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is the bread and the water
necessary to
the heroic struggle of my people.

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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.

Upcoming In The PEACE NEWSLETTER

March Peace Newsletter celebrates International Women's Day!

Enid Edwards reviews "For Colored Girls..."

Judy Ireland describes Harrisburg one year later

William Sunderlin explains why Ni-Mo is lying about the lay-offs at its Nine Mile 2 Plant

John Maddaus shifts his thoughtful focus to Pakistan

Post No Bills

THE FEMINIST MEN'S COMMUNITY will hold the 2nd Annual International Women's Day Pancake Breakfast on March 8, as a benefit for the Women's Information Center. Time and place of the breakfast will be announced. All interested men are invited to help plan the event. Particularly encouraged are men interested in continuing with ongoing activities of support and political action around the issues raised by feminist and gay consciousness. If interested, call Jack Manno at 472-9386 or write to him, c/o Syracuse Peace Council, 924 Burnet Avenue Syracuse, NY 13203.

WHO HAS PROFITED BY THE GREEN REVOLUTION? Which forces sabotaged Mexico's land reform program in the early 1900's? The SPC Political Economy Study Group is currently reading "Food First" by Frances Moore Lappe' and Joseph Collins. Call Rinnie for information at 475-9603 if you are interested in joining this group.

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"If you are not careful, the newspapers will have you hating the people who are being oppressed, and loving the people who are doing the oppressing."

-Malcolm X

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How It Is With Us In This New Year...

Well it's a new year but it's still the same old Peace Council house. But despite the chaos imposed by our physical surroundings, our heads are remarkably good. It's been nearly two years since we first tried to reserve a week to revamp, clean and reorganize the house. (Last spring's 'week' was ushered in by the Harrisburg meltdown.) We're about to try again -- spurred on perhaps by the arrival of our wood stove -- and the very thought of reintroducing order and creating a pleasant work environment is sustaining us.

Since we published the last issue of the PNL at Thanksgiving time, we've made the Plowshare Crafts fair happen (and very successfully), sold several thousand People's Energy '80 Calendars, brought the Public Power Campaign from a responsible thought to a strong healthy project-in-beginning and managed a week's long rest over the holidays.

In particular, we need to express our thoughts of appreciation of your support of the Peace Council throughout the Fall. You made our Holiday Fund Appeal one of the more successful we've had; you seem to thoroughly enjoy yourself at Plowshare; you bought holiday cards and calendars; and you sent in note after precious note of love and affirmation!

And now where do we go in 1980? There will be some changes. Chris Murray is leaving the SPC staff. This PNL is her 80th and she's tired --she'll write something more about all this in next month's issue.

We've decided to not publish COMMUNITY this year. We're unanimous in our determination to channel our energy into reestablishing our systems -- from office management to refurbishing our projects & committees structures. Activism has climbed to an inspiring level but we need to have some means of

integrating new people and their fresh ideas into our political life.

We'll be taking a new hard look at the financial picture -- especially the continuing problem of staff salaries. We paid ourselves on the average something under \$45 per week in 1979. Now there are at least four good reasons commonly held by staff as to why we choose to live simply. But right now we feel that our actual take home pay could be doubled without compromising our beliefs! As a potential solution, we are leaning toward a three person staff after Chris leaves.

We begin this new year with a special 32-page issue of the Peace Newsletter -- made necessary by the current disastrous state of world affairs. We hope you find its contents thoughtful and provocative. And perhaps all together we can put to rest any sense of powerlessness.

