Sen. Henry Jackson, Stephen Rogers and Melvin Holm. A more complimentary trio of government and big business supported by a news monopoly would be hard to find.

Jackson, of course, is the conservative, hawkish pentagon booster who tries to pass himself off as the people's friend. Among his incisive dinner pronouncements: a subtle comment fueling anti-Arab sentiment around the gas crisis; a statement that nuclear fuel is the cleanest, most efficient fuel available and that there are no really safe alternative technologies to oil. He also supported the rabid pro-nuker James Schlesinger who is head of the Dept. of Energy.

Melvin Holm is chairman of the board of Carrier Corp. and also chairman of Syracuse University's

board of trustees (Eureka!! The "Carrier Dome" connection!). Holm was also honored for his loyalty to employees even though Carrier has a well-known record of bad labor relations. Purely an oversight, we're sure.

Rogers is the publisher of S.I. Newhouse's daily Syracuse newspapers. The largest of these, the evening Herald-Journal, is lifeless, profit-dominated, has no in-depth news coverage, offers no reader services and its pages are essentially closed to women, minorities, unions and any area of progressive community activity. There were elements of truth in Rogers' citation. "He motivates us to act," read part of it. His callousness and allegiance to the powerful have often been motivating factors in SPC actions.

URGENT DRAFT ACTION NEEDED

In the next three weeks draft registration could pass Congress unless many people act. Write, wire, visit or call your senators Jacob Javits & Daniel Moynihan asking them to oppose Sen. Nunn's bill S.109 which requires registration of all men between the ages of 18 and 26. The bill would become effective January 2, 1980. The address is U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510. Or call (202)224-3121. PLEASE DO SOMETHING TODAY TO STOP THE DRAFT!! CONSCRIPTION IS A BASIC UNDERPINNING OF MILITARISM.

DOMES PLANS ARE STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION

More concern and activism is needed by the Syracuse community in order to stop the S. U. Dome and keep the character of S. U. area neighborhoods unspoiled and intact.

It becomes more clear with each move by S. U. that plans for the Dome are incomplete and practically unworkable, and that no matter what the outcome, the University's plan will mean the permanent destruction of the serenity and appearance of large parts of University area neighborhoods.

Judy McMullen, President of South East University Neighborhood Assoc. (SEUNA), has expressed frustration that despite door-to-door leafletting, public meetings, and letters to Syracuse newspapers (many of which are not printed, including one written by a county legislator), people's awareness is poor. An added discouragement comes from city councilors who say they have only limited power to protect the rights of residents. Councilors Joyce Ross and James McCarthy seem to be doing almost all they can.

The University's latest move is to try to make sure that the new Carrier Dome will be exempt from city property taxes even though it will be used for all kinds of events by the county, the state, and SU. The end result will be the city will pay dearly for the Dome in the form of city services used and resources spread thin.

Lack of awareness by Syracuse people may mean that Dome construction (and resulting neighborhood destruction) will continue as planned.

There are reasons to be hopeful, though. Chances of a ruling by the State Supreme Court Appellate Division in favor of resident's efforts to have public hearings and environmental studies done seem to be good. The Court could halt construction at the stadium site until questions are answered to the public's satisfaction.

Also, indications from Judy McMullen are that area people will not quietly accept the University's plans to exploit their resources for its profit and prestige if the suit is lost. Noting that many residents in this area were in college during the late '60's and early '70's, she predicted that if the merits of this huge, costly construction project are not judged by those it will drastically effect, non-violent demonstrations and public boat-rocking can be expected. "They will protect their homes," she stated.



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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 progressive social change and to overcome our sense of powerlessness thru mutual support.

We feel that education, agitation and 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 and the three collectives that work out of the SPC office: the program staff, the SPC Press, and The Front Room Bookstore.

SPC's Summer's Evening Potlucks

Monday, August 13

Stop the Draft

This potluck will be a last ditch organizing meeting to stop the draft in Congress, or the first session of an antidraft campaign in Syracuse. Either way, the draft is one of the most crucial issues facing us. With Bill Harley of the American Friends Service Committee.

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It's not that SPC folks can't relate to the streets. In fact, we're right at home when it comes to leafletting the neighborhoods, marching thru downtown Syracuse, or rallying in Oswego. From August 5th thru 9th we will take to the streets again to commemorate the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki(see p. 11.)

We want to keep the struggle in the streets, with all of you people, but please don't leave us there! We are sure you agree that a hard worker needs and deserves the security of subsistence pay. Your financial support is seriously needed to help us maintain our simple lifestyle.



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Letters

To The Editor:

Bernadette Powell, a 27 year old black woman, was sentenced on June 29th to a 15 year to life prison term by Judge Bruce Dean in Ithaca, New York. Powell had been convicted of murder in connection with the death of her ex-husband, Herman Smith. At the trial the defense attempted to establish that Bernadette had acted in self-defense; that the physical abuse she had suffered at the hands of her husband during their 6 year marriage was such that she had every reason to fear for her life when she was abducted by Smith at gun-point. In an attempt to get Smith's gun away from him Bernadette unintentionally shot him. An all white jury of 9 men and 3 women rejected the contention of self-defense and convicted her of murder.

Approximately 85 supporters of Bernadette Powell were at the courthouse to attend the sentencing on June 29th. Despite a number of time changes and postponements by the court so that no one was sure exactly when the sentencing would occur, about 40 people did witness the sentencing. These supporters heard Daniel Alterman, Bernadette's new attorney, ask the judge to grant a hearing to determine whether the verdict should be set aside. Alterman argued that expert testimony could be brought in to such a hearing which would prove that there was no good faith basis for the District Attorney Joseph Joch's assertion that Bernadette had enjoyed the beatings inflicted on her by Herman Smith. Alterman also argued that Joch's personal life had interfered with his ability to fairly discharge his official function to the extent that Joch should have removed himself from the case. Only a few weeks before the Bernadette Powell trial began, Joch was a defendant in divorce proceedings in which his former wife alleged that she was subjected to frequent beatings during the years of their marriage. She was granted a divorce on grounds of cruel and inhumane treatment.

The Bernadette Powell Defense Committee is presently trying to raise \$10,000 which will be needed for

legal fees in the coming months. It also engaged in educating people about the issues of battering and women's right to self-defense.

Supporters of Bernadette should write to Judge Bruce Dean and ask that the murder verdict be set aside and a new trial granted. (Judge Bruce Dean, Tompkins County Courthouse, Ithaca, N.Y. 14850). Copies of such letters should be sent to the Bernadette Powell Defense Committee, P.O. Box 164, Ithaca, N.Y. 14850. Funds are also needed and any contribution can be sent to the above address.

To the Syracuse Peace Council:

At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of United Baptist Church, your application for use of the church building (for SPC's summer's evening potluck) was reviewed.

As secretary of the board, I must inform you that your request was denied.

After reading the "Peace Newsletter" the trustees, who represent the church membership, feel that the entire membership would not be in agreement with your policy and political beliefs. In our judgement, use of the church building will be limited to religious and community projects which have no political implications whatsoever.

May we suggest that perhaps your needs would be better met by using the nearby community center or vacant school.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Donald Jenks,
Secretary
Board of Trustees

To Reverend Payne, minister of United Baptist Church, we offer our appreciation of his cooperation with SPC and the Westcott neighborhood in the past.

To the Board of Trustees of United Baptist Church, we offer to point out the political implications of any and all religious and community projects held in or by the church, including denying us use of the facilities.

-- SPC Staff

To The Editor:

Those conservative turkeys are at it again attempting to legislate a new draft law which would include provisions to establish a Civilian (Slave) Labor Corps. It is proposed that if they insist upon a draft, the legislation be amended to provide that the membership of the National Association of Manufacturers be drafted as street sweepers.

R.P. Router

Dear SPC:

Please add my name to the distribution list for the Peace Newsletter.

You might be interested in knowing what prompted me to subscribe to the newsletter. It was the article about Niagara Mohawk in the July, '79, issue!

Here's saying well-done to Gary Weinstein.

Please encourage Gary (and other writers for the newsletter) to write other similar articles about what a rip-off our big corporations are!

Please say hello to John and Sally Brule for me whom I haven't seen in many years.

Sincerely,
Peter H. Stockman

Dear Friends,

As the continuing reports of the Vietnamese refugees fill the broadcast and printed media, I am very sorry that our most recent Peace Council Newsletter had no coverage of this issue. I assume that your articles are prepared in advance, thusly preventing coverage of current events. If an article is already in the works, then this letter is unnecessary. If, however, no article has been planned I would greatly appreciate your considering either a position statement and/or some type of coverage. I have read and heard numerous pieces already but would greatly appreciate knowing the Peace Council's position on what seems to be a monumental catastrophe for innumerable Vietnamese citizens. If the media's statements are true, the Peace Council should advocate measures against this forced evacuation and if the media is not telling the truth in your estimation, I would appreciate knowing what is happening.

Sincerely,
Larry Freshman

WORK WITH THE PEACE COUNCIL AT THE STATE FAIR!

we would like your help & your ideas.

Every year at the New York State Fair the Syracuse Peace Council reaches out to thousands of people. The opportunity to educate, agitate and organize is invaluable. It requires a lot of energy...that's right, people's energy. We need help in staffing our booth each day from 10am to 5pm. As usual we welcome people from other groups in the region with whom we have worked with to join in and make it a joint effort.

This year as well, we are launching an even more active and adventurous outreach... Mobile Theater. Our goal is to scout the Fair for corporations, militarists and the like whose practices must not go unchallenged!!

Again, we need and would welcome your participation. If you are interested in dramatic, spontaneous as well as rehearsed theater call SPC at 472-5478

All are welcome. We will be doing street theater, leafletting and generally demonstrating our views in new, energetic ways. Our mobility will lead us to many audiences at the State Fair.



Militarism boasts of its presence every year at the fair. Many of us feel that the military has no place at the fair..or anywhere.

Inhouse/Outhouse

STEVE COSTELLO is off to the West Coast by bicycle at the end of July. He leaves the SPC Press in the capable hands of SUE LORD and GARY WEINSTEIN, the new apprentice. Steve and Sue spent the winter and spring rebuilding the finances and morale of the Press. We're sad to see Steve leave, but wish him a good trip and good luck finding as challenging a job in California!

The SPC office has been a beehive of activity this summer. Many people are taking on office duties and projects during their vacations from school or job. Their volunteer labor signifies the grass roots support which is real "people's energy."

OLLIE CLUBB and GLORIA COX were married on July 1st in the serene woods of the Catskills. Together they are opening the Sunflower Nursery School at 504 Allen Street, where they live. Congratulations!

Another sad good-bye to MARILYN KAPLAN who leaves Syracuse for a new job in Albany. She will be administering the renovation of historical architecture in New York State. "So long it's been good to know you!"

Several SPC'ers are part of the "Cubamobile" leaving in early August for a political tour of Cuba. Chris Murray, Linda DeStefano and Dick Weiskopf will see various cities, workplaces and rural collectives while taking part in political discussion with Cubans and other tour members.

Upcoming In The PEACE NEWSLETTER

- ** "Dear President Carter: Thanks for the Neutron Bomb" by Ollie Clubb. A wonderfully moving satire that encompasses much of US society. A special insert in the September PNL
- ** Report from US Conference for An Alternative Cinema by Deborah Rizzo & Mark Solomon
- ** Oil and Gas - by Lisa Johns
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- ** Our Year in the Philippines - by John & Sally Brule'
- ** Who Are the Boat People?
- ** First hand report on Chile - by Ed Griffen presently working in Santiago

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A Response to Carter's Energy Message

Let Them Eat Confidence

by Jack Manno

The US Dep't of Illusions, Jimmy's media advisors, had been successful in creating a mood of anticipation. That Sunday as I was weeding my garden, a whim of unlikely hope stimulated a fantasy. What if, I pondered, he was visited by a Zen flash of insight while he was praying in the Maryland mountains. What if Jimmy says to us, "renewable, life-supporting, clean, job-creating energy for food, clothing, shelter, and transport must be equitably distributed and accessible to all. No corporate body should be able to concentrate enough power to be a threat to other living beings." * Nervous energy tickled my spine. I sat before the tube eagerly.

His face fluttered dusky on our black and white magnavox. One look at the staging and I was convinced that the style is all. For Jimmy and his entourage of image-makers, the summit where they had decided on the ponderous desk, the business suit and the rigid, pounding fist gesture was the most significant decision making session of all. And thus he spoke.

He quoted "typical comments" from "prominent Americans" and from "other Americans" like us. They were a predictable batch of buzz phrases which crescendoed toward the unsettling concluding quotation, "When we enter the moral equivalent of war, Mr. President, don't issue us BB guns." What, Mr. President, is the moral equivalent of war, I ask. The images is conjures are frightening. Jimmy refers to the exhilarating sense of national pep rally that often accompanies warfare. Let us not forget the immoral equivalent of war. The casualties will surely be the land on which we live and the people who

depend on it. In energy policy, the equivalent of war is massive ecological projects such as the use of Dioxin to clear a path for giant powerlines; the equivalent of the bombing of Hiroshima is Three Mile Island.

I had by now surrendered hope that he might say anything moral or loving. With a distressing display of evasive logic he told us that the crisis we face is not that our future is threatened, but that we have lost confidence in our future. It doesn't matter that the power to supply our food, our clothing, our energy and our health care continue to be concentrated in corporate decision-making bodies far beyond our effective reach. It doesn't matter that warheads are triggered around the globe, nor that toxic wastes threaten to rise from the earth poisoning our children, nor a thousand terrifying etceteras. No, he said, our problem is that we have lost confidence; interesting but profoundly stupid.

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And you'll be sure to let us know when you think we should develop alternative energy sources."

"What can we do?" he asked. "First of all we must face the truth - then we can change our course," he answered. But for Jimmy, changing our course means switching to synthetic fuels produced from oil shale

and coal liquids, which leaves control over supply, price and use of energy in the same hands that have brought us into this crisis. Middle-east oil was once largely controlled by US corporations and produced for 5 cents a barrel. It made capitalist "sense" to make synthetic fabrics from oil rather than grow cotton and flax, to construct with oil-based plastic rather than concrete and wood to use plastic containers, and to pay for electrically powered work rather than paying human workers. It does not make any kind of sense to encourage this kind of energy use by ripping up the western mountains for shale or by creating the cancer causing by-products of coal liquid production.

Jimmy proposed the creation of an Energy Mobilization Board that will guarantee the oil companies the freedom to go ahead with their synthetic fuels scheme over the objections of the people most affected. "We will protect our environment," he weakly promised, "But when this nation critically needs a refinery or a pipeline - we will build it". Yet unless we can choose among alternatives like we never have before, - particularly those unprofitable to big oil - we cannot democratically decide whether a project is critically needed or not.

Although Jimmy avoided the mention of nuclear power in his speech on Sunday, he did insist on a large role for nukes in his speech the next day in Kansas City. The implications of his Energy Mobilization Board are clear; when the utilities decide they need more nukes the Board will force their construction - no matter who nor how many object.

There is a growing movement of people who will make sure that Jimmy and the various corporate arms of the state will build nothing that further compromises the health of the people, our economic security or the tenuous hold our environment has on life. Life supporting systems and technologies exist. A vision of hope for the future exists. Jimmy said we need to renew our spirit and values. We've already seen a resurgence of hope and confidence in ourselves even if Jimmy has missed it - it is the growing anti-nuclear, feminist and ecology movements. Our dreams do not converge with Jimmy's, but ours will prevail. ☘

*Paraphrased from Ed Kinane's "The Political Ecology of Energy" in the SPC's People's Energy Primer.



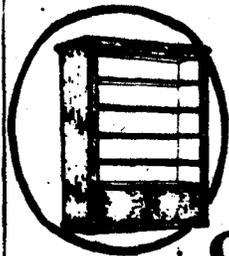
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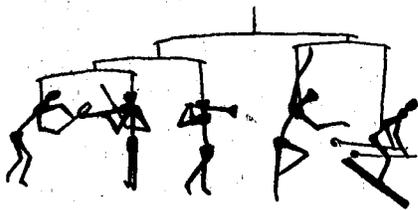
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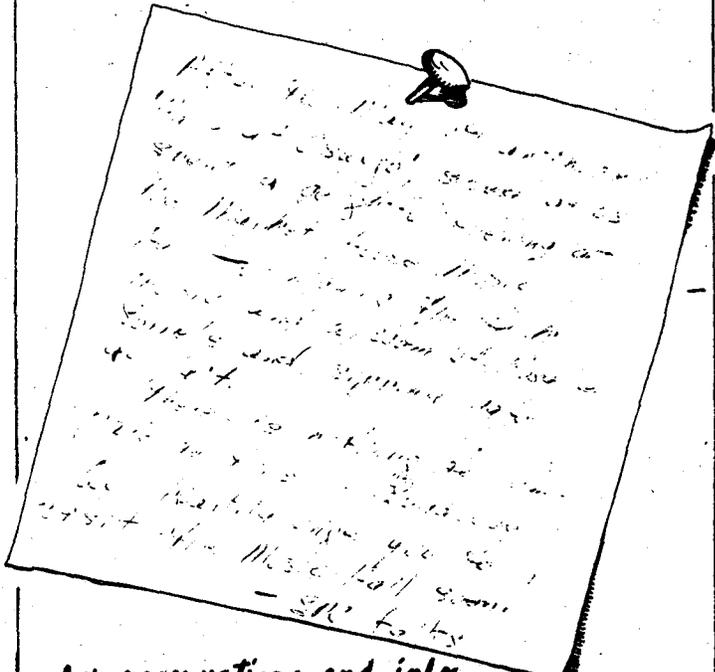
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Cruise Missiles come to Central New York by Tom Boudreau

To protest the coming of the cruise missile to Griffiss Air Force Base, as well as the danger of nuclear war, the Fig-Tree Fellowship will conduct a prayer vigil in memory of Hiroshima at Griffiss' Mohawk gate, on Sunday, August 5th from 3-4:30 pm. The Fig-Tree Fellowship is a group of Syracuseans and Romans who are motivated by their religious convictions to act against the escalating arms race. The Fig-Tree believes that peoples and religions everywhere are united by a theology of peace which is a powerful, affirmative force in the struggle to end the arms race. Biblically, the "figtree" is a symbol of peace and faith.

The Fellowship has already conducted three prayer vigils at Griffiss Air Force Base. The first was held on Palm Sunday - almost a month before the Air Force announced that Griffiss will be the first U.S. base to deploy cruise missiles in the 1980's. At the last vigil in July, over fifty people

Tom Boudreau is a member of the Fig Tree Fellowship and Syracuse Friends Meeting.

attended; the closing prayer by Sunithi Bakekal was given in Sanskrit. The format of each vigil has been the same; the vigil opens with a prayer which is followed by a long period of silence. We then conclude the vigil with a closing prayer. The upcoming Hiroshima vigil is the last prayer vigil scheduled for the summer.

Launched in the air from a B52G, the computerized cruise missile will pilot itself to the target before detonating its nuclear explosive. Eventually the Air Force wants to station two hundred cruise missiles at Griffiss. In the near future, the Fig-Tree Fellowship plans to begin a "Cruise Control Project." The goal of the project will be the suspension in the research, development and deployment of the cruise missile while this nation undertakes a unilateral peace initiative involving the dismantling of a specific number of nuclear warheads. This would hopefully invite a similar Soviet response.

An accident involving cruise missiles could be more disastrous than

the Three Mile Island nuclear crisis. In April of this year, the Air Force conducted a multi-million dollar simulated bomber crash in a Nevada desert to prepare its personnel to deal with a nuclear emergency. If a B52G carrying up to fourteen missiles crashes in Rome or Central New York, the Air Force has trained only its own people to "be prepared." Nothing has been done to insure the safety of potential civilian victims - such as you or me. A goal of the "Cruise Control Project" will be to prepare ourselves for a nuclear emergency through evacuation and emergency preparedness plans. Such plans would sharpen public consciousness about these instruments of death.

If you are interested in knowing more about the cruise missile, and want to bear witness against the nuclear arms race, join us in Rome on August 5th. Information on car-pools and directions can be obtained at the upstate AFSC, 821 Euclid Ave. Call 475-9469. ☐



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Assaulting SALT

by Chris Murray

It's always disconcerting to find myself on the same side of an issue as our moral and political opponents. Here I am now on the same picket line with the war mongers -- Henry Jackson, the Committee on the Present Danger and Ronald Reagan, with the ghost of John Wayne hovering over our shoulders. Ugh... The issue is, of course, the SALT II Treaty. But no apologies -- rest assured that our analyses differ widely.

The task at hand is not to discuss the provisions of the treaty per se, but to examine the arguments that the Administration is using to woo the Left and that many on the Left are accepting. In refuting these arguments, we need to address the wide output of the Left: antiwar activists, disarmament advocates, and particularly the much larger segment of Left/liberal people (and those with the greater political clout) who, while not advocating total or unilateral disarmament, recognize the extreme folly of the nuclear arms race and see the skyrocketing military budget as a dreadful waste of precious resources.

No supporters of SALT II appear to be deluding themselves that the treaty will stop the arms race or achieve close cooperation between Moscow and Washington. Even Jimmy Carter speaks of 'lowered expectations' (which makes it harder to attack). So the question then becomes: Is SALT II -- such as it is -- worthy of our critical support? Some of us firmly believe that it is not, and that support would prove counterproductive to reaching our goal of disarmament or even genuine arms reduction.

One of the two major arguments advanced by SALT supporters is that while SALT II falls quite short of arms reduction, it is a step, however modest, toward that goal. It is, they say, the SALT process that deserves our support. That process



(1) THE END OF CIVILIZATION AS WE KNOW IT...

gave us SALT I, now offers SALT II, and will produce SALT III where we will see the real arms reductions.

This is simply not true. The SALT process is not and cannot be a process leading towards disarmament. Nor is it true that we are rejecting SALT II because it's only a small step and, purists that we are, we will support nothing less than total disarmament. It's not the smallness of the step; it's the fact that it's a step along the wrong path.

Rather, the SALT process regulates the arms race upward and as disarmament activist Patrick Lucefield aptly puts it, institutionalizes the deadly competition.

The very process encourages the development of "bargaining chips", weapons that provide a military edge and hence a negotiating edge over the other side. Both the cruise missile and the Trident submarine might have died on the drawing boards had they not been pushed by Melvin Laird so we could "bargain from strength" for SALT II. Both weapon systems ended up in our arsenal and emerge unscathed by SALT II.

In a similar vein, the 'ceilings' that the SALT pacts impose on weapon systems actually become mandates to both nations to build up to them. To not do so would be seen as a sign of weakness and the SALT process is predicated on negotiating from positions of strength.

Furthermore, the SALT process can never lead to arms reduction -- much

less disarmament -- as long as the process refuses to put any constraints on the driving force of the arms race: military research and development. Nor will arms reduction be realized as long as the SALT process relies on intense decision-making by the military. SALT negotiations have always been subject to veto by the Pentagon.

The SALT process is a bilateral process -- participation is limited to the US and the USSR. This bilateralism has contributed to SALT's ineffectiveness as a vehicle for arms limitation and has helped buttress the military strength and superiority of the two superpowers. Indeed, since the end of World War II, there have been 6,000 bilateral meetings to consider disarmament and not one major weapons system has been junked by mutual agreement of Washington and Moscow.

And recall how the two powers stonewalled the UN Special Session on Disarmament which was convened last year by the non-aligned nations to move toward arms reduction and a transfer of resources from weapon-building to Third World development.

Having hopefully put the SALT process to rest, let's consider the other major argument touted by SALT supporters: Failure to ratify the SALT pact could result in damaging relations between Moscow and Washington -- anything from a deep split to a new coolness. In turn, they contend, the war-mongers would start

Chris Murray hopes this essay, which is not a formal SFC position paper, becomes one.

WAVE Currents

New Haven Victory

On July 10, a major victory was won by the no nukes/sane energy movement in New York. On that day, the NY Public Service Commission (PSC) acted favorably on a motion filed by Ecology Action of Oswego to dismiss New York State Electric and Gas' and the Long Island Lighting Company's application to build a nuclear plant in New Haven, twenty-five miles north of Syracuse. Ecology Action contended that the utilities had not shown sufficient proof of financial stability to pursue the application, and given this, that it was not clear if other state utilities would have to foot the enormous costs of nuclear construction.

The PSC's decision was in the form of a recommendation to the State Siting Board to dismiss the utilities' application. (IE: the battle may not be over yet, but our strength looks good right now.)

Ruth Caplan, a representative of Ecology Action who has been frustrated by the deaf ears of commissioners in years of intervention work, said this about the decision:

"The Commission's decision would not have been made in our favor if it hadn't been for the countless demonstrations against nuclear power in New York for the past several years."

NRC: "Nuke Waste Shipments Should Avoid Big Cities"

For several years, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has been saying that the technology for truck and rail shipment of high level nuclear wastes is safe enough that transports could be made through densely populated areas.

The results of a study by Sandia Laboratories has persuaded the NRC that maybe there is more to worry about than they'd originally thought. Concluding that "serious radiological consequences" could result from an accident in an urban area, the NRC recently ruled that spent

fuel shipments must "avoid, where practicable, heavily populated areas," and listed 150 U.S. cities that should be skirted by at least three miles. Syracuse, Rochester, Albany, and Buffalo are among them.

Feeling angry out there in the boonies? Let's work together to stop nuclear madness.

Price-Anderson Revocation Bill

The Price Anderson Act is a bill without which the nuclear industry would be out of business. Since 1957, the act has been guaranteeing utilities limited liability in the event of a nuclear accident. The act stipulates that \$560 million would be the maximum indemnity coverage, even though government reports show that damages in the event of a nuclear accident could exceed \$17 billion.

In addition, as angry Pennsylvanians learned, the act places a 20-

year statute of limitations on claims resulting from a nuclear accident. Thus, by the time second-generation deformed babies are born and increased outbreaks of cancer occur, the plant and its owners and insurers are no longer liable.

Rep. Ted Weiss (D-NY) has introduced legislation which would lift the \$560 million compensation ceiling on the act and, in effect, force the shutdown of nuclear power plants in the U.S. The Nuclear Incident Liability Reform Act (HR789) has 30 supporters so far, including conservative Hamilton Fish (R-NY). An aid of Fish's remarked:

"It's the only industry in the world where stockholders are protected from the bad judgment of management. The only persons who are losing are the consumers."

Please write your congressperson to urge passage of this bill

(In These Times)



Native American/Farmer Alliance Surges in Midwest

On the weekend of July 6-8, four thousand people attended the "National Gathering of the People" in protest of plans for large-scale uranium mining in the Black Hills of South Dakota. The event, sponsored by the Black Hills Alliance (a coalition of Native Americans and White farmers), featured rallies, a 20-mile walk from Rapid City through the Black Hills (see photo above) and educational workshops.

More than two dozen corporate giants are implementing plans throughout 100 million acres of land in the Black Hills for uranium mining. The rush for minerals began with the DOE's uranium surveys in 1974, a century after the Black Hills gold rush provoked the Indian wars that led General Armstrong Ouster to his just desserts at Little Big Horn.

(Liberation News Service)

A Reply to Joan Baez

On May 30, 1979, Joan Baez and 80 co-signers placed an "Open Letter to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam" as an advertisement in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *San Francisco Examiner* and *San Francisco Chronicle*.

The charges of human rights violations which the ad contains are extremely serious. Yet on key points of fact, documentation, and interpretation, it is inaccurate and misleading.

The SE Asia Resource Center prepared this reply. It can provide full documentation for all the information. The Center urges, as does SPC, that people write letters to Jimmy Carter and Joan Baez. The Center can also use contributions to help in this campaign.

SE Asia Resource Center, PO Box 4000-D, Berkeley, CA 94704

Jimmy Carter, The White House, Washington, DC 20500

Joan Baez, PO Box 1026, Menlo Park, CA 94025

1 The U.S. Role

The Baez ad begins by equating the human rights policy of the Vietnamese government with the policies of the French, Japanese, and American occupation forces in Vietnam.

Consider the record. The U.S. government dropped 4 million tons of bombs on Vietnam between 1965 and 1973, in a war which killed 1.7 million people and wounded another 2 million. Largely as the result of U.S. policies aimed at forcing peasants into U.S.-controlled urban areas, 10 million Vietnamese were made refugees during the war. Millions of gallons of Agent Orange, the defoliant chemical containing the deadly poison dioxin, were dropped on Vietnam's forests, jungles, and rice paddies. Today as a result, the incidence of liver cancer, miscarriage, and birth defects in southern Vietnam is unusually high.

OPEN LETTER TO THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

Four years ago, the United States ended its 20-year presence in Vietnam. An anniversary that should be cause for celebration is, instead, a time for grieving.

With tragic irony, the cruelty, violence and oppression inflicted by foreign powers in your country for more than a century continue today under the present regime.

Thousands of innocent Vietnamese, many whose only "crime" are those of conscience, are being arrested, detained and tortured in prisons and re-education camps. Instead of bringing hope and reconciliation to war-torn Vietnam, your government has created a painful nightmare that overcasts a significant portion of the lives of many areas of Vietnamese society.

Your government stated in February 1977 that some 50,000 people were then incarcerated. Journalists, independent observers and refugees estimate the current number of political prisoners between 150,000 and 200,000.

Whatever the exact figure, the facts form a grim mosaic. Verified reports have appeared in the press around the globe, from *Le Monde* and *The Observer* to the *Washington Post* and *Newsweek*. We have heard the horror stories from the people of Vietnam—from workers and peasants, Catholic nuns and Buddhist priests, from the boat people, the artists and professionals and those who fought alongside the NLF upon thousands of "detainees."

People disappear and never return. Centers for re-education forced a starvation diet of stale rice, surfacted in "connet" boxes.

People are used as human mine detectors, clearing live mine fields with their hands and feet.

For many, life is hell and death is prayed for.

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Many victims are men, women and children who supported and fought for the cause of reunification and self-determination; those who as pacifists, members of religious groups, or on moral and philosophic grounds opposed the authoritarian policies of Hanoi and Ky; artists and intellectuals whose commitment to creative expression is an anathema to the totalitarian policies of your government.

Requests by Amnesty International and others for impartial investigations of prison conditions remain unanswered. Families who inquire about husbands, wives, daughters or sons are ignored.

It was an abiding commitment to fundamental principles of human dignity, freedom and self-determination that motivated so many Americans to oppose the government of South Vietnam and our country's participation in the war. It is that same commitment that compels us to speak out against your brutal disregard of human rights. As in the 60s, we raise our voices now so that your people may live.

We appeal to you to end the imprisonment and torture—to allow an international team of neutral observers to inspect your prisons and re-education centers.

We urge you to follow the tenets of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant for Civil and Political Rights which, as a member of the United Nations, your country is pledged to uphold.

We urge you to reaffirm your stated commitment to the basic principles of freedom and to human dignity...to establish real peace in Vietnam.

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Joan Baez
President, Human Rights Committee

Starvation

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Millions of Vietnamese now live on a "starvation diet" because Vietnam's war-torn and weather-ravaged farm...

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from a group of Senators led by Hubert Humphrey in 1977—to provide emergency food aid which could help relieve this crisis.

6 Mines

Every Vietnamese peasant is a human mine detector, but not because of the Vietnamese government's cruelty. The U.S. left a legacy of hundreds of millions of pounds of unexploded ordnance strewn across the country's rice paddies. Post-war visitors have witnessed accidental detonations, and have photographed some of the many daily victims who have lost feet, hands, and eyes when their hooves activated forgotten mines. U.N. reports indicate unexploded ordnance will be a serious hazard in Vietnam for years.

Once again, the U.S. has refused to help, reneging on earlier plans to provide shielded bulldozers which could have removed this danger without threat to life and limb.

7 Family Visits

Many accounts have appeared in the western press in the past four years, indicating that family members are allowed to visit and correspond with prison and reeducation center inmates. (See for example, *Los Angeles Times*, November 3, 1977.)

Toai's most dramatic charges stem from two 1977 "manifestos on human rights" which he says he smuggled out of Vietnam. One manifesto, reportedly signed by 49 prisoners, is a scathing indictment of conditions in Vietnam's prisons. The other, which Toai says led to the arrest of the eight prominent residents of Saigon who wrote it, condemns the policies of the government in the society at large. Toai claims to have recalled from memory the long text of the manifestos and the names of the 57 signers—after having lost the original copies.

But are these manifestos real? Two of the eight people Toai claims were imprisoned for writing the second manifesto actually had nothing to do with it and have not been imprisoned by the current government. Professor Ton That Duong Ky, former Vice-President of the National Liberation Front, was visited at his Saigon home by a British man last August. Professor Ky was amused at the false stories of his arrest, and denounced Toai as a liar, and Toai's manifesto as a fake. Professor Pham Bieu Tam, another of the men who Toai claims wrote "every day that passes is one more day of torture and suffering for millions of Vietnamese," is currently (June 1979) leading a delegation of 15 Vietnamese intellectuals on a friendly tour of the Soviet Union.

Toai's own record also makes his testimony suspect. In 1970 and 1971, Toai toured the United States. Although he claimed to represent the Saigon Student Union, he opposed a cut-off of U.S. military aid to the Thieu regime. In fact, the president of the Student Union told American peace activists at the time that Toai actually represented a dummy student union organized by the Thieu government.

Viet Nam Deserves Better

by Dik Cool

During the August PNL editorial meeting the staff agreed a response was essential and that the Resource Center's reply presented a factual but not an emotional or political context. Then David Armstrong's (an ex-Syracusan) wonderful short article appeared. His words say it so well:

"Not surprisingly, the upper and middle classes, swollen with profit and ambition from south Viet Nam's years as an American client state, don't want their wealth expropriated [to achieve economic equality]. So they resist, some by trading in the black market, some by bribery, some by crying 'foul' to the outside world. The government responds by restraining them by force.

[Because Viet Nam must totally rebuild its country some exercise of force is necessary] but that does not give Viet Nam, or any nation, the right to arbitrarily arrest or torture anyone. Re-education should never be a euphemism for abuse. The questions in my mind are not whether Viet Nam has political prisoners, but who they are and how they are treated. As such, Baez and company's request to 'allow an international team of neutral observers to inspect [Viet Nam's] prisons and re-education centers' strikes me as a reason-

able one—provided they really are neutral and that observers are sent everywhere they're needed including our own execrable prisons.

Joan Baez has been called many things for placing this ad—turncoat and CIA agent among them—by people who once called her their friend. I think she is neither. Her record of pacifism has been logically consistent for some 20 years. Instead of betraying her principles, she has inadvertently revealed their limitations.

An affluent idealist, Joan Baez lives in a dramatically different world than the Vietnamese she criticizes. She has a right to speak out about what she believes is wrong. But with that goes a responsibility to understand that her vision of the good blaze more brightly in the sunshine of her California retreat than in the streets of Ho Chi Minh City." *

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practiced by our own government during its 20-year "presence" in Vietnam would be hard for the current Vietnamese government to match.

2 Torture

The casual lumping together of arrest and detention with torture is the sort of irresponsible charge that respected human rights organizations such as Amnesty International avoid, unless they have conclusive evidence. *Amnesty International's 1977 and 1978 reports on Vietnam do not list a single verified incident of torture.* The original draft of the "Open Letter," which was used to convince the long list of signers to endorse the ad publicly, charged that "hundreds of thousands" were being tortured. Why was this figure changed to the "thousands" which appears in the published version?

3 Prisoners

This estimate of the number of prisoners was offered to the *Washington Post* (Dec. 20, 1978) by the U.S. State Department—hardly the "independent observer" cited in the "Open Letter." The claims of some refugees that the figure is many times higher are not considered reliable by Amnesty International.

I first saw the Joan Baez ad tacked up in the Westcott Cafe'. My initial reaction was bewildered. Did she have a lot of information we didn't? My feelings about the cold war, "I'm-not-a-communist" tone of the letter crystallized first. With that my anger began to rise also. It was fueled by a number of close friends giving the ad significant credibility because of its signers, not its contents or sources.

I felt: is it possible for people to forget so quickly? Don't people realize the U.S. is really still at war with Viet Nam? Don't people see the connections between the hardships in Viet Nam and the US-caused devastation, supported by total post war hostility on the part of the US? Don't people know the US still hasn't recognized Viet Nam, that a trade embargo has been ruthlessly imposed in the face of ongoing, urgent Vietnamese appeals for aid? Don't people remember the US has a moral and legal obligation to Viet Nam? Don't people see that this ad will make it easier for the US to ignore its obligations to Viet Nam? Why must we learn our lessons over and over again? My cynicism began to wane as I read responses and talked with more people.

The 'Pressure-Suppression Containment' Cover-Up

"Reversal of this hallowed policy, particularly at this time, could well be the end of nuclear power. It would throw into question the continued operation of licensed plants,...and would generally create more turmoil than I can stand thinking about."



-Joseph Hendrie,

present Chairman of the
Nuclear Regulatory Commission

by William Sunderlin

The "hallowed policy" referred to above is the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) acceptance of the 'pressure-suppression containment' (hereinafter 'p-sc') type design found presently in twenty-one of the seventy-two operating commercial nuclear plants, and in thirty-five plants planned, licensed, or under construction in the U.S.

Hendrie made the statement on September 25, 1972 when he was Deputy Director for Technical Review at the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC). The statement was in the form of a memo to Stephen Hanauer, then Technical Advisor to the Director of Regulation at the AEC.

Hanauer had five days before written to Hendrie and to eight other senior AEC officials suggesting that the p-sc concept be abandoned because of severe safety deficiencies. Hendrie is now chairman of the NRC, and four of the eight others who received the memo are high-ranking NRC officials.

One would think that a safety problem of this magnitude would have shaken the nuclear establishment to its foundations in 1972 --

a time when nine p-sc reactors were in operation. One would think that these reactors would have been shut down immediately, at the very least to perform design modifications.

Instead, concern over the design problem has led to having the utility owners of the p-sc plants and General Electric (the manufacturer of most of the operating p-sc plants) perform "confirmatory tests" -- tests to confirm the hope that the plant would hold up in the event of a crisis which put the integrity of the design to the real test.* In addition, the NRC waived regulations to allow the plants to keep operating. Some of the plants have had structural modifications made on the suppression containment chamber in the past three years. The Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) claims that these changes are inadequate and leave the problem largely unresolved today.¹

Those with faith in the regulatory system might ask why there was not a dissident outcry in the chain of command at the NRC to take Hendrie and Hanauer to task for the violation

of their mandate to protect people's health and safety. A more challenging question might be how many people in the NRC, apart from Hanauer and the nine memo recipients, were aware of the magnitude of the design problem or of Hanauer's and Hendrie's perception of the problem.

No one knows for sure, but this much is clear. Hendrie waged a long, unsuccessful campaign against Robert Pollard of the UCS to prevent public disclosure of the 1972 memos (Pollard was aware of the content of Hanauer's memo when he resigned from his position as a safety engineer at the NRC in 1976.) Hendrie's recalcitrance should come as no surprise to people who remember him as the man who said, in the thick of the Three Mile Island crisis: "Which amendment is it that guarantees freedom of the press? Well, I am against it."

Any doubt that Hendrie and Hanauer really meant what they said in the 1972 memos was put to rest in a June, 1978 investigation by Congress's Subcommittee on Nuclear Regulation, chaired by Sen. Gary Hart (D-Colorado).** Hart sent a letter to Hendrie on June 15 asking him to account for his actions in 1972. Hendrie responded June 21 that he interpreted Hanauer's memo to mean that the complexity, not the safety problems associated with pressure-suppression containments was disadvantageous, that the complexity of the design presented an undesirable burden on the design review process.²

But Hanauer's memo said the following:

"Recent events have highlighted the safety disadvantages of pressure-suppression containments.

** The investigation was prompted by the release, in early 1978, of 154 of Hendrie's documents, including his Sept. 25, 1972 memo. Hendrie was persuaded to release these documents after UCS had disclosed to a House subcommittee the substance of Hanauer's recommendation.

William is a staff person at the Syracuse Peace Council. He hopes Joseph Hendrie will be of sound mind in his remaining days at the NRC.

* As physicist Jan Beyea puts it so well: "The only way scientists and engineers know how to learn things is by trial and error. Unfortunately, in the case of nuclear technology we simply can't afford to learn this way."

"The containment is the massive structure surrounding the reactor and its cooling system which is intended to prevent the release of radioactive material to the environment in the event of an accident. In a pressure-suppression containment, the steam released during an accident is supposed to be condensed by directing it into a pool of water (G.E. design) or through baskets of ice (Westinghouse design). This would limit (i.e., suppress) the pressure rise inside the containment structure."

(from UCS "Analysis", pp. 2-3, see footnotes.)

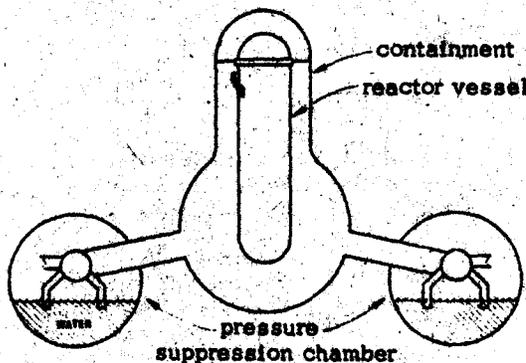
The problem of the pressure-suppression containment design, pure and simple, is that there is doubt that the pressure-suppression chamber could control and withstand the pressure build-up in the event of a massive steam release in the containment.

On Feb. 2, 1976, three management level engineers in General Electric's Nuclear Energy Division resigned in protest over the company's negligence in nuclear safety.

Among their grievances was the pressure-suppression containment design. They described their misgivings about the design before Congress's Joint Committee on Atomic Energy on Feb. 18, 1976:

"The consequences of failure of the primary containment system are frightening. The primary containment system provides the most basic defense to public health and safety by preventing the release of highly radioactive fission products into the biosphere should a loss-of-coolant accident occur. In addition, the

Containment Concept MARK I



(pressure suppression chamber) of the primary containment system provides the source of cooling water for the emergency core cooling system, and is in the life-line that prevents the disastrous core meltdown following the loss-of-coolant accident. If the (chamber) support structure fails in the initial phases of the loss-of-coolant accident, it could result in the failure of the emergency core cooling system. . . . It is urgent that this problem be seriously evaluated and the wisdom of continued operation of these plants be reconsidered."

(from *The Silent Bomb*, Peter Faulkner, ed., Vintage Books, 1977, pp. 298-299.)

While they also have some safety advantages, on balance I believe the disadvantages are preponderant. #3 (emphasis mine)

Pressed on the fact that it seemed he was reneging on his original view of the design problem, Hendrie claimed that his memo did not reflect his views "then or now", and that it was "smart alecky." #4

In a June 20, 1978 letter to Hendrie, Hanauer indicated that it was his present opinion, and that it always had been his opinion, that the p-sc concept was safe. Not only does this contradict his Sept. 20 memo, but it flies in the face of a Jan. 15, 1973 memo in which he said (referring to the p-sc concept):

"I think this is a real problem. Please note my memorandum of September 20, 1972, copy enclosed." #5

It's bad enough that the NRC has chosen to protect the nuclear industry rather than people by allowing p-sc plants to operate while they search for a solution to the design problem -- Their search has been marred by complications.

Three "confirmatory tests" on General Electric's Mark I and Mark II p-sc designs did not confirm their expectations (they found that they had underestimated the severity of

the effects of rapid discharge of steam into the suppression chamber) and a series of tests on the Mark III design revealed a potential problem in Mark I and Mark II designs (hydrodynamic loads) that hadn't been anticipated. Rather than shutting down the operating p-sc plants to take care of the hydrodynamic load problem, the NRC simply waived the regulations which otherwise would have required the plants to be shut down.

The "build now/test later", "doubts in private/reassurance in public" syndrome in the nuclear industry is the rule, not the exception.

A few of many examples: the NRC knowing in 1972 of insufficient protection against earthquake stress in five plants, and not acting on this knowledge until Feb., 1979; the NRC knowing about the shortcomings of zirconium cladding on fuel rods for decades, and then pretending they didn't know why the zirconium cladding had produced a hydrogen bubble in the Three Mile Island plant in March, 1979.

We can't allow these people to persist in their illusion that they can control nuclear power. We can't allow them to control our lives.

The post-Three Mile Island strategy of the nuclear establishment is to perform cosmetic surgery on their

OPERATING BOILING WATER REACTORS WITH PRESSURE-SUPPRESSION CONTAINMENTS (G.E. MARK I)

- * Browns Ferry 1&2, Decatur, Alabama.
- * Millstone 1, Waterford, Connecticut.
- * Dresden 2&3, Morris, Illinois.
- * Duane Arnold, Palo, Indiana.
- * Pilgrim, Plymouth, Massachusetts.
- * Cooper, Brownsville, Nebraska.
- * Oyster Creek, Toms River, New Jersey.
- * Nine Mile Point, Scrba, New York.
- * FitzPatrick, Scrba, New York.
- * Brunswick 2, Southport, North Carolina.
- * Peach Bottom 2&3, Peach Bottom, Penn.
- * Vermont Yankee, Vernon, Vermont.
- * Quad Cities, Cordova, Illinois.

OTHER PRESSURE-SUPPRESSION CONTAINMENT PLANTS

- * Fort Saint Vrain (high temp. gas cooled) Platteville, Colorado.
- * Donald Cook 1&2, (pressurized water reactor) Bridgman, Michigan.

ailing monster: "technical fixes", "tighter security", "more thorough training" and "improved regulation" will be the order of the day. Hendrie could end up being a casualty of this strategy, and more "improvements" will be made on the p-sc plants as a matter of course. ***

Let these actions be swallowed as palliatives by the American people, it will be the task of the anti-nuclear movement to show people how regulatory failure and design deficiency (etc.) are not the disease, but a symptom of the disease called nuclear power and the profit system.

We should recognize that the dangers presented by Hendrie remaining in office, and the p-sc problem being ignored are nothing to be sneezed at. To that end, we must spread the word about the cover-up and give the nuclear industry more turmoil than it can stand thinking about. *

***The current deadline for completing structural changes is March 1980. A number of utilities are looking for an extension until 1982, feeling that they can't meet the deadline.

FOOTNOTES

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The Politics of Marriage

by Bill Dunn

(introducing a new series)

Before we start, I guess we'd better -- as they say in all the best intellectual circles -- define our terms.

Politics of marriage -- well, politics is easy -- that means how it all works -- or how it should work. Marriage -- now that's not so easy to define -- it means, or is supposed to mean, many things, and that's what we're going to talk about. So we'll just have to agree on an arbitrary definition. Let's agree that the marriage we're going to discuss is the union of a man and a woman who have decided to live their lives together for at least the foreseeable future.

Now I know there are lots of other kinds of marriages. There are lesbian marriages, homosexual marriages, trial marriages, marriages of conven-

ience, shotgun-marriages, all kinds of marriages, and each with its own brand of politics. Obviously, we can't cover them all -- just to list them would take more time and paper than we have -- and right there we can see the problem society has with marriage. All of these marriages, save perhaps some of the more outrageous are lumped together. They are all considered to be "marriages".

However, as I said, we will restrict ourselves to an exploration of only one kind of marriage -- that of a man and woman linking their lives for the foreseeable future. The more perceptive among you may notice that we are not using the words "till death do us part". That's only because we're talking about the politics of marriage -- not abnormal psychology. ■

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agitating for another Holy Cold War, with the probable result of more weapon systems and greater military expenditures.

But when dealing with nuclear arsenals capable of devastating the world several times over, what can 'more' weapon systems possible mean? To force SALT through, the Administration has offered the Right and the Cold War Left the Mobile X (MX) missile, a 3% real (after inflation) increase in this year's military budget, the draft, neutron bomb components, nerve gas and a bevy of new strategic weapons programs.

And when dealing with an economic system that is as war-entrenched as the US, what's meant by 'greater' military expenditures? The Administration has threatened that not ratifying SALT might mean an increase of \$100 billion in Pentagon funding over the next 7 years. That's just slightly more per year than this year's proposed hike.

None of this is to diminish the gravity of a faceoff between the super powers. But the deadly danger in such a confrontation comes from overstocked arsenals that SALT only winks at.

Carter is pulling out all the stops in his selling SALT II to the public, even to resorting to the lowest kind of tokenism: an Administration-sponsored Conference: "Women, SALT, and Arms Control", held last December. Over 200 "prominent women" accepted his invitation and his typically male concept of equality. Given that war-making represents a final form of machismo, most women in this country are all too aware of "the social, economic and physical effects of the arms race" that

were discussed at the conference.

A very clear point about SALT II is that it legitimates where the US has been and where we are going. It blesses the Trident sub, the cruise missile and imposes no obstacles to the MX. It is, asserts Carter and Defense Secretary Brown, entirely compatible with our "national security" as they define the term.

Support for SALT II is a stamp of approval on our political and military systems. As people committed to challenging and changing those systems, we must reject SALT II and demand that it be replaced with a clear definite program that will effect genuine arms reduction now and lead quickly to total disarmament. ✱

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Syracuse University Workers Organizing CHALLENGING THE ACADEMIC CORPORATION by Sharon Coyne

At long last, the most oppressed group working at SU has begun to rise up and discover that only collectively can we gather the courage and power necessary to gain the recognition and attention of the largest employer in Syracuse.

Support staff--defined as clerical, secretarial, and technical employees--are the most fragmented, neglected and vulnerable employees at SU. We have a voice in nothing.

Angry support staff began to reach out to each other after they were docked for leaving early (with their supervisors' permission) during the ferocious blizzard of 1977-78. Most of us enjoy our jobs and have good relationships with our immediate supervisors. However, the tightly-held SU administrative stronghold creates policies which appear benevolent and concerned, but in reality are malevolent and oppressive.

A steering committee then formed to seek ways to improve our situations. We met with various administrators, none of whom saw the need for improvement. The steering committee then began to interview various labor unions and jointly decided on the United Auto Workers (UAW).

Over the past dozen years, SU has systematically reduced the benefits of this one vulnerable group, as faculty benefits have climbed higher and higher. Joan Carpenter, the new Personnel Director, stated that "the totality of the fringe benefit package is excellent." Examples:

Sick days. Sick days have been sharply pared from 16 to 3 a year.

Retirement. We once had a choice of retirement plans. Now the one retirement plan can net an employee \$50 a month after 20 years.

Salaries. Salaries are pitifully inadequate and there exists no systematic way to penetrate into the salary scale. Many support staff who have worked 15 and more years are still trapped in the first quarter of a 20-year salary scale.

In the early 1970's an SU-hired consulting firm set up a system for suggested salaries and grades. SU THEN PROCEEDED TO DEDUCT FROM THESE RECOMMENDED ANNUAL SALARIES TUITION FOR FOUR COURSES A YEAR! In other words, whether an employee chooses to take classes or not, s/he pays for them. This is what SU terms "free courses" for employees! **Seniority.** There is no seniority system, nor is there job protection or rewards for length of service.

According to SU's 1977-78 Affirmative Action report, the overwhelming majority of support staff (almost 900) falls into the salary range of \$5,000-\$7,500, **NO MATTER HOW LONG THEY'VE WORKED AT SU!**

Administrators claim SU "is at its best financial position in the last decade" and that 1978 is the 6th consecutive year SU has had surpluses. Yet tuition continues to climb, and workers lag further and further behind. And during the last 2 years they've cut back in academic and institutional support.

SU has launched an energetic and expensive campaign to reverse the unionization drive. They are mailing literature weekly to us with scary union stories. They have also distribu-

ted materials to faculty and administrators on how to thwart our organizing efforts. They are also attempting to minimize our support. However, one luncheon meeting alone was attended by 80 people!

The steering committee's newsletter, **THE ORANGE PITTANCE**, goes to as many support staff as we can reach. SU has refused to make available the names and addresses of support staff so we have compiled them any way we can, which is difficult with a 40% annual turnover rate.

SU prints a slick weekly entitled **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**. No. 6 of this series (July) entitled "SU Benefits Program Among Best in the Country," is typical of their deliberately misleading literature. The statistics SU employs look fair enough on paper, but nowhere do they tell their audience of support staff that they're talking about support staff **AND FACULTY** benefits.

PNL readers can help by writing letters of support to local papers and/or the SU Personnel Dept. (Skytop office, Syr., NY 13210; 423-4223). Organizations, unions, and church bodies can also issue public statements of support. Please send copies to M. Long, UAW Headquarters, 167-69 Marshall St., Syr., NY 13210, 472-1834. Anyone is welcome for coffee, literature, or to exchange information. We very much need and appreciate your support. ✱

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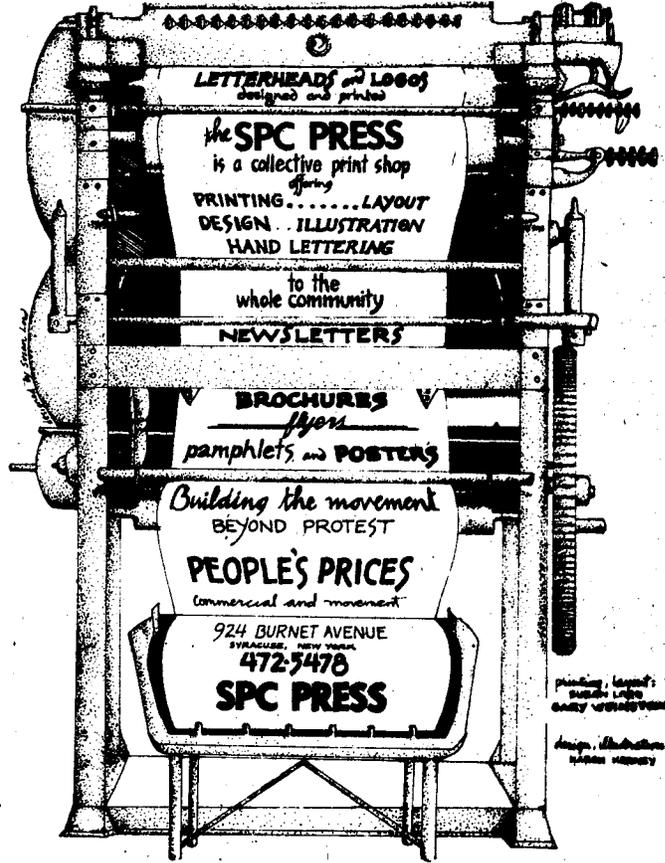
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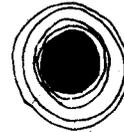
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July 20, 1979

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The Front Room

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Sincerely,
Marguerite Matthews
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The Palestinian Question

by ALLAN SOLOMONOW

In the wake of the peace treaty signed by Egypt and Israel, the Palestinians have finally emerged as the issue that must be confronted. But no one seems to know quite what to do with them. Are they a "people"? Do they have a claim to Palestine, or Israel? What about a right to self-determination? And, inescapably, is the PLO their representative?

It was in search of insight on these and related questions that four American peace activists visited the Middle East earlier this year, stopping at Beirut and Damascus (for meetings with PLO leaders) as well as Cairo, Amman, Israel and the occupied territories. What follows can only suggest some of what we learned.

As far apart as American partisans sometimes seem in emotional exchanges on the Middle East, the peace treaty merely suggests a process of normalization that has grown out of years of efforts of peacemakers, both Israeli and Arab. It is difficult to imagine how Sadat could have undertaken what seemed so sudden a visit to Jerusalem without the support of many in the Egyptian society who have been doggedly arguing for peace. At the same time, many Israelis felt that Begin was moved to yield what he did at Camp David last fall by the massive demonstration in August of *Peace Now*, a leading Israeli peace group. As Uri Avnery keenly noted, the peace treaty, whatever it lacks, clearly affirms that main tenet of the peace forces: that there is someone to talk to and that we must talk to secure peace.

There are few illusions regarding the bilateral Israeli-Egyptian settlement. Consensus among Israeli and Arab doves has converged on the Palestinian issue. At this moment some million and a half Palestinians are living together in relative peace in Israel and



the occupied territories. Their lives and futures are intertwined with those of some three million Jews living in Israel and (a few) in settlements in the territories.

The peace treaty has had a deflating impact on the peace community in Israel. More hope exists in Israel than at any time in the last thirty years. But underlying this hope there is apprehension over the domestic trauma Israel will soon have to face in resolving the "Palestinian question." Already groups in Israel—like *Sheli*, a political party led by Matti Peled, a former general—are trying to raise the Palestinian issue, including the right of Palestinians to a state of their own, subject to Israeli security guarantees.

The Israeli government policy has been to stonewall the issue in the hope that West Bank Palestinians will settle for what is realistic: to enter into negotiations to provide for the "modalities" of autonomy, including elections and eventual discussion of what their future may be. It is clear, at least to those Palestinians, that little is being offered to them, for the present or the future. The Israeli position is to transfer symbolic services to Palestinians, while retaining all rights over land, water, security, finances, etc. While this tokenism might be meaningful if it could be seen as a step on the road to self-determination, Begin has emphatically stated that there will be no Palestinian state and that Israel will retain, and even increase, its settlements in the occupied territories.

Within Israel, Jews are increasingly concerned with a government position that appears to strait-jacket Camp David rather than utilize its spirit as an impetus for broadening the agreement to encompass all of the parties and all of the issues. *Peace Now* has once again resumed its demonstrations, particularly against government approval of new Israeli civilian settlements (by the right-wing *Gush Emunim*) in the territories. These settlements suggest to Palestinians that there is no reason to enter into peaceful negotiations because they will lead to nothing more than a

legitimization of Israeli hegemony.

For the moment, Palestinians on the West Bank have been united in an unprecedented way. The most conservative, anti-communist mayors have joined in a common front to resist participation within a framework that offers little more than "have faith." Israeli insecurity has created conditions that feed on the Palestinians own insecurity and peace, so that peace—like the fruits for which Tantalus reached—slips just beyond the grasp of both peoples. This is why the occupied territories responded to the peace treaty with widespread demonstrations, leading to imprisonments, curfews, and shootings.

The irony is that Palestinians—not only in the West Bank but in the leadership of the PLO itself—are talking about a practical program of peaceful coexistence that is quite similar to the vision Israeli doves have for their own future: two states, existing side-by-side, with security guarantees to both peoples.

The only reason why there are not discussions going on between Israeli and the Palestinians on a plan for peace is Israel's unwillingness to negotiate with the PLO. "The only place we will negotiate with them is on the battlefield." In our discussion with PLO leadership, they continually affirmed that the PLO is willing to meet with Israel to discuss a peaceful settlement with security guarantees, and even to work within a Camp David format, if the result of that process can be a Palestinian state.

The PLO position has been confirmed recently in an Arafat interview with Congressman Findley, in a book published about Abou Iyad (Arafat's second-in-command) and by a top PLO official visiting the United States. Our discussions with the PLO were described in front-page stories in the Israeli and Arab press. The time would seem to be ripe to try to test the Palestinian statements and move from the circle of terror and reprisal to the negotiating table.

At least a hint of realism has crept into recent statements by Israeli Foreign Minister Dayan and Defense Minister Weizman about the PLO. Within the United States, however, there is less realistic discussion than in the Middle East itself. Those in the Middle East concur that their future is in American hands; yet our government, and our own efforts, have not begun to rise to that challenge. This is the time to initiate a national dialogue on the future of the Middle East and to extend that dialogue to the Middle East, to visit there and to bring to our country those



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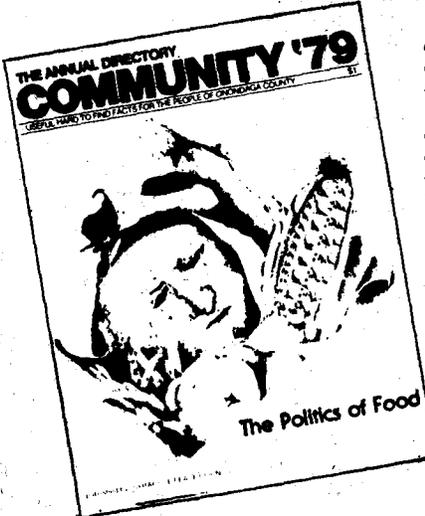
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12 Music at Westcott Cafe. Hanita 9pm	13 Summer Potluck "Stop the Draft" see p. 2	14 POWER PLAY, A look at nuclear energy by Bond St. Theatre Co., 12-1pm at Columbus Circle, FREE	15 the Nuclear Gang Gifford Ave. 7 & 9:30pm.	16 EMPIRE STATE GAMES, AUG 16-19, call 800/342-3818	17 Dennis Frisela, humorous & original singer/songwriter, MHMH 9pm \$2. Wonderful benefit Dinner at Westcott Cafe, 6-8pm	18 colorblind James, a fine resident MHMH musician Market House Music Hall 9pm \$2
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26 Women's Suffrage Anniversary ERA Walkathon, Call Lillian 472-2406	27 Summer Potluck "Theatre in the Park" see p. 2.	28 PNL all-nighter, Paste-up & lay-out. Lots o' fun!	29 PNL making party! Beer & Labeling, 10-4, come help	30 PNL making party! Beer & Labeling, 10-4, come help	31 Garage Sale at ECOH, 11-4	

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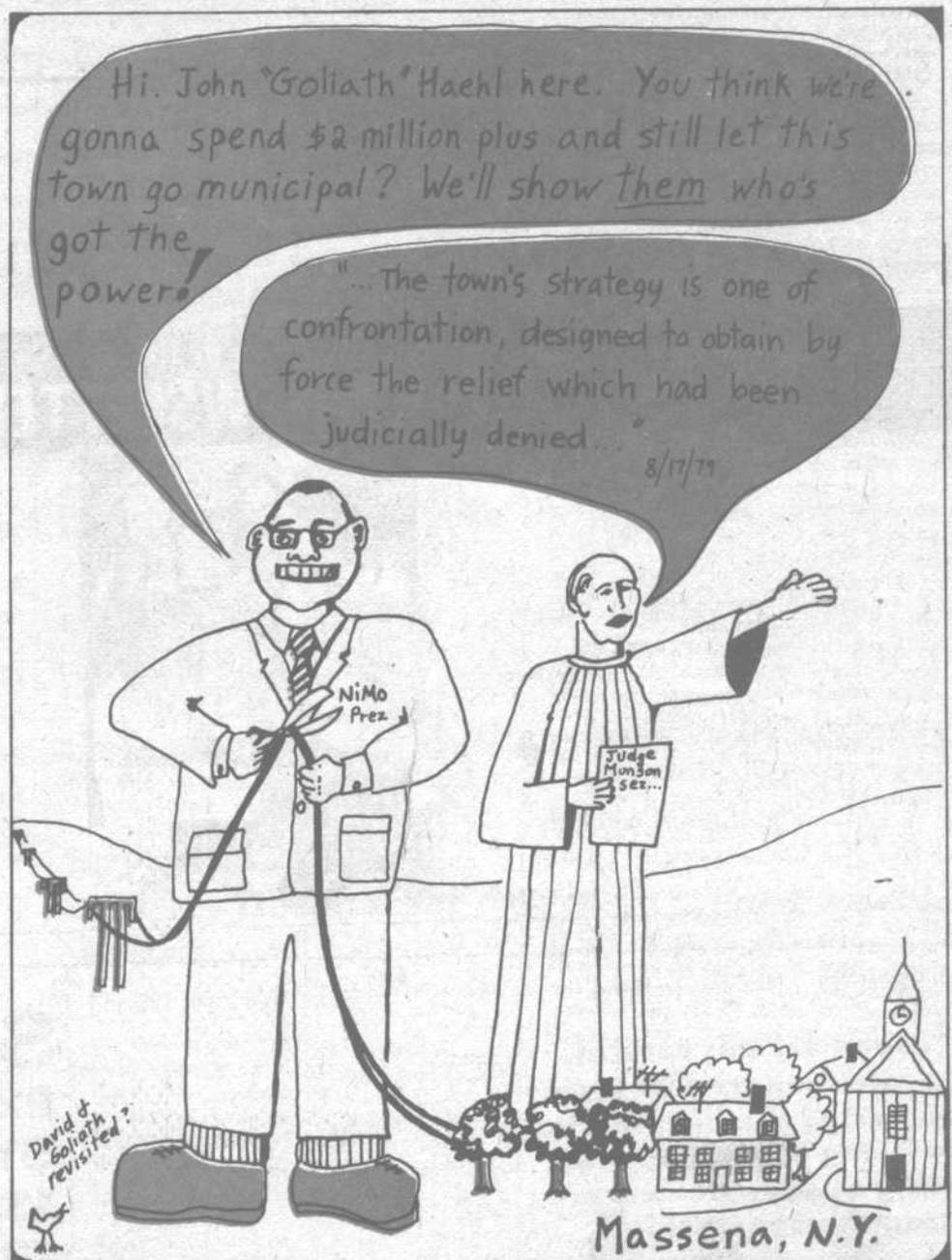
by Susan Madsen

Six years ago, the upstate town of Massena (16,000 people) began waging a valiant battle for economic independence from one of New York State's utility monopolies, Niagara Mohawk. It had been the first time in over 30 years that any New York municipality has attempted to break way.

Massena's goal has been to buy power directly from the Power Authority of the State of New York (PASN). PASNY power is cheaper because PASNY is a public corporation (no large dividends to pay stockholders as in private, investor-owned utilities like Niagara Mohawk).*

It appears that the last straw for Massena was Niagara Mohawk's attempt to raise electric rates by 23.5% in 1974. Although the company was granted only a 7.5% increase, during the early municipal campaign, Niagara Mohawk then turned around and asked for yet another 16%. John G. Haehl, President and Chief Executive Officer of Niagara Mohawk, announced at a stockholders meeting a few months before the vote that, "regular rate increases in the years ahead are now a fact of life." This surely

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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 progressive social change and to overcome our sense of powerlessness thru mutual support.

We feel that education, agitation and 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 and the three collectives that work out of the SPC office: the program staff, the SPC Press, and The Front Room Bookstore.

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WOMEN'S FILM FESTIVAL

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 14 7 & 9:30pm

Killing Us Softly

An excellent film exploring the image of women in advertising. Director Jean Kilbourne mixes facts, humor, and outrage to present an insightful look at our cultural conditioning.

Union Maids

A highly moving work that focuses on three women who were socialist labor organizers in the 1930's. Their struggle helps show that the gains for working people come not from generous bosses or from government, but from people's tireless, and heroic efforts.

Women's Happy Time Commune

The myths of the Western movie genre are lampooned in this all-woman satire of the sexist frontier.

LENNY

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 21 7,9,11pm

Dustin Hoffman gives a remarkable performance as Lenny Bruce-- a man who has become a modern folk hero. This 1974 film also features Valerie Perrine (Slaughterhouse 5, Superman) and a musical score by jazz great Miles Davis. Bruce's involvement with obscenity charges are handled by director Bob Fosse with integrity and urgency.

**ANTI-NUKE & ACTIVISM
A NO NUKES FESTIVAL**

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28 7 & 9:30pm

These film showings coincide with national actions against the rear-end of the nuclear fuel cycle. Sept 29-Oct. 2

No Act of God

This new film on the nuclear power issue was produced by the Nat'l. film Board of Canada. Using spectacular animation, the film clearly explains the principles of nuclear fission and breeder reactors and opens debate on the subject

The Accident

This powerful film presents evidence of a major nuclear catastrophe which apparently took place in the Soviet Union in 1957, killing or injuring thousands of civilians. The story is unique in that it alleges an accident resulting from waste storage, an occurrence deemed "impossible" by US government officials.

Pete Seeger: A Song and a Stone

A film profile of musician/activist Pete Seeger that shows him in concert, on campuses, at a peace march, and with his family. Includes such classics as "This Land is Your Land", "Turn, Turn, Turn", and "It Takes a Worried Man". An inspiring portrait.

GRAPES OF WRATH

FRIDAY OCTOBER 12 7 & 9pm

"Magnificent...the most mature motion picture story ever made..."
-Otis Ferguson, New Republic

This 1940 classic directed by John Ford and based on John Steinbeck's great novel has become an NVS tradition. The Joad family, farmers in the Southwest, are thrown off their family farm during the horrible draughts of the 1930's (dust bowl era). Their farm is then gobbled up by a large corporation-- an insidious economic trend that continues through the present. The Joad family, like thousands of others, sets off for California and "the good life", only to find the same kind of exploitation there. With Henry Fonda, Jane Darwell, John Carradine.

Syracuse Premiere !

FILMS FROM INDIA

FRIDAY OCTOBER 26 7 & 9:30pm

Waves of Revolution

An underground documentary about the populist, anti-government Bihar Movement in India. The film covers the Bihar Movement over a one-year period (March 1974-March 1975) and shows how it attempted to radicalize the cultural and social attitudes of the people concerning such issues as caste and dowry. Today the film helps keep alive the ideals of political freedom, social justice, and democracy in India.

Prisoners of Conscience

Completed after the end of the State of Emergency in India, the film links the continued existence of political prisoners with the continuing poverty and injustice of the social system.

NVS is happy to announce that ANAND PATWARDHAN, who produced and directed these two films will attend the showings to discuss his work and the political situation in India today. (8:30-9:30)

GIRLFRIENDS

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 9 7,9,11pm

In this, Claudia Weill's first feature, we have not a slick Hollywood production, but a sensitive portrayal of two young women sharing an apartment in New York. The film presents the pain and joy of women in their struggle for greater independence.

Syracuse Premiere !

DEATH OF A BUREAUCRAT

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 30 7 & 10pm

"Deliciously subversive...one of the funniest movies this year."- SoHo News

"Irresistible, lunatic fun."-Vincent Canby

A hilarious satire on bureaucracy and red tape by Cuban director Tomas Gutierrez Alea (Memories of Underdevelopment). The film breathes new life into the classic comedy of Chaplin, Keaton, and the Marx Brothers while launching a slashing attack on governmental red tape wherever it exists--even in post-Revolution Cuba. Alea succeeds in satirizing government foibles everywhere with a warmth, an intelligence and a universality that transcends party or national boundaries. Produced by the Cuban Film Institute.

A group of Syracusans will discuss their recent trip to Cuba. (9-10pm)

Syracuse Premiere !

FILMS FROM LATIN AMERICA

NICARAGUA: Free Homeland or Death

FRIDAY DECEMBER 7 7 & 9pm

Produced in the midst of a war-torn Nicaragua in August 1978, the film takes us first through a history of US occupation, then to the brutal repression of the Somoza regime. There are scenes of actual combat and in revealing interviews with the men and women of Nicaragua we learn of the broad-based support for the Sandinista rebels. The film is a testament to the courage of a people fighting for freedom (PLUS shown first)

My Country Occupied

The story of a young Guatemalan woman who, in the face of wide-spread government oppression, becomes a revolutionary and joins the guerilla movement. 1971

HAROLD and MAUDE

FRIDAY DECEMBER 14 7,9,11pm

A zany, fantastical comedy about a love affair between Harold (Bud Cort), a rich 17-year-old fascinated with death, and Ruth Gordon as Maude--80-years-young and exploding with love, music, and poetry. A joyous experience. Score by Cat Stevens directed by Hal Ashby (Coming Home, The Last Detail)

(PLUS shown first)

Atom and Eve

1972 Atomic Energy Commission version of "Woman's growing need for more and more electricity." This short piece of pro-nuclear propaganda is so bizarre that it becomes sickeningly funny. An ode to over-consumption.

erotica

Our enthusiasm at having produced an extra-exciting PEACE NEWSLETTER for September and a special supplement, "Dear President Carter: Thanks for the Neutron Bomb", was somewhat dimmed when the publication came back from the printers with a couple of its pages out of order.

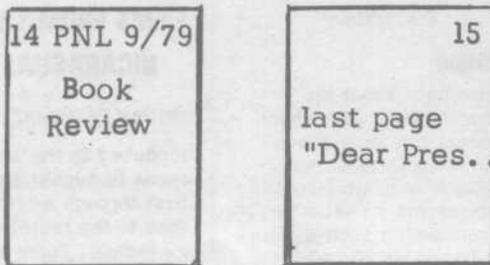
But in the interest of time and energy and in the interest of avoiding the waste of 5,000 PNL's, we decided to do this: furnish readers with a guide to reading this month's PNL:

The problem is actually very simple:

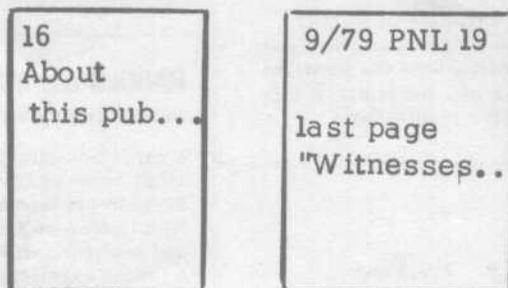
The fifteenth page of the "ordinary" (well, every month-type) PNL, marked "9/79 PNL 15", and the fifteenth page of the supplement "Dear President Carter", marked with a simple "15", were interchanged.

The solution is also rather simple:

In reading "Dear President Carter:"
to find the last page of this text (page 15), flip to the front of the PNL and look for



In reading "Witnesses to Tyranny" by John & Sally Brule':
to find the 2nd page of this article (page PNL 19), flip ahead and look for



One last mistake: the title of this page was misspelled. It should read "errata".

One last thing to do: turn this page over, find the schedule for this season's NVS Films, and please post on your refrigerator door or someplace similar so you won't miss any of these wonderfully exciting films!

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Letters

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Dear People,
Dear Sisters and Brothers,
Dear SPC,
Hello-
Greetings-
Dear Gentlepeople,

All of the above (plus many other creations) are what we consider "appropriate" forms of letter greetings. They are warm, friendly and personal ways of beginning communication.

"Dear Sir(s)" and "Gentlemen" we don't feel are appropriate even though they are, we know, "formally correct." As feminists we realize that "correctness" is usually oppressive which we certainly find to be the case with masculine letter greetings. Both women and men are offended by such greetings.

Women and men attempt to work equally and strongly together in the SPC office. We realize that changing our society's language is a small but important part of the liberation process. We urge you to use appropriate liberating greetings in the future.

We decided to use a preprinted reply letter because of the number of responses necessary. We realize that not having the people or energy to write personal replies meant we were not responding at all.

Thanks for taking the time to read this.

In liberation,
SPC Workers

Dear SPC,

Bill Dunn has been a member of the Peace Council longer than I, so I am confident that there are many things on which we would enthusiastically agree. From the introduction to his series on the politics of marriage, I think that marriage is not one of them.

The variety of human perceptions and values is not infinite because human beings are not--but it is close enough to infinite for any finite person.

So I can respect a viewpoint which for example includes a commitment to the human race, but which finds a lifelong commitment to a single individual unacceptable, impossible or irrational, for that person. Bill's introduction speaks of one kind of marriage--that of a man and woman linking their lives "for the foreseeable

future." The future has never been foreseeable; in August 1979 it is not really foreseeable for as much as a single micro-second. So the commitment Bill envisions is in reality no commitment at all.

I believe that the views of two people who make the brave and loving promise to love and to cherish, in sickness and in health, for richer, for poorer, til death us do part, also deserve respect. It is one of the very few kinds of security people can earn today.

Angus MacDonald

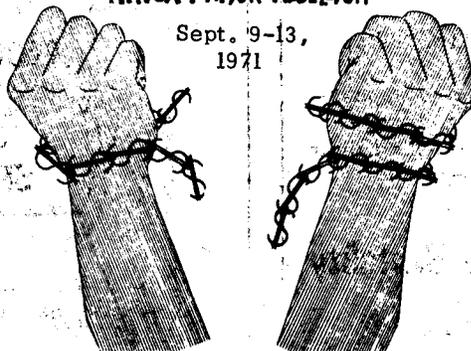
Dear Colleagues:

The Anti-Nuclear Committee of Catalunya is an independent, politically unaffiliated group dedicated to informing the public about the dangers of nuclear energy and about alternative energy development. As the political situation here is still very much in the hands of Francoist bureaucrats, we are an illegal group publishing an illegal magazine. Because of our illegal, though tolerated status, our ability to organize rallies, raise funds and disseminate information is somewhat limited. However, we feel that we can be more effective if we have more access to information than we currently possess.

Therefore, we would like to be put on your mailing list to receive any information which you think might be of use to us. Due to our limited funding and to the laws which limit our fund-raising abilities, we cannot pay for this information. However, we would be happy to send you our more or less monthly magazine in exchange for your information. We enclose an international reply coupon and a sample page from our bulletin. Any information which we reprint from your publications will be, of course, fully acknowledged.

ATTICA PRISON REBELLION

Sept. 9-13,
1971



Although the Spanish public has expressed opposition to the government energy policy (a rally in Barcelona drew 50,000; a rally in the Basque Country drew 200,000; many other rallies were prohibited or broken up by police), this opposition has not impressed Spanish politicians or the technical elite. The Spanish congress last week voted 210 to 1 to approve the government energy program, which includes growing dependence on nuclear energy, though not so much as was forecast five years ago. We feel that this vote merely underlines the urgency of our work and any help you can give us will be most appreciated.

Anti Nuclear Committee of Catalunya

Dear SPC,

Please excuse the nature and form of this letter, but I thought possibly you could use another slogan in your continuous struggle against the fat cats at NiMo and other Nuclear Energy proponents, which drifted into my head as I opened my "Energy Bill" for this month... "Niagara Mohawk--Picking Your Pocket for Power and Profit" (or insert "the Oil Industry" or "Gen-Ed," or any appropriately greedy, obnoxious, life-destroying corporate agency).

They make me feel very angry and I thought you might be able to use it.

Kathleen Maloney

Friends--

Hurrah for the new calendar.

Please send me 10 as soon as you can!

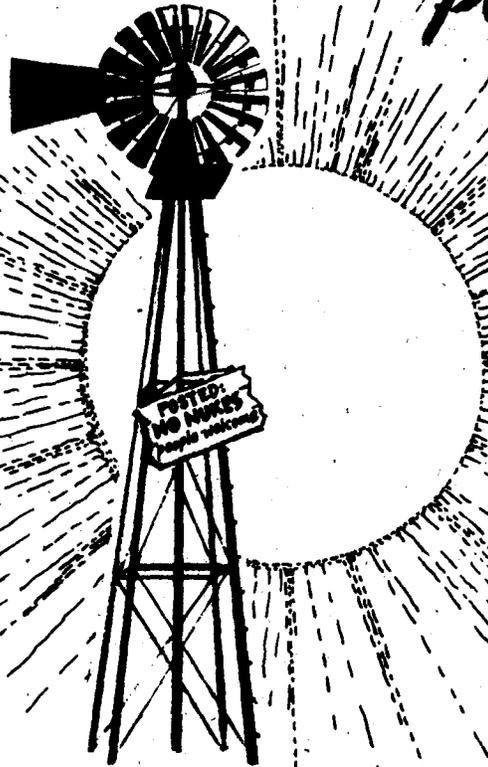
They are becoming a tradition in our home and now that our friends are scattered around the Eastern U.S., they make great gifts.

Have enjoyed your series about NiMo--very well written and informative. I am in the process of moving my money out of Marine Midland since I learned of their affiliation with NiMo.

We now have a "different" utilities company, but as the article pointed out, they are all linked together. The implications economically and environmentally are overwhelming. Your continued activity to inform and educate is an inspiration to say the least.