*we note with sadness
the recent passing of 2 friends*

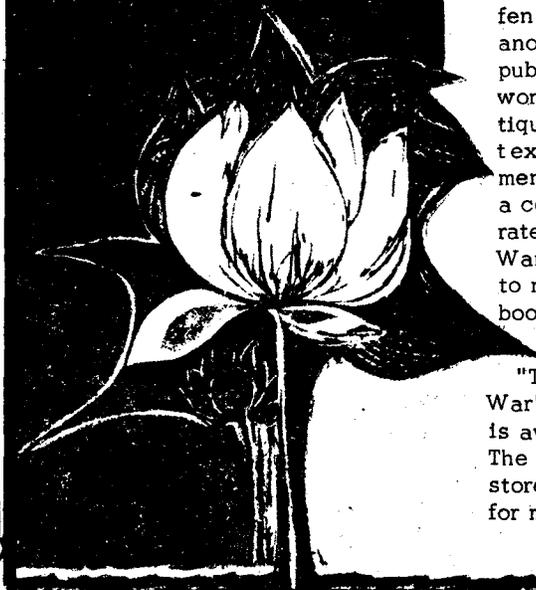
*Adrienne Weiskopf
Berthe Digby*

*and also
Justice W^m O. Douglas*

*Their contributions to the
continuing struggles for
freedom and justice will
long be remembered.*

The Viet Nam War

All of us, in our resistance,
helped fashion history.
Now some of us have faithfully
interpreted that history.



We're delighted to tell you that "Teaching the War", the joint endeavor of Peace Council members Bill Griffen and John Marciano, has now been published. Their work is both a critique of the popular textbooks' treatment of the War and a concise and accurate history of the War against which to measure textbooks.

"Teaching the War", in paperback, is available through The Front Room Bookstore. Call 472-5478 for more information.

LETTERS

Mr. Robert Hennessey
Advertising Director
Syracuse Post-Standard

This letter concerns the advertisement which appeared in the Nov. 19 Post-Standard for the Decker Motor Company -- the "personal message to Ayatollah Khomeini". [see Dec. '79 PNL, "PEACES"]

It seems to me that a newspaper which takes its journalistic responsibilities seriously ought to decline to publish an advertisement of this sort. The current situation in Iran is an extremely complex one, which has generated a great deal of emotionalism in this country. Most Americans, unfortunately, have little comprehension of the sequence of events which have unfolded in Iran since the Shah was deposed earlier this year -- and indeed do not understand how unpopular the Shah was in his own country, or that the US is linked in the minds of many Iranians with his repressive regime, because we consistently expressed support for his government and backed that support with military weapons and expertise. Consequently the public in this country is ill-prepared to comprehend the explosion of anti-American sentiment which has occurred in Iran.

It is the responsibility of newspapers, and the other news media, however, to make this situation clear to the public -- not to indulge in emotional (and ill-informed) vulgarities. The very dangerous and sensitive nature of the current hostage situation makes that even more imperative.

One may agree that the Ayatollah Khomeini is not a particularly attractive political figure, nor his regime a particularly appealing one. In fact, I suspect many Iranians share that opinion -- albeit privately at the moment. It would be shortsighted, I think, to over-react to the current government, and thus run the risk of alienating more moderate Iranians -- both here in this country and in Iran. So while there is no chance that the Ayatollah will read

Mr. Decker's "personal message", the public in Syracuse will (and that public does include many Iranians), and that public will not be helped to understand a complex international situation.

Really, I think you can do better.

Lisa Johns
Syracuse, N.Y.

Dear Judge Elson:

Since being a defendant in your court on December 28, 1979, I have reflected and prayed.

Now, a week later, I am convinced that in the American justice system a gross imbalance exists which affects me personally. Here is what I mean.

I, a private American citizen, am haled in handcuffs before the law, simply for doing what my conscience, the moral law and the Divine law demand: that I resist the Pentagon and what it represents, nuclear death and the preparation for nuclear death.

In tragically ironic contrast to my plight is the state of killers and potential killers, the generals and the politicians, who act with impunity, protected and urged on by the law and the lawmakers, and by jurists like yourself.

Judge Elson, you are, I am told, a believer and reader of the Bible. Thus you know of that primary and fundamental injunction, "Thou shalt not kill."