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Mary Lamb



people's energy 1980

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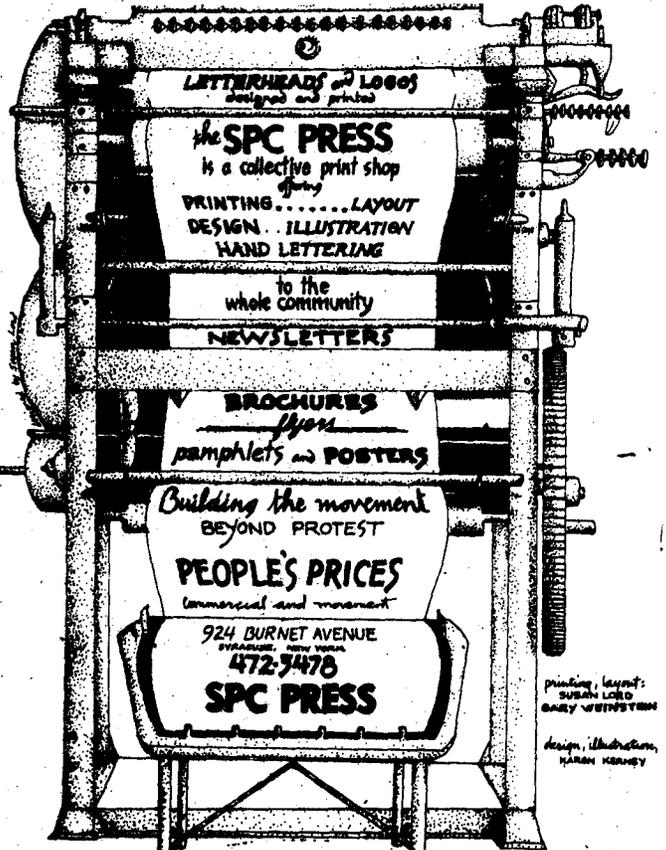
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Boat People: The Source of Their Tragedy

The following article was excerpted from Dave Dellinger's analysis "Behind the Refugee Problem", Seven Days, August 14, 1979. We strongly urge people to read the article in its entirety, read as much Dellinger as possible, and particularly to subscribe to Seven Days, 206 Fifth Ave., NY, NY 10010. rates: \$15 (20 issues); \$27.50 (40 issues).

Pity would be no more
If we did not make somebody Poor
William Blake

The plight of the Indochina refugees is so heartrending that one hesitates to discuss it realistically, for fear that hardheadedness will be mistaken for hardheartedness. But the poor of this world will not benefit from the self-indulgent pity promoted by the press, which ignores causes and makes for more refugees. So in order that we may understand what can be done not just to ease the immediate suffering and loss of life but to begin solving the problem at its source, let us consider how the situation got to be so bad.

Unfortunately there is more than enough blame to go around, with the US, Viet Nam, and China all implicated to one degree or another. But anyone relying on the American media would never guess it. The media have seized on the refugees' sufferings -- which no one with a trace of compassion could fail to be moved by -- to try to convince an American public, nearly overwhelmed by its own problems, that no matter how bad things are here, they would be worse under any alternate economic system or form of government. As ABC News put it recently, "Waiting in line for gas is a small problem compared to the plight of the Chinese boat people from Viet Nam."

Specifically, the plight of the refugees is offered as a powerful "Exhibit A" of how much worse things are under "Communist Tyranny" (it being assumed that "Communist Tyranny" is -- give or take a few reforms and a more effective president -- the only alternative to what we have). And a special effort is being made to woo back into the fold a generation of American dissidents who cut their political teeth on opposition to US war crimes in Viet Nam.

It is amazing how selective the media's indignation is. When Malaysia tows over-laden boats back to sea, many to sink or fall prey to marauding pirates, Time says "Malaysia insists, fairly enough, that it simply cannot afford to take care of so many exiles." Time doesn't stop to ask, with equal "fairness", whether Viet Nam can afford to take care of so many exiles from US-devastated areas in South Viet Nam and China-invaded areas in the North. It prefers to call the refugees "victims of the cynical racist policies of the Hanoi government."

But Chris Mullen, a British journalist with Southeast Asia credentials and formerly employed by the BBC, reminds us of the numbers and backgrounds of the internal exiles Viet Nam has to cope with:

When the Viet Namese Communists took power in Saigon... because the suddenness of their victory was unexpected, they captured nearly the entire ruling class of South Viet Nam. The Americans had time to take with them only about 20,000 of their most committed friends. Behind they left a South Viet Namese army and police force of 1.2 million men... over 300,000 civil servants, and a huge community of rich merchants and wheeler dealers -- mainly of Chinese origin -- none of whom could expect to maintain their old lifestyle under the new order. Many... had already fled South from the Communists in 1954, but this time they had nowhere else to run... There were large numbers of prostitutes, drug addicts, and refugees from the countryside, none of whom had any means of supporting themselves. To make matters worse, there have been a series of disastrous harvests, following floods which last year destroyed one-fifth of the country's livestock and inundated 500,000 homes, mainly in the rice-producing Mekong Delta.

Ignoring all this, The New York Times states piously that "the government of Viet Nam... has caused the tragedy." It is as if decades of internal corruption and US-imposed destruction had no lingering effect on Viet Nam. And as if the postwar embargo on reparations, trade, and credits has not limited Viet Nam's ability to integrate into its economy the 20-million southerners it inherited when the US was forced to leave, taking its 2-billion dollars a year in economic aid.

From forced urbanization
to forced emigration

During the war the US government practiced a policy of "forced urbanization", under the intellectual leadership of Harvard University's Samuel Huntington. Saturation bombing was combined with the use of flamethrowers, bulldozers, destructive chemicals (such as Agent Orange), and the strafing of livestock to destroy the homes and livelihoods of the people. This forced them into the cities where, the theory was, they could be more easily controlled or eliminated.

Saigon grew to five times its prewar size and was maintained artificially by American airlifts, payroll and aid. When the war ended, the US adopted Von Clausewitz's famous dictum and continued the war by other means. It used the embargo as a method of making life miserable, if not impossible, in the cities.

Stripped of sufficient sources of food, raw materials, spare parts, capital, and foreign exchange, the Viet Namese initially sustained the southern economy with supplies left over from the occupation, and goods diverted from the meager resources of the North. For nearly three years, they artificially maintained a standard of living in the South higher than in the North, but lower than former collaborators and profiteers had become accustomed to. Unlike Cambodia, Viet Nam had no "forced march" to the countryside and, according to reliable observers, used persuasion rather than compulsion to try to repopulate the agricultural areas and take the strain off the cities.

Of course The Times knows this. Or would know it if it weren't so blinded by its anti-Communism.

And it's clearly a question of politics. The press has virtually ignored the plight of Haiti's "boat people", who flee that right-wing dictatorship at the rate of 150 a day, risking an 800-mile journey to southern Florida in flimsy boats, many of which never

Naturalization Service declares 99% of the Haitians who apply for asylum "economic" rather than "political" refugees and sends them back.

Nor are Viet Nam's boat people Southeast Asia's only refugees. Besides the unfortunates fleeing Viet Nam, Chinese citizens, displaced or displeased by China's recent moves to the right, have been flooding into Hong Kong at the rate of 40,000 or more a month for the last six months.

Hong Kong is a British colony, and anyway England has less to prove about Viet Nam than the US. So we read in the June 29, New Statesman that

Behind Mrs. Thatcher's decision to send 1,000 more troops to Hong Kong [to police its border with China] lies a deeper tragedy than the well-publicized plight of the Viet Nameese boat people... There are something like 900 arrests per day. In addition, for each illegal captured and returned to China, up to three succeed in making it into Hong Kong. [emphasis added]

Americans have not had their emotions aroused and manipulated about these Chinese victims. Is it perhaps because they come from a country that has recently "taught Viet Nam a lesson", is even more anti-Soviet than the United States, and is thought to offer America's multinational corporations vast reservoirs of cheap labor and profitable investment?

Asia Week, published in Hong Kong, states that:

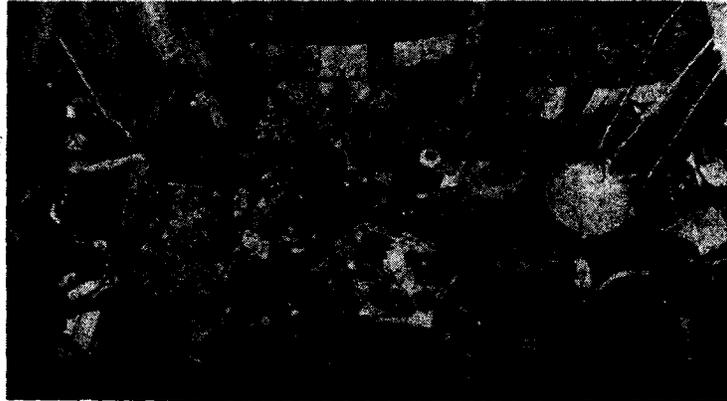
In Viet Nam... the West has a direct accountability, stemming from the wars it fought there, for the situation that has produced the refugee crisis... US reluctance to normalize relations with Hanoi is perhaps the single most important factor behind the current predicament. [emphasis added]

New wars produce more refugees.

To this list of desperate problems, one must add Viet Nam's foolhardy invasion of Kampuchea, which turned out to be a veritable quagmire. This was preceded by three-and-a-half years of Kampuchea's border raids, and an influx of 200,000 Kampuchean refugees from the Pol Pot brand of socialism. Next came China's senseless invasion of Viet Nam and its repeated threats to invade again...

The Chinese invasion also exacerbated Viet Nam's historic antiethnic Chinese prejudice and encouraged any wavering Chinese to think that their only hope is to escape to the Western money tree. Undoubtedly it had the same effect on many Viet Nameese fed up with hardship, war, and a social-

2,000 refugees jammed the hold of the "Hai Hong" when it dropped anchor off the Malaysian coast. ALAN DEBARI/PHOTO



ism that holds out no prospect of returning to the lifestyle of the privileged classes under the old regime.

Viet Nam's responsibility

How has Viet Nam handled the emergency forced on it by the US and exacerbated by its own invasion and occupation of Kampuchea and by the Chinese invasion? Apparently not as well as one would have hoped, but not nearly as badly as charged by the US.

Church World Service visitors to Ho Chi Minh City in March report that they visited Chinese friends who are still running small businesses and seemingly feel no pressure to leave for a New Economic Zone or foreign shores. This suggests that those gainfully employed are not pressured to leave but that the estimated three million unemployed in southern cities are being pressured to go where they can scratch out a living and contribute to the desperately needed reconstruction of Viet Nam's agriculture-based economy.

On the other hand, Viet Nam experts at the Independent Center for International Policy in Washington and the Southeast Asia Resource Center in Berkeley believe that in northern provinces affected by Chinese belligerency, all ethnic Chinese are given the option of moving to a New Economic Zone or leaving the country. If one remembers the American confiscation of Japanese-American property on the West Coast during World War II and the internment of the Nisei in concentration camps, this paranoid reaction to China's aggression is not surprising; but it cannot be condoned by those who refuse to justify what the US did to the Japanese-Americans.

What can Americans do?

Americans should demand that their government stop its policy of waging economic warfare against the Viet Nameese people in order to advance US interests and designs in Southeast Asia. This will remove the biggest single cause of the refugee crisis. At long last, we should do our part to "heal the wounds of war" by pressuring our government to enter into full diplomatic relations with Viet Nam, provide promised reparations and aid, remove all restrictions on trade, and facilitate people-to-people cultural and scientific exchanges.

We should also insist that the government initiate an immediate rescue campaign. Ships and planes can be sent to provide safe passage; processing centers can be opened; food and medicine can be shipped, both to the refugees and to the people of Viet Nam; asylum can be offered to as many as want it. Asylum will remove the biggest cause of the unsafe conditions in which refugees leave. For months now, Viet Nam has indicated its willingness to let them leave in an orderly fashion, provided only that there is a country willing to accept them.

Finally, Americans have a responsibility to challenge the Cold War manipulation of the refugee problem. The last hysterical anti-Communist propaganda campaign culminated in the McCarthyism of the '50s and military invasions of Korea, Viet Nam, Cambodia, Laos, and the Dominican Republic. One wonders what new crusades are being prepared for us now. The Middle East? Africa? Latin America? Asia itself? Within our own country, once again, against those movements that have the temerity to fight corporate control of the economy and government?

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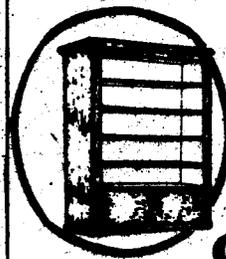
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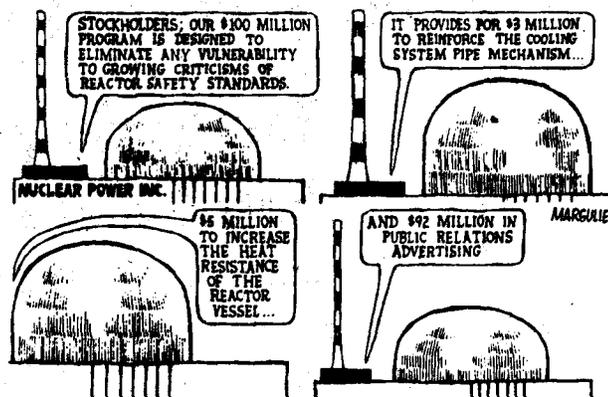
New York State's draft Energy Master Plan, released on Aug. 3, by the State Energy Office (SEO) has been broadly billed as a "no nukes" policy for future energy use in the state. It should be more appropriately billed as a "no more nukes" policy though, because it plans only to ban future, proposed nuclear plants. It does nothing to diminish the infinitely more pressing problem of operating plants. It will allow the five operating nukes to keep operating, and it will allow the nuclear plants presently under construction (Nine Mile II and Shoreham) to go on line.

It should be noted that the "no more nukes" policy of the SEO was an inevitability -- It is becoming widely acknowledged (among anti- and pro-nuclear economists) that the economics of nuclear power are disastrous or at best prohibitive.

Moreover, the SEO has said that the residents of New York would not allow more nuclear plants to be constructed. While this is indeed true, they should be put on notice that the anti-nuclear movement in New York is rapidly mobilizing toward "shut-down" and "phase-out" strategies.

The plan does little to alter our dependence on non-renewable fuels, and is in fact hinting that New York may become a victim of Carter's plan to rely increasingly on colossally expensive synthetic fuels. As such, it can be seen that the draft Master Plan does nothing which really threatens the utility power structure -- and in fact plays into the industry's hands.

Capital-intensive, non-renewable energy technologies lend themselves to the utility industry's profiteering, and this state of affairs will continue, with the assistance of the state's energy planners, until public control of energy is instituted.



There will be a public hearing for comments on the draft master plan on Sept. 10. Let the energy planners know what you think of the plan. For more information call SPC at 472-5478.

Bertell Charges Presidential Commission Cover-up

Sister Rosalie Bertell, radiation specialist with the Ministry of Concern for Public Health in Buffalo, and until recently a member of the citizens' advisory group of the President's Commission on Three Mile Island, is charging the Commission with cover-up. She, along with other members of the citizen's advisory group are claiming that the Commission is withholding information on health effects from the accident and crucial details of the accident itself; they add that the Commission is less than candid about the true nature of public participation in the investigation.

A statement by the Commission states that it has "agreed wholeheartedly and unanimously that it will have nothing more to do with this group." The Commission said it will not attempt to form another group; instead, it will solicit opinions from 200 public interest and industry groups across the U.S.

The citizens' group became disillusioned with the Commission when, at a July 24 meeting, suddenly and contrary to previous discussions, the Commission decided to limit the group's role from one of providing advice to the Commission to one of answering a series of nine questions. One of the questions was: "Can, and should, the utilities do more to develop public trust and confidence in nuclear power plants?"

Rev. William Millerd, a member of the citizens' group, charged that the Commission has produced "a phony appearance of even-handed treatment of industry and citizens' groups... a public relations rather than a substantive type of approach."

Indian Point Occupiers

One-hundred eight people who occupied the site of the Indian Point nuclear plant in Buchanan, New York (25 miles north of NYC) on Aug. 6, were released from jail after an unprecedented act of non-cooperation with the law. The 108 occupiers (representing half of the occupying force), refused to identify themselves to law officers in an act of solidarity. Though the breach of law was only a "violation" (less than a "misdemeanor") the 108 were detained for between 12 and 15 days apiece. The action has generated much public support in Westchester Co. -- schools and the Rotary Club have called anti-nuclear groups for speakers!

In the words of Connie Hogarth of the Westchester People's Action Coalition: "It was an enormously effective civil-disobedience action which set the county on its heels and touched a nerve with Con Edison."

Seabrook Occupation Coming Up: Oct. 6

A massive, non-violent occupation of the Seabrook, N.H. nuclear plant is scheduled for October 6. There will be affinity groups from New York State participating. For more information, contact Rick Sprout or Patty Stanko - Rising Free, P.O. Box 852, Binghamton, New York 13905; (607) 754-4657.

Gasoline and Oil

by Lisa Johns

"Are the companies creating a phony shortage? No. The crisis is real. World supplies are limited, and the present squeeze has been caused by cutbacks that began in Iran last autumn and have spread to other producing countries."

--Time, 5/1/79

"Have the big oil companies been holding back production? Is the Pope Polish?"

--The Nation, 6/30/79

1979 may well go down as the year of the Great Rip-Off of the American public by those modern Robber Barons, the multinational oil companies. And not the least outrageous aspect of this year's oil and gas crisis has been the news coverage of it. While there is abundant evidence suggesting a phony shortage, not one of the major media that I am aware of has seriously investigated this possibility. Instead, sources including the New York Times, the Washington Post, Time, Business Week, Fortune, and the New Republic have fallen in with the version of events put forth by Jimmy ("The energy crisis is real") Carter, the Department of Energy, and the oil companies. The blame has variously been placed on the revolution in Iran, OPEC greed, dwindling world fossil fuel reserves, government regulation, and the obstinate refusal of Americans to curb their profligate energy habits. Not only have the media accepted this version, but they have helped to create an atmosphere of panic in which Congress and the public seem ready to do anything, however dangerous, expensive, and ill-advised, to protect the hallowed American standard of living.

Only two publications* that I am aware of have undertaken serious investigative journalism into the recent crisis: In These Times (ITT), a new socialist weekly published in

*I confess I don't own a TV set, but I'd wager the network coverage is no different.

Lisa Johns is the mother of two. She believes Norman Mailer never goes through so many hassles when he wants to write.



Chicago; and The Nation, an old, established left weekly located in New York. The material which follows derives largely from these two sources. After examining the evidence, which we will get into shortly, it is their thesis that the real story of the crisis of '79 is that the major oil companies withheld stocks of oil through a variety of sophisticated methods, in anticipation of President Carter's April decision to decontrol the price of domestic oil, and that OPEC--seeing what the majors were up to--decided to follow suit.

According to public opinion polls, most Americans have suspected something like this all along, but without the documentation to back them up, citizens are left angry, confused and uncertain how to respond. They wind up bopping their neighbor in the gas lines or threatening to hold up wheat exports to the Arab nations. It seems clear that the Energy Movement must begin exploring less self-defeating means of confronting the oil companies.

A look at the evidence

Did it all start in Iran, as our Time quote suggests? It is true that Iranian oil exports to the US were curtailed in the months preceding and following the fall of the Shah. But the amount of oil involved was only about 5% of total US imports, and this was quickly offset by stepped-up production in Saudi Arabia and increased supplies from other sources. In fact, figures compiled both by the CIA and the US Customs Service show that oil imports through May 1979 actually increased some 10% over the same period in 1978. (And early in 1978, the oil industry experienced

an oil over-supply; there was so much as to make it impossible to get gasoline prices up to permitted ceilings.)¹ This information is corroborated by the Department of Energy's own publication, Petroleum Demand Watch, and by the industry weekly, Oil and Gas Journal.² The CIA study also shows that the US exported more oil in each of the first five months of 1979 than in either 1977 or 1978.¹

Energy Department and oil company spokespeople have acknowledged this situation to be true, but have offered the explanation that 1978 was a year of shortages, and that it was necessary to rebuild inventories. But if there was ever any shortage, it was created in response to the above-mentioned over-supply. Joseph Lerner, an economist with Energy Economics Associates, is quoted as saying, "During the first three quarters of 1978, the world oil prices were weak. Foreign crude was being discounted instead of getting premiums. Some prices of gasoline and distillate [fuel oil and diesel fuel] were weak....The industry--in order to 'correct this situation' from their standpoint--reduced refinery runs and produced short inventories. I don't think they intended to produce the shortages we got, but they are advantageous to them....It is clear from the numbers that the hardships the public suffers now and will suffer with heating oil next winter was all put in place by Oct. 1 of last year."³

A Federal Trade Commission study released on May 30 concluded that gasoline supplies were actually up from 4-8%, depending on the month in question, during the first four months of 1979, over the comparable period in 1978. The net supply of gasoline in April was particularly plentiful compared to the previous April (up by 22.9%). "Significantly, however, every time period--month, quarter, third--shows increased supplies and no indication of a shortage....Yet it was in late April and early May that the gasoline pumps in California suddenly went dry."¹ Further, if more documentation is required, figures from both the Organization for Economic Cooperation and the Department of Energy (DOE) show that US oil consumption was down in the period Jan.-April 1979 by about 1%.^{1 & 2}

During the same period of the sup-

posed Iranian shortfall, estimated by the DOE at 500,000 barrels a day (bbl./day), the US was socking away crude oil into the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, located in the Louisiana salt domes, at the rate of 229,000 bbl./day--this despite the fact that there is at present no mechanism in place for retrieving the oil. "Although the Energy Department has the option of directing oil destined to the S.P.R. into United States markets, it has not exercised this option. An Energy Department official tried to explain the S.P.R. debacle as nothing more than bureaucratic inertia." ²

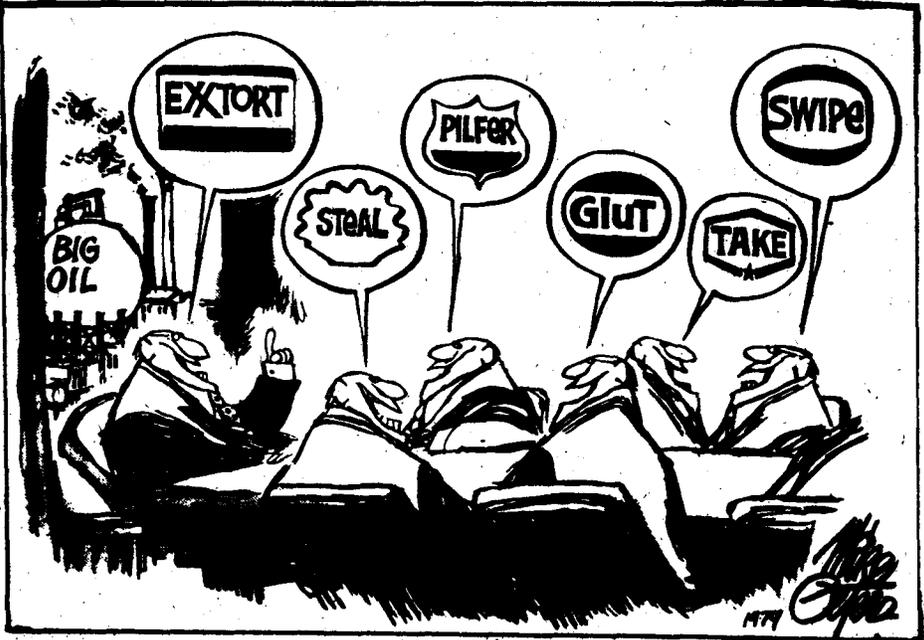
Where did it all go . . . and why?

The suspicion that oil has been stockpiled in anticipation of higher prices is supported by several additional bits of evidence. For instance, maritime workers this spring reported that tankers at sea had been ordered to travel at no more than 10 knots, instead of the 16-17 knots they are capable of. Thus, a trip from Texas to Boston, normally taking five days, stretches out to nine. "And when you have whole fleets of tankers out there, loaded with hundreds of thousands of gallons each, you are stockpiling a lot of stuff on the high seas," explained one maritime worker. ¹

Another clue is the fact that US refineries this spring were operating significantly below capacity, a fact that confounded even James Schlesinger, former US Energy Secretary. In June of this year, while testifying before a House subcommittee investigating the gasoline shortage, he acknowledged that he found the disparity between apparently abundant crude stocks and low refinery runs "distressing." He promised to use the DOE's allocation authority to put pressure on refiners to step up production. The sequel was recounted in the Congressional Record: "On Thursday, June 24, Secretary Schlesinger reversed his stand, expressing fear that the US multinational oil companies might retaliate by withholding oil from the United States." ¹

And finally, there is the fact, reported by both Cook and Moberg, that beginning last fall, US domestic crude oil production went into the steepest decline in seven years. The Justice Department estimated that between December and April, the fall-off in domestic drilling cost the nation some 11,000,000 barrels of gasoline. "Owners of wells expected

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price controls to be lifted at some point in the near future, and they have been speculating that leaving oil in the ground would be more profitable than producing at controlled prices. They will probably continue to withhold oil for the next 28 months, until decontrol is completed. . . . Decontrol will step up pumping from old wells that currently produce \$5.80 per barrel, rather than providing a financial incentive for new exploration and drilling." ⁴

This should (but won't) lay to rest the "incentives" argument put forth by the oil companies on behalf of decontrol, but consider this as well. An economist, Bernardo Grossling, did a survey for the World Bank, and estimated that total global petroleum reserves run as high as 6,000 billion barrels, enough to last another 280 years at the present rate of consumption. Over 80% of all oil wells ever drilled are in North America; the rest of the world awaits exploration, with large untapped reserves known to exist in Peru, Argentina, Pakistan, the Congo Basin, and elsewhere. Yet when the World Bank recently proposed financial aid to promote the development of these supplies, Exxon protested this intrusion into the private sector. Yet the major oil companies have not themselves undertaken to develop these resources. Why not? As an Exxon executive once explained in Senate testimony, "I might put some money in it if I was sure we weren't going to get some oil, but not if we were going to get oil because

we are liable to lose the Aramco concession." ^{* 5}

In sum, then, it seems clear from the emerging evidence that the two-pronged blitzkrieg that hit the American public this spring and summer, (with the knock-out punch scheduled for the coming winter) was an engineered crisis anticipating Jimmy Carter's decision to decontrol domestic oil prices. By creating an artificial shortage, the oil companies were able to drive up prices, and the OPEC nations--seeing what was afoot (and seeing what the market would bear) followed suit with alacrity.

*Aramco: the Arabian-American Oil Co., a consortium consisting of the Government of Saudi Arabia, in partnership with Exxon, Mobil, Socal, and Texaco. Annual profits on their joint production and marketing arrangement are estimated at \$58 billion. The maintenance of high profits, however, depends on the successful restriction of the sources of supply.

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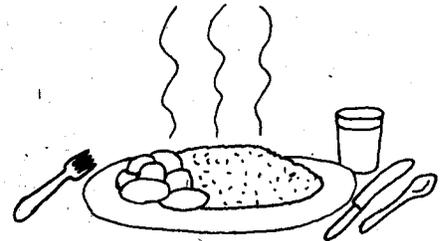
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Power To The People Of Massena!

by Susan Madsen

(continued from cover)

added fuel to the fire in the town's determination not to be victims of Niagara Mohawk's profiteering. In the previous five years, before the referendum, Niagara Mohawk had raised the rates to its customers in excess of 30%.

A feasibility study was done which proved that municipalization could save the town power costs in excess of \$6 million between 1974 and 1984.

Niagara Mohawk, realizing what a victory in Massena could mean, began an avid campaign to prevent the takeover. \$290,000 was spent on such tactics as full-page newspaper ads, door to door campaigns, pressure on Niagara Mohawk employees to influence neighbors and relatives, an open house to display new equipment. None of the equipment, however, was ever used in the town of Massena. And, on voting day of the referendum, Niagara Mohawk provided a fleet of cars which transported people back and forth to the voting place and allegedly paid poll watchers \$50.00 a day. An interesting point to note here is that the rate payers are financing, through their bills, Niagara Mohawk's opposition to an effort which hinders rate payers' pursuit of affordable, equitable energy rates.

During Niagara Mohawk's campaign, they made some of the following statements to sway people against municipal power: "Municipal operations would raise taxes; the community would be helpless in the event of a disabling storm; Massena could not staff a municipal system; engineering studies underestimated takeover costs; the municipal system could not pay union wages and would therefore put people out of work."

The local United Auto Workers didn't believe any of these allega-

Susan Madsen has been involved in energy issues since 1974 when she joined with people from around the state to help form the People's Power Coalition (PPC). The PPC has been a strong force since 1974 in pursuit of affordable, safe, and democratically controlled energy.

tions. They went out and raised over \$2,000 to wage a campaign to meet Niagara Mohawk head-on. Members collected statistics and facts to disprove Niagara Mohawk's statements. The United Auto Workers assured that the truth reached the people and finally moved the people out to vote on referendum day, May 30, 1974. By a margin of 3 to 2, and with 74% of the voters coming out to vote, the referendum was passed to acquire the facilities of Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation and establish its own municipal system.

Why did Niagara Mohawk spend in excess of \$2 million on their campaign to deceive the people of Massena? An article in the New York Times which appeared right after the referendum vote may answer this:

If Massena goes, can Niagara Falls be far behind, and if that happens, will Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse be far off?

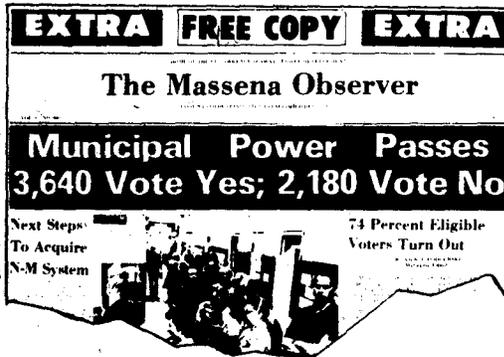
More than being just a precedent for future municipal campaigns, Massena is a very key issue in the self-determination of a town to choose autonomously how it will conduct and regulate its energy use.

And, what does John Haehl have to say? In 1978, in the Annual Stockholder Report, responding to Massena's "bid to create a municipal electric system in expropriating

"We will protect the interests of stockholders to the fullest extent by continuing to exert absolute opposition to this effort — or any similar takeover threat."

John G. Haehl, Jr.,
Pres. of Niagara Mohawk,

in a February 1, 1978
message to stockholders.



Front page of Massena Observer - May 31, 1974.

Niagara Mohawk facilities:"

We will protect the interests of stockholders to the fullest extent by continuing to exert absolute opposition to this effort--or any similar takeover threat.

Since 1974, counsel for Massena has attempted to negotiate a price for the acquisition of Niagara Mohawk facilities. Because there had been no agreement on the cost, numerous court battles have ensued. However, Massena has won each battle along the way, until recently when Niagara Mohawk refused to transmit the power that was needed by the town of Massena until a federal court case was decided. Even though Massena was given the go-ahead by the State's highest court, Niagara Mohawk had decided to bring its case before an even higher court. Federal Judge Howard Munson granted Niagara Mohawk a temporary injunction blocking Massena from starting.

How do the people of Massena feel? According to the town's attorney, Eugene Nicandri, "The sentiment in the town is that Massena will prevail."

The issue will be won when, in the courts, Niagara Mohawk realizes that not only Massena, — but other people defending economic justice will not tolerate the rule of our lives by utility monopolies. We must work together angrily, visibly and in large numbers to make affordable energy and peoples' control of energy a reality in New York State.

* PASNY power is also cheaper because PASNY, as a public power system, can borrow money at lower interest rates through tax-exempt bonds. The PASNY power that Massena is seeking is particularly inexpensive because it is from the St. Lawrence hydro station.

Review: Energy and Equity

ENERGY AND EQUITY

Ivan D. Illich. Harper & Row.

1974. \$.95 paper

What do you people have against technology? (1) It's just a tool that can be used for good or evil. (2) If you folks had your way, we'd all be back in the stone age. Do you notice any inconsistency between (1) and (2)? The latter suggests that perhaps we are no longer free to choose; buy the whole package or shut up. Do responsible people still talk like this? After writing (1) and (2), I came across the following from Reginald Jones, head of G.E.: "Our fundamental need is a social and political climate that favors technological progress...If technology has brought us problems...the answer is better-managed technology, not a slow slide back to the poverty and squalor that most people had to endure in the falsely idealized past." - NY Times, Aug. 24, p. A25

Illich has a lot to say about "squalor". Born in Vienna, he has lived in Puerto Rico and his adopted home, Mexico, and has worked with the poor. Only the first chapter of this slim (11,000-word) book relates directly to the title; the rest can be described as a collection of essays on travel speed and social class based on this experience. "Tell me how fast you go", Illich says, "and I'll tell you who you are." As in other writings, such as his Tools for Conviviality, he is trying to develop a set of "negative design criteria" for a technological society. What is the point at which each particular institution or system has become so rationalized, technologized, efficiency conscious, or profit-driven, that it begins to serve ever-smaller segments of society at the expense of ever-larger numbers of people? Passing this critical point, whether it be in medicine, the food industry, education, generation of electricity, or, as in the present example, travel speed, -- passing this point begins a loss of equity.

The premises of Illich's argument are by now familiar to us: "... if a society opts for [drifts into?] high energy consumption, its social rela-

tions must be dictated by technology and will be equally distasteful whether labeled capitalist or socialist". The problem is emphatically not one of running out of energy; new fuels and processes, plus conservation plus various technological fixes could take care of that without changing our direction. But, at the same time, these very cures will hasten the arrival of "huge public expenditure [synfuels?] and increased social control...the emergence of a computerized Leviathan". The current belief that an abundant supply of clean energy "is the panacea for social ills is due to a political fallacy". In fact, "above a certain per capita wattage, energy grows at the expense of equity"; "beyond a certain threshold, mechanical power corrupts".

Having set out these guidelines in the excellent first chapter, which occupies more than a fifth of the book, Illich devotes the remainder to illustrating his thesis through the use of transportation and speed as his vehicle (so to speak). "El socialismo", says Salvador Allende's Assistant Secretary of Justice Viera-Gallo (in the inscription), "puede solo en bicicleta" (socialism can arrive only by bicycle). One assumes that this is intended not as a prediction of the speed with which a revolution can be accomplished, but rather as a caveat about the interdependence of means and ends.

The global increase of speed (traced back to the appearance of the railroad) works paradoxically to make time itself a critical commodity:

"The man who claims a seat in a faster vehicle insists that his time is worth more than that of the passenger in the slower vehicle". Example: the SST. And, to see that the time-saving due to the use of the private auto may be illusory, we are asked to consider this outrageous proposition: The average American male devotes almost 4.4 hours a day (1600 per year) -- more than one fourth of his waking time -- to his car! How fast does he really get places when he drives? Divide his yearly commuting mileage -- say 8,000 miles -- by this 1600 hours. Average speed: five miles per hour! Where do the

1600 hours go? Aside from the obvious time spent driving or attending to the car, which includes traffic lights, parking, and repairs, inspection, insurance, and registration, we must also consider the hours of labor it takes to earn enough money to own and operate the thing. Now include the hours lost in dealing with traffic tickets, accidents and insurance companies -- perhaps even a few weeks in a hospital; then the 1600 figure begins to look conservative.

This and related themes are sketched over deftly and lead us to the question: o.k., how fast can we go without messing up ourselves and our neighbors? In a three-page chapter, "The Elusive Threshold", the requirements for the speed limit are set: it must be both "too low to be taken seriously or deemed worthy of consideration by the [confirmed] passenger, and too high to concern the peasant...or even convey the sense of a limit to the 3/4 of humanity who still get around on their own power". In 1970, in two Mexican states, less than 1% of the people covered a distance of ten miles even once in less than one hour. The threshold suggested by Illich is "four to six times the speed of a man on foot" -- something like 15 mph. The optimal vehicle? The bicycle. It gets you there at three or four times the speed of walking while using 1/5 the energy (over flat ground and without snow, it should be added "A grizzly [sic] contest between bicycles and motors has just come to an end", Illich reminds us. "In Viet Nam, a hyperindustrialized army [and air force] tried to conquer, but could not overcome, a people organized around bicycle speed."

This provocative little book doesn't suggest the bicycle as the ultimate solution to anything, but as a point of departure for thinking about alternatives to the ways in which we find ourselves organized. How do we get from here to there? Is there a "there"? That's up to us to discover I suppose. My pessimistic guess is that, for us in the vanguard of the overdeveloped world, at any rate, even if there were a "there" that we could agree on, there's probably no way to get to it from here. For the remainder of the world? Perhaps...

- Pete Caplan

much as best we can, to fend for ourselves when and if we reach the countryside. Little wonder that some of our generals have adopted somewhat of a devil-may-care attitude toward nuclear war, like the general Bobby Kennedy told us about in Thirteen Days - you know, the one who tried to get President Kennedy to launch a pre-emptive nuclear attack against Russia during the Cuban missile crisis, before the rest of us were really ready for nuclear war.

To get back to the topic at hand, when you go on nationwide TV to tell about your evacuation plan quite a few people in your TV audience might be wondering why the old "abandon-ship" procedures have been discarded without anyone saying anything about it - especially with all the "honor" stuff we used to hear from our leaders during the Vietnam war. You might wish to explain that some of the ancient traditions are no longer practical in the nuclear age, and I'm sure everyone will understand. These days it's, "Look out for Number One!" Everyone should know that by now.

Anyway, Mr. Commander-in-Chief, if it ever becomes necessary for you to use your first-strike capabilities against the Soviet Union, I certainly hope you can pull the whole thing off - and that not too many millions of the rest of us get killed. If everything goes smoothly, I wouldn't be a bit surprised to see you and your generals get a standing ovation when you come back out from your underground shelters in the spring to rejoin those of us above ground who have survived. Again Whitman:

O Captain! my Captain! our fearful trip is done,

The ship has weather'd every rack,
the prize we sought is won,

The port is near, the bells I hear,
the people all exulting...

It would really be something to go down in American history as the first President to have won an all-out nuclear war.

Permit me one caveat, however. Our plans for nuclear warfare look very good indeed on paper. But, again remembering Vietnam and the Bay of Pigs, etc. etc., I hope our Pentagon planners haven't overlooked something this time. When playing around with thousands of thermonuclear warheads, it would be no joke if the generals made some kind of mistake.



'Great news! We've inflicted unacceptable damage on the other side.'

Auth in The Philadelphia Inquirer

I see that I've been digressing from the question of neutron warfare. As you might surmise, I am sometimes tempted by the idea of a pre-emptive nuclear strike against Russia as the "final solution," so to speak, to the Communist threat. (Marx and Trotsky, the apostle of "continuing revolution," were both Jews. Did you know that? Probably Lenin, Mao Tse-tung, Ho Chi Minh, and Fidel Castro, too.) But my better instincts tell me that neutron warfare, with its property-sparing qualities, is a preferable military track - saving our first-strike capabilities for a fall-back position.

One last word - a confession of sorts. I have to admit that there was a time when your speeches about arms control and the desirability of "zero nuclear weapons" had me terribly worried - until I saw that you were going ahead with the neutron bomb, the cruise missile, the development of first-strike nuclear weaponry, and with plans for fighting limited nuclear wars. When I recalled that other Presidents had also made "peace"-type speeches and had even entered into "arms limitation" agreements, which is something politicians sometimes have to do to get reelected, but had steadily strengthened our nuclear arsenal, I breathed a big sigh of relief. After all, actions speak louder than words, and one can't go both north and south simultaneously, can one? I still have the nightmares I was telling you about earlier; but I've been able to sleep a little more easily knowing,

Mr. President, that you are moving in the right direction.

Indeed, although no one can tell for sure, my guess is that history will remember you most of all for having given the neutron bomb to humankind. After all, at the dawning of the nuclear age, when there were only a couple of atomic bombs in existence, who would have dreamed that there would be tens of thousands of nuclear warheads a few decades later and that many countries would be getting them? Can anyone doubt that one day there will also be tens of thousands of battlefield neutron weapons? When that day comes, as it surely will, the entire free world will be able to breathe a huge, collective sigh of relief, as we contemplate the fact that property destruction in warfare will probably have been banished from the earth - for the sake of our children, our children's children, and for all the generations to come. And, because of the wise leadership shown by yourself and your advisers at this historical moment, I'm confident that there will in fact be generations to come - barring some unforeseen accident.

May you and your family enjoy long life and uninterrupted prosperity.

Very sincerely,
with heartfelt thanks,
Oliver Clubb

WANTED: Candidates for SPC Steering Committee

Do you feel a close identity with the goals and values of the Syracuse Peace Council? As a participant in events or projects, have you had thoughts about SPC's program, what messages we need to convey to the community, what areas we need to strengthen?

The SPC steering committee sees itself discussing and deciding these questions, as well as overseeing the financial realities of our shoestring budget. We are in the process of concretizing these functions in writing; we are also developing a process to bring in candidates for the annual steering committee elections. In order to be clear with prospective nominees about responsibilities and commitment to the Peace Council, a nominating committee will be searching and interviewing folks during the month of September. We ask for your help in finding thoughtful and concerned people who would consider this contribution of time and energy to SPC.

Open for nomination are seven positions. Five of these are one year terms; two carry two year terms. Elections will be held at the Annual Dinner, tentatively scheduled for Friday, Oct. 12th. Newly elected members would begin their terms at the steering committee meeting of Nov. 13th.

Please call Glenda at SPC, 472-5478, if you are interested in the steering committee positions, or have suggestions for possible nominees.

Inhouse/Outhouse

Since early June ex-SPC staffer ED KINANE has been travelling through England, Portugal, Morocco and the Sahara. His postcards and notes have let us know where he's been, and left us wondering, what next? (With his own sense of adventure and freedom, he rarely knows himself.) So we were not so surprised to hear he is now in West Germany escaping the desert heat for a while. He says he's a little homesick and sends greetings to all.

Years ago the library at the SPC house was named the Whitney Room in memory of Jane and "Whit" Whitney, long time SPC supporters and activists. Jane was a spokeswoman for the SPC during many difficult Viet Nam War years. They died in a boating accident in 1975. This summer MARIANNE MURPHY contributed her time and creativity to framing two portraits of Whit and Jane by Patricia Ryce, which will hang in the Whitney Room. Of added significance, Marianne's life had been touched by Whit several years back in another setting.

More SPC folks moving on: JANE WEILER left Syracuse this summer for Hoboken, New Jersey, where she's looking for work. Jane has worked with SPC as a photographer and on People's History Calendar 1978.

CINDY SQUILLAGE and JACK MANNO leave this month for four months in Amsterdam, Holland. Cindy, on leave from SPC's steering committee, will be studying under Syracuse University's foreign study program.

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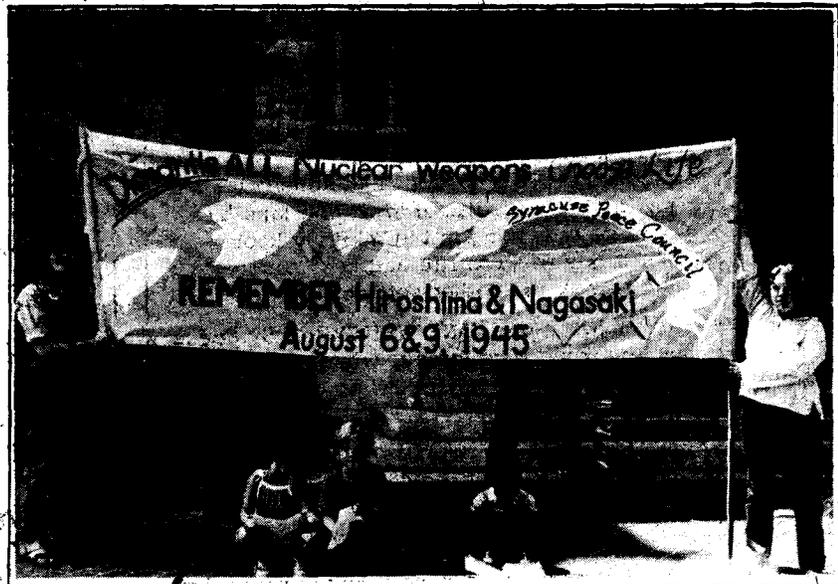
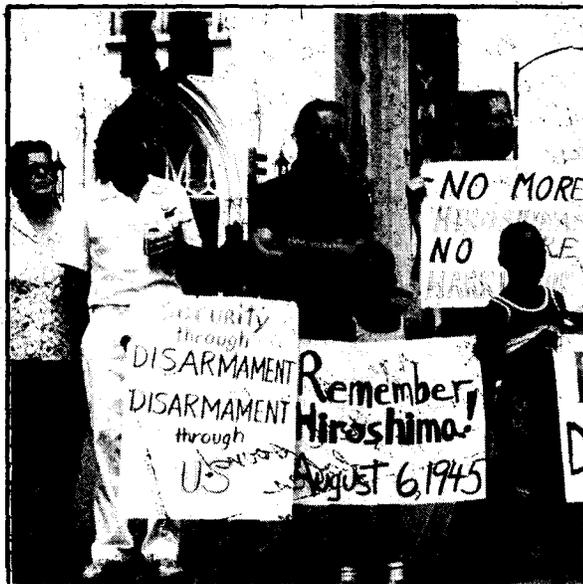
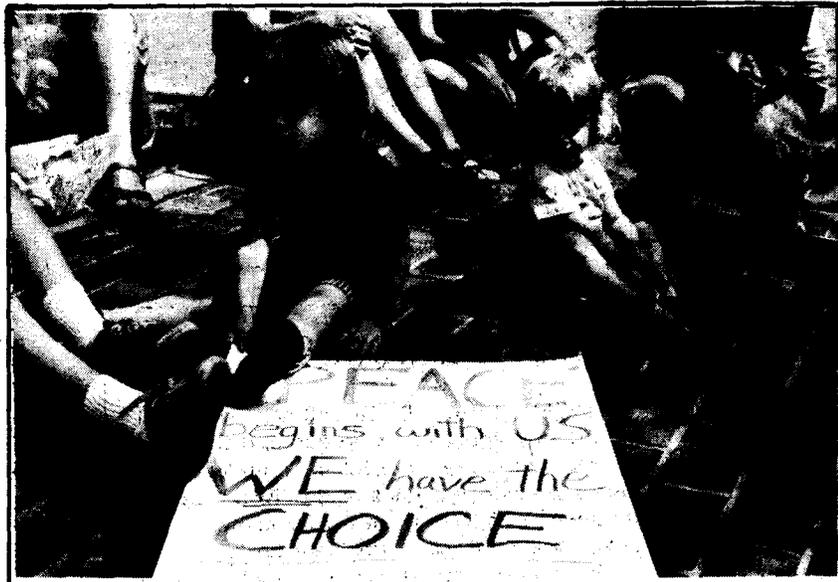
Photographs by Andy Matlow



Lee Lyons of the Onondaga Nation linked the nuclear genocide in 1945 with the deaths of Native American uranium miners and the destruction of Native lands and culture.

August 6th, 1979. It was a day of vivid contrasts. At Columbus Circle, in the bright sunshine, a parade opened the week long mime festival. As the clowns dispersed, over 150 people lettered signs and unfurled banners to commemorate the US government's atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Those of us who have vigiled with a dozen people during the quieter years since Viet Nam were inspired by the numbers of new people present, young and old. We gathered in a large circle, listening as speakers voiced outrage and clarified history. Echoed by jackhammers and city traffic, our music rose soft and strong.

At the open microphone people testified their feelings of sadness and anger, hope and empowerment. Against the awesome images of death and destruction we read from the "Community Affirmation for Peace": "...We unite ourselves with trust in the spirit of life. Justice and love can overcome the machines of destruction."



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Witnesses to Tyranny

by John and Sally Brule'

As we stepped off the airplane at Manila International Airport a year ago last June, we met the expected blast of tropical heat and humidity--this we were prepared for. But we did not know what to expect in our coming year of life under Martial Law, so feared we might be unprepared for this--how does one prepare for tyranny? We knew that on Sept. 21, 1972, Ferdinand Marcos had declared martial law, after having suspended the writ of habeas corpus more than a year before. Then, by various means he changed the constitution to what he wanted, and made himself President/Prime Minister. As a result, the military is in control, and is running the country. For that is what martial law is--it is no more than the will of some military commander. In the far off villages, away from the centers of population, the average person has contact only with the lower echelons of the military-- and these military actually are the representatives of martial law. The net result of this is violence perpetrated upon the people by the military, and the enrichment of the higher echelons of the military, and those connected with them. We knew this much--but how would martial law involve us and how would it affect our lives?

The Philippines is classified as a "developing" country. We knew from our year and one-half stay there in 1967-68 that poverty and malnutrition was everywhere. So, how had it developed in the intervening 10 years? John went there to teach again at the University of San Carlos, similar to the work he had done on the previous grant. Sally went there prepared to find ways to utilize her skills as a brailist--hoping to find some organization working with the blind, and wanting texts to be transcribed into braille. Of our three children who lived with us in the Philippines during our first encounter, only Mark returned with us this time--and he would stay only six months, returning

to Syracuse to finish his last year of high school at Nottingham.

10 years of development

We lived in Cebu City, the second largest city in the Philippines, which is located only a few hundred miles north of the equator and less than a thousand miles off the coast of Viet Nam. Most of our views are of the urban situation. Upon arrival we met some of our old friends, and found that a very nice home had been located for us to rent. In the Philippines it used to be that large numbers of people would carry some sort of firearm.

At a barrio fiesta it would not be unusual to see someone standing around with a rifle slung over his shoulder--or to sit next to someone on a jeepney and feel a pistol pressing against your side. The first thing we noticed was the complete absence of such weapons, at least as far as the common citizen was concerned. But what we did see was large numbers of uniformed military carrying weapons--and using them also, from reports we received from friends visiting Mindanao and Samar, for example.

We looked for signs of change, and saw many. The average Filipino, we knew, worked for a full year to earn enough money to pay the salary for one month of a professional, like a nurse. How much is that? Well a nurse would have to work for a full month just to pay the round trip fare on the airplane to Manila from Cebu City (about 350 miles). Conversion rates between dollars and pesos, the local currency, are not important when you realize the enormous disparity between the lifestyle of a Filipino and that of the average US citizen. So, had it changed? Yes, indeed. Now the rich in the Philippines were much richer, and the poor much poorer. We saw children that had been the victims of polio, and had not received the promised Salk vaccine because the local government medical stations had been out of vaccine for months and vaccine from private doctors was beyond one's budget. We

knew of local businessmen who would bet an amount on one cock fight that would have paid the salary of the entire faculty of the College of Engineering at the Univ. of San Carlos for one calendar year. To help drain off more of the money, the government had several "floating casinos", on shipboard, tied up at docks in the major cities. Gambling is very much a part of the life of the Filipino, and they have their share of jai-alai with its "off-fronton" betting, lotteries without end, sweepstakes, cock fights, and on and on.

Martial law and the media

How did martial law affect our lives, and how does it affect Filipinos? One cannot find a newspaper in the Philippines that prints even a hint of a criticism of the government. At one point during our stay, a huge scandal developed over the fact that some 86 million pesos had disappeared from highway funds in the Cebu region. A tempest developed, but at last report, only a janitor in one office, and a few clerks had been implicated. Not unlike the problems in any country, but in this case there was no possibility for investigative work by the news media to attempt to find out what was really going on. All news media repeat the same stories as released by the presidential palace. TV and radio stations are monitored for any hint of derogatory statements.

But how do the people feel about martial law? One way to answer this is to talk with friends, and show a genuine interest. John tried this in his office at the University, with his colleagues. Filipinos are very concerned with appearances, and with a real desire to make a guest feel welcome. While this has many positive aspects for the visitor, it also makes it extremely difficult to develop an in-depth discussion. The Filipino does not want to hurt your feelings, as any good host knows. So, as we were boarding the airplane for our return to the USA, one of John's young

John and Sally's children are inclined to say "Oh no! They're at it again!"

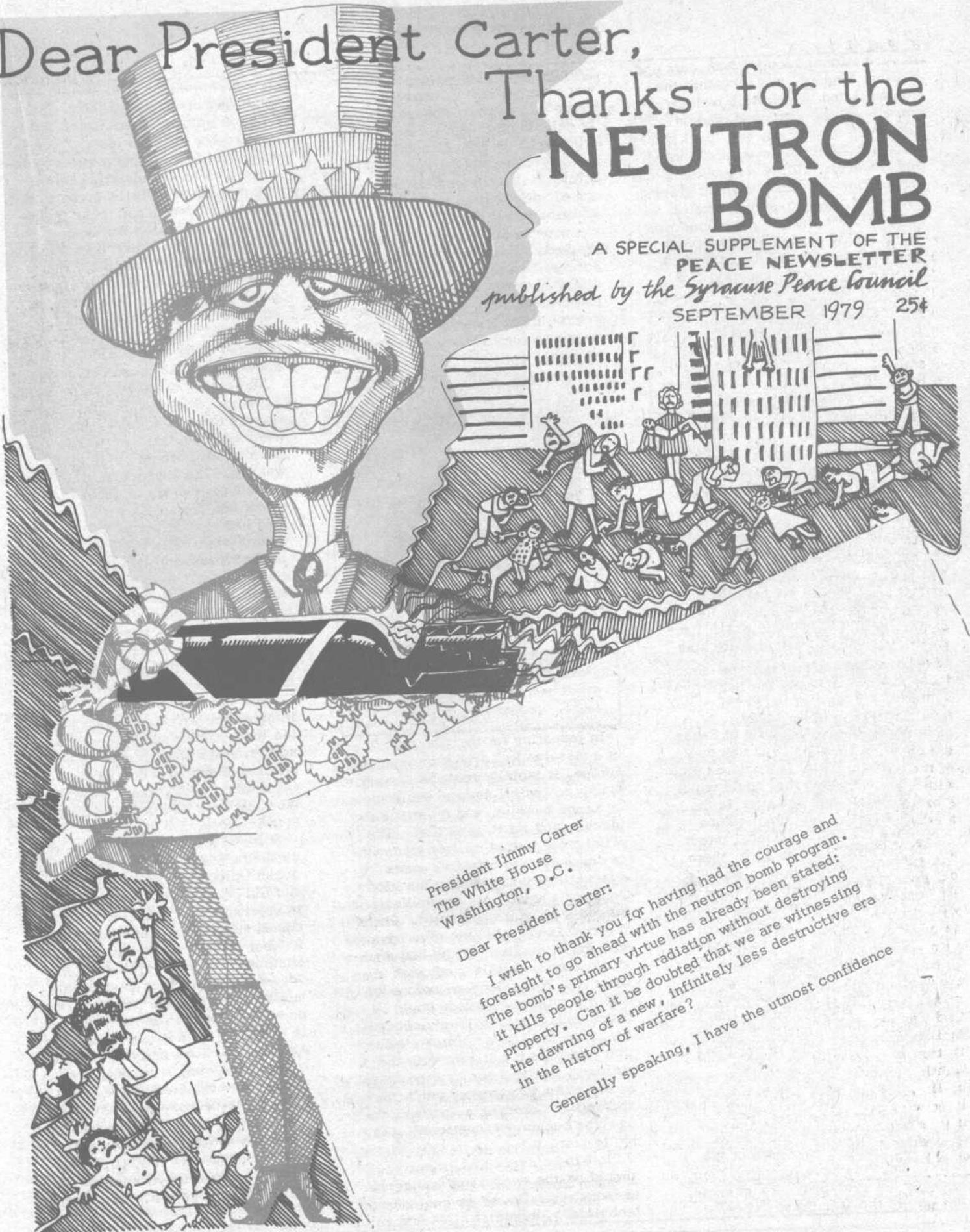
Dear President Carter,

Thanks for the NEUTRON BOMB

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President Jimmy Carter
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Carter:

I wish to thank you for having had the courage and foresight to go ahead with the neutron bomb program. The bomb's primary virtue has already been stated: it kills people through radiation without destroying property. Can it be doubted that we are witnessing the dawning of a new, infinitely less destructive era in the history of warfare?

Generally speaking, I have the utmost confidence

in our national security managers and military leaders, and trust that the contemplated "battlefield neutron force" will be employed prudently. Yet, even those men, the "best and brightest" that we have, are human and therefore fallible - as witness the Bay of Pigs invasion, various Vietnam decisions, and so on. Naturally, we can't afford to have a miscalculation on the Bay of Pigs or Vietnam order once we have entered the age of battlefield neutron weaponry; we obviously need to be on top of every aspect of neutron warfare. I've been thinking alot about the subject and offer some modest suggestions in the hope that they will prove useful to you as you engage, in your capacity as Commander-in-Chief, in strategic planning for the age of neutron weaponry.

The most immediate concern is obviously Western Europe - where, as shown by a recent Defense Department analysis, conventional forces would only have a remote chance of stopping a large-scale Communist attack without loss of territory. Accordingly, the temptation for the men in the Kremlin to launch such an attack, given their determination to achieve world domination, must be well-nigh irresistible.

Here is where battlefield neutron weapons are obviously needed. "Say the Russians invade Europe," as suggested by Richard Perle of Senator Jackson's staff. "And say they get to Rome. Well, it would be nice if we had a weapon that could wipe out a Russian tank battalion in St. Peter's square, not hurt the Pope and leave the Sistine Chapel intact in the bargain." To be sure, there are many naive people who would argue that since we already have about 9,000 nuclear weapons poised in Europe, enough to blow a good many commies from here to kingdom come, it is quite inconceivable that the Reds would ever attempt anything like that. I've heard such people say, "Why would the men in the Kremlin seriously risk a nuclear holocaust for the sake of conquering the Vatican or even Paris? You've got to be kidding."

Those people just don't know what you, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Paul Nitze, Scoop Jackson and I know about the ruthless character of the Reds. And they have forgotten their history. As everybody should know, the men in the Kremlin sacrificed

twenty million Russians during the war against Nazi Germany. Any group of men who show such a totally callous disregard for human life will certainly stop at nothing.

The prospect of facing a massive array of missiles and artillery pieces armed with neutron warheads, in addition to all the rest of our nuclear weapons in Europe, will surely give the Reds something to think about. For our deterrent posture to be credible, however, we need to be prepared actually to use our battle neutron force if necessary. That means serious planning for neutron warfare.



Staykal in the Chicago Tribune

In preparing for the possibility of a massive Red attack on Western Europe, it plainly won't be enough simply to install neutron warheads on Lance missiles and on artillery pieces, and let it go at that. The efficacious use of neutron weaponry is contingent on effective plans for evacuating civilians from the battle zone - no small task given Western Europe's population density. Since Moscow is not likely to give advance warning of an attack, the Red armies would almost certainly advance at least into West Germany before the entire civilian population could be evacuated. It is obviously necessary, therefore, to establish evacuation priorities consistent with the philosophy behind the neutron bomb, and to make arrangements with the appropriate European authorities for carrying out the evacuations according to plan.

First to be evacuated, clearly, should be the owners and managers of industry, followed by engineers, technicians, administrative and sales

personnel, then skilled labor, followed by unskilled labor - with the unemployed, mental defectives and senior citizens last. There is no sense in adopting a strategy designed to save industries unless evacuation priority is given to the groups needed to run those industries once the area has been cleansed with neutron bombs of the advancing Reds. Happily, that evacuation procedure will also give priority to the best categories of customers needed to buy the products of industry once production has been resumed - the unemployed, etc., not being among those categories.

Of course, there will be no means for evacuating West Berlin. There we will have to content ourselves with "area denial," for which the neutron bomb would be an ideal weapon. The memorable statement by an American major about the bombing of Ben Tre seems very apt here; "We had to destroy the town in order to save it." With the use of neutron bombs, however, we could save West West Berlin, Hiroshima. Regrettably, civilian casualties in West Berlin would be extensive if not total. However, the population of West Berlin, although comprising over two million people, constitutes no more than 3 1/2 percent of the West German population. Painful though it might be, we could surely afford the loss. The West Berliners themselves would undoubtedly be better off dead than Red. And for the Communist forces, the "conquest" of West Berlin would prove to be a Pyrrhic victory.

Some might argue that if the evacuation of Western European civilians doesn't proceed smoothly, our battlefield commanders might hesitate to order the firing of their neutron-tipped missiles and artillery shells for fear of inflicting what they might imagine to be excessive civilian casualties - in which case defeat might stare us in the face. It would be well to remind such critics that, in Vietnam, our military commanders did not shirk from carrying out their orders even when it meant heavy casualties among the brave South Vietnamese people we were defending. Our Western European allies should be given assurances that our military commanders would defend them with neutron bombs in the same intrepid spirit that they conducted the defense of South Vietnam, particularly if the forces under their

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command are faced with the prospect of suffering battlefield reverses.

A word of caution seems in order here. On the face of it, keeping a "body count" would seem to be an ideal method of measuring progress in a neutron war. In Vietnam, however, our military commanders were rather more responsive than necessary in their efforts to satisfy their superiors in Washington with an impressive "body count," and there were some lamentable abuses. If I may say so, using the "body count" as a measure of military progress wasn't one of Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara's better ideas. I shudder to think of what might happen if, during a neutron war, our officers commanding neutron missile batteries in West Germany are given to understand that promotion is contingent on the adequacy of their "body counts." Although I myself don't have any bright ideas about how to measure progress in a neutron war, I'm sure that you and your Pentagon advisers will think of something.

In terms of fighting spirit, anyway, the problems are much less likely to come from the generals than from the lower ranking, front-line officers, and especially the enlisted men. In normal times it has been reasonable to assume that our young men, when called into the nation's service, would face the enemy with fortitude. Most of our youth realize that their country would not go to war except in a good cause. They acknowledge the wisdom of their leaders, readily follow orders, and have generally welcomed the opportunity to demonstrate their manhood in defense of our country's high ideals. But such was certainly not the case in Vietnam, where President Johnson too readily took for granted the willingness of our young men to keep on fighting until, as he so picturesquely phrased it, they could "bring back the coonskin." One need hardly speak of the large-scale draft resistance and desertions, anti-war demonstrations, combat refusals, fraying of officers, or of the fact

that Lyndon Johnson himself was hounded out of office.

In contemplating the possibility of neutron warfare it would be folly, therefore, not to give serious attention to the problem of troop morale. One potential morale problem is that the men charged with firing our battlefield neutron weapons might be a bit too close to the military problem to think clearly about it, and might therefore hesitate to obey orders unquestioningly. Consider, by way of contrast, the advantage of distance from the target population enjoyed by those charged with firing our submarine-launched or land-based intercontinental missiles - the same advantage you yourself will enjoy if the necessity ever arises for ordering a nuclear attack against Russia. Probably none of our nuclear missilemen has ever seen a Russian. When the order is given he will simply press a button and all that will happen is that a target, say Leningrad, disappears from the map. What's Leningrad to anyone who has never been there? What was Hiroshima or Nagasaki?

The men of our battlefield neutron force stationed in West Germany won't even be firing their weapons at targets in Russia, where all the casualties would presumably be Communists - or would have grown up to become Communists. Instead, they'll be ordered to fire their neutron missiles and artillery shells at targets in those areas of West Germany into which the enemy forces have advanced. And what if the enemy, instead of staying away from populated areas as we would like them to do, advances rapidly into villages, towns, and even major populated areas before we can carry out our evacuation plans? It won't be like Vietnam, where the peasants were mostly Vietcong sympathizers and deserved what they got, anyway. The West Germans, apart from a few terrorists, are all on our side. Besides that, they aren't "gooks" - but are people just like us. To make matters worse, our boys in uniform have undoubtedly been fraternizing

extensively with West Germans, especially the women. Our troops could probably be counted upon to unleash their neutron weapons without hesitation if invading Reds were the only consideration, but the thought of simultaneously administering fatal doses of radiation to lots of people like ourselves, even to lovers, could conceivably cause massive refusals to fire when the order comes down from the White House, or from the officers to whom you might delegate that authority. And then where would we be?

Unfortunately, men in the front lines have a tendency to focus on the "little picture" rather than the "big picture," and are therefore not likely to be in tune with the compelling reasons of state which have led your Administration to adopt the neutron warfare strategy. To remedy that aspect of the problem, I would recommend a troop indoctrination program emphasizing the "big picture." When our boys in uniform come to realize that the neutron bomb is the finest weapon ever devised for defending our way of life, virtually guaranteeing the preservation of the infrastructure upon which our free enterprise system depends, whatever else might happen in the event of war, they will probably feel much more in tune with the thoughts of their leaders and much less inclined to be swayed by "little picture" considerations when the time comes to press the button.

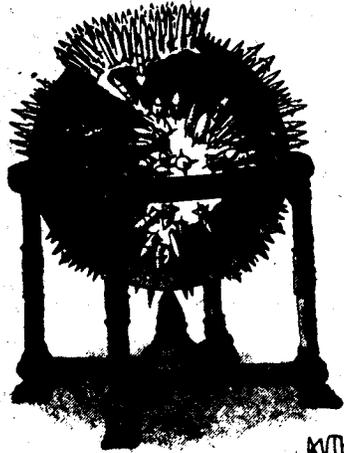
Of course, our economic system can't provide everyone with a job, especially young men from those classes of citizens that provide us with most of our footsoldiers - blacks and the like. As you know, there was an unusually high unemployment rate among Vietnam veterans. This could present a serious morale problem, for the idea of risking one's life in a neutron war designed to save factories from destruction is not likely to appeal much to soldiers imagining that if they survived such a war and got safely back home to America, the factories back home

wouldn't have jobs for them. If their fighting spirit is to be sustained, it would seem important to promise all of our neutron warfare veterans jobs upon their return, perhaps with a ticker-tape parade down Fifth Avenue thrown in. As I understand the nature of neutron warfare, there aren't likely to be many veterans returning home who are fit to work. So it shouldn't be too difficult, given even a relatively high unemployment rate, to keep such a promise.

I wouldn't let it go at promising jobs, though. Given the Vietnam experience and the special morale problems of neutron warfare, I think it only prudent that additional educational and other morale-boosting measures be adopted. As you know, Mr. President, our most distinguished national security managers - Zbigniew Brzezinski, Henry Kissinger, MacGeorge Bundy, and others - have been Harvard men. On the other hand, there is a generally low level of education among the "grunts" whose duty it is to do the actual fighting. Most of the latter don't even have college degrees, and I would venture to guess that among the entire rank-and-file there probably isn't a single Harvard man. Undoubtedly, this striking difference in levels of education does much to explain the fact that, while there has often been foot-dragging among the ranks, our national security managers have never hesitated to do whatever was necessary in defense of Western civilization. Recall Henry Kissinger's stalwart advocacy of the carpet bombing of Hanoi at Christmas time and of the saturation bombing of Cambodia; also, the recommendation by Harvard President James B. Conant, an adviser on atomic policy as the war against Japan drew to an end, that the atomic bomb be dropped on a war plant "employing a large number of workers closely surrounded by workers' houses." Is this not compelling evidence in favor of a major effort to raise the educational level of the common footsoldier?

With college education so expensive, the opportunity to earn a college degree while in the service is currently one of the major inducements for enlistment in the armed forces. My suggestion is that Harvard University be persuaded to offer correspondence courses to our men in uniform, so that they could

not only earn college degrees but Harvard degrees. If Harvard had to lower its standards a bit, it would be for a good, patriotic cause. Not only could our soldiers be expected to acquire a truly firm sense of the values worth fighting for in the "long, twilight struggle" against "ruthless, godless tyranny," to borrow terms from John F. Kennedy (himself a Harvard man, as you know). Our footsoldiers would also learn to think of themselves as Harvard men. They could even be issued Harvard blazers for off-duty wear and seersucker jackets for the summertime. Although they couldn't all be offered opportunities to become national security managers, corporate executives, or Wall Street lawyers they would surely come to identify vicariously with those whose God-given task it is to steer the American ship of state - and, in the context of a neutron war, our frontline grunts could be expected to carry out their own equally important duties with much less of the kind of whimpering that went on during the Vietnam war.



Another aspect of your Administration's decision to create a battlefield neutron force deserves careful attention. That decision will obviously lead to a "neutron bomb gap" in our favor, at the Soviet Union's expense. Some people might hope that the Communists would perceive that neutron bombs are better suited to a defense of our way of life than theirs, and would not follow suite in this particular case. However, past experience makes it clear that the Russians have developed a Pavlovian response pattern to our own advances in nuclear weaponry; wherever we have led, they have

been sure to follow. The announcement of your decision to proceed with development of the neutron bomb doubtless produced a small stampede to the Kremlin among the Soviet Union's hawks - to argue that Russia should also have neutron bombs. Not long ago, I saw the Kremlin's announcement that if we built neutron bombs, they would build them too. Therefore, not very long after we have developed our own battlefield neutron force in Europe, the Soviets doubtless will be ready with such a force of their own - to give us "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."

Please don't misunderstand me, Mr. President. I'm not criticizing your decision on those grounds. Far from it. The creation of our own battlefield neutron force offers only the promise that our forces would conduct military operations in such a way as to minimize property damage. In itself, it could do nothing to prevent the Communists from causing vast property damage with their pre-neutron weaponry - in which case all of our efforts will have gone for naught. If the Soviets follow our lead by adopting property-sparing neutron weaponry, which they are certain to do, that can only be considered, in terms of the "big picture," a very big plus for our side.

However, the news that the Russians have deployed a battlefield neutron force of their own in Europe could prove to be quite unsettling to our own soldiers manning the trenches out there - for it is those fine young men, of course, who will be the targets of Russia's neutron weaponry. It would be disastrous if they weren't prepared psychologically to endure the undoubted hardships of being on the receiving as well as the giving end of neutron warfare.

The experience of "C" Company, of Mylai notoriety, indicates how disorienting it can be for our soldiers when their actual experience of combat fails to correspond with what years of cultural conditioning and their military training have led them to expect. The men of "C" Company, as noted in various accounts, had gone into combat in high spirits, even with itchy trigger fingers - in anticipation of seeing some face-to-face action against the "gooks." But there were no heroic battles and they

never saw any VC. Instead, they lost legs stepping on land mines, got blown away by snipers, and stumbled into ambushes. In the circumstances, it is no exaggeration to say that the men went berserk. While pretending that the assault on Mylai was a great battle against the enemy, the men of "C" Company slaughtered old men, women, and children, raped young women, cut off the ears of their victims for "battle souvenirs," and so on.

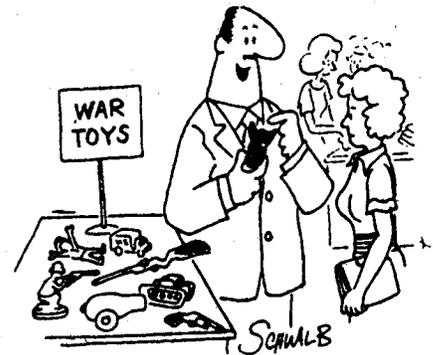
Imagine for a moment the situation three, four, ten, or even twenty years from now on the front lines in Europe. Our men, waiting for the crunch, face the Red Army with their tanks, rifles, machine guns, and rockets at the ready. Our soldiers wait to see "the whites of their eyes" before letting them have it. The crunch comes. However, we either preempt the Russians with our neutron missiles and artillery or they preempt us with theirs. It doesn't matter who fires the first neutron shot. No Red soldiers come charging across the line. There is nothing but a momentary flash and then our soldiers realize that they have been hit by a neutron bomb - that there aren't going to be any great battles or parades down Fifth Avenue, that it is all over for them. Soon they begin to feel dizzy, find their breathing getting difficult, start vomiting, and are afflicted by constant diarrhea; they know they are going to die an agonizing death.

Nothing in their upbringing has prepared our soldiers for this kind of warfare. Quite the contrary. Whereas films (Star Wars, etc.) plus wishful thinking all convinces us that even though some of our buddies are going to get it, we are going to come through it heroically and get the woman when the fighting is over; and whereas, to earn a Purple Heart and perhaps even get a shot at a Congressional Medal of Honor, our young men have even learned to welcome battle wounds (not disabling ones, of course); nothing has taught our young men to relish warfare in which they are all likely to get it. Nor have Americans learned to think of being infected with a fatal dose of radiation as being a heroic way to die. Far from it. As polls have shown, Americans more than anything else dread dying of cancer, which is what being a casualty in neutron warfare would be like.

If the men of "C" Company went berserk at Mylai, and if the Vietnam war produced widespread desertions, draft refusals, officer fraggings, and filled the streets of our nation's capital with demonstrators, I shudder to think of what the reaction would be to neutron warfare - unless there is a very major effort to bring our cultural processes into line with the new kind of warfare for which our Administration is preparing. I am confident that, as Commander-in-Chief, you would not wish, in any case, to send our boys into the front lines psychologically unprepared for the kind of combat you might be asking them to engage in.

Permit me to offer some suggestions in this regard. Cultural conditioning for warfare starts, of course, during the formative years. Logically, you should start by approaching the toy manufacturers, who are still selling toys ill designed to prepare our youngsters for neutron warfare. Since war with neutron weaponry virtually guarantees that toy factories will be preserved intact, it should be easy to persuade their owners to begin marketing toy neutron missiles and cannons; the kids could even be given pills so they would vomit a little bit. Moreover, once the conversion of toys has begun, the toy manufacturers, as the sponsors of many children's TV programs, would doubtless find it in their own interests to have the content of those programs made more consistent with their new lines of merchandise. Thus, toy conversion would also bring the collateral benefit of having the kiddies begin to soak up programs every Saturday morning by which they would internalize the idea that neutron warfare is the most natural kind of thing. Furthermore, since radiation warfare is quieter than warfare with six-shooters, cannons, machine guns, and bombs, the change in content of children's TV films should come as a very welcome relief to parents - and, if I may say so without being thought crass, win the Democratic Party many votes from grateful parents in future elections.

Films, likewise. The old-fashioned Westerns like "High Noon" and "Gunfight at the O.K. Corral," the tough cop blowing away "bad guys" with his .357 Magnum, Clint Eastwood, the "Sands of Iwo Jima" and



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'Now this one destroys all the dolls while leaving the doll houses standing.'

"Patton" type war films - such films, so misleading about the nature of modern warfare, simply have to go. The film-makers should easily be persuaded that they have a stake, too, in conversion to neutron weaponry. As you know, the vast majority of films are made on location these days; and, whereas conventional warfare threatens many of the best locations in Europe and elsewhere with destruction, neutron warfare would ensure their preservation in pristine condition. With the current interest in space films - "Star Wars", etc. - it should not be too difficult to gain acceptance for cinematic conversion to "death ray" weaponry.

I'm afraid that football, by its very nature a series of bone-crunching confrontations, is hopelessly beyond the kind of reform that could link it with neutron warfare; and any attempt to take it away from the American male population would surely provoke a serious rebellion; so I would advise you, Mr. President, to leave football alone - however anachronistic it might seem in modern military terms.

Military training itself is obviously something quite different. As everyone knows, the essence of such training is that it should be realistic. With the help of the Rand Corporation, I'm sure that a realistic training scenario for neutron warfare could be devised. However, our top brass should be cautioned against throwing around neutron weapons carelessly on maneuvers. As you might recall, some of the men of the 82nd Airborne Division who participated twenty years ago in "Operation Smokey"

developed leukemia afterwards - even though it was only a simulated atomic assault against the Reds, without return fire. It certainly wouldn't encourage enlistments, and would be bad P.R. generally, if it got out that our soldiers were getting leukemia on maneuvers. Besides, privates and corporals, even if not as valuable as generals, are human beings, too, and ought to be given every consideration in keeping with the great American tradition of concern for human life. My thought is that a series of simulated neutron "blasts" could be accompanied by a heavy dose of nauseous, temporarily disabling fumes which I'm sure most of our industrial corporations could supply without straining their manufacturing facilities in any way. Our boys would get a more realistic taste of neutron warfare, they would quickly get over the temporary effects of inhaling the fumes (though perhaps not the long-term effects), and everything would seem perfectly normal.

There is another question bearing on morale which I would call to your attention. When you asked Congress to authorize development of the neutron bomb, I didn't see anything in the request to provide the necessary medical facilities for treating our soldiers who become radiation casualties in a neutron war. I'm sure it was just an oversight. Our generals have lots to think about; and when they sent down the neutron bomb request they were probably so anxious to get back to work on first-strike nuclear weapons like the MX missile, on ideas for space warfare, and on plans for waging limited nuclear wars that they simply forgot about hospitals for neutron warfare casualties. But suppose that at a press conference one day some wise-guy reporter asks, "Mr. President, what is your best estimate of the number of radiation casualties our forces would suffer in a European neutron exchange with Soviet forces?" And suppose you gave a ball-park figure of, say, half a million radiation casualties? Suppose the reporter then asked, "What provisions has your Administration undertaken to provide all those men with the special medical treatment they will require?" It would certainly look irresponsible if you had to say, "Well, none, really." What would happen to the image of Jimmy Carter, the Christian humanist?

Even if no reporter asks such a question out of a clear blue sky, suppose one day the men in the Kremlin, after more than six decades of waiting, decide finally to launch their plan for world conquest with a massive invasion of Europe? Picture, if you will, this scene. Suddenly one morning Red armored divisions roar across the line into West Germany. Our conventional forces, taken by surprise, fight back valiantly. But it's no use. There are too many of them. It looks as if the Red hordes are going to sweep across Europe. You don't want to be the fifth American President (after Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, and Ford) to go down in history as having lost a war, so you decide to play your neutron card. Then the men in the Kremlin play their neutron card and all hell breaks loose. The TV networks, with their unerring taste for the sensational, rush camera crews to the scene of the fighting, and mothers and fathers all over the country turn on Walter Cronkite to see what's happening to their sons.

If cigarettes can be sold to the American public, why can't neutron war?

Dan Rather arrives at the scene of action and looks about himself, aghast. The battlefield is littered with bodies, most of the men dead, others lying there moaning. Those still standing are staggering around vomiting, with dazed looks on their faces. Rather, with his unerring instinct for the jugular, holds out his microphone and says, "These men, major, why aren't they being evacuated to hospitals?" The major, his voice quivering, mumbles; "Not enough helicopters... Not enough... medics... No plasma." He vomits up blood, continues; "No hospitals for... radiation casualties." Those are his last words. He drops dead at Dan Rather's feet.

Back home, where the entire nation has been sitting glued to its TV sets, this appalling scene causes consternation. The parents of those dead and dying boys out there are enraged. Enlistments dry up totally, just when new infusions of manpower are badly needed. There are massive desertions from the armed forces.

The streets are filled with angry demonstrators. So you have a press conference to explain things and there are lots of nasty questions. What are you going to say? "While making our plans for neutron warfare we didn't have time to think about hospitals." Or, "We couldn't afford the computer time to figure out our medical needs." Or, "We didn't want to alarm the American public by building hospitals." Or, "We were so busy thinking about how we were going to dish out radiation to the Reds, it never occurred to us that they would give a heavy neutron dose right back to our own boys out there in the trenches." I mean really, Mr. President, what would you say? How much longer do you think you would last as President in those circumstances? Two days? A week?

But it doesn't have to come to that. Consider this alternative scenario. You figure everything out ahead of time with computers; the likely numbers of American casualties dead and slowly dying, in a neutron exchange; the numbers of hospitals, medics, burial teams, helicopters, etc., that will be needed - quite a few, that's for sure. You build hospitals, train the doctors and medics, get everything else ready. The war starts in the same way. But in this scenario what happens next is very different. Before even Dan Rather can reach the scene of the action, Chinook helicopters arrive. Bulldozers are dropped at the scene and graves registration teams are disgorged. While the dozers are digging trenches, the teams are taking down names from dog tags and stuffing our dead soldiers into rubber bags. They throw the dead into the trenches and the dozers fill in the trenches with dirt. Meanwhile, medivac helicopters have arrived in profusion. Medics jump out, round up the soldiers who aren't dead yet, and hustle them off to hospitals where they receive the best possible medical attention.