As I did in my blood pouring action of a week ago, I now cite that higher law and obey it: for myself and family, for you Judge Elson, for all living persons, and for the unborn. It is as simple as that. I act against death; I act for life.

Therefore I am writing to inform you that I will not appear for trial in your court on Thursday, January 10, 1980. Instead, the funds I would have spent on travel I will donate to Father McVey's home for destitute men at Orwell, New York. In addition, the time I would have spent on travel I will devote to preparing to teach my class of aged students at Loretto Geriatric Center in Syracuse, New York.

Let me close on two notes: to wish you health for 1980, and to raise a question. What if you, Judge Elson, during the year ahead were in word and action to proclaim publicly, "Civil law is in itself

not an absolute; instead it is a system of rules to serve the citizenry. Today the American military is in nuclear weaponry a civil, moral and Divine lawbreaker, violator of the most basic of human rights, the right to life. I, Quin S. Elson, person by birth, judge by profession, challenge all American military outlawry. I add my name to those who indict and resist the Pentagon for the lawbreaker it is." I am sure that in so speaking, Your Honor, you would create hope for yourself and for the countless people who today live close to despair. I wish you courage and hope.

Sincerely yours,

Jerry Berrigan
Syracuse, N.Y.

Hi Folks,

Recent events have really re-enforced my need for some alternative news sources and opinion. The national (and Los Angeles local) media is on another mad orgy of distortion and irrelevance.

The current events, involving Iran, Afghanistan and the presidential contest with the energy issue as a back drop, is being reported in much the same way as the Superbowl was reported.

The word "hype" is an overused expression out here but really accurately describes the promotional nature of news reporting.

Thank goodness for the clear incisive analysis we often get from the Peace Newsletter. Bill Griffen's view of the Iran crisis was in keeping with his usual rational perspective. The article had none of the rhetoric one hears from both sides. Thanks Bill!

I've managed to adapt to my new work very well. As of July 1, I'll be appointed Regional Pharmacy Director. I'll have some control over what happens in our 7 Southern California clinics. I'm enjoying the work, the responsibility and the opportunity to have some influence on a small corner of health care here in So. California.

I miss you all. I don't know when I'll see you all again, but until then please retain your courage and enthusiasm.

Pasquale (Pat) Vitacolonna
Tujunga, CA.

Dear PE People;
 Last year's calendar was great, but this year's is excellent. In fact we think the quality is so good that we want to give it to our friends and other local contacts as part of our community organizing sensitizing efforts.
 We think we can use the PE calendar to encourage some folks who are on the verge of being Radicalized to expose a few more to the other side of the coin. If we can get 10 sent to us right away, then perhaps we can order more calendars for all your efforts and

Hello,
 We are very excited about our get the message out. It is a very beautiful source of educational information. We would like to compliment you on this monumental project and hope you keep up the good work. This is just an initial order, as I'm sure there will be more needed.
 peace
 Danny Feig
 Georgians Against Energy GANE

Jan. 22, 1980
 I was over at a friend's house last night and I saw your calendar. It's great! I'd really like one, so here's my check, okay?
 Lynn Winters
 1000 S. T. Landis Ave
 Jan 21, 1980
 Peace to all you folks at the beginning of the new decade... to start off the new year - right we'd like to order 12 calendars... Thank you for organizing and producing the calendars
 Liz McInters
 Saratoga safe environment Council

Dear People -
 I can't say enough fantastic things about PE80! It's truly a work of love. We are very interested in using the calendar as a fundraiser in Brussels...
 Linda Muir
 WISE (World Information Service on Energy)
 Brussels, Belgium

Sterling & Jamesport Nukes Defeated !!

January 23, 1980 -- a landmark day for the antinuclear movement in Central NY -- the day that the saga of the Sterling nuclear plant finally came to an end. There was a feeling of unreality in hearing the decision. For two years we had been on the edge of our seats waiting for the State Siting