As the last medivac helicopters disappear over the horizon, Dan Rather arrives on the scene. This time you have even flown in a major from the rear echelon in a freshly starched uniform, to take the place of the one who was commanding our soldiers in the front lines. All Dan Rather sees when he arrives is the major walking around inspecting the

corpses of Red soldiers. Dan Rather holds out his microphone and says, "What's happened here, major?" The major says, "Well, Dan, we just won a great victory - nothing but dead and dying Commie soldiers as far as the eye can see." Rather says, "Amazing, major, how did you do it?" The major says, "The neutron bomb, Dan, a great weapon!" Rather, a bit suspicious, says, "But major, didn't we suffer any casualties at all?" The major says, "A few, Dan, a very few. You might not believe it, but we already have all of them resting comfortably in hospitals, where they are receiving the very best medical attention that money can buy." Rather scratches his head in wonder. And this is what the folks back home are seeing on their TV screens! Need I say more?

Since it takes longer to build hospitals and train doctors than it will take to create a battlefield neutron force, it certainly behooves you, Mr. President, to go back to Congress immediately with a request for the necessary funds, backed up by some carefully worked out estimates of the number of radiation casualties our forces in Europe would likely suffer in the event of neutron war. Tomorrow wouldn't be too soon for doing that. Such a move, I might add, would also make our determination to use neutron weapons if necessary more credible to the men in the Kremlin.

Apart from such considerations, the main thing, of course, is to get our boys really motivated to fight in a neutron war. For none of your other preparations for such a war will do any good ultimately unless we win. I think there is much to be learned from Madison Avenue about motivation. The case of cigarette advertising is especially suggestive. For if cigarettes can be sold to the American public, why can't neutron war? What the ad agencies do is link the brand of cigarette to be sold, Salems for example, with a beautiful woman. The young male potential smoker sees this woman again and again and again. The link between cigarette smoking and sexual bliss is established and the idea is internalized. Our young male runs down to the store with his tongue hanging out and says, "Gimme a carton of Salems." He smokes up

one pack, then another pack, and another. He doesn't get the woman, only cancer. But he isn't thinking cancer, he's thinking woman. So he keeps on buying cigarettes, keeps on smoking. He has become motivated to behave the way Madison Avenue wants him to behave, even though it makes him deathly ill.

Neutron warfare is like cigarette smoking only more so, in a cancer sense. So what we do is this. We have a big ad campaign linking military service in Germany and neutron warfare with the most buxon German frauleins we can find. We run our commercials at the Super Bowl and other sporting events. We saturate the airwaves. We open the doors to our military recruiting stations an hour early and the flower of American manhood comes pouring in. But this isn't the Johnson Administration. We don't want a credibility gap to develop even before the war begins. So, through the CIA, we open up warehouses all over West Germany - even better than the ones in Saigon and Bangkok. This generation of American soldiers learns that it can really believe in its government.

the battle. The Reds can't match that, in terms of motivation, and we win the first big battle hands down. Back in Washington, we break out the champagne. Everybody is invited - Clark Clifford, Barbara Walters, Henry Kissinger, Averell Harriman, and so on.

Ideally, while the victory celebration is taking place in Washington, the general commanding the Red armies in Europe staggers across to our side, hands in his sword, and expires on the spot - or the Reds just "fade back into the woodwork," to borrow Bill Bundy's memorable phrase of the Vietnam war years. But what if neither of those things happen? What if, instead of accepting defeat like we want them to, they escalate? And then we escalate? And then they escalate again? This problem has me very worried. I've thought and thought about it and haven't been able to come up with a solution.

But Henry Kissinger once wrote a book on how to fight a limited nuclear war, Nuclear Weapons and Foreign Policy. You should get yourself a copy. Everywhere in the



Then the war begins and the neutron bombs start flying around - radiation everywhere. It's infinitely more hairy than anything we've ever asked our boys to face before. Even the whores are on their last legs, though our soldiers haven't had time to find this out. Meanwhile, our boys have become very highly motivated - like cigarette smokers. Instead of just standing around vomiting or running off to sick bay, they keep on fighting patriotically until they drop dead, in anticipation that warm beds and luscious German frauleins await them at the end of

book that it says "nuclear" war you could cross out the "nuclear" and substitute "neutron." Then you could read through the whole book and it would probably give you the answer. Or you could just ask Henry at the victory party, but you probably wouldn't want to wait until the last minute to figure out the answer to this aspect of the problem.

To get back for a moment to my suggestions about morale building, some people might argue that the idea of providing warehouses for our boys overseas isn't a fit subject for discussion by the President of

the United States and his advisers - that it "Isn't nice." But what's so bad, really, about paid sex? It's sure alot nicer than dropping napalm on people, than "body counts," and so on. We don't hesitate to talk publicly about neutron bombs, which are certainly desirable from the strategic point of view. But in terms of being nice, neutron bombs can't even hold a candle to whorehouses. Wouldn't you agree, Mr. President?

Certainly nobody can deny that the most important motivation for fighting is the expectation of sex after the battle is over. Every veteran knows that. It's just like in the movies; you wipe out the bad guy first and then you get the woman. Quite often, as you know, soldiers can't even wait for the leave they have coming, and they rape women that they find during the fighting. That's just another part of war.

Music, as you know, is another thing that has always been a major source of inspiration to fighting men. Here again, the trend that began to develop during the Vietnam war period does not augur well for a future neutron war. If you ever find it necessary to press the neutron button, can it be doubted that hundreds of subversive songwriters and vocalists would suddenly materialize to bombard our youth with songs about the alleged evils of neutron warfare - and that you personally, Mr. President, would become the target of their malicious lyrics? As we enter the age of neutron warfare, it seems to me imperative that your Administration get the jump on the subversives in terms of music.

There is no reason on earth why some wonderful songs, as well as stirring march music, can't be written about neutron warfare. From the military point of view, the problem in recent years has not been a lack of noteworthy lyrical themes; but rather, lack of interest by our cold war Presidents. During the entire thirteen years of the Vietnam war, I can't recall a single show of interest in that war's musical possibilities by any of the four Presidents in office during that period. And look at what happened to them!

With the renewal of interest in Jesus among our young people, I think you are in a particularly good position, given your religious stature, to encourage young people to



sing religious songs of a martial nature, which could easily be made relevant to the era of neutron warfare. "Onward Christian Soldiers" comes immediately to mind, and there must be many other songs like it which would be suitable for warfare against Godless communism.

In addition, I would suggest that your Administration sponsor a songwriting contest on the glories of neutron warfare - offering \$100,000, say, for first prize. If our best and brightest scientists, men like Edward Teller (the "father" of the hydrogen bomb) and Samuel Cohen (the "father" of the neutron bomb), can be induced by patriotism, prestige, and money to work on nuclear weaponry, sweating away in their laboratories into the late hours of the night, surely the same incentives would bring forth a fine effort in the same worthy cause by many of our most talented songwriters. I don't think there is anything intrinsically lacking in the moral fiber of our songwriters just because they are songwriters. And if our songwriters and vocalists begin to preempt the musical audiences, including our boys in uniform, with our songs about neutron warfare now, when the Pete Seegers, Joan Baezes, Bob Dylans, Buffe Sainte-Maries, Joe MacDonalds, and others of their ilk come out with their songs, after the neutron button has been pushed,

they'll find themselves without an audience. In such matters it really pays to think ahead.

I have one last suggestion for improving troop morale. It would certainly give our boys in the front lines a shot in the arm if, when a neutron war breaks out, some of our generals and national security managers were in the trenches with them - just as Alexander, Genghis Khan, and others used to share the lot of their men back in the old days. That would surely cheer up our boys much more than having our national leaders make ready to helicopter off to their own special shelters - as they prepared to do during the Cuban missile crisis, while the rest of us had nothing but damp basements in which to hide. I was pretty upset about that myself.

I realize that most of our national security managers, even our generals don't have suitable attire for the trenches - much less for neutron warfare. But that can certainly be remedied. Perhaps a lead suit, with shoes, necktie, and hat to match, would be the most practical thing for the occasion - cut with a certain amount of flair so as not to present too somber an appearance, lead being what it is. I would certainly like to have General George Brown, Secretary of Defense Harold Brown, Zbigniew Brzezinski, and even Samuel Cohen out there in the

trenches with me during a neutron war if I were out there, and I'm sure most of our soldiers would,, too.

Assuming, Mr. President, that one day you might find yourself pressing the neutron button in response to Soviet or other communist aggression, there is a rather delicate matter that deserves a few words. As you know, the Hague Convention relating to the conduct of war states that "The right of belligerents to adopt means of injuring the enemy is not unlimited." And the Convention prohibits the use of "arms, projectiles, or material (emphasis added) calculated to cause unnecessary suffering." To make matters worse, the U.S. Army Field Manual notes that, "Every violation of the law of war is a war crime." Finally, the Nuremberg Principles state that, "The fact that a person who committed an act which constitutes a crime under international law acted as Head of State or responsible government official does not relieve him from responsibility under international law."

You will probably ask, "What does this have to do with me?" Admittedly, American Presidents haven't had to face the problem before. One only has to worry about being placed on trial and perhaps imprisoned or executed for war crimes if totally defeated, which hasn't happened to the United States yet. However, as pointed out by Telford Taylor, the chief U.S. prosecutor at Nuremberg, had the Nuremberg principles been applied to the U.S. conduct of the war in Vietnam, those in charge of U.S. strategy would very likely have been found guilty of war crimes. Likewise, can it be doubted that the Japanese would have put Harry Truman on trial for dropping atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki if they instead of we had won the war? They doubtless would have argued that the Japanese are human, too, and that dropping atomic bombs on defenseless cities like Hiroshima and Nagasaki were therefore crimes against humanity. And who could have prevented them from hanging President Truman from the nearest tree - instead of Tokyo being changed?

Don't misunderstand me, Mr. President, I'm most definitely not opposed in principle to what our leaders did in Vietnam or Japan. The

VC and Japs certainly deserved what they got - even though, as you know, Japan's leaders were trying to arrange a surrender when we hit them with the bomb. And I most certainly think that there would be sound strategic reasons for your using the neutron bomb if the occasion ever arose. What I am concerned about is the possibility, however remote, that we might ultimately be defeated in a war and that, since your Administration conceives of the neutron bomb as a first-use weapon, you and your chief advisors might find yourselves in the dock for the alleged "war crime" of having initiated a neutron war.

You wouldn't be able to stone-wall it and there wouldn't be a President Ford around to pardon you. Pleading ignorance of the Nuremberg Principles would surely get you nowhere, in view of the leading role played by our government in drafting those Principles. You could argue that the suffering caused by the neutron bomb was necessary rather than unnecessary, but I'm virtually certain that the war crimes tribunal wouldn't buy that. Nor do I think you would get any farther arguing that the neutron bomb wasn't calculated to cause unnecessary suffering but only had that result incidental to your strategic intentions. The prosecutors would doubtless say that you were splitting hairs in a desperate effort to avoid punishment, and they would probably fill the courtroom with radiation casualties in the last stages of dying in agony. I don't see any way you could get out of it.

The thought of yourself, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Secretary of Defense Harold Brown, and General George Brown swinging from the gallows is almost too painful to contemplate. Please understand that I would be behind you all the way if you decided to use neutron bombs anywhere in the world against the Reds. But the point is, we must do everything possible to avoid defeat and its punitive consequences. I know that elsewhere I emphasized the importance of keeping a neutron war limited. But defeat, of course, is something that we can't risk. If that means preempting the Russians with an all-out nuclear attack before they can preempt us, well so be it!

Some people might say it's rude to talk to our President about war crimes. But as President Nixon's unfortunate experience amply demonstrates, when one's actions, however well intentioned, have legal implications, it is a grave mistake not to carefully think through all your moves ahead of time and not just take it for granted that you can get away with it because you are President of the United States. I am raising these legal issues, I assure you, only because I have your welfare at heart.

There are obviously other problems to think about. For example, in his 1969 report to President Richard Nixon on conditions in Latin America, Nelson Rockefeller warned that,

Rising frustrations throughout the Western Hemisphere over poverty and political instability have led increasing numbers of people to pick the United States as a scape-goat and to seek out Marxist solutions to their socio-economic problems. At the moment there is only one Castro among the 26 nations of the hemisphere; there could well be more in the future. And a Castro on the mainland, supported militarily and economically by the Communist world, would present the gravest kind of threat to the security of the Western Hemisphere and pose an extremely difficult problem for the United States.

For the time being, the strong governments which have come to power with out help in such Latin American countries as Brazil and Chile, etc., etc. should be fully capable of maintaining law and order with the various kinds of assistance we have been giving them. But as you know, Mr. President, it is anticipated that in Latin America alone the population will reach 600 million by the end of the century, with approximately 300 million of those being unemployed. In the circumstances it is hardly realistic to expect that even law and order governments will be able to keep the lid on indefinitely.

The election of Salvador Allende as the President of Chile only a year after Rockefeller's report surely gave point to his warning that a Castro could also arise on the South American mainland. Fortunately,

Allende is no longer with us. Can it be doubted, however, that new Marxist demagogues of his ilk will emerge with demands of milk for all the children, etc.? Such demands, however irresponsible, can have a considerable impact on gullible peasants who don't understand that you can't have both milk for everybody and freedom, which rests on private ownership of industry. As everybody knows, Allende's scheme for providing Chile's children with milk involved seizure of the Chilean telecommunications system from ITT as well as seizure of the copper mines belonging to Anaconda and Kennecott. So we need to take very seriously Nelson Rockefeller's warning that increasing numbers of people in Latin America are likely to "pick the United States as a scapegoat and... seek out Marxist solutions for their problems."

As Henry Kissinger said when Allende was elected President of Chile, we can't just let developing countries in Latin America and elsewhere go Communist due to the irresponsibility of their own people. Granted, if another Marxist gets elected to power in Latin America, as Allende did, we can probably take care of him easily enough - because our guys in his country will have all the guns. But we can't count on it happening like that again. As you know, Mr. President, Fidel Castro has been going around saying that what happened to Allende proves that if you want to throw out the Yankees and make a revolution, you have to do it with guns. So, as we look ahead to the 1980's, 1990's, and even the 21st century, it is only realistic to expect a growing danger of armed subversion. In this context, I think your decision to develop battlefield neutron weapons was extremely far-sighted.

When the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, as you may recall, President Truman stated optimistically: "This is the greatest thing in history." However, as everyone knows, none of the nuclear weapons that we developed subsequently proved to be usable against our Communist enemies in actual battlefield situations. The reason, plainly is that conventional nuclear weapons cause a terrifying blast and enormous property damage. When people think of such weapons they think of huge

mushroom clouds, fire storms, thunderous noise, and the "scorched earth" effect at Hiroshima. Conventional nuclear weapons pose a serious noise and visual problem. In the circumstances, it hasn't been possible to use nuclear weapons against the commies when we needed to the most, without risking serious damage to the image of our national leaders and probably provoking an enormous domestic and international backlash.

One need only look at what happened in Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos to see how important it will be for us to have battlefield neutron weapons. In those three countries we had to drop millions of tons of bombs and napalm on the "gooks", at huge expense to American taxpayers - but without being able to annihilate our enemies. For the conventional weapons at our disposal, however powerful, proved to be much more effective against enemy villages than against guerrillas hidden in the jungle or burrowed in deep tunnels. As a result, we suffered a series of humiliating defeats in Indochina. In countering subversion, what we obviously need is a usable weapon of great power from which there is no escape - not by hiding in the jungle, in caves, tunnels, or anywhere else. Since radiation penetrates everywhere, can it be doubted that neutron weaponry will prove to be the answer? Or that the long search for a practical battlefield nuclear weapon has at long last come to an end? With neutron weapons we could really bomb the commies and their supporters back into the Stone Age, as General Curtis LeMay hoped we would be able to do in Vietnam - and on TV there would hardly be anything to be seen, much less get upset about.

To tell the truth, it is in the Third World that I think the neutron bomb's real potential lies. Although most of our modern weapons have been developed for use against the Russians, it has been too dangerous, thus far to use such weapons against them. Besides, the Russians haven't made their big move yet. Once added to our arsenal, however, many of those weapons have proved extremely useful against enemies in the Third World, since we don't have to worry about getting hit back with the same kinds of weapons. That has always been one of the saving graces



of our enormously expensive cold war armaments program. In that sense, money invested in neutron weaponry will certainly prove to have been well spent.

For example, if we had possessed neutron weapons at the time we surely could have wiped out Fidel Castro and his followers while they were still in the Sierra Maestra, saving everybody a lot of grief - the Bay of Pigs, all those fruitless attempts to rub out Fidel Castro, Jack Kennedy's hugely expensive but unsuccessful secret war against him, even the Cuban missile crisis. All of those things would have been unnecessary. Our big corporations would still have their sugar lands and mills, oil refineries, and hotels, etc.; the Mafia would still have its gambling casinos; Havana would still have all of its exotic whorehouses; and Cuba would still be a paradise for American tourists. Everybody would be happy.

In Vietnam we almost certainly would have been able to wipe out the Vietcong when the first American "advisers" were sent there in 1962, if we had possessed battlefield neutron weapons at the time, and think of the grief that would have saved everybody. Even if we hadn't acquired neutron weapons until a few years later, General Keegan has pointed out that with such weapons, "We might have caught them massing in the cities at Tet."

Consider, Mr. President, what a difference the neutron bomb would have made when the commies grabbed Hue "and dug in, with their own flag unfurled over the city's historic Citadel." David Douglas Duncan has written eloquently of the tactical predicament General William Westmoreland was placed in when the commies ran up their flag:

And that spelled the destruction of Hue and the death of untold hundreds of its citizens. We Americans pounded the Citadel and surrounding city almost to dust with air strikes, napalm runs, artillery and naval gunfire and the direct cannon fire of tanks and recoilless rifles - a total effort to root out and kill every enemy soldier. Christ! The mind reels at the carnage, cost - and almost fanatical ruthlessness of it all... It seemed that so long as a single Communist survived to shoot back at the attacking Marines and South Vietnamese Rangers,

no pounding of the city into dust. The Marines could have run up the American flag over Vietnam's ancient Citadel as soon as the radiation cleared away and there would have been no mess except for piles of enemy dead scattered around. And that wouldn't have mattered much because, as Westmoreland pointed out, "the Oriental... doesn't put the same high price on life as does a Westerner... life is cheap in the Orient."

Unfortunately, the battle of Hue can't be fought over again. However, the recent disturbances in Nicaragua and Iran portend a future that will surely become more menacing to our interests in the Third World as the years go by. As you know, we went to considerable trouble to provide the natives in both Nicaragua and Iran with good governments. For this the natives should be grateful. But are they grateful? No, they are not grateful! According to the news-

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Westmoreland would continue to order counter-battery fire, punching every red button in his Saigon command post.

Of course I don't agree with Duncan's "fanatical ruthlessness" description of Westmoreland's tactics, which is a disparaging way of writing about one of our nation's finest generals - bordering on defamation of character. The Vietcong flag waving up there was one of the worst humiliations of the war for us, and the situation must have been intensely frustrating for old Westy - who plainly didn't have the tools he needed to get the job done cleanly and quickly. It took our Marines days of hard fighting and many casualties, to get the VC flag down and the stars and stripes run up in its place. And there certainly was a lot of property destruction.

The Tet offensive, as everyone knows, was the turning point in the Vietnam war. With battlefield neutron weapons at our disposal, it most certainly would have been the turning point in our favor. It only would have been necessary for Westmoreland to press the button once or twice for a city like Hue - no frustrating delays, no great expense, no American casualties, and

papers, the people in those two countries were almost entirely against Somoza and the Shah, respectively. Since we put both the Somozas and the Shah of Iran in power, attacks on them are really attacks on us. The obvious problem is that the natives in countries like Nicaragua and Iran want to be able to choose their own governments before they are ready for self-government. Throughout most of the Third World the natives are becoming damned cheeky, as the British used to say back in the old days.

O.K. Suppose that, not wanting any more Vietnams, we let Nicaragua and Iran go. The most serious part of the situation is that if legitimate authority is overturned in those two countries, rebellious natives will be encouraged to rise up all over the place against governments friendly to our economic and strategic interests. Nicaragua and Iran today - tomorrow, perhaps Brazil with its enormous mineral wealth, or even Saudi Arabia. Then we'd really be up a creek! So it isn't just a question of natives in the developing world not being ready for self-government. In many Third World countries self-government for the natives would threaten our vital interests.

If we lose many more countries that belong to our sphere of influence, we'll almost surely go the way of England and France - and become a second-rate country instead of Number One. And no American would want that!

To deal with future uprisings among the Third World's teeming millions, neutron weapons are exactly what the doctor ordered. The beauty of the nonatomic trigger for neutron weaponry that the Pentagon is working on, laser triggers and so on, is that there won't be any blast or heat. Neutron bombs will be really silent weapons and it won't seem like any big deal when we use them. Fortunately, life is cheap elsewhere in the Third World as it is in the Orient.

It has occurred to me, the more I think about it, that maybe the main reason why the Pentagon wants battlefield neutron weapons is to fight future brush-fire wars in the Third World, which is where most of the wars are these days - but that they just didn't want to say so in public. You will remember that when they wanted MIRV to enhance our first-strike nuclear capability they had to say it was to counter the Russian ABM system, even though the Russians didn't have an ABM system worth mentioning. You can't just go to Congress and ask for new nuclear weaponry so that we can launch a nuclear attack against the Soviet Union if we ever have to. Likewise, you can't just go to Congress and say: "We want neutron bombs so we can drop them on commies in places like Chile or Guatemala if the need ever arises." It just isn't good P.R.

So I hope I haven't let a cat out of the bag by talking about using neutron bombs in the Third World. I wouldn't want you to feel that you had to have the Justice Department put me on trial for a breach of national security. When you told federal prosecutors to throw the book at Grace Paley and her friends for waving a disarmament sign on the White House lawn, it made me more than a little nervous. Please don't forget, Mr. President, that I'm on your side.

To get back to where I was, one of the countries I'm worried the most about is Mexico, which already has very serious economic problems, a burgeoning population, and a long history of revolutionary disorders.

The possibility of a Fidel Castro in Mexico, "supported militarily and economically by the Communist world," would certainly present "the gravest kind of threat" to the United States.

Naturally, Mexico doesn't seem like much of a threat today, because there isn't much happening on TV yet. But there was also a time when the situations in Cuba, Chile, and Iran didn't seem threatening either. As certainly as night follows day, though, things will eventually come to a head in Mexico and other countries like it - even though perhaps not during your own presidency. But Presidents come and go, while the problem of communist subversion remains a permanent danger. Every President has the duty to think of the counter-insurgency needs of future administrations, even though he might not have to use such weapons as the neutron bomb during his own administration. Neutron bombs are clearly the weapons of the future, as far as Third World security problems are concerned.

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A word of caution, however. When the South Africans acquire neutron bombs, they should be discouraged from using them irresponsibly - which could have an adverse effect on the investment climate there and make the continuation of their South African operations awkward for various American banks and industrial corporations. Indeed, it would not be too soon, given their intractability, to begin talking to the South Africans now about this - even though they might not have neutron bombs for another few years. They should be encouraged to think of neutron bombs as only being weapons of last resort. Although countries such as Brazil and Chile probably won't acquire battlefield neutron weapons until some years after the South Africans, it might also not be too soon to start preparing, for the benefit of such governments, an educational program on the neutron bomb's prudent use.

Conceivably, neutron warfare could spread to our own shores at

some future date, although one would naturally hope that such warfare could be confined to Europe and the Third World. Although that contingency might seem remote today, the possibility that neutron warheads might some day be delivered against the United States suggest that it would be very desirable to begin acclimating the American public to the idea of neutron warfare. I don't think it should be really hard to do if approached right. The right pitch, I think, would be to show the public how neutron warfare would just be another form of pollution.

As you know, Mr. President, most experts are now agreed that cancer is mainly caused by environmental influences - by pollution of the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the food we eat. It is estimated that 53 million Americans now living will get cancer and that 20 percent of of the population will die from it. Nobody likes all that cancer, of course. But I haven't heard many people making waves about an allegedly "unacceptable" level of casual-

ties caused by carcinogenic fall-out from the way we run our economic system. Everybody accepts the fact that the economic operations required to preserve our way of life are going to involve casualties, and that the important thing is the bottom line - a two trillion dollar economy. Besides that, we don't just think of the casualties. We think of the happiness of the more than 150 million lucky Americans who are able to buy all the wonderful things we see on TV and who don't get cancer. Also, of course, we think of the happiness of stockholders. Lastly, even though people are dying like flies from cancer, when the dead are hauled away nothing has changed. The World Trade Center, the factories and oil refineries, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Wall Street - all these things are still there. The flag still flies in front of the Capitol and the White House. So we accept the casualties as being at an acceptable level.

It would, of course, be an intol-

erable affront if a country like Cuba for example, hit us with that much carcinogenic fall-out, because it would be an intentionally aggressive act by a Communist enemy and a challenge to our national honor. We would have no choice, in the circumstances, except to hit Cuba with everything we've got. I don't want to deny that. But the point is this: there is no reason why neutron warfare in itself shouldn't be thought of as being entirely acceptable. Although it would obviously involve some unpleasant scenes on TV, neutron warfare would really be quite similar to the way our economic system is run by those whose job it is to run it.

The results wouldn't be so different. I can't imagine our suffering more than fifty million radiation fatalities in a neutron war with the Russians. And after the war was over everything would be the same. All of our fine buildings and monuments would still be there, the factories would go on humming, the computers would continue to compute, and the ticker tape would still come out of the ticker tape machines. The only difference would be that the radiation fatalities would be concentrated in a much shorter time span. That's not so much a difference in principle as it is a logistical, health, and esthetic problem. To prevent the spread of disease as well as a horrible stench, we would probably have to be prepared to haul away and burn millions of corpses from cities like New York, Boston, and Washington in a very short period of time. But obviously, with our highly developed trucking system, this is something well within our logistical capabilities. Do you see what I'm driving at? If the American people can be made to understand the analogy between neutron warfare and the way we run our economic system, surely they can be persuaded to accept neutron warfare as being quite normal and necessary.

Well, Mr. President, that's all the advice I have to give about neutron warfare. But before I end this letter I want to tell you about a terrible dream I sometimes have at night. In my dream I'm in the Kremlin planning room. Lenin, Stalin, Khrushchev, Brezhnev, and other Communist leaders are all in the room, which has a huge, brightly lit map of the world on one wall. The Kremlin leaders bend over their desks, leafing through



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books and reports. Messengers hurry in and out of the room with telegrams and sheaves of papers. Every now and then Lenin and the others leave their desks as if, on a signal and huddle together in a darkened corner of the room. I can hear their whispering but can't make out what they are saying. Then one of them will leave the huddle and go to a bank of controls, where he pulls a lever, pushes a button, or pulls one of many strings dangling from the ceiling. Whenever this happens another country on the map turns a bloody red - first the countries of Eastern Europe, then China, then Cuba, after that Vietnam, and so on. I try desperately to call out, "Stop it! Stop it!", but I can't make a sound. Then I begin to feel cancer beginning to eat away at my body, starting in my fingers and toes, and steadily moving towards my heart. I feel myself beginning to choke. Then I wake up with my entire body trembling and covered with a cold sweat.

When this happens I always think of what Jack Kennedy said:

The enemy is the communist system itself - implacable, insatiable, unceasing in its drive for world domination. . . Each day the crises multiply. Each day their solution grows more difficult. Each day we draw nearer to the hour of maximum danger, as weapons spread and hostile forces grow stronger.

I think of huge Russian armies poised on the borders of Western Europe, waiting for the signal to sweep across Europe to the Atlantic - come hell or high water. I think of the yellow hordes of China, millions upon millions of them, ready to en-

gulf all the rest of Asia and sweep on out into the Pacific. I think of the Communist fifth columns in Italy, France, Spain, and dozens of other countries. I think of Fidel Castro, only ninety miles off our shores. I think of Brezhnev with his finger on the button, ever alert, waiting for that moment when we might let our guard down and expose ourselves to a devastating nuclear attack. I think of all the hidden Communists busily at work in America, plotting ceaselessly to undermine our system; and I recall the warning of J. Howard McGrath, Truman's Attorney General - that the "many Communists in America" are "everywhere - in factories, offices, butcher stores, on street corners."

Mr. President, only the United States stands between the men in the Kremlin and world domination. They are out to get us. Not for a single moment can we let up in our efforts to strengthen our nuclear arsenal with more and newer weapons. We have got to stay ahead of them. And if we get the chance, we should get them before they get us.

Speaking of which, I find it very reassuring that you and your national security advisers are going full steam ahead with a nuclear armaments program designed to give us the first-strike capability we need - Trident-2 submarines and MX missiles, with their zero-miss maneuvering warheads (MARV) so that we can destroy Russia's missiles while they are still in their silos, and so on. With MARV warheads we will finally have the ultimate first-strike weapon - although, who knows, Pentagon scientists could conceivably come up with an even

more ultimate weapon in a few years. They certainly are imaginative.

Until recently the only thing lacking, really, had been civil defense measures to reduce to an acceptable level American fatalities resulting from Russian retaliation to a pre-emptive first strike - since we obviously can't expect to develop any system that has a 100% kill capability, nothing being perfect. So I was also glad to read in the papers that you had decided to go ahead with an evacuation plan designed to save the lives of 140 million Americans in a nuclear exchange - which would mean only about 70 million fatalities, an unpleasant but not intolerable figure. By the way, does that figure of 140 million survivors take into account the people who would die during the weeks and months after the nuclear "exchange" - of starvation, disease, and radiation sickness? I was just wondering. It seems that that might make a difference.

Anyway, timing will be of the essence when the nuclear crunch comes. Like the Cuban missile crisis, it will probably come upon us suddenly, so it would be well to think everything carefully through ahead of time; there might not be another thirteen days for deliberations. When the next nuclear crisis comes and people have been evacuated from the cities in accordance with your plans, it will obviously be important to let go with our nuclear missiles before the men in the Kremlin let go of theirs; as our generals will certainly tell you at the time, the men in the Kremlin, knowing that we have a first-strike capability and suspecting what might come next, aren't going to sit around waiting for you to attack all their missiles while they're still in their silos. So you are going to have to move very fast in order to get the jump on them.

Besides that, there wouldn't be any point in going to all the trouble and expense of developing a first-strike capability if we don't use it to preempt the Reds when the moment of truth arrives. You couldn't just tell the men in the Kremlin that it's all off and expect them to believe it. So if you hesitate for even a few minutes, they'll probably hit us with everything they've got in order to prevent their own missiles from being destroyed by the pre-emptive attack they think is coming; and that wouldn't be

crunch comes I sure hope the men in the Kremlin don't try to get the jump on us by letting go with their SS-9s and their nuclear submarines when they see us start to evacuate our cities instead of waiting for the evacuations to be completed. That would certainly mess up all your plans and catch the rest of us with our pants down. It would be just like the commies to do something like that.

However things might develop, it will be important for all the people in our cities to be well prepared when the evacuation order comes. With 140 million people to be evacuated, not everybody is just going to be able to drive out to a nearby Holiday Inn and sit out the holocaust watching re-runs of past Superbowl games on TV. And what if the crunch comes during the middle of the winter? People are certainly going to need warm sleeping bags and other things. Worse yet, what if that wintertime crisis erupts on a Sunday, people haven't bought what they need, and all the stores are closed? Even without that, probably none of us will have time for last-minute shopping after the sirens have sounded. It certainly wouldn't be much of a consolation to have saved 140 million Americans from nuclear incineration and then have most of them freeze to death because they weren't prepared for winter camping.

To avoid such a catastrophe, the only solution is for you to go on TV like Jack Kennedy did after his Vienna meeting with Nikita Khrushchev, and tell the American people what they will need to do. I'm sure you remember the speech I'm talking about, the one in which Kennedy told us all to build fall-out shelters. You should definitely tell everyone which American cities have probably been targeted, what the megatonnage is likely to be, and what the blast, heat, and radiation effects would be like - so that the American people will take the nuclear age as seriously as do you and the Pentagon's nuclear war planners. Otherwise, it is hardly reasonable to expect that people will make adequate preparations ahead of time, much less be able to cope with the conditions by which they'll be confronted. Most people I've talked to seem quite ignorant of what nuclear war would actually be like; and I take it for granted, Mr. President, that you would consider it your duty to make sure that the American peo-

ple aren't left in a state of ignorance.

In telling the American people about what they will need when evacuated, you should warn them to be sure they get down sleeping bags when they pay for down, instead of chicken feathers. As you know, many manufacturers of "down" products have been substituting chicken feathers for down; and chicken feathers aren't half as warm. People should also be warned against digging all the way down to the ground when they dig holes in the snow for their sleeping bags. The ground is a lot colder than having a layer of snow under you. And you should certainly tell people to keep a stiff upper lip through the whole thing, because nuclear war isn't going to be any picnic - what with all the radiation in the air, water, and food on top of the cold weather and everything.

Another thought occurs to me, As a former naval officer, you are obviously aware of the importance of having "abandon ship" drills so that passengers on a ship will know exactly what to do just in case the ship starts to sink. Otherwise the passengers would be running around in a panicky way, yelling and screaming, and many lives would be needlessly lost. Also, how can anyone forget what happened when the supposedly "unsinkable" Titanic unexpectedly hit an iceberg and sank - which only goes to show that even a competent captain steering the best designed of ships is capable of steering the ship into an unanticipated iceberg of reef on a dark night, and that the ship will go down.

Who would have expected it? The first class passengers were all feasting on filet mignon and champagne while the steerage passengers were supping happily on hominy grits, in accordance with their respective culinary preferences; and everyone was totally oblivious of the mortal danger that lay ahead. Since no one imagined that the mighty U.S.S. Titanic could sink, there were hardly any lifeboats and of course there hadn't been any "abandon ship" drills. So when the U.S.S. Titanic went down, in about the time it takes for a thermonuclear missile to cross the Atlantic, everyone was drowned - even the first class passengers. A very sad story indeed!

The point of all this, Mr. President, is that evacuations from the cities during times of crisis, or during the

limited nuclear wars for which you and your generals are preparing, have got to be a much more complex operation than the abandonment of a sinking ship - what with millions and millions of car-owning Americans trying desperately to get onto the expressways out of town, all at the same time. Can it be doubted that the whole thing would be a total fiasco unless the people in our cities have run through "abandon city" drills a few times, so that the wrinkles in your evacuation plans can be worked out and everybody gets what they are supposed to do down right?

Even without the Titanic experience, any ship captain who didn't conduct "abandon ship" drills would obviously be considered grossly derelict in his duties - and I'm sure you wouldn't want to have anything like that said about you, Mr. President. Needless to say, you shouldn't neglect winter-time drills; you might even arrange for the U.S.O. to serve hot chocolate to people at their camps out in the snow, a gesture that would surely be appreciated. I myself have my winter gear all packed and ready to go, patiently awaiting your call. It's up to you, Mr. President! Some lines from Walt Whitman suggest themselves:

O Captain! my Captain! rise up
and hear the bells;
Rise up - for you the flag is flung
- for you the bugle trills,
For you bouquets and ribbon'd
wreaths - for you the shores
a-crowding,
For you they call, the swaying
mass, their eager faces turning...

One last thing about "abandon ship" procedures, Mr. President. As you know, one of the noblest traditions of the sea has been that when a ship goes down the captain and his officers don't get into their lifeboats until after they have made sure that all the passengers are safely off the sinking ship - with the captain himself being the last to abandon ship. Our government's planning for nuclear warfare has plainly been just the opposite of this: when it looks as if the American ship of state might be going down, you and our other national leaders in the "essential and noninterruptible" category will be helicoptering off post-haste to deep, well-stocked underground shelters to sit out the nuclear exchange, while the rest of us will be left to make our ways out of the cities pretty

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colleagues pressed an envelope into his hand. It said, in part: "Doctor I felt guilty sometimes when you're talking about Philippine politics & situations. To tell you frankly before I was so active & radical to this matter. But because of so many happenings, like so many friends were being tortured. Two things happen; 1. They will die 2. They become crazy, from these I keep silent, as if I don't know what's happening, but deep on me it's boiling. My aim is not to be crazy or die at my early stage for a big cause, doing little thing. What I am after now is Education not trouble, because thru Education I could help my people to fight this injustices. Your student D.L." While this was his response, other Filipinos had their own. There is no one reaction to the dictatorship, and there is no one set of reasons why people resist.

In the island of Mindanao, many people actively fight against the military, as they have for centuries. The Moslems there fought other island people, fought the Spanish, fought the Americans, fought the Japanese, and now fight Marcos' military. They want independence and control of their land. On Samar, the fighting is also intense. But here, one of the most beautiful of the islands, poverty is the deepest. The people are fighting for survival, and to get the military off their backs. A person dare not drive a jeep over the countryside, as it will probably be attacked by local guerrillas. The same is true on many other islands in the country, especially on Luzon, the main island of the archipelago.

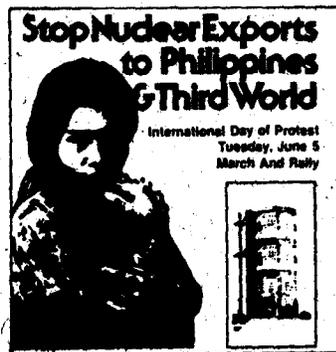
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In the midst of this poverty and struggle against tyranny, the United States moves in with its desires for economic expansion and control. It is 'decided' that what the Philippines needs is a White-Westinghouse nuclear reactor. How is this decided?-- the usual way. The Export-Import bank makes the money available, as long as it is spent on the White-Westinghouse reactor. Marcos and his relatives get in on the graft-- Dioxini is involved in all aspects, even to the holding of insurance policies. A New York based consulting firm is brought in to make the technical decisions, and away we go, where shall we be situated on the main-

sula of Bataan, of course. The eastern shore line of Bataan is Manila Bay, and its western shore line is the China Sea. In 1942 Bataan was the scene of the infamous 'death march'-- one wonders if the scene is to be repeated in the very near future!

A tour of the nuke plant

We had a chance to visit the site of the reactor, and found that it is located at the small barrio of Bagac. At the entrance to the nuclear site is a large complex of western style homes, all fenced in and guarded in



the usual fashion by security police. These are the homes of Westinghouse employees. Across the street are the small nipa huts of Filipinos. A distance of perhaps 17 kilometers (10 miles) away we came to the heavily guarded entrance to the nuclear plant itself. We had a letter of introduction as arrangements had been made in Manila, and as we surrendered our cameras we were allowed entrance in the company of a security guard. We were taken to the site manager, and he went over the entire layout with us. He explained that while it is not a Babcock-Wilcox plant ala 3-Mile Island, nevertheless it is essentially the same design. He explained the attempts at safety features, especially since the site is very close to an earthquake fault line. Further, it is between two volcanos, and they hope that there will be no further eruptions from them. Ironically, it was just at this point where 35 years ago a violent earthquake occurred, just two days before the beginning of the infamous 'death march'. So, the stage is being set for another death march, if ever this reactor gets put into operation. We asked the site

what plans are being made for its care, and were told that not much is being done. The containment vessel itself can store the waste from the first ten years of operation--then who knows. Half seriously, he indicated that perhaps the Japanese would find some use for it later, if they develop reprocessing plants. There is no possibility for this plant to bring down the price of electricity in the Philippines, so even that argument is not being used to try to justify its existence.

We were then offered the opportunity to crawl inside the containment vessel, which we did. Standing inside this towering structure brought hideous thoughts to mind. We had once before visited the Jewish memorial at Dachau. This structure was constructed in the format of a chimney, to remind one of the holocaust. Now here we stood inside the modern day crematorium, and we shuddered as we visualized the hell that would soon be unleashed within these walls. This reactor is neither wanted nor needed by the Filipinos--it exists only because of the continuing attempt of the United States to take over and control the destiny of the Philippines. Fortunately, we recently heard that Marcos has, at least temporarily, halted construction while further safety studies are made. What a waste!

What is the energy future of the Philippines? It need not include nuclear power, as there are not only the present hydro and oil-fired thermal stations, but also a unique potential for other sources. There is a significant amount of geothermal activity, and almost boundless sunshine, and of course tidal and wind power. Yet the government plans include almost no development of these local sources, but are forcing reliance upon imported nuclear technology.

There is much more to say about our stay in the Philippines. Sally was remarkably successful in her efforts to work with the blind. Due to a whole series of good events, and her persistence, a school for blind children was opened, and at last report the first eight children had been enrolled, and more were in the offing. We left the Philippines glad that we had been there, happy to be going home, and reaffirmed in our recognition of the sad fact that the monied forces of the United States will allow nothing to

"Lebanon Is Beautiful, But...."

by John Bahouth

John Bahouth is a native Syracusan. His father is from Shafa Ar, Palestine; his mother's ancestry is Lebanese. Upon graduating from Syracuse University this spring, John left for a 40-day "search for roots" in the Middle East. Following are excerpts from his diary.

I am here in the hotspot and pearl of the world.

Met Dr. and Mrs. Peter Manoogian. Incredible people. The two of them staff a hospital that would require seven at least. Images. Mortared maternity ward. Bullet hole through metal case above Dr.'s head. Bullet holes and shelling. They shoot at the hospitals first! Mrs. Manoogian said, "Don't stay out on the porch, you get picked off."

I am at my fifth cousin, Nasri Aswad. As I went in, I was immediately struck by the children -- it was Uncle Sam and Uncle Ken and Aunt Jean as children right before my eyes, uncanny. Brumanna, where they live, is beautiful. The hostilities must be overwhelming the beauty, for a family tied to the land as the Aswad's are, to want to move. People fear their children being kidnapped, particularly the of-age sons. Nasri does not want Elias to go into the army.

Dolly and Grace Hamoosh. Grace, Miss Lebanon 1979. Dolly getting married. Incredible their beauty. Enduring beauty of the women in Lebanon. Nasri's wood shop, excellent. Lebanese people are so industrious; buildings go up the hard way, stone by stone, in the same time as in the US.

One of Nasri's war stories. A Christian phone call to Mariam [his wife], your husband and brother-in-law killed. Elias grabs machine gun



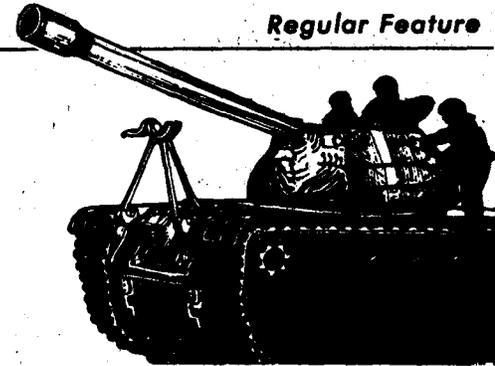
M-16, goes up to school, kills a score of Christian soldiers. Nasri and David were not dead. Even priests are feared, they kill. Nasri told of a Muslim general who dragged a Christian through the streets. Afterward the Christians took the Muslim, cut off his hands, nose and testicles and stuffed them into his mouth and paraded him through the countryside.

My beard may have to go. It is bad news here. Combination: beard, US passport, camera = spy.

Mornings in Brumanna, cheeses, olives, mennaeesh on the table, homemade apricot preserves, Mariam up early takes care of the food, mops/brushes with a hollow broom, the kitchen and hall, all tile. Starts dinner. All before 7:00 a.m. Evenings come early, so do mornings. Life is so much part of a daylight schedule.

Just when you think it gets calm it gets rowdy. What are the journalists writing? This is an unwritten-about war. In Brumanna yet as each day I stay I get wary -- my presence is being noticed and people are asking, why does this fifth cousin of Nasri stay on and on?

On the way to Beirut, news was listened to by Dr. George. News of US comes on, George turns it off and puts on music. Ah well, new perspective of what's important.



While napping this afternoon near the window on the porch, I felt some thing press my head. Woke up and turned around. It was Nicolo with a gun barrel at my head. Fake. He looked at me eye-to-eye and with a very serious expression slowly squeezed the trigger. As his arm imitated shooting a Magnum, it became clear to me that the Lebanese children have suffered much. Even as I have been anaesthetized to all the war, it struck me as not so appalling and we both went about our business.

It is a fact that the Muslims on the whole are not as well off as the Christians. Same with the Palestinians. Here in Ajaltoun [another village] it proves contrary -- we are in the upper half here.

Point. Sudan forces in Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) thought they were in Palestine liberating the land, they left when they found out it was Lebanese they were fighting. Can you believe it? Didn't know where they were or even why. Such a reflection of this war.

(Continued next month)

Judy Bjorkman is Middle East Peace Education/Action staff of the American Friends Service Committee, Upper NYS Area Office, Syracuse.

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UFW CRACKS THE ARMOR

The United Farm Workers (UFW, AFL-CIO) union announced August 26 that it had reached what might be a precedent-setting agreement with a major lettuce grower, the first producer to break ranks since the UFW struck dozens of California growers in January.

The three-year contract with West Coast Farms would boost hourly wages from \$3.70 under the old contract to \$5 in the first year of the new pact and \$5.71 by the third year, according to Marc Grossman, an assistant to UFW President Cesar Chavez.

Negotiations are continuing with the largest U.S. grower, Sun Harvest, which employs about 2,000 workers. Sun Harvest is owned by United Brands, one of the largest agribusiness conglomerates. The UFW has called for a nationwide boycott of one of United Brands major products, Chiquita bananas. This effort to bring United Brands to the bargaining table is of critical importance to farmworkers. Please support the boycott. Viva La Causa!

DRAFT CONGRESS!

With Congress steadfastly pushing through a new draft bill it seems appropriate to examine Congress-people's record in personally (through their sons of course) contributing to U.S. war efforts. The results aren't surprising. A study by Congressional Quarterly found that between 1965 and 1970, only one out of every seven congressional members had a son or grandson in the armed forces.

Furthermore, of the 234 sons who were eligible for the draft, 118 of them were given deferments. Researchers found that 26 of the sons of members who were drafted served in Viet Nam, but 49 others who were drafted were assigned elsewhere. Only one congressperson Rep. Clarence Long, D-Md., had a son who was wounded in Viet Nam. In 1970, Long became an ardent foe of the war and did everything he could to end it. Stop the Draft! Call Bill Harley at AFSC, 475-9469.

THE EDUCATIONAL ALTERNATIVE

The fall session of The Feminist School begins the first week of October with an open house scheduled on Monday September 24th. The School is offering alternative educational courses in a variety of areas: auto mechanics, yoga, aikido, women's health, spirituality, sexual clarity, photography, and more. Since January 1975, the Women's Information Center has sponsored The Feminist School, bringing together women to share their ideas and unique skills. Fees are about \$24 for 6 weeks but are adjustable by ability to pay. Call the Women's INFO for more details, 478-4636.

TMI EVACUATION STILL POSSIBLE

Pennsylvania's top radiation protection official believes evacuation of persons living around the crippled Three Mile Island-2 reactor "is an imminent possibility" and will remain a possibility for at least four years while cleanup and repair efforts continue. Testifying before the President's Commission on the Three Mile Island accident in early August, Thomas Gerusky, director of the state bureau of radiation protection, said many things could go wrong in the next four years. The commission focused on civil defense and emergency preparedness activities at its most recent hearing, calling a number of local, state and federal officials as witnesses. The officials depicted a scene of confusion in which the lines of communication which were to be used in such emergencies broke down. -- Small wonder, given their baptism by fire.

HEADLINE HANKY-PANKY AT P-S

It was only a question of time. But finally the big money forces behind nuclear power managed to pull off-- of all things--a PRO-nuclear rally. It's sorta like rallying for cancer, we guess. It took place at Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons plant in Colorado.

But what's more interesting--and, alas, predictable--is the way it was organized and reported. The rally was paid for in large part by Rockwell International, the operator of Rocky Flats. It was organized by Local 8031 of the United Steel Workers who seem to be determined to keep their jobs even if it kills them--or others..

The Colorado State Police estimated the rally crowd at 8,000. However the Syracuse Post-Standard, and also other media, chose to headline a 15,000 figure. This tidy increase is attributed to Art Benjamin, a rally organizer and director of plant operations at Rocky Flats. But we're confident the P-S will balance out this bit of "nonobjectivity" by headlining Lillian E. Reiner's crowd estimate at the September 29th West Valley demo.

THE LOVELY CRUSADE

(Gay Light)The newly formed Watertown, NY, Gay Task Force (WGTF) received an unexpected visibility boost recently when a local self-proclaimed Baptist minister, Rev. Daniel Lovely, began publicly demanding the execution of gays. WGTF did not back down, however, and, after some less than enthusiastic initial police protection, many community members began rallying to their support.

Watertown, a factory town of 30,000 which is about 80 miles north of Syracuse, hadn't had anything this controversial since prohibition. Apparently many Watertown citizens, including several ministers, began to realize that Lovely's position was simply the absurd extension of blind gay bias. They might never have seen this without the Lovely crusade. Even he now admits that he's in a "losing position."



Akwesasne Sovereignty Attacked!

The specific confrontation is over the State's attempt to arrest some 23 indicted Mohawk people on charges relating to the defense of their land and traditional lifestyle. The Mohawks unalterable position--supported by treaties signed by the US-- is that they are a sovereign nation and a member of the Six Nation Iroquois Confederacy, and are not subject to the laws of NYS.

The indictments, although ostensibly criminal charges, are in reality political acts directed at the destruction of traditional Indian governments in NY. The issues involve title to millions of acres of land in NYS and billions of dollars. NY is currently negotiating the claims with an elective nontraditional "government" established and imposed by State law. Settlement would involve the extinguishment of title to the enormous land claim in re-

turn for a token payment to the St. Regis Tribal Council.

A Mohawk Chief expressed the feelings of the some 200 people inside the encampment: "The people have discussed the dangers they face and they decided that the result of an armed assault would probably be that most of the men, women and children would be killed. But, if any of the children do survive, arrangements have been made that other traditional people of the Six Nations will raise those children in traditional ways. And 30 years from now, you will face them just as you are facing us today."

Area Support

On Monday August 27, we began to learn in the SPC office that a serious three month long confrontation between traditional Mohawk people and

government officials was moving to a critical stage. By early Tuesday morning State Police had massed at a traditional encampment [on the Akwesasne Territory which is near Malone, NY and adjacent to the St. Lawrence River] and that an armed invasion seemed imminent. Chilling visions of Attica and Wounded Knee flashed before us as we set about to make the little-known situation as visible as possible in the CNY area.

The Onondaga Nation, represented by Chief Oren Lyons, held a 4pm press conference at which they indicated they would consider closing public access to their territories if NYS did not withdraw from Akwesasne.

The invasion did not take place and the police withdrew as darkness fell Tuesday night. An apprehensive call to the "Notes" office on Wednesday morning revealed that the police had not reappeared.

As we go to press late Wednesday night the terror at Akwesasne has eased. The crisis is not past, however. Your help is urgently needed.

What We Can Do

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 **Mr. Kurt Waldheim Secretary General UN
 United Nations Plaza, NYC (212)754-5012

Urge that a fair and just resolution of this conflict include a recognition of the Six Nations Confederacy and the Mohawk Nation and their rights to the peaceful and undisturbed possession of their territories. Messages should also urge that the present indictments against the Mohawk people be dropped, and that the State and Federal governments withdraw entirely from interference in the lives and internal affairs of the Mohawk People and the People of the Six Nations.

Contributions are needed and may be sent to:
 Mohawk Sovereignty Committee PO Box 288
 Rooseveltown, NY 13683.

To donate food in the Syracuse area contact the
 Syracuse Peace Council, 924 Burnet Ave. Syracuse,
 NY 13203 (315)472-5478

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INFORM YOURSELF & OTHERS

The just-published Summer 1979 issue of Akwesasne Notes carries in great detail the full story of the present conflict. Send them a contribution for this issue or a bit larger one for a subscription. AK, Mohawk Nation, via Rooseveltown, NY 13683 (518)358-9531. Akwesasne or SPC's The Front Room bookstores have a wide selection of books on native issues.



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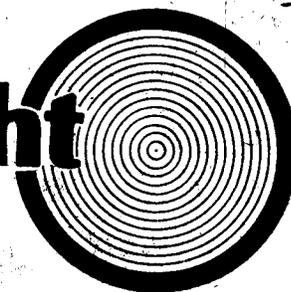
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Well, yes, it's true. We did say in the last issue that we would be carrying a special eight page section on Nuclear Politics in Oswego County in this PNL. As it turned out, we found we simply couldn't pull it together in the time allotted, and we felt there was too much material for eight pages. So it looks like we're aiming to have a sixteen page supplement on the topic in the Feb. '80 PNL.

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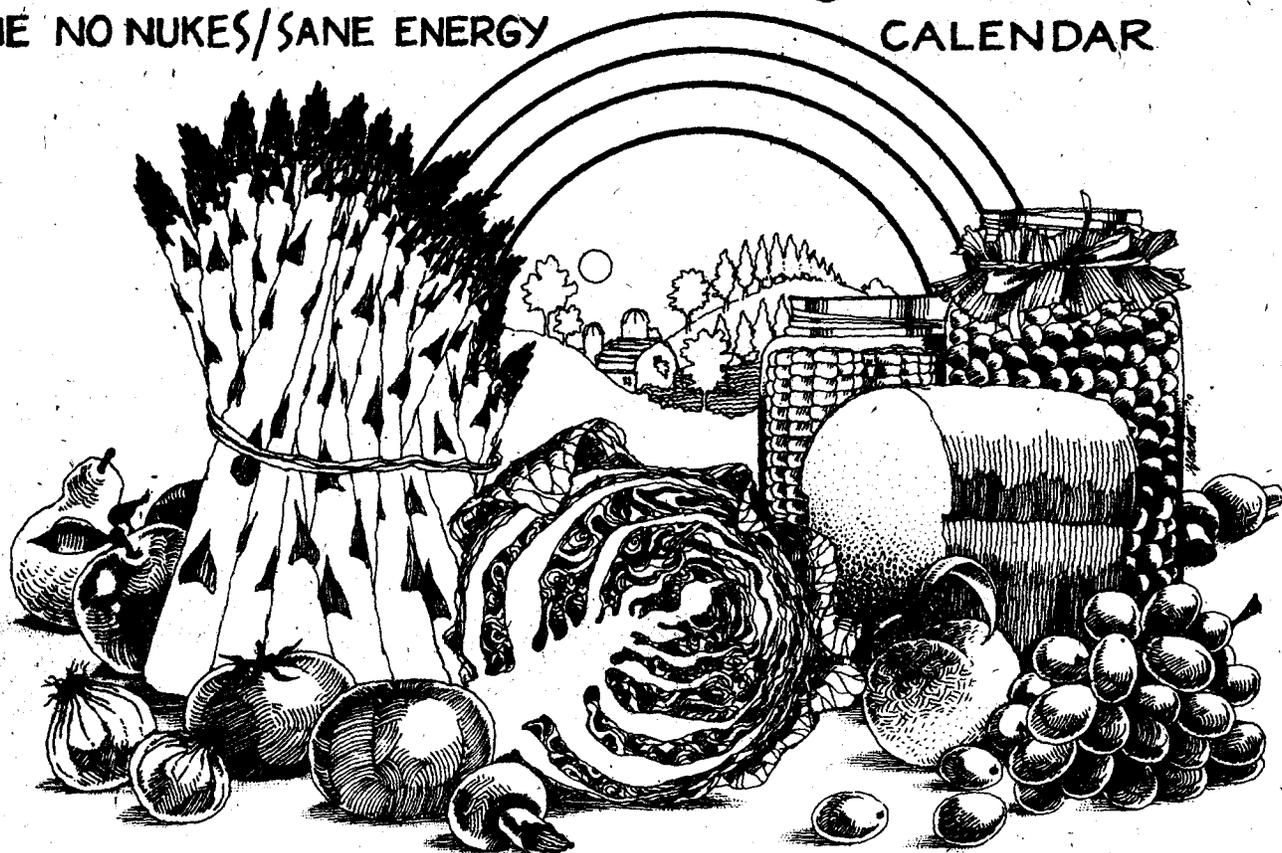
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LETTERS

Dear Gentlepeople,

I want to thank Barb Dunn and Carol Baum so much for their beautiful descriptions of the great concert by Holly Near, J.T. Thomas, and Susan Freundlich. Having written a preview article about the concert for the Syracuse New Times, I know how difficult it is to capture in words just how wonderful and exuberating the experience of organizing and/or attending a Holly Near performance is. While reading their pieces all the excitement of that wonderful evening came back to me---it was great! The way Barb explained the pre-concert planning was particularly useful insight for all of us who have wondered whether we could ever participate in the organizing of such a marvelous event.

I'd also like to thank the PNL workers for including the national tour schedule for Holly, J.T., and Susan, and I would encourage all PNL readers--whether or not you attended the Syracuse concert--to write to your friends near those cities and tell them that it's an experience not to be missed!

Finally, for its future events, I'd like to encourage SPC to continue the sliding-scale pricing, work reciprocity, signing and event accessibility that was used for the Holly Near concert. These gestures are strong political statements vital to welcoming the poor and disabled into our community.

Thank you to the entire concert program committee for a beautiful evening and an inspiring example of collective work.

Love,

**Donna Warnock
Syracuse, N.Y.**

P.S. I just read Chris Murray's article on Glad Day and Lisa Johns' review. It really underscores the above letter for me: We are so lucky to have so many beautiful and talented people like Chris, Barb, Carol, Lisa, Glad Day, the calendar committee and others in our

community-- people who understand and appreciate the merging of art and politics, and have the skills to also communicate their knowledge. I feel so lucky to be a part of it all!

Dear Mr. Sunderlin,

The Massena Electric Department wishes to thank you and your organization for your support for municipal power.

The struggle for municipal power has been a long hard road. The support of concerned citizens is greatly needed and appreciated.

**Edward J. Kaneb
Chairperson, Massena Electric
Massena, N.Y.**

Hello Friends:

Just wanted to let you know how invaluable a resource your newsletter is for our staff and the people who come into our resource center to use the library. I'M GLAD WE GET YOUR MAIL!!! Anyway, I can't remember whether we gave you some \$\$ for the newsletter or whether we are about to be clipped off of your mailing list or what's happening. I'd like you to continue sending the Peace Newsletter to NWES. Thanks for your work and good news.

Yours,

**Maureen Shaughnessy
Helena, MT.**

Dear Folks,

During my first year on the SPC Board (years ago) I was in charge of fund raising. We all have to start somewhere! Anyhow, I distinctly remember that one of the highlights of the annual dinner is to pass the hat. I can't stay through the evening because of another commitment, but check enclosed.

As usual the SPC needs and deserves our support. However, this year I think our contribution should be absolutely as large as we can manage not only to support SPC, but as a gesture of thanks and a way of honoring Maud and David who for so long were an inspiration to us all.

**Pat Durgin
Syracuse, N.Y.**

Dear PNL Readers:

In the piece "Glad Day's Legacy" [October PNL], I stressed the Movement's need to develop a stronger sense of our own history, but then I proceeded to ignore such a remarkable contributor to that history as George Hildebrand. Combining the perspectives of a Movement activist and a Concerned Asian Scholar, George was a central person in the Indochina Calendar Project. The Project, which Al Ferrari of Glad Day considers the single most important project that Glad Day Press was involved in, aimed to present graphically the history and culture of Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia, the US' war of aggression against these three countries, and their resistance struggles. This amazing endeavor by George and the Glad Day people realized the Indochina Mobile Education Project (with Don Luce) and, of course, the Indochina calendars of 1972 and 1973.

A widely recognized expert in Southeast Asian matters, George is currently writing and lecturing on revolutionary developments there and in the Philippines. And in his customary meticulous way, he is working hard to interpret and bring clarity to the Viet Nameese - Kampuchean conflict.

And once again, Glad Day Press, in pointing out my omission, was doin' its thing -- some productive proof reading of a joint project! Thanks, folks.

**Chris Murray
Syracuse, N.Y.**

Dear SPC staff and all progressive peoples everywhere.

Greetings from the communist capital of Italia. The food is great, the people are stunning, the buildings are gorgeous, the pace is slow, the public transportation is free for workers, the entertainment is political forums, opera and jazz. Every street sidewalk is covered by an elegant portico. Distressed by the language barrier, I've been unable to participate in the many heated discussions that shake the piazzas. Today, Cindy [Squillace] and I spent morning in gorgeous 12th century churches. Basta, Lotto continua!!

Con amore,
**Jack Manno
Bologna, Italy**

SPC's 43rd A Warm "Family Affair"



The PNL was late. The dinner was too early in the month. Everyone seemed to be going out of town. But to us office worker's delighted surprise, about 100 people showed up! It was a bit like a big family reunion, especially with David & Maud Easter visiting. We were wonderfully fed by Sisters Gin. Corinne Kinane conquered her nervousness and moderated beautifully. John Brule' gave a stirring fund appeal. Glenda Neff and Linda DeStefano presented the new SPC Steering Commit-

tee members: Brent Bleier, Esther Tannenbaum, Rinny Davern, Margo Holland, Jim Doherty, Marilyn Miller; old members continuing are Linda DeStefano, Debbie Pillsbury, Corinne Kinane and Cindy Squillace. Gary Weinstein entertained with several topical songs and Lillian E. Reiner enthusiastically introduced old friends David & Maud who gave a very informative talk on Korea. In all a very energizing evening. Photo by Karen Kerney.

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Secrecy and Censorship: The H-Bomb and National Security

by Norman Balabanian

The secret of the hydrogen bomb is now out! Despite the heroic efforts by the U.S. Departments of Energy (DOE), State, and Justice to protect "national security," Progressive magazine's November issue lays it out in Howard Morland's article "The H-Bomb Secret: How We Got It, Why We're Telling It". And no sooner was it published in mid-October than South Africa exploded its first bomb! "I told you so", said former Energy Secretary Schlesinger to the former Attorney General, "now every crazy in the world will be making thermonuclear bombs."

The November issue of the Progressive magazine contains an article by activist/freelance writer Howard Morland divulging the so-called "secret" of hydrogen bomb technology. The article had been withheld from publication for months by an unprecedented federal pre-publication injunction. The injunction was lifted when a letter was printed in a Madison, Wisconsin newspaper which contained information quite similar to what was in Morland's article; the government may have felt it was going to lose its case against the Progressive...

Some important lessons can be learned from the Progressive case:

1. The most important "secret" revealed in the article is that there is no H-bomb secret; that it isn't lack of knowledge that prevents anyone from building one but the lack of an immense, expensive and sophisticated industrial base with large numbers of scientists, engineers and technicians to operate it. Thousands of people -- not the experts with security clearance but nuclear amateurs -- know all the "secrets" of the H-bomb contained in the article the government worked so hard to suppress. Pieces of the information are contained here and there in books, encyclopedia articles and journal articles.

The scientists of any country so inclined could easily find out more than Morland in far less time from the same sources.

Norman Balabanian is a professor of electrical engineering at Syracuse University and chairperson the Central NY chapter of ACLU.



2. The government has advanced some novel concepts that should send a chill down the back of anyone who values freedom of thought and expression. One of these is that in an area covered by the Atomic Energy Act, any thoughts, any conjectures, any deductions one can make from premises are "restricted data at birth"; born secrets. They are classified and cannot be disclosed unless declassified by the government.

Another such idea presented by Schlesinger to the court is that "technical" information does not carry the protection of the first amendment as political thought does.

3. Most Americans, including most of the communications media, have bought the myth of secrecy and national security. Whenever national security is invoked by an official, most people are willing to drop any further inquiry. In the Progressive case an astonishing number of the nation's communications media jumped to accept the bald government contention of national security and "irreparable damage to the national interest" without reading the Morland article themselves and without waiting to hear the Progressive's

side of the case.

The same is true of most scientists who commented. Prestigious names from such groups as the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Union of Concerned Scientists and the Federation of American Scientists were signed to letters and telegrams denouncing the Progressive. No better demonstration of the mystique of secrecy is needed.

4. The "secret/restricted" classification system gives the government tremendous power to shield from public view anything that would hamper the policies that insiders want to carry out.

A perspective on the points made in the H-bomb case is offered in the November issue of the Progressive:

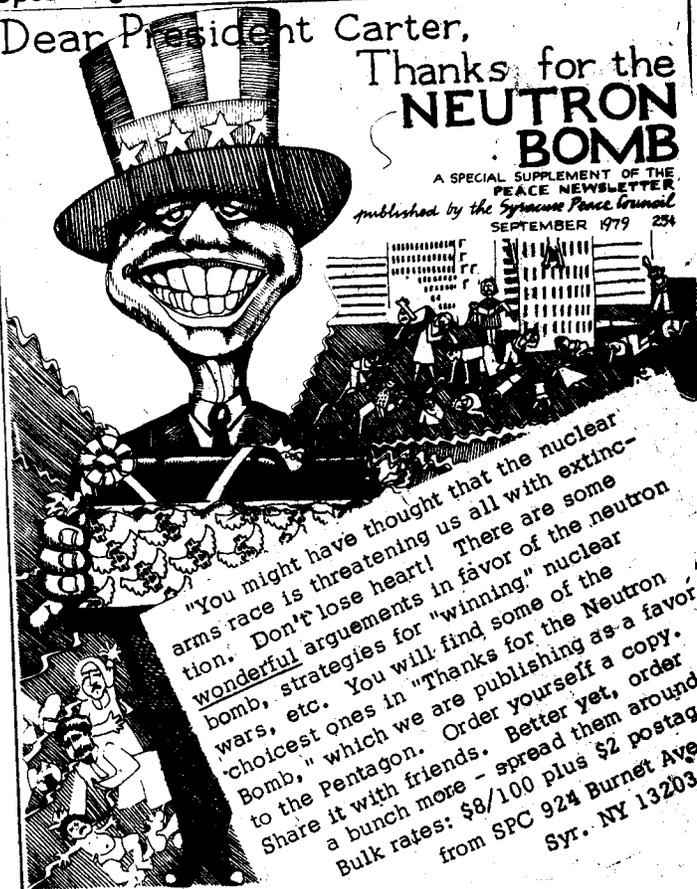
"We learned, to be sure, that freedom has many fair-weather friends. But we also learned that it has devoted and unwavering defenders... We learned that the spirit of freedom still flourishes in our country -- even after three decades of Cold War, witchhunts, and obsession with a kind of "national security" that seems to grow more elusive the more relentlessly it is pursued.

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WHAT ABOUT THE CYANIDE?

In a frantic 48-hour effort after the onset of the Three Mile Island accident, the Food and Drug Administration brewed, bottled, boxed and then shipped a phenomenal 259,000 vials of potassium iodide to the Harrisburg area.

Potassium iodide is what is known as a blocking agent. You drink some when the radioactive cloud is approaching you and the substance blocks the thyroid glands' uptake of radioactive iodine-131. The thyroid is particularly vulnerable to iodine induced cancer...

Two scientists at Princeton University, Jan Beyea and Frank Von Hippel, recently submitted a report to the President's Commission on Three Mile Island recommending virtually nationwide distribution of potassium iodide. Their report suggests that a supply of the medicine could be fastened to home electricity meters so that if a meltdown occurs, you just run on out to the meter and take a hit.

The report has provoked the following response in the Oct. '79 issue of *Science* magazine:

"(The) proposal may arouse controversy because if it should be accepted by the President's Commission and by federal and state health and regulatory authorities this might seem to imply that nuclear power is hardly the safe, clean energy source that the nuclear industry has represented it to be."

We at the Peace Council agree with *Science* magazine's speculation but we would go much further -- The regulatory system is not about to enact any public safety measures that would administer the death blow to the nuclear industry.

To illustrate our point with an extreme, we ask you to ponder why our health agencies wouldn't make a provision for issuing cyanide nationwide in anticipation of a nuclear disaster.

lear disaster.

A meltdown or detonated nuclear bomb would release many more radioactive elements than just iodine, and in vast quantities. Surely cyanide is the medicine that people would want when they realize they can't get away from the radioactive cloud. And if you have any doubts, I urge you to listen to this description of radiation illness by Edward Weisbart, M.D.:

"Starting with nausea and vomiting, you would then get tired and drowsy but unable to sleep... and then tremors would set in. You would have a hard time walking and moving right, and finally have some seizures and die a not-so-pretty death."

STOP NUCLEAR POWER & WEAPONS!



-Portland Scribe

WALL STREET UNDER SIEGE

We go to press with the PNL 56 hours after the return of six Syracuse activists who took part in the Oct. 29th Wall Street Action; a non-violent civil disobedience street blockade of the NY Stock Exchange. The highly successful action was the culmination of three months of planning by the Manhattan Project, a broad coalition of over 100 anti-nuclear, gay, feminist, labor, minority and disarmament groups. The action occurred on the 50th anniversary of the Stock Market crash and called for stopping the "Profits of Doom". A rally in cold drizzling rain the day before featured Daniel Ellsberg, an array of politically consensused speakers including SPC's Donna Warnock, and Pete Seeger and Charlie King's Bright Morning Star band. A parallel action in Washington DC on the 28th & 29th titled No More Nuclear Victims lent a spirit of solidarity.

The Action's symbolic goal of shutting down the exchange served as a highly effective means for bringing national attention to the coalition's demands that the 61 corporations involved in the nuclear power and weapons investments be delisted from the exchange. The non-violent direct action sit-in, in which over 1,000 people were arrested (the largest mass arrest in NYC history), brought into sharp public focus Wall Street's collusion with the nuclear industry. To use Ellsberg's analogy, Wall Street is to the financial infra-structure of nuclear power and weapons what the Pentagon and the U.S. DOE are to the planning, strategizing and deployment of them.

The Coalition's organizing and resource and training materials presented the state of the art in comprehensive anti-nuclear politics.

Tactics employed by affinity groups on the pavement that morning consisted of confronting stock exchange workers and raising consciousness through denying entrance to the exchange.

NUKE SHUT-DOWN SCENARIO

A study by researchers at the Center for the Biology of Natural Systems in St. Louis, MO shows that 63 of the 71 currently licensed commercial nuclear power plants could be shut down immediately "with no loss in electric output or reliability." The remaining eight reactors could be shut down soon after with the application of conservation measures.

The study points out that the shut down potential is aided by a nationwide excess of electrical generating capacity and the transferability of power within 9 bulk power regions in the U.S. (The nationwide average excess capacity is 30%; in NY it is 34-50% depending on the season.)

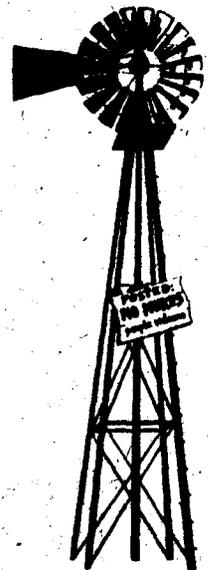
According to the study, a shut-down would require an 8.9% boost in coal consumption and a 3.4% increase in petroleum consumption to allow for a compensating output from coal and oil-fired electrical generators.

The extra output of coal and oil generators would add an average \$12 a year to the monthly residential bill.

The study is reprinted in the July-August '79 issue of *Environment* magazine.

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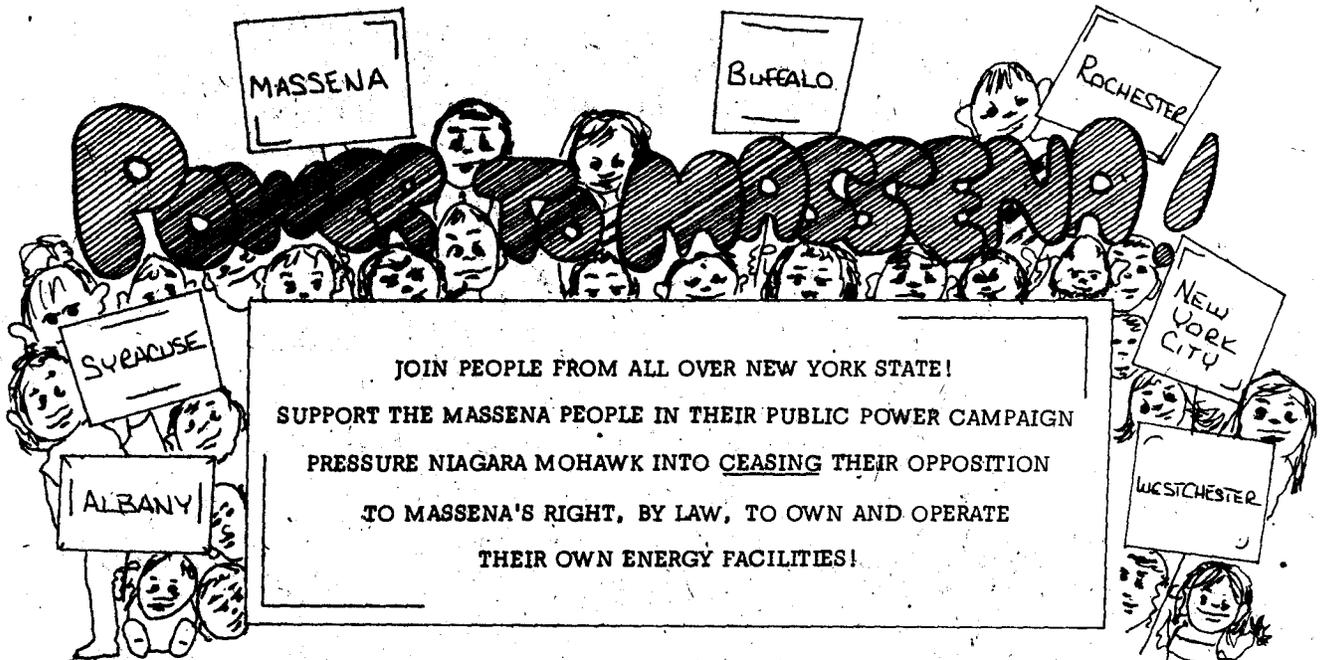


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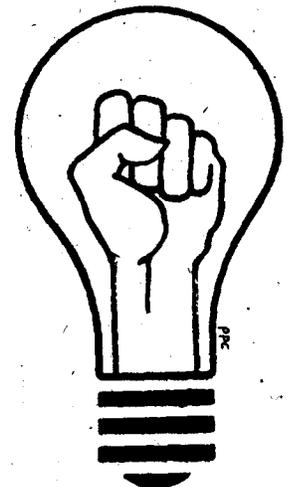
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Sr. Rosalie Bertell Has Grim Adventure on Highway

Sister Rosalie Bertell, cancer research scientist, has received national recognition for her work explaining the relationship between cancer and radiation. And this is exactly what she so vigorously writes and lectures about: the deleterious effects suffered by human beings from exposure to ionizing radiation, a type of radiation emitted by nukes.

Rosalie Bertell's credentials, honored by the scientific community, make her a formidable opponent of a powerful segment of that same community, namely the nuclear segment. She has extensive knowledge of the link between radiation and cancer and she publicly challenges the nuclear power establishment with that knowledge. She's credible, and she's tireless in her efforts to convince the American public that nukes can cause cancer. And she has her own special appeal as a strong earnest woman with a nun's integrity. All these things combine to make her a singular threat to the nuclear establishment.

Now a threat has apparently been made on her very life. The evidence is circumstantial, but points to a sinister plot.

On Thursday, October 4, Sister Bertell, returning to Buffalo after her speaking engagement at Highland Hospital in Rochester, was forced off Route I490 in Rochester, during evening rush hour traffic by the driver of a white standard model car. The driver first attempted to crowd her to the far right of the center lane of traffic in which she was driving. This caused Sr. Bertell to brake her small Toyota dangerously in front of a large truck, giving her assailant the opportunity to lunge his vehicle directly in front of hers. He then positioned his car in the right of center lane and dropped a large, jagged metal object out his window directly in the path of her car. The impact of the object, which resembled a rusty gasoline can, blew out the new steel-belted radial tire on the left front of Sister Bertell's car and bent a large lip in the tire's metal

rim. A Buffalo police officer who later examined the damaged tire and wheel expressed surprise that Sr. Bertell survived the incident.

Shortly after the incident, a brown automobile marked "Sheriff" pulled onto the center median of the busy highway where Sr. Bertell had made her emergency exit and one of its two passengers (both of whom were dressed in plain clothes with no identifying badges) asked whether she had caught the license number of her attacker's car, which she had not. He then told her that since it was not his jurisdiction, he could not help her, but would radio the Rochester Police instead. After an hour's wait, with no sign of police, Sr. Bertell finally got her tire fixed and her car back on the road with the help of a good samaritan.

Sister Bertell alerted the Monroe County Sheriff's Department about the incident, but it responded that it has no such brown cars, and any driver of its vehicles would have been in uniform, or wearing a badge, and would have waited for the appropriate authorities to come to Sister's assistance. The Monroe County Sheriff's Department also searched surrounding police departments for such vehicles, and for records of the report the imposter claimed to be filing for Sister Bertell, but nothing has turned up.

Our Anguish

Here at the Peace Council, we were distraught when we heard the pieces of this grim tale. Because Rosalie Bertell has spoken so often in this area, she seemed less like a distantly known comrade and more like a friend. Feeling that publicizing the incident was vital to her safety, we were quite concerned that the media had not been systematically alerted. We contacted her to offer our support and to work with her in preparing statements for release and setting up news conferences. Rosalie appreciated our support and agreed to aid us. Everything proceeded smoothly and Rosalie decided

to do a news conference herself in Buffalo. But just about then, a Washington, DC lawyer entered the scene and convinced her that a professional criminal investigation should be undertaken and everything be kept mum for a month's time. We disagreed with this man's advice and after a long, tension-filled weekend, we agreed that the decision -- whether or not to publicize this apparent attempt on Rosalie's life -- was not hers alone. We decided to go ahead and publicize the story against her wishes.

A difficult choice? Probably one of the heaviest we've made in awhile. But we felt that the safety of Rosalie and other antinuke workers was at stake. We believe that those who have knowledge have power and have a responsibility to people who are affected by that knowledge. In this case, the Movement had a clear responsibility to itself.

We also felt that there was nothing to be gained by a professional investigation (indeed, a lot of control to be lost), particularly in terms of what it would teach the public about the lengths to which the nuclear industry would go. The Karen Silkwood case had done that. (It was also very easy to remember the War years and how the Movement had been bled of money and energy with conspiracy trials.)

And then what was the goal of an investigation? Was it indeed necessary to find the culprit? A whole rotten system is to blame, not an individual. It could be counter-productive to shift the blame to an individual and even give a false sense of security.

Finally, what information were we keeping from whom? A whole movement of innocent people needed to know what the enemy knew. (Our phones were tapped mid-week while we had been working with Sister.)

So we called Sister Bertell and presented her with these thoughts. She responded with respect for our feelings, if not her approval.

-Chris Murray and Donna Warno

Freeze Profits Not People

Big Oil and the Winter of '79

by Lisa Johns

This is the second article in what could easily become a series. The first, "Gasoline and Oil: Would Somebody Please Explain What's Going On" appeared in the September PNL.

In September, I wrote an article for the PNL titled "Gasoline and Oil," in which I attempted to assemble suggestive evidence that the shortages of the past spring and early summer were contrived. The attempt to do so seemed necessary because virtually all the major news media were passively relaying to the American public the official version of the crisis put forth by the Carter Administration and the oil companies. Against the instinctive judgment of the public that they were being conned (again), the companies, Jimmy Carter, James Schlesinger, et al. insisted again and again that the gasoline and oil shortages were real, while the news media compliantly reported this to be fact.

At first, only a couple enterprising publications undertook serious investigative journalism into the bizarre and confusing sequence of events that comprised the energy crisis of 1979. But by September there was enough evidence to draw some tentative conclusions. It appeared that the shortage of oil and its distillate derivatives had been deliberately created in anticipation of President Carter's decision in April, 1979, to lift the price controls on domestically produced oil and to allow prices to rise to those charged on the international market. By creating a shortage, prices were driven up across the board, permitting the huge third-quarter profits that the oil companies have recently reported (see chart).

About the time the initial PNL article was published, the Long Island daily Newsday published a series of four articles* buttressing this hypothesis and adding persuasive arguments

that the Carter Administration too had a strong interest in seeing a sharp price rise. Their conclusion:

At every critical point as the shortage developed, prevailing government policies, plus rule changes, gave the companies clear financial incentives, worth billions of dollars, to let supplies dwindle and prices rise. Carter publicly has deplored the oil companies' record profits, but the recent price increases have been a goal of both the industry and his administration and resulted from specific government policies and actions. (Syracuse Post-Standard, 9/5/79)

The Newsday writers are not the only observers to draw this conclusion. Said another writer, "The Department of Energy must be either the most stupid or the most influenced department the Federal Government ever created. The only thing is, you would think that if they were just being stupid, they would make a mistake once in a while in favor of the consumer. But they never do." 1

Still another writer points out ways in which U.S. business interests stand to benefit from higher oil prices: "...the most striking fact about American energy policy is its objective of doing business with the [OPEC] cartel. Have high prices led to a surplus of petrodollars? Then financial mechanisms are found to 'recycle' the surpluses of the oil producers through the major multinational banks. Balance-of-payments problems in the United States? Then recoup some of the money by massive arms sales and construction contracts..." 2

The reason the Newsday writers put forth for the Administration's interest in seeing prices rise is President Carter's promise, at the economic summit of Bonn in July, 1978, and then again this year in Tokyo, to reduce U.S. oil imports. With 26% of the population of the industrialized West, the U.S. accounts for 70% of its

Oil Company Profits in the Third Quarter
Results of major integrated oil companies that have reported to date

	Revenue in Billions	Net Income in Millions	Change in Net from 1978
	\$2.1	\$366	+191%
	\$12.1	\$595	+131%
	\$20.6	\$1,145	+118%
	\$6.7	\$416	+97%
	\$5.1	\$434	+49%
	\$4.4	\$320	+45%
	\$3.5	\$247	+134%

Syracuse Herald-Journal, 10/26/79.

annual oil consumption. The U.S.'s Western allies resent our disproportionate consumption of this resource, along with its inflationary impact on pricing. Consumption quotas are the only strategy these world leaders have so far devised to cope with the rapidly rising OPEC prices. Thus, President Carter committed the United States "to raise the price of oil, which is too cheap in our own country, to the world market level to discourage waste."

Nevertheless it is incredible that the only means the Administration saw to reduce domestic oil consumption was to lift price controls, a move which the oil industry had sought for years and which had been vigorously resisted in Congress. The Administration concluded that so long as oil was plentiful, the legislators would never agree to lifting price controls. So a contrived shortage effectively served that function as well.

Accommodation at Any Price?

Well, what are we to make of this? It seems not an unreasonable goal of public energy policy to find some way of coming to grips with our nation's exorbitant energy appetite--both for reasons having to do with the prudent conservation of scarce resources and our natural environment, and because one does not wish to be hostage to the pricing vagaries of the OPEC oil

*Reprinted in the Syracuse Post-Standard of September 5, 6, 7 and 8. The series was written by investigative reporters Brian Donovan, Bob Wyrick and Stuart Diamond.

Lisa Johns enjoys critical feedback.

1 "How Big Oil Turned Off the Gas," Fred J. Cook, The Nation, 7/28/79.

2 "Breaking the Saudi Connection," Peter Achnacarry, The Nation, 10/13/79.

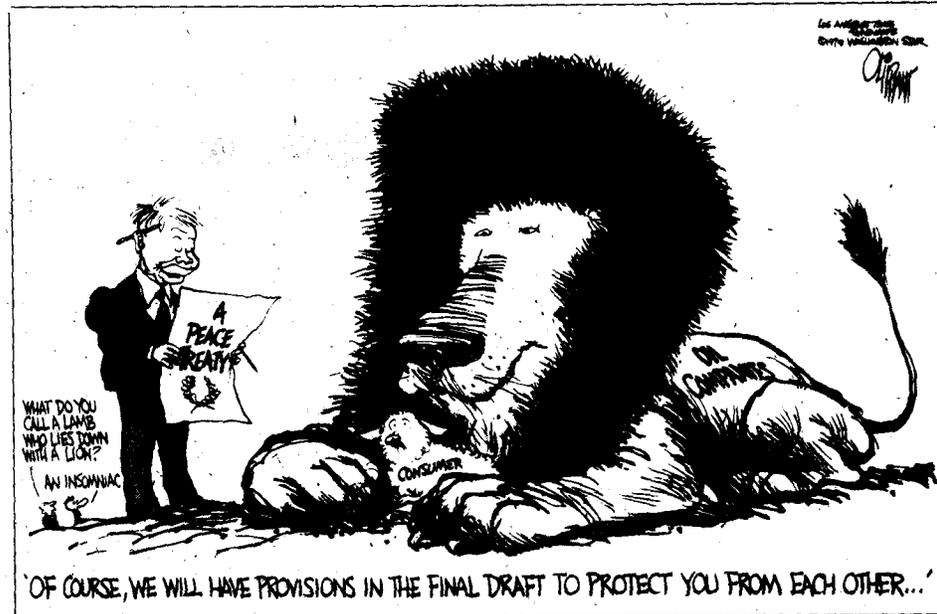
producers. But surely this method has to be one of the most clumsily ham-handed that could be devised, and its ramifications seem to be beyond the foresight and control of the nation's energy policy makers.

Nevertheless, in complete disregard of the origins of the energy disasters which appear to confront us, Congress is a beehive of activity on all sorts of corrective measures: a windfall profits tax, synfuels, the creation of an Energy Mobilization Board with omnibus powers.

Finally, and most important for the short-term, are the various schemes which attempt to address the crisis that soaring fuel costs will represent this winter for the nation's poor and elderly. All of these measures involve some sort of subsidy, using public funds to enable people to pay their utility and fuel oil bills. While no one would deny the need to assist these people, some of whom may literally face the choice between "heating and eating," it would be foolish to forget that the ultimate beneficiaries of these subsidies once again are the over-bloated oil companies, while it is the taxpayer who is forced to pay twice--her or his own home heating costs, together with the taxes that pay for someone else's.

Am I alone in feeling an eerie quality of unreality in all this feverish activity? For it seems to me that the oil companies are in the process of getting away with murder--and that, in the literal sense, may not be an overstatement. This year's oil shortage was an artificial one, of this I have no doubt--and I gather most other citizens share that opinion, even if the evidence to back them up has not received wide publicity. Yet in the public sphere, we are acting as if it were real, and proceeding busily to find ways of living with the new reality of \$.92/gallon home heating oil, \$1.00/gallon gasoline--and, oh, yes, Niagara Mohawk just announced an average 21% increase in the price of natural gas, largely the result of last year's Congressional action decontrolling its price. (See the PNL for March, 1977, for the story behind that price decontrol.)

Have we lost our capacity for outrage? Are we unaware that there is absolutely nothing to prevent OPEC-Big Oil from raising the ante on us again? Are we depending on the



federal government to defend our interests? By now the folly of that notion must be becoming clear.

But so far the voices of protest are muted, and it is not clear if they are gathering momentum. Two separate attempts in Congress to reimpose price controls failed by a wide margin. However, nationwide demonstrations organized for October 17th by the newly-formed Citizen/Labor Energy Coalition (see box) attracted encouraging turn-outs in 103 U.S. cities, and organizers estimate some 50,000 persons participated.

Yet in some ways, I am reminded of the early days of Watergate, back in the summer of 1972. The suspicious break-ins had occurred, but the business of campaigning went on as

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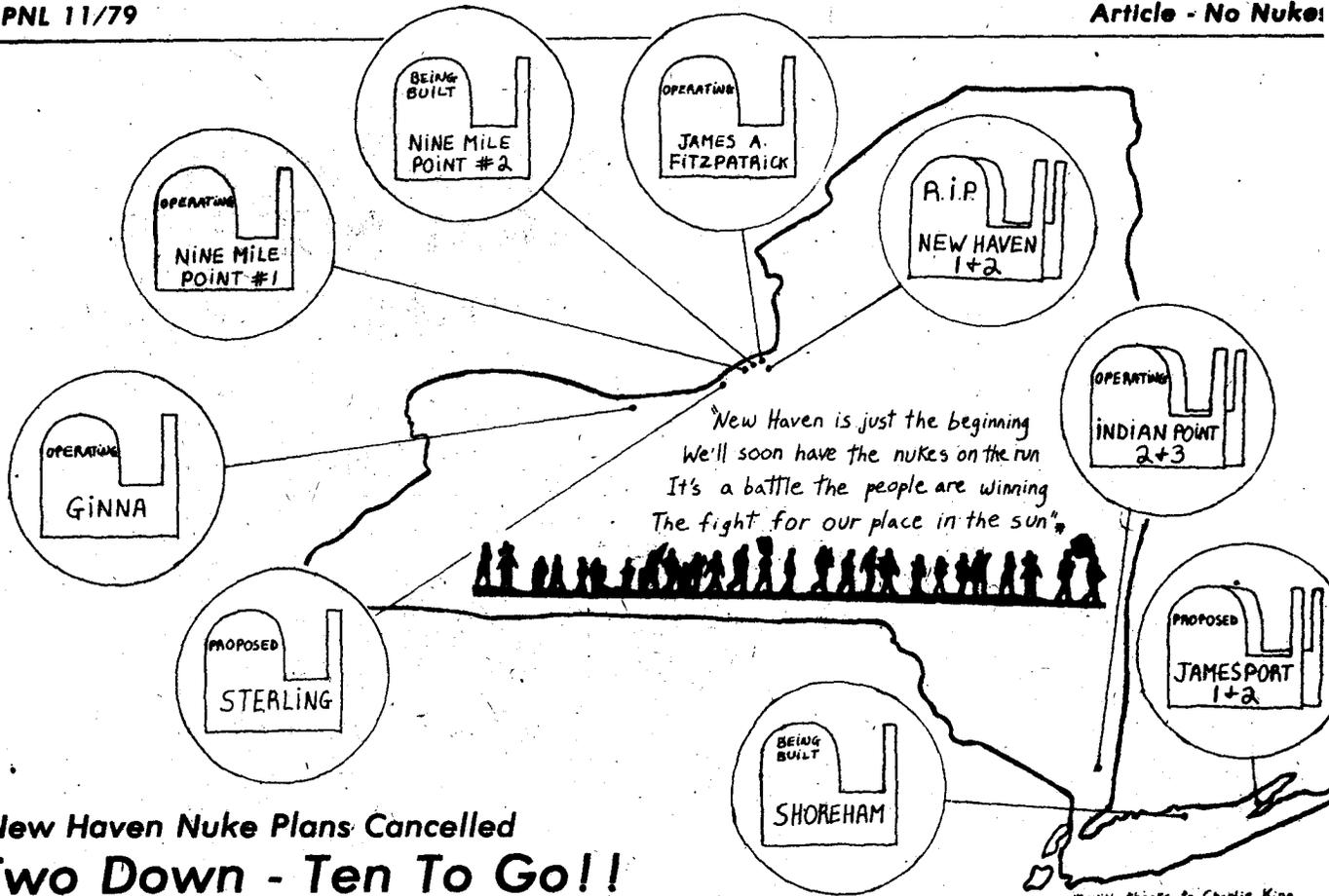
CLEP is composed of over 150 trade union, environmental, consumer and other organizations. Its goals include reimposing price controls on oil and gas; setting up a public corporation to compete with the oil companies and bargain with OPEC; and job creation through safe energy technologies.



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usual, as if all the fingers of circumstantial evidence did not point to Richard Nixon, the criminal. It took another year for the momentum of evidence to build up and undo his Presidency.

Now, I think a very much deadlier sort of corruption is afoot, and that this winter's experience will be decisive in determining whether they--the collectivity of Big Oil, government and business--get away with it or not. The public's slowness to respond so far may be partly confusion, and partly cynicism, and partly a sense of helplessness over the sheer enormity of the problem and the frustrating inaccessibility of the villains. (Who do you picket?) It may also be a dim realization that the fight, when it is joined, will be a very big one. But I sense we are all waiting to see just how bad the winter will be, and if we can pay the bills--and how many people can't pay them--before we act. If the great majority of Americans find themselves nothing more than inconvenienced by higher prices, as was the case this past summer when gasoline prices shot up, then little positive action is likely to result. But if, as unfortunately seems likelier, many people are forced to endure serious hardships--and if, as also seems inevitable, the economy already ailing, begins to flounder seriously from the imbalances created by the precipitous redistributions of income--then, perforce, we may see some action.



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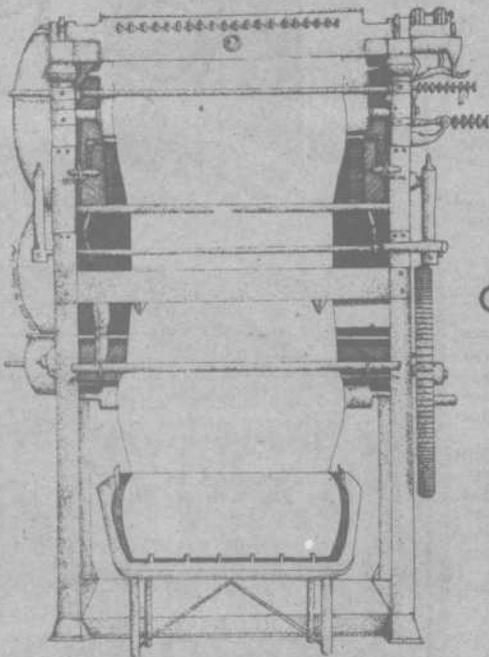
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Cuba: Scenes of a Revolutionary Society



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The revolution in Cuba is working! And it's a sight to see and hear and feel.

A group of us in Syracuse toured Cuba last August under the aegis of the Venceremos Brigade (the old sugarcane-cutting support organization). We travelled from one end of the island to the other and back again. It was intense and exhausting; it expanded our minds; and it sharpened our political thinking.

The Cuban struggle is at a particular point in time where it is still very evident to the visitor where they have had to come from (and the hardship inflicted on them by the US trade embargo). It's progressed far enough that the visitor is struck with how Cuban society contrasts with other Latin American countries still under the stranglehold of (primarily US) economics. It's progressed far enough that the visitor is struck with the fact that the poorest people in Cuba have more than the poorest in the US.

We travellers were all very taken with our sharing, even for two weeks, in this socialist revolutionary society. We travelled through the Cuban countryside, viewing traditional thatched-roof farm cottages and the newly developed rural communities. We visited the major cities of La Havana and Santiago and inland province centers like Camaguey and Santa Clara. We roved these city streets, relaxed in their lovely plazas, and constantly got into conversations with a variety of Cubans, friendly, eager and at ease discussing revolution, racism, oppression and like topics.

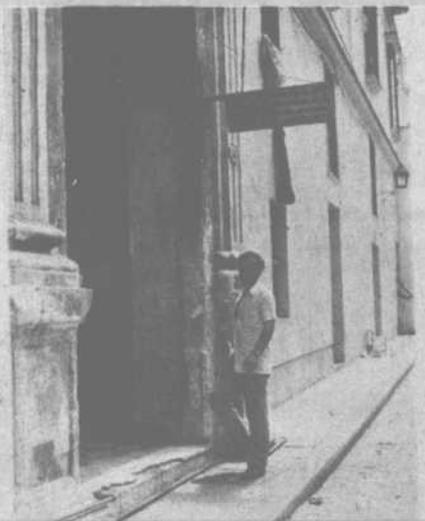
We had formal meetings with the mass based political organizations like 'Podar Popular' ('People's Power'), the legislative body, and the Committees for the Defense of the Revolution. The latter groups were formed 20 years ago to protect the Revolution from sabotage and now are engrossed in a range of activities from neighborhood vigilance to conflict resolution.

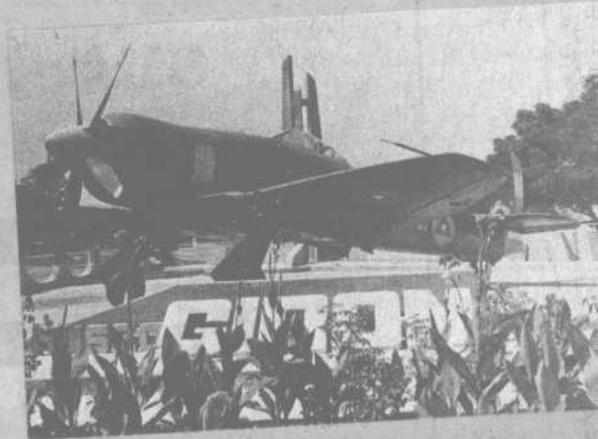
We toured museums which documented the courage and spirit of these revolutionaries and their amazing fight to free themselves. And we visited historic points that were witnesses to US aggression like the plane at the Playa Giron, or Bay of Pigs.

Everywhere there were shining people, vigorous workers who welcomed us to their beloved country and urged us to play and enjoy. Typifying this spirit were the 'La Trova' groups (cultural workers) who entertained us with the music and art of the Cuban people.

We're trying to convince you to visit Cuba. (We'll be sharing more about our trip on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. Please see next page for details.) We want you to see for yourself this successful socialist society. And we want you to join with us in working to end the US trade embargo and normalize relations with these wonderful people who are our neighbors.

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Economic Repression in Chile: More Subtle Than Tanks But Just As Deadly

by Ed Griffin

After living in Chile for a while, the sadness just seems to be always with you, in one form or another, to greater or lesser degree. It's the sadness of knowing that a country so naturally beautiful and a people so warm and wonderful are being trampled on so brutally. The sunsets don't seem quite as awe-inspiring, the smiles of young children not quite as captivating.

And yet, looking out at La Portada, a marvelous stone sculpture made by the sea just off the northern coast, I could almost forget. For a moment one could feel free in a land where death is in the air. I felt grateful as I turned my back to the waves and headed across the desert sands towards the highway.

A man in a pickup truck came by and offered me a ride. He said he had two stops to make and then he'd take me right in to Antofagasta. The first stop was at his shellfish processing plant and the second was the local army base! It all came back. Practically a synthesis of the Chilean reality in a 20 mile stretch of highway - \$80 a month workers in the back room of the plant, shelling the abalones which would soon be frozen and shipped to Japan. Most of them were mestizo or native american, the plant owner was white. Down at



the army base, more of the same - dark skinned, disciplined soldiers double timing by, chanting patriotic hymns as light skinned officers observed. Class lines and racial lines seemed to run parallel.

In a way, that day's adventure was an ironic variation on the basic theme within the tight ruling block in Chile today - it is usually the military which is at the service of the business and financial interests, and not vice versa, as in the case of my friend with the abalones for the lieutenants.

The military provided, in 1973, the force which ended the threat to bourgeois domination of Chile with the toppling of Salvador Allende's Popular Unity government. In the

next few years, the massive repression of the working class and its allies served to assure the domestic and international business groups that the popular movement would not soon arise to threaten them again. And in the past two years, the military junta has pursued the "institutionalization" of the regime, which is designed to sink the pillars of a new Chilean society, unlike anything the country has ever seen before.

The "institutionalization" is a step to assure the stability of the present economic model. Its goal is to provide a legitimating apparatus for the continued repression of the Chilean working class. The massive and brutal police violence of the early years of the Pinochet regime, although not ended by any means, is now less necessary, now that the leadership of the popular classes has been decimated and the masses themselves are economically battered.

The tanks and machine guns, the secret police raids, the hundreds of thousands of exiles and disappearances have paved the way for the economic project of the junta's supporters and for a much more subtle form of repression which is just as deadly but is much more in keeping with the Carter human rights campaign.

The process of institutionalization is directed to suit the needs of the very few sectors which are benefiting from the economic model - the banks, export businesses, large

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Dear Friends in the Syracuse Area:

Recent events in Latin America reveal a panorama of both pain and of great hope. The liberation of Nicaragua from its long dark night contrasts with the suffering and repression seen in most of the other countries of the region. Bloody repression of peasants in El Salvador, tens of thousands of disappeared people in the Southern Cone, national strikes in Peru, "democratization" attempts in Ecuador, Bolivia, and Peru - a diverse series of processes, whose common thread is the struggle against dependency and imperialist domination.

After spending about a year in Latin America, I've returned to New York in time to catch a beautiful autumn and also to do some Latin American solidarity work. I'll be writing more in the PNL about the Chilean situation and from time to time on developments in Latin America, and am also interested in study/action with people who are interested in the region. I'd like to hear from you - you can get in touch with me through the Peace Council. Thanks. Venceremos!

Ed Griffin

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 farmers (mostly producing for export), and foreign capital. The concentration of wealth and power which these groups enjoy stands in stark contrast to the impoverishment and political powerlessness of the masses. (Real wages dropped by 65% in the first two years of military rule and unemployment is still over 20%.)

In this article, I'd like to talk about several projects which the junta is trying to force on the Chilean people, in spite of their valiant resistance.

Chile had long been a model among underdeveloped nations for its health care system. In 1952, milk distribution began which guaranteed a nutritional supplement to all infants. Hospital care was available for nearly all urban residents. In the Allende period, these programs were stepped up markedly.

Since 1973, government spending on health has been cut practically in half. Health facility construction and hiring of new personnel has been all but frozen. Health insurance is becoming increasingly privatized, which leaves more and more low in-

come folks out in the cold when health trouble strikes. Near where I lived the children's clinic was without penicillin for the whole winter. Children with pneumonia died not because there was a shortage of the drug but because their family had no way to pay for it.

In education, Pinochet recently announced that the state considers only primary education as its responsibility, and high school is now a "condition of exception" (i.e. for those who can afford tuition). The educational budget has been slashed by 40% since 1973, university enrollment has dropped proportionate to the rises in tuition costs - all this in a country that is 75% urban, with a proud educational tradition and one of the highest literacy rates on the continent.

The progressive agrarian reforms of the 1964-1973 period have been all but reversed. The cooperatives formed in that time receive absolutely no support, technical assistance and credit to small farmers has been cut to next to nothing and as a result land ownership is becoming more concentrated every day.

The rural picture which the junta

envisions consists of two echelons: one group of small farmers, with limited resources, producing for domestic consumption under highly competitive market conditions, and a second group of mid to large scale farmers, many with connections to banking and export interests, growing fruits and timber for export.

The first group has the function of providing relatively cheap food, and conserving valuable foreign exchange by reducing the need for food imports. The second group provides outlets for the realization of profit on bank capital and is also a major source of foreign revenues.

The new "Mapuche law" is also an element in the rural strategy of which fits into the "new Chile" envisioned by the bankers and the generals. The Mapuches, the only native Chileans, live on some of the hilliest land in the south of Chile, many on the reservations onto which they were forced after a series of wars with the Chileans in the 1800's. Suddenly, this year, the government has granted them the "right" to sell their land, which means that many will now be losing their land to banks for inability to pay back loans.

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the "opening " of the economy (to foreign trade and capital) has made foresting a very profitable activity (although with grave ecological consequences), and the gentle hills which never have quite provided the Mapuches with a subsistence diet (half of all Mapuches die before age 5) are found to be excellent for the planting of pine trees.

The Labor laws, like all laws in Chile since September 11, 1973, were decreed by the junta, and never passed any sort of public review. In this case, it is more than obvious that the Labor Plan would stand no chance of being approved by the public. It violates ILO standards, the Declaration of Human Rights, and has been condemned by labor leaders the world over.

The Plan denies the right to strike to workers at over 30 major plants and mines. In those places where striking is legal, owners are free to hire scabs and also to bargain individually with workers. The owner can declare two months of the year when strikes are forbidden, can initiate a lockout at any time, and has the right to fire all his em-

ployees if a strike should last 60 days.

Worker power to organize is severely limited. Up to ten unions can form in a given plant, and the owner chooses with whom he cares to negotiate. Industry wide unions are banned and nationwide federations have no power to negotiate. When collective bargaining begins, all benefits previously won by the struggle of the workers (maternity care, health care, etc.) must be re-negotiated.

It's no wonder that many Chileans refer to the legal package as the Plan Patronal (Bosses' Plan) rather than the Plan Laboral (Labor Plan).

The Plan says nothing about the thousands who have fallen into alcoholism for lack of decent work,

the families traumatized by the death of a father who couldn't afford hospital care, the mothers forced to prostitute themselves to feed their children, or the youngsters who cannot learn because there's just not enough protein in the house to go around.

But, like all the other elements of the institutionalization, it speaks loudly and clearly to the interests of local bankers and foreign investors. It says that the Chilean state is willing to sacrifice its own people in order to assure high profits for a few, much of which will never be reinvested in the country. And that the sacrifice will be neat, clean, and legal.

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Nicaragua

by Mark Mohrmann

The past

Nicaragua has always been an "unstable country, despite 20 years of direct US military intervention and over 40 years of Somoza rule. Foreign military rule and the tyranny of a ruling family dynasty was necessary because Nicaragua was never allowed to develop its own native commercial class of bankers and industrialists strong enough to be able to control the economy and the destiny of the nation.

Like most of the impoverished nations around the world, Nicaragua came under the influence of foreign colonial powers. In this case it was the United States which was most interested in using Nicaragua as the site of a canal between the Pacific and Atlantic oceans. The development of national economic and political forms was stunted by the control which the US had over Nicaragua's economy and political machinery.

In the 1890's, with the advent of coffee cultivation and export, the agricultural landlords began to grow in strength. President Zalaya in 1893 expropriated communal farm land and redistributed it to private coffee growers (creating a landless peasantry that would haunt Nicaragua's despots right up to July, 1979). This expanding agricultural class began to play a greater role in Nicaragua's economic development, until they crossed the US. Zalaya refused to grant canal rights and imposed restrictions on US investors to encourage the growth of Nicaraguan industry. The US retaliated by shifting political and military support to Zalaya's opponents in the Conservative Party. Zalaya was ousted in 1909, halting the development of a native Nicaraguan capitalist class.

Contradictions created by US control in Nicaragua were now being developed that would lead to the even-

tual downfall of US influence in the country. US Marines were installed in Nicaragua for 20 years to combat armed uprisings by the Indians and peasants who had been thrown off their lands. A section of the ousted Zelaya Liberal Party refused to compromise with the strongarm tactics of the US. Led by Cesar A. Sandino they began armed struggle against the US Marines and developed an anti-imperialist political platform. The US response to this growing insurgency was to set up a native "non-partisan" National Guard. Appointed to head this army was a one-time used car salesman from Philadelphia Anastasio Somoza Garcia. Thus began the rule of the Somoza dynasty.

The Somozas took power in 1936 and after 40 years had amassed a fortune worth over \$400 million dollars. One sixth of all Nicaraguan land, including all arable land, was owned by Somoza. The country's 26 largest companies were owned by Somoza. They made systematic use of their political power to eliminate economic competition and used government funds and institutions to increase their wealth. The National Guard was their private army. The Guard was used to intimidate owners of land that Somoza wanted, to sell to him at low prices. Public works employees were used to labor on their ranches. They obtained loans from government banks that no one else was able to. They used US aid to expand family holdings. Alliance for Progress money was used to create new industries controlled by them. The foundation of Somoza's rule was the National Guard, an army of 7500 recruits, which remained loyal to him through a system of pay-offs and profits from gambling, prostitution, blackmarketing and land seizures. This naked corruption and

The Earth is a Satellite of the Moon *

by Leonel Rugama

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less hungry than the parents.
The grandparents died of hunger.

The parents of the people of Acahualinca were less
hungry than the people who live there now.
The parents died of hunger.

The people of Acahualinca are less hungry than their
children.
The children of the people of Acahualinca are born dead
from hunger, and they're hungry at birth, to
die of hunger.

The people of Acahualinca die of hunger.

Blessed be the poor, for they shall inherit the moon.

The Nicaraguan revolution took a dramatic turn in July when the people finally said goodbye to the 40 year dynasty of the Somoza family. Led by the Fuerzas Sandanistas de Liberacion Nacional (FSLN), which has been fighting for independence for almost 20 years, the people rose up in insurrection, Somoza was sent packing to his estate in Miami and the way was cleared to begin the reconstruction of Nicaraguan society. A society that has been warped by the domination and exploitation of foreign nations, as well as by the corruption and ruthlessness of the Somoza regime.

Revolution is not an event. It is a process. A continuing series of historical developments. To understand why the recent phase of the Nicaraguan revolution was successful, we must look into the past.

* from
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to move..."
Poems from the struggle in Latin America.
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Leonel Rugama was a member of the Sandino Liberation Front. He and another comrade were trapped in a house in the city of Managua in January, 1970. The house was surrounded by troops and war materiel. The two men put up a courageous fight which lasted several hours. When their ammunition ran out, the army finished them off. Rugama was 20 years old.

abuse of power, along with the miserable economic and political situation of the people, made the Somozas extremely unpopular with the mass of Nicaraguans. It is only through the military power of the National Guard and the full support of the US that they were able to hang on for so long.

Somoza was the prop that the US used to secure its interests in Nicaragua. In the absence of a national capitalist class to take power, the US set up Somoza and gave him a trained elite corps to rule the country. Native capitalists were allowed to exist as long as they did not cut into the power and wealth of the Somoza dynasty. The US was backing a one-man show. When things began falling down around his ears, they had no one to turn to. The historically weakened bourgeoisie could not provide an alternative to the leftist forces led by the FSLN, which had been struggling against the Somozas for two decades. It was a choice between Somoza and the Sandinistas and the people made their choice.

The present

In April of this year the Sandinistas began the final phase of their military operations to defeat the Somoza dictatorship. The last four months involved heavy fighting against the National Guard. In cities like Leon and Esteli, whole sections of the towns were laid to waste by the US planes of Somoza's air force. Thousands were massacred by the National Guard. But the revolt succeeded because the interests of the Sandinistas coincided with those of the majority of Nicaraguans. On July 17, the old order crumbled, the National Guard was defeated, Somoza was in Miami and the new government came to power. A 5-member government of reconstruction was established.

Since coming to power the FSLN has begun the difficult task of rebuilding the country. Nationalizations were announced that would take the wealth out of the hands of individuals and into the service of the Nicaraguan people. They immediately nationalized all of Somoza's land holdings to be redistributed to the peasantry, and to begin organization of state farms. All banks were nationalized to prevent further deterioration of the financial situation. Somoza spent his last hours in Managua writing out an es-

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"Nicaragua: The People's Victory" shown from billboards all over Cuba, to the delight of Syracusans travelling in Cuba this past August.

timated \$20 million in checks to himself and his friends, virtually emptying the national treasury. All agricultural export, the backbone of the nation's economy, has been nationalized.

At the Sixth Summit Meeting of Non-aligned Nations meeting in Havana last month, members of the new government announced that "health, education and housing" are the major priorities for reconstruction and rehabilitation of the country. In August, the FSLN completed a vaccination program where every child between 3 months and 5 years old was vaccinated, for the first time in Nicaraguan history. A literacy campaign has begun and cooperative rebuilding of neighborhoods has begun in towns like Esteli, where 80% of the houses have been destroyed by the fighting.

There are emergency situations which the Sandinistas must deal with. The civil war disrupted the harvest season and there is an immediate need for 300 tons of food daily to keep the people from starving. The U.S. is currently contributing only about 50 million. There is a desperate need for foreign currency and aid to meet the pressing food and health needs of the people. Stressing a policy of non-alignment, the FSLN is seeking aid from both the capitalist and socialist blocs. It has received loans from the Inter-American Development Bank and the International Monetary

Fund. Cuban medical personnel arrived in Nicaragua a few days after the fighting ended. The tremendous job of rebuilding a new Nicaragua has begun.

Politically the Sandinistas have been attacked from both sides. The right wing in the US has condemned the "incursion of Soviet-Cuban Imperialism into Central America", while some on the left have declared that power has been turned over to a new bourgeoisie and not to the people. The FSLN is a coalition front made up of leftists, Marxists, liberals, Christians and moderates. It even has the cautious support of the Nicaraguan middle class because they had no other alternative to Somoza. It is this varied composition that helped the FSLN to achieve its widespread support. There will undoubtedly be political struggle within the FSLN to ensure that the Nicaraguan revolution develops in a successful direction. They have succeeded in overthrowing a repressive regime and are now engaged in rebuilding their country along socialist lines. The Sandinista victory has inspired the guerilla forces in El Salvador and Guatemala who are fighting against their own US-backed military dictatorships. The Sandinistas have plucked another stone from the foundation of US imperialism and in so doing have weakened the mortar a little more. For this they deserve our full support.

Inhouse/Outhouse

Soon to open: a new community bakery! Two of Syracuse's finest baking collectives, Moonflour and Yeast Affection, are combining labor and inspiration. In the corner of an old building (lots of character!) on Walton and Franklin Sts., the new collective and supporters are tearing down and renovating. They could use help on "work days" and in finding a name (Dough Nation? Bread and Roses? Run of the Mill?) Give KAREN KERNEY, BARB KOBRITZ, CHRIS HOLLOMAN or STEVE TRISMEN a call at 475-7190.

GARY KLEIN, a local appropriate technology advocate, is temporarily living in Lesotho, South Africa. He is working with the Basuto people on techniques such as solar greenhouses, water heating and food drying. It will be interesting to hear an account of his stay as well as a first hand perspective of the political situation there.

Our European correspondent for People's Energy 1980, JACK MANNO, was delivering calendars and posters to WISE office (World Information Service on Energy) in Amsterdam. Who should he meet on the street but ED KINANE! Ed had heard that Jack and CINDY SQUILLACE were in Amsterdam for the autumn and was seeking them out. We hear they had a fine reunion. Ed can now be reached at General Delivery, Nairobi, Kenya (no joke!)

After a few years rest DIANE CASS has returned to the co-ordinating committee of Plowshare Craftsfair. Nine years ago Diane was one of the people who began Plowshare, now a joyful SPC tradition (see p. 5.)

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Akwesasne Update**Mohawk Sovereignty Attacked**

by Jay Craven

Four Native American activists facing felony charges of assault, burglary and conspiracy are scheduled to go on trial Thurs. Nov. 15 in a case highlighting the Mohawk Nation's fight for political sovereignty. (see 9/79 PNL)

The four--Harriet Boots, Kenneth Thompson, Douglas George, and Richard Powless--are among over 200 Mohawks who participated in resistance activities protesting an unjust May arrest.

A fifth person named in the indictments is fighting extradition proceedings in Utah; a sixth, recently arrested, is in jail with bail set at \$20,000.

Native American leaders predict that the trial of the four will expose U.S. violations of treaty agreements with the Mohawk Nation, and have observed that nearly six months of tensions here have more firmly united Akwesasne residents here in upstate New York.

Recently, Chief Tom Porter (Sakokwenonkas) stood outside the offices of the largest Native American newspaper in North America, Akwesasne Notes, and described harassment of the community--including an Aug. 28 early morning invasion by New York State troopers which nearly escalated into an armed attack.

"I was here when the state troopers staged a predawn raid at my house," Porter recalled. "They roused my wife and led her at gunpoint from room to room looking for me. They broke down the door at the home of Jake Swamp and pulled his daughters out of bed. The girls were put out in the main room and harassed, even though they were not properly dressed."

The raid was the culmination of three months of tension on the 4000-acre Mohawk Nation which began May 22 when Loran Thompson confiscated chain saws being used by CETA workers to cut down trees on his property. As a result, police

arrested Thompson for burglary.

The Mohawk Nation Council recommended the resignation of the police on the reserve and demanded their replacement with an all-volunteer squad. When this was refused, a contingent of Mohawk activists marched on the police station, disarmed the officers present and nonviolently occupied the headquarters for several hours. Charges against the four activists slated for trial stem from this occupation.

In an attempt to avoid an escalation of the crisis, negotiations were begun between Native Americans, the White House, New York



Gov. Hugh Carey, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. A compromise was reached in which Thompson would return the chain saws in return for a promise to drop the charges, an apology to the Mohawk Nation, and compensation for the destroyed trees.

But the local district attorney and the "elective system trustees" at Akwesasne rejected the proposal and indictments were issued against 15-21 activists for the police station takeover.

Mohawk Nation traditionals view the elective system as an "imposed government" which violates the terms of sovereignty guaranteed by treaties to the Native people.

"The state doesn't want to talk about the basic problem, which as we see it is that we're under a colonial government and are not willing to recognize it," John Mohawk of Akwesasne Notes recently told

Liberation News Service.

In response to the indictments, some 200 Native Americans have banded together and formed a several-acre encampment to avoid arrest by state police. Following the Aug. 28 raid and national protests warning against a possible Wounded Knee-type of confrontation, the troopers withdrew from the reservation in the hope of "waiting out" the Native Americans as the cold winter approaches.

Even so, harassment of people in the area continues. "They're pulling people over on main roads, pointing guns at them just in the course of 'routine checks'," according to Chief Porter.

"Mohawk land is inviolate under the terms of the treaties," defense attorney William Kunstler explained recently. "Chief Thompson had the right to throw the government workers off his land. The Mohawks could never accept a fence closing them in." Kunstler plans to demonstrate how the U.S. government has used treaties to appease native people, then break the agreements when it has been expedient to do so.

Chief Porter found reason to be optimistic in the midst of the struggle: "The government made a big mistake this time. Their strategy has been set back 50 years. The Mohawk children have seen us defend the nation. That can't be erased in four generations."

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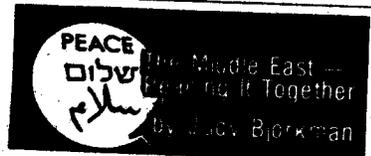
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INFORM YOURSELF & OTHERS

The just-published Summer 1979 issue of Akwesasne Notes carries in great detail the full story of the present conflict. Send them a contribution for this issue or a bit larger one for a subscription. AK, Mohawk Nation, via Rooseveltville, NY 13683 (518)358-9531. Akwesasne or SPC's The Front Room bookstore have a wide selection of books on native issues.

This article is reprinted from the 10/31/79 Guardian with a few changes and additions. It's weekly & subs are \$17/year from 33 W. 17th St. NYC 10011.

U.S. Needs To Talk With The P.L.O.



As part of a two-month, 16-city tour of the US for the American Friends Service Committee, Jim Fine spoke in Rochester, Syracuse, and Utica on his impressions of the current state of the Middle East conflict. In his position as AFSC's Middle East Affairs Representative, and having lived in Jerusalem for the past four years, Jim has visited all of the confrontation states and describes 1979 as a unique year, considering prospects for Israeli-Palestinian reconciliation.

Speaking to media, public and private groups, Jim noted that as a result of the Camp David accords, the Arab-Israeli conflict has improved, but Palestinian-Israeli relations have taken a turn for the worse. Improvement of the former is illustrated by the warm relations developing between Egyptians and Israelis, as one-time enemies begin interacting as civilians. Israeli withdrawal from Sinai and the establishment of normal relations between the two nations have made this possible. The simultaneous worsening of Israeli-Palestinian relations stems from the autonomy plan offered the Palestinians by Israel. It is so inadequate that instead of splitting Palestinian thought about joining the talks following Camp David, it has driven them closer to the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization). This has been reinforced by Israel's clear signals (through continued settlements and explicitly in the Israeli Cabinet riders attached to the Camp David accords) that she means to retain the West Bank and Gaza permanently.

Judy Bjorkman is the Middle East peace education staff person of AFSC. For resources, speakers, or to comment on this column call 475-4822.



The rise in violence between Israelis and Palestinians in past months is sad confirmation of the situation.

Yet, important changes are in the wind. There is significant dissent within Israel over how to deal with the Palestinians. Moshe Dayan's resignation shows this. Yossi Sarid, a leftist member of the Israeli Knesset (Parliament) has described the Israeli plan as a "garbage autonomy," giving the Palestinians little authority beyond their own trash collection. The most positive development within Israel is the "Peace Now" movement. This broadly-based group arose spontaneously after Pres. Sadat's visit to Jerusalem. It urged Prime Minister Begin to exhibit openness and flexibility on all issues, so as not to lose a chance for peace. Since then, "Peace Now" has moved to open opposition to Begin's settlement policy. Two large "Peace Now" demonstra-

tions this year in Hebron and Nablus have expressed solidarity with West Bank Palestinians threatened with land expropriation. While these things have not caused a change in Begin's policies, they illustrate movement in Israeli public opinion toward negotiations with the Palestinians.

Fine also noted important changes within the PLO and the rejectionist Arab states. When the latter met for the Baghdad Summit in Nov. 1978, their final resolution, speaking of commitment to a just peace, marked the first time that such states as Iraq have publicly spoken of negotiations to lead to a just peace with Israel, rather than simply of the elimination of Israel. The PLO has in recent months launched a diplomatic offensive, meeting with European heads of state, pledging at least a temporary moratorium on terrorism in Europe and most recently a commitment to a ceasefire in southern Lebanon. Fine suggested that as the prestige and respectability of the PLO are enhanced, it will lead to a laying aside of terrorist tactics. In this quest, the United States has a key role to play.

Indicative of changes in the US are the results of a national newspaper poll taken in the aftermath of the resignation of Andrew Young. It showed that 60% of Americans surveyed now think that the US should talk with the PLO; 44% of US Jews surveyed thought so, too.

Progress must be made in the central issue of Palestinian self-determination. Fine's message made it clear that the US could prevent the loss of gains made by Israel and Egypt by beginning conversations with the PLO.



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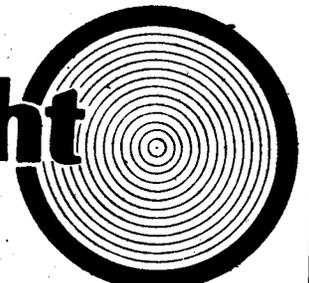
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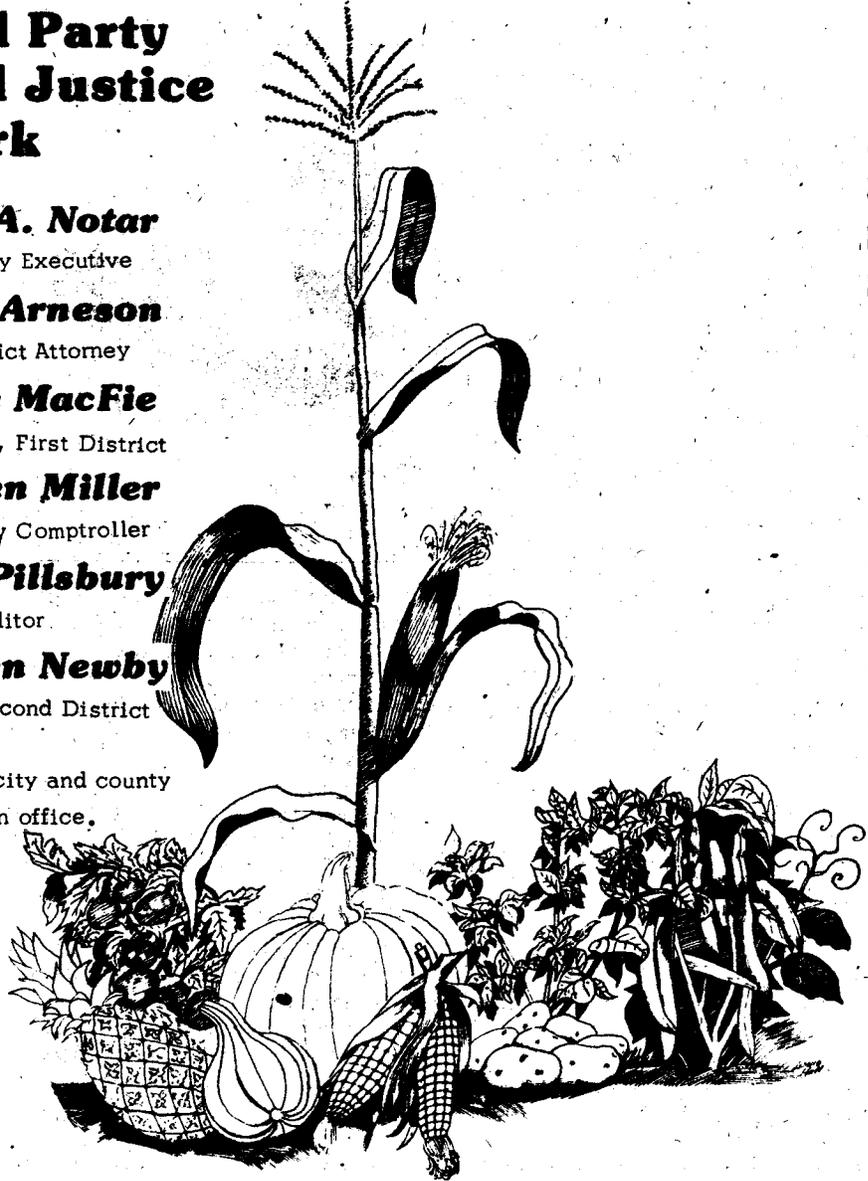
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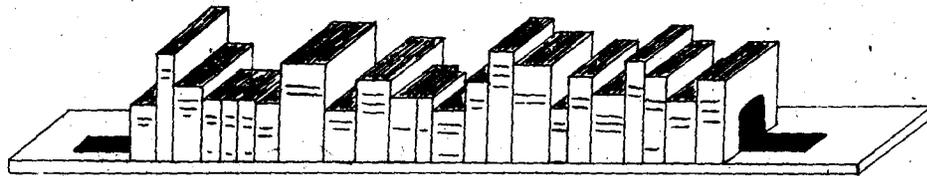
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The Movement Grows

This decade has been named the "apathetic '70's" by journalists, intellectuals and trend-watchers; in short, by those people who almost gleefully put the social activism of the '60's to rest as an aberration, a rebellion of youth against the older generation. Such superficial labeling distorts our view of history. It robs us of the power we deserve to feel as our years of grassroots activism builds into national and global movements. On this page

is a sampling of the public demonstrations by feminists, gays and anti-nuclear activists occurring from one end of the continent to the other. Thousands upon thousands of people are participating in marches, rallies, vigils and direct actions; what an undeniable tribute to the consciousness raising and community organizing being accomplished on all fronts of the movement for social and economic justice!

On the Feminist Front



On October 14th 100,000 gay marchers revelled in the strength of their diversity. photo-S. Sierakowski/LNS

On October 14th the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights brought together more than 100,000 people from all over the US and Canada and Mexico as well. "Lesbian mothers, gay fathers, mormons and atheists, dentists, psychiatrists and unionists, teenagers and senior citizens, Native Americans and Blacks, physically challenged and bicyclists..." writes Jane Weiler, an SPC member who participated in the march. (Next month's PNL will include a full article on Jane's personal reflections of the march.) Juanita Ramos, one of the organizers, pointed to more solidarity building: "The lesbian and gay movement cannot operate in a vacuum. We must look for allies in the women's movement, and the various national liberation struggles."

The following week, on October 20th, 7,000 women and men gathered in the heart of New York City's pornography quarters, Times Square, to expose pornography for what it really is: violence against women. The march and rally was organized by Women Against Pornography, who have opened a storefront on Times Square and give guided tours through the peep shows, book stores and "sex emporiums." Robin Morgan, one of the speakers, said it succinctly: "Pornography is the theory; rape, battery and mutilation are the practice." For more information about this growing movement contact Women Against Pornography at 579 Ninth Ave., New York, NY 10036

And on the Anti-nuclear Front

Anti-nuclear actions spanned the depth and breadth of politics in a collage of events. On September 23rd a rally of 200,000 people was held in lower Manhattan, the culmination of week-long fundraising concerts by MUSE (Musicians United for Safe Energy.) The photo at right was taken there.

The following weekend, Sept. 29 & 30, mobilizing actions took place across the country as part of the International Days of Protest Against Nuclear Waste and Reprocessing. A caravan of Syracusans joined 1500 people for a rally at West Valley, NY, the site of a leaking nuclear waste dump.

On a new plateau of resistance, 3000 would-be occupiers attempted to take over the Seabrook, New Hampshire construction site. They were met by great numbers of police armed with maces, hoses and clubs. The police were determined to push them off the site with as much force as necessary. This meant becoming increasingly more violent by tearing off gas masks, kicking and clubbing. To the credit of the protestors' training there was no violent reaction on their part; they were forced to leave this time, but promised to reevaluate the action and return next spring.



Stephen Wunrow

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WOMEN & MENTAL HEALTH - TAKING CHARGE

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Saturday Dec. 1 is another workshop called "Mothers and Daughters" with the same time and price. Call or write to register or for more info.

In addition on Thursday Nov. 29 Auragyns, a gallery for women's art sponsored by the Women's Studio, will feature a show around the theme "Mothers & Daughters" at 8pm. The show is open to women and girls to share work they've done or pieces they may have from mothers or grandmothers.

Finally a special concert & holiday celebration with musician Barb Dunn is planned for Sat. Dec. 15 at ECHO, so put it on your calendar now! Women & men welcome. Call 478-4636.

ADVOCATE: "HEAT OR EAT"

Citizen groups are increasingly recognizing the impact of the "energy crisis" on their lives and are deciding to do something about it. While oil company profits are at obscene levels the elderly, most of whom are on fixed incomes, are faced with a choice of being warm or well fed. ADVOCATE (Advocates Dedicated to Ongoing Changes in Attitudes Toward the Elderly), a Syracuse organization committed to fighting ageism and institutionalization, is taking action against the energy profiteers.

ADVOCATE has held demonstrations on October 6 & 25 at "oil city" on Syracuse's north side and has scheduled an action at Niagara-Mohawk (NM) on Monday, November 5 at 3:45pm. Everyone is invited. Also on Oct. 25 Glenda Neff, a co-founder of ADVOCATE and now on the SPC staff, appeared on WIXT-TV's

"Open Line" show with reps from NM and Cooperative Extension. Glenda surprised the NM rep by insisting that a discussion of how to best insulate your house was "deceitful" as a solution to the basic problems of the energy crisis. For more info: Milt Baker, 458-2780.

LOCAL J. P. STEVENS ACTIONS

The J.P. Stevens company is one of the leaders in textile manufacturing in the U.S. It is also one of the "leaders" in unfair labor practices. The Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union has been organizing a national campaign against J.P. Stevens for several years; in June of this year a group of labor, religious and community people came together in Syracuse to form a support committee. The main weapon of the campaign is a total boycott.

The committee has surveyed area stores and found three (Chappells, Dey Bros., K-Mart) that carry the J.P. Stevens line. Chappells has agreed to not order any for six months. Responses from the other two are pending. The Hotel Syracuse has also agreed to support the boycott.

The committee has available literature, speakers and a 30 minute film "Testimony". To use any of these resources contact Barbara Gintner, 425 W. Colvin, Syracuse 13205 471-2531. There's also a meeting of the Steering Committee on Thursday Nov. 8 7:30pm at the SEIU offices, corner of Erie Blvd. E. & Thompson Rd. This meeting is specifically for people interested in working. SPC is looking for several people to represent us on the committee so call Dik 472-5478 if interested.

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On Nov. 11th anti-nuclear demonstrators from all over Central New York and as far away as Kingston, Ontario rallied on the private road leading to Nine Mile II's Reactor Pressure Vessel (RPV). While supporters sang and chanted, eight people attempted to reach the RPV on the Lake Ontario front; they were arrested. The PASNY Fitzpatrick plant can be seen in the background. See story on page 5.

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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 progressive social change and to overcome our sense of powerlessness thru mutual support.

We feel that education, agitation and 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 and the three collectives that work out of the SPC office: the program staff, the SPC Press, and The Front Room Bookstore.

How it is with us...

On-top of our normal frenetic routine, it's been one thing on top of another lately ... a spontaneous mobilization for civil disobedience at Nine Mile II (see pp. 1&5), three break-ins and thefts at the SPC house in the space of five weeks, a blockage in our main sewer pipe that had us traveling to the bar next door for relief, and dealing with the Iran crisis (p.6).

These events firmed up a sense that we've had for quite a while that we'd better take some steps back, take a rest, and get on top of some basic office systems (like rotating responsibilities -- "who was supposed to take the trash out?!").

Another especially grievous problem is the condition of the SPC house. We'll readily admit that there are probably landfills less soiled and mazes less challenging than our house during a busy week.

We've set aside time, the week after Plowshare (p.16), to do some cleaning up, redesigning and remodeling of the house. After that, there will be a period of rest. There will be minimal staffing of the office during the last two weeks of December. The Front Room Bookstore, however, will have regular December hours (10-6 daily; 10-9 Weds.; 10-4 Sats.).

We won't be putting out a January PNL. The breather continues as we brace ourselves for an onslaught of projects that the new year will bring. We'll begin work in the middle of January on Community '80 and on our special 16 page supplement to the Feb. PNL "The Politics of Nuclear Power in Oswego County." Sometime in the first couple months of the new year we'll be starting our door-to-door campaign to educate Syracuse residents about the benefits of public (non-profit, non-Niagara Mohawk) power.

No doubt some of you will note that this issue does not contain the eight pages of poetry we promised last month. There just wasn't enough poetry in by the time our deadline came around. So we decided to cancel the poetry -- and soon after, sure enough -- a bunch of poetry arrived. By then, we were attracted to the idea of a shorter (16 page) December PNL -- a great solace for run-down activists. We'll be running the poetry sometime in the Spring, so please continue to send it in...

Friends, please think of us as we gather our forces for the new year. We're weary, but unrelenting in our work for social justice. Your dollars are invaluable respite from the burden of fund-raising, and will help us build a non-exploitive, peaceful world. Please send your contribution today.

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LETTERS

To the Editor:

On the evening of September 30, at approximately 9:15pm, an unfortunate incident began which ultimately involved a large number of people, and the Syracuse Police at the Dark Horse Tavern on Park Street.

By around 10:30pm, the alleged incident was over according to the police, five persons having been arrested.

Some of the many questions that arise in our minds are:

Why the police were at the tavern with a paddy wagon and a large number of cops?

Why the patrons were forced to leave, even when the bartender asked that they be permitted to finish their drinks?

Why did the police come in armed with nightsticks and leaded gloves?

This incident has much in common with the Dennis Collins case. Several points can be made:

After Dennis Collins was beaten up, Sardino said the Police Department was setting up new procedures to prevent the incident from being repeated. Obviously there is no change.

Witnesses involved in both incidents saw cops wearing leaded gloves and this should be prevented.

Police should be forced to make their internal affairs investigations public as the public has a right to know. This will make cover-ups more difficult.

Some of the same officers were involved in both incidents.

Number of cops at both incidents contradict police claims of shortage of cops.

Police brutality crosses color lines.

We were at the Dark Horse Tavern the evening of the incident. We are intent on publicizing and exposing this incident and its similarity to the Collins case, in the hopes of rallying people around the demand for a civilian review board.

For more information, contact Citizens United Against Police Brutality, P.O. Box 76, Syracuse, NY 13202 or call 472-4332, 422-7962.

Bill Lipke Syracuse, N.Y.

Friends,

I am calling on the Upstate New York Clergy and Laity Concerned (CALC) network to organize their areas in concern over the genocide in East Timor.

Since 1975 the people of E. Timor have been starving at the hands of Indonesia. In December 1975, Indonesia invaded that small Portuguese colony to its east. The subsequent policy of starving E. Timor into submission has become a policy of genocide. A land of 690,000 people has been cut to 330,000.

Indonesia's actions have been called the "most flagrant denials of human rights" in modern decolonization. The UN has condemned the invasion five times. Yet the US condones Indonesia by recognizing its authority in East Timor and says nothing about the human rights violations. In fact, 90% of Indonesia's arms are provided by the US, thus enabling the tragedy to continue.

In spite of the situation being called as disastrous as Kampuchea (Cambodia) or Biafra, the press has failed to respond. It blindly prints the distortions that Indonesia disseminates.

The situation has reached emergency proportions. This emergency demands that three things be done immediately:

- 1) the full opening of E. Timor to all international relief agencies;
- 2) increasing US relief aid to E. Timor to \$25 million;
- 3) pressuring Indonesia to withdraw its troops, through the US government, US press, and public opinion.

I will be organizing the effort in the Syracuse area, and others are needed to organize the other areas in Upstate New York. Anyone interested in helping out, or looking for information can contact me by mail or call me at (315) 472-5478 (Syracuse Peace Council). We need to write our congressional leaders, the President, our newspapers, and the Indonesian embassy. We must push for the above three points if the genocide is to stop. On December 4th, a Congressional committee will begin reviewing the situation. We need to raise our voices now! Please contact me.

Mike Chamberlain
Asian Center, CALC Associate
1607 S. Salina St. #9
Syracuse, NY 13205.

Dear Friends:

The AKWESASNE NOTES has joined with the Mobilization for Local Sovereign Rights in the effort to provide the humanistic vision of the Traditional Native Nations and their like-minded allies an international forum.

The Lake Placid 1980 Winter Olympic Games will be held from February 11th to the 25th, 1980 and a variety of issues have been raised by it. The Mobilization for Local Sovereign Rights hopes to help them coalesce into a united front.

Our goals are as follows:

1. That the Lake Placid Olympic Committee open up adequate space for local and regional crafts people to display and sell their wares, allowing them to benefit, economically, from the event;

2. That the rights of tenants in the Olympic area be protected, that no one should be allowed to be evicted from their homes in the middle of Winter by the Boom-town economy created by the games;

3. That the plan for a prison facility to be left behind at Lake Placid be immediately scrapped and that a Center for Appropriate Technology and other more life-enhancing projects be fully discussed and democratically selected by the people of the region;

4. and, That the sovereign rights of the Mohawk People and the position of the Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs be respected by New York State.

We would like to strongly stress that this is not a mobilization against the Olympics, which is not the source of our problems. Nor are our actions in any way intended to scare or to do violence to anyone. Violent activities, or even the semblance of violence will not be tolerated by Mobilization participants.

The Mobilization plans to host a two-day strategizing/working conference during the weekend of December 8th and 9th, at Woodstock, New York.

We invite you to participate. For more information, contact AKWESASNE NOTES, Mohawk Nation via Roosevelttown, NY 13683 (518) 358-9531.

Jose Barreiro
Akwesasne Notes

Civil Disobedience at Nine Mile II 80 Say No! in Oswego, NY

"I'm surprised I haven't seen you folks before" said a security guard to a Syracuse photographer as eighty-eight people entered PASNY property at 1:00 pm on a grey November Sunday, determined that their position against nuclear power would not go unheard. It was clear that Niagara Mohawk and PASNY had expected an on-site demonstration during the last several years, but the ten days of pre-action planning resulted in more than officials bargained for.

Those involved believe that nuclear power in Oswego County effects life for thousands of miles around. Radiation doesn't stop at the county, nor at the international border. The nukes in Oswego are our nukes. Three years ago, on Oct. 10, 1976, the Post Standard-Herald American claimed that Oswego was "accepting its role as a nuclear capital." Currently, with two operating reactors, one in construction and one proposed, Central New York is virtually a nuclear park. However, Oswego's acceptance has been to a large degree untrue; anti-nuclear sentiment has always been present in the hearts of many people in the area.

The initial call to action came from a group of Oswegonians with the arrival of the Reactor Pressure Vessel (RPV) for Nine Mile II. The RPV houses the uranium fuel rods during fission. It is the "belly of the monster." Built in Tennessee, brought north on land to Chicago, it was placed aboard a 190 foot barge and then floated across the great lakes to Oswego harbor. There it docked for roughly 48 hours before being moved to the Nine Mile Point site. When hastily laid plans for a boat blockade in Oswego harbor did not materialize, attention then shifted to planning a blockade of the RPV's progress on land near the PASNY Fitzpatrick site. With the word of the RPV arrival, people throughout Upstate New York, as well as Ontario, Canada were notified. People planned and met seriously in many cities. Eight people

trained in nonviolence in Syracuse, nearly twenty in Ithaca.

Oswego, Syracuse, Ithaca, and Kingston worked round-the-clock for ten days. Communication between the different groups was troublesome due to the uncertainty over the role of secrecy in the planning and execution of the event. For some people the decision to be "open" about the action was to risk success. It would have given the utilities the opportunity to mobilize their security, and perhaps deter the action altogether. Two other large obstacles in the planning and the carrying out of the action were the lack of information con-

training session. As a group they decided upon those objectives which were most important and realistic: to occupy the road on which the RPV must travel to reach the construction site, to dialogue with those whom they met along the road (guards and police), to inspire others to direct action, and to be a model of things to come. Expectations were exceeded by the sympathies of both Oswego County Police and Oswego media.

QUESTIONS:

How can a greater Upstate New York direct action network be built? What caused the unnatural split between those doing civil disobedience and those supporting? How can this division be avoided in the future? Why had there been no direct action against nuclear power in Oswego before? What is the future of nonviolent civil disobedience in Central New York?



Photo: Mima Cataldo

"Love The Earth-Keep Energy Safe" A Nonviolent Confrontation

cerning the progress of the RPV, and the time pressures under which everyone had to operate. These limitations resulted in a great deal of speculation.

The results: a support demonstration of upwards of eighty fiery people who buoyed the eight member affinity group's progress along the site road, and into the face of the opposition. The supporters' presence was invaluable! And more, they had an identity and solidarity of their own.

The affinity group accomplished most every objective which they set up for themselves during the

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Upon arrest, the eight protesters were charged with simple trespass and released on \$100 bail a piece. They face fines of up to \$250 each. All monetary support for the eight gratefully received:

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Authors: Marcia Pearlman and Gary Weinstein. Marcia and Gary see security guards and occupiers on the same side next time.

Iran: Understanding of History Key to Resolution

by Bill Griffen

On Tuesday the 13th of November, the steering committee and staff of the Peace Council came up with 11 position points on the Iranian crisis. Most are embraced in a position statement we asked SPC member Bill Griffen to write (see below.)

On Nov. 21, the day after Carter announced the possibility of military intervention in Iran, the steering committee and staff agreed on the following points and they were presented to Syracuse media by Bill Griffen:

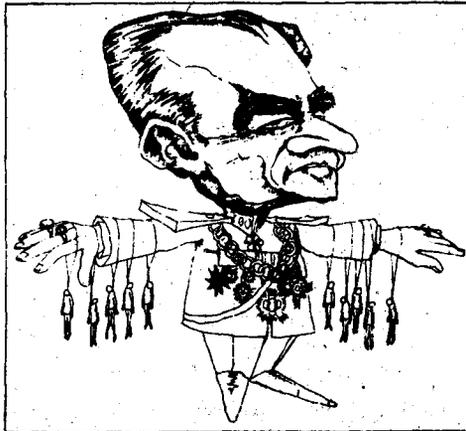
- * The hostages should be released and the shah presented to an international tribunal at a neutral site. The tribunal should explore the shah's record and the U.S.'s exploitive role in Third World countries. The tribunal must have adequate if not preponderant Third World representation.
- * SPC does not condone hostage-taking as a means of settling international disputes.
- * It must be seen that Khomeini is stirring a furor partly to deflect attention from troubles in his own regime.
- * Iranians are entitled to their righteous anger and their demand for justice is understandable given the role of the shah and the U.S. together in exploiting Iran for 25 years.
- * Military conflict is the worst means of resolution. It would mean almost certain death for the hostages and would threaten global stability.

The long-term involvement of the U.S. Pentagon and C.I.A. in support for the now deposed Iranian shah and against the Iranian people is only dimly sensed, if sensed at all, by the American people. In the recent take-over of the American Embassy in Tehran, the U.S. press and the Carter administration have done little, if anything, to set the hostage crisis in any historical, political context.

The response in the U.S. to Americans being held hostage by Iranian students is understandably one of shock. Taking 60 or more American citizens as political hostages is a serious breach of diplomatic rules and international law. U.S. reactions ranging from the characterization of Iranian leaders and students as sub-human, not to be dealt with rationally, to the often heard "we're not going to be pushed around any more", reflect an unwillingness to examine the background leading to the crisis.

Bill Griffen is a long-time Peace Council member. His long-awaited book (co-authored with SPC member John Marciano) Teaching The Vietnam War will be coming out in a matter of weeks.

The hatred one sees etched on the faces of the tens of thousands of Iranians on TV news has origins. Iranian spokespersons take pains to explain their anger is focused on Americans in power, not the American people. That Iranians hold the U.S. government responsible for conditions in Iran is totally understandable if one examines relationships between Iran's hated shah and the U.S. government for the past quarter century.



In 1953, the C.I.A. successfully subverted the popular national government in Iran by aiding in the military overthrow of Mohammed Mossadegh, Iran's nationalist prime minister. Working closely with the C.I.A. and a special U.S. military mission established in 1941, the Iranian Army installed Mohammed Reza Pahlavi - the shah. U.S. military aid started to freely flow to the shah, his military forces and SAVAK, his secret police. Starting with a "modest" \$1.7 million in U.S. aid for "bonuses" for the Iranian Army and police and growing to over \$18 billion in military aid from 1972 to the present, the U.S. administrations provided the shah with America's most advanced conventional weaponry and the tools of repression to contain the Iranian masses. This massive aid was justified in the usual "national interest, defense of the free world" rhetoric. The U.S. leaders were aware of the shah's repressive use of America's military equipment. "Do you know what the head of the Iranian Army told one of our people?" Hubert Humphrey asked

in 1961. "He said the Army was in good shape thanks to U.S. aid -- it was now capable of coping with the civilian population."

In 1973 Amnesty International Campaign Against Torture (London) listed countries that use torture as a matter of policy. Leading the list was Chile, Uruguay, Iran and the Philippines. This organization, as well as countless foreign observers and members of the international press, have confirmed the consistent use of torture as a means of political repression. Considering that estimates of political prisoners in Iran under the shah ranged from 25,000 to 100,000, the Iranians' anger at the U.S. harboring their nation's number one criminal is not surprising.

As recently as 1978 President Carter was wining and dining and eulogizing the man who continued to use any means possible to subvert a popular independence movement in Iran. On New Year's Eve, 1977, President Carter toasted the shah: "Iran under the great leadership of the shah is an island of stability in one of the more troubled areas of the world. This is a great tribute to you, your majesty, and to your leadership and to the respect, admiration and love which your people give to you." On September 8, 1978 at least 5,000 Iranian men, women and children were gunned down by the shah's army for demonstrating against his regime. These troops, the Iranians knew then and know now, were financed, armed and trained by agents of the U.S. government. And on New Year's Eve 1978, in the wake of such increasingly brutal repression, President Carter continued to pledge his support for the ruling monarch, ignoring a democratic mass movement by the Iranian people.

Iranians understand the support that the shah received from Chase Manhattan Bank's David Rockefeller, Henry Kissinger and finally President Carter in allowing the ailing shah into the U.S. for "humanitarian" reasons. Would Washington have extended that humanitarian care to an ailing Fidel Castro, Kim Il Sung

of North Korea, past or present leaders of Vietnam, or the former Chilean president Allende? The American government may abstractly talk about humanitarily taking in anyone, setting aside ideology and politics, but the evidence is clear that U.S. policy toward some foreign leaders has been elimination through assassination and/or subversion if deemed in the U.S. national interest.

The questionable assertion that the shah's illness can only be treated in the U.S. tends to heighten the Iranians' suspicion of continuing U.S. government complicity with the shah.

U.S. leadership is all but silent as many citizens call for the mass deportation, dismissal from colleges and violation of civil rights of domestic Iranian students. In a guilt-by-association theory, American college officials have already begun to pass judgment on Iranian students in the U.S. and some have found the students guilty of being Iranians, much the same way after Pearl Harbor, we found Japanese in our country guilty of being Japanese.

It was early morning, November 15, 1979, in Tehran and ABC News's Frank Reynolds was asking corres-

pondents Bob Dyk and Peter Jennings for their appraisal of the situation as they saw it. After disagreeing somewhat over the possibility of a compromise on the hostages' release, Bob Dyk commented that "the Iranians perhaps had misjudged the United States to a certain extent because they (the Iranians) make so many references to Vietnam which is the dilemma we got out of..." (pause). Peter Jennings added, "Yes, I think Bob is quite correct that they (the Iranians) are looking for us to make in the United States the same protest about people under the shah as we did about Vietnam."

The question must be raised as to why progressive people in the U.S. have not sent a message to the Iranian people that while we oppose your taking-of-hostages tactic, we share your sense of deep frustration and outrage over the continuing silence of American leaders on the shah's record of crimes against his people.

The media, particularly the television networks, do next to nothing to encourage an understanding of the situation in Iran by narrowly defining and orchestrating what will be discussed. The Iranian Charge'

D'Affaires, Ali Agah, rightly reproofed CBS's Bernard Kalb on "Face the Nation": "Two nights ago you stopped your correspondent on TV when he wanted to explain the sensitivity of the Iranian people to the American public. You cut him off. You said, 'I'm not interested in this matter about the shah and the sensitivity of the Iranian people. I'm interested about the hostages...' But hostages are part of the whole problem."

And so it goes, during a crisis, the right in America continue to rattle their swords and the left, in the interest of "speaking with one voice", refuse to question American policy. We are urged to back President Carter (don't give up the shah) for fear of jeopardizing the hostages. In Vietnam we were similarly urged to back American policy for fear of jeopardizing "our boys overseas." In times of crisis, when people are at least somewhat drawn away from the daily consumptive diversions, at that moment, we are urged to "go along." -- Not analyze in a rational, historical context-- but to "go along." The Iranian people deserve a message from us in their struggle to bring the shah to justice.



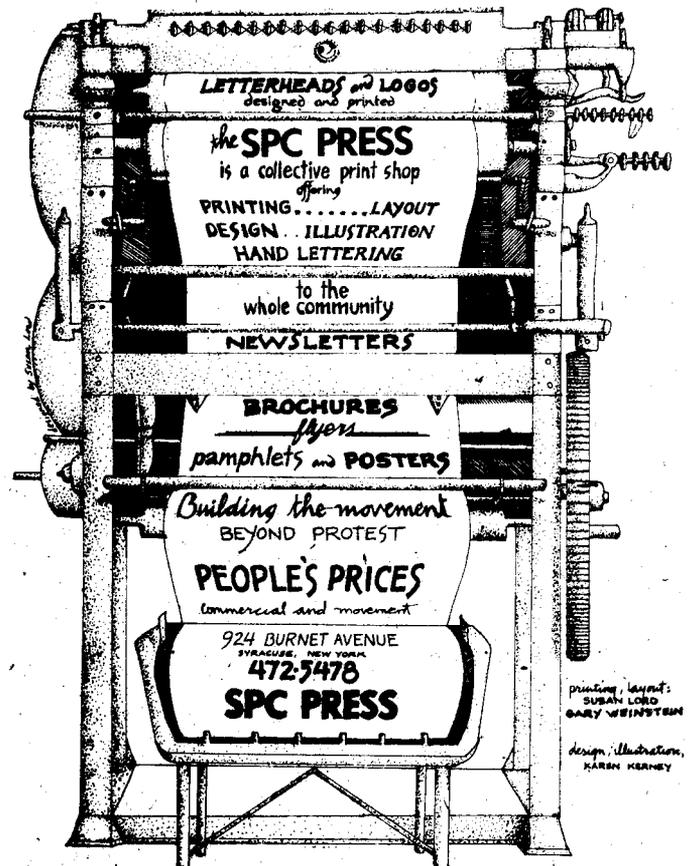
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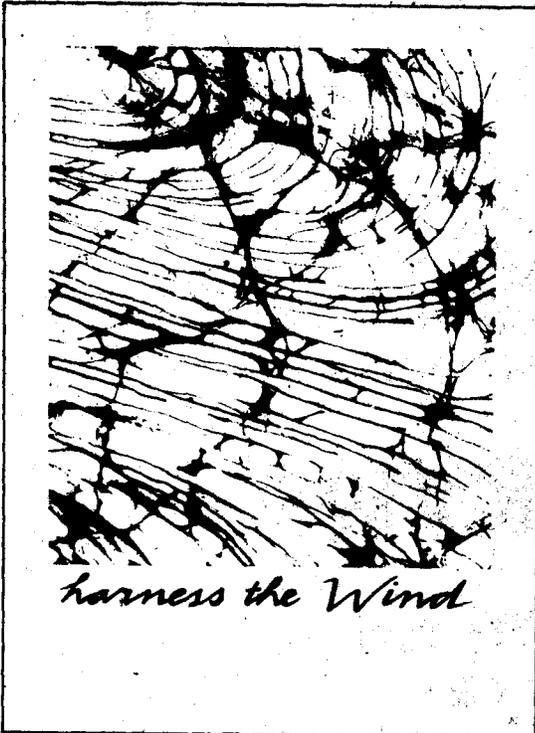
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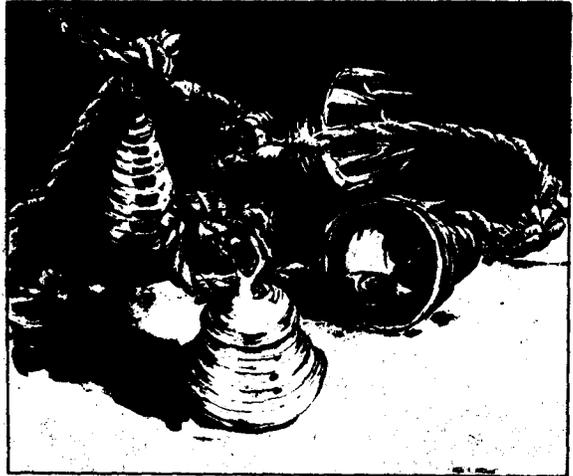
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The Gay March in Washington : A Personal Reflection

by Jane Weiler

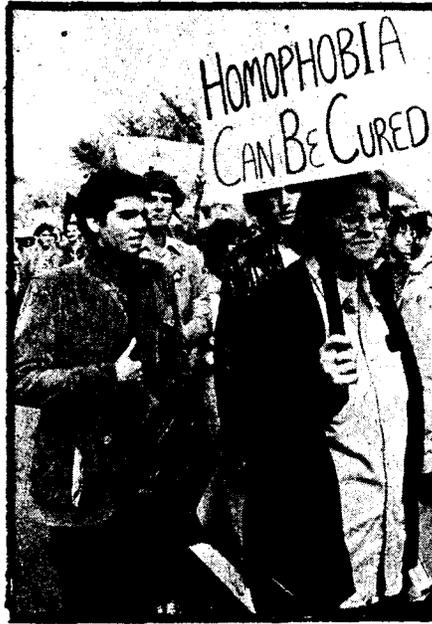
At first I didn't see the point of going to Washington. I had been to other marches before and I thought they were all the same. I imagined several hundred thousand passive people waiting to be entertained by a squeaky loudspeaker, or chanting "2, 4, 6, 8, gay is just as good as straight." What I didn't realize, until I was enroute to Washington, was what the march was giving to me. I was marching for myself -- for hard-won pride in choosing my sexual preference.

6:30 AM. I looked through bleary eyes at the drag queen sitting in front of me with ash-blond wig, sequined sheath, elbow length gloves and funky sunglasses. Why were all the men talking about valium, smoking cigarettes, thinly dressed in tight clothes and looking like they'd been up all night; all the women in army-navy gear and eating sunflower seeds? However, by the end of the bus ride, after a few confrontations with the driver and an en masse occupation of a Howard Johnson's rest area, we had developed a group spirit. The man in front of me was one more friend to smile at as we passed each other during the day, and swap stories with after it was over.

2:00 PM. The march was a combination party and Thanksgiving Day parade. It started near the Capitol and proceeded down a wide avenue past monumental marble government offices. This march was different from previous gay rights marches I had been to where men and women had marched separately. Here we intermingled. Half-expecting a flower-bedecked float and a homecoming queen, I watched representatives parade by. They were from the North, South, East and West states, Hawaii, Alaska, England, New Zealand and eight hundred from Texas. A friend saw a group from her hometown in North Carolina. When she had left fourteen years ago, there had been no gay community. The uniformed Los Angeles men's chorus and Texas marching

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band made music, drum majors threw batons, 50 flags of Texas danced in the air, and clowns performed. People smiled and danced along. The variety! Lesbian mothers and gay fathers, Mormons and atheists, dentists, psychiatrists and unionists, teenagers and senior citizens, Native Americans and Blacks, ivy leaguers and Syracuse University students, physically challenged and bicyclists, blind people and deaf people, Bloomingtons and agriculturalists, separatists and drag queens, children and animals. Syracuse boasted a contingent of approximately thirty, but our prominent banner signified a large gay community. It was a happy parade.



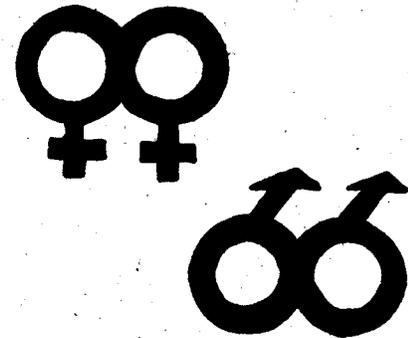
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4:00 PM. At the rally, we held between the Washington and the Lincoln Monuments, the petitions for redress of grievances were aired. We heard speakers talk about young gays, parents of gays, Third World gays and many other issues. A congressman and a representative for the mayor of Washington spoke. Meg Christian and Holly Near sang of women's love and we danced to Gotham, an all-male disco band.

While looking at the smiles on people's faces, I noticed a beginning to-gray, ordinary, Archie-and-Edith-

Bunker couple standing with their daughter. One step away from the image of parents waiting with their kid for the summer camp train, they stood listening to the speakers. As I talked to them their extraordinary views unfolded. Their daughter had never announced her homosexuality, they already knew. It had been their idea to come to the march and they had asked their daughter to come with them. They spoke fondly of their daughter's lover who had lived with the family, and were surprised to hear of other parent attitudes towards their gay children. "I can't figure out these parents who have a hard time accepting their gay children. I'm just glad our kids accepted us. I wasn't the perfect mother--interesting perhaps--but not perfect. The woman went on to give me a valuable perspective on my own parent's anger.

The march gave me a temporary euphoria, for a few hours, a lavender word at every turn. More permanently, the marked line between gay men and gay women had grown a little less distinct, making it easier for me to work with gay men to effect social change. Throughout the day I had seen warm, sensitive, affectionate men, and some of my stereotypes of the gay male community, which I know so little of, began to disappear. This was not true for all the marchers however. A few of my women friends had gone to the march on separatist buses, marched and stood with women, and they were untouched by the things I saw. But I came home with new facts (such as one in four families has a gay member), and broken stereotypes and assumptions --all of which will propel me further out of the closet.



Inhouse/Outhouse

It looks like we will have a woodstove in time to heat the SPC house this winter! It will be installed in the basement, keeping the press dry and warm, while vents allow the heat to reach the other floors. November's PNL carried a classified for wood which produced several helpful offers. But there's a few specific needs yet to be met: loans to SPC to buy the stove; help with installation; selling us three full cords of seasoned wood. Can you help? Call SPC at 472-5478.

The Westcott Cafe', a cozy place to socialize and eat inexpensive, healthy food, will soon have a second identity: Cafe Zapata. The cafe's usual breakfasts and Sunday brunch will remain unchanged, but regular suppers will feature Mexican fare. Ron Schuffler and friends have been seen sprucing up the windows and walls with more hanging plants and handsome, politically relevant wood cuts from Mexico.

We had a mighty fine mailing party here on Sunday, November 25th. Over a dozen people collated, stuffed and labeled the "holiday fund appeal." (you must have received it by now.) A potluck supper, a case of Molson's, new faces, and two zany sisters, all added up to a good time. Don't miss the next one! (PNL mailing parties are on the Saturday following PNL production.)

If you missed Cuba Night on December 1st, there's still an opportunity to view photographs taken by Syracusean Sandee Sussman during a Cuba tour last August. The exhibit will be on display at the Westcott Cafe' during the month of December.

Marcos Resister Speaks Here

Speaker Charito Planas escaped from the Philippines last May, after spending two months in hiding from police who had accused her of 'sedition and subversion'. Here in the US, she is on a nationwide speaking tour under the auspices of the Anti-Martial Law Coalition and the Friends of the Filipino People.

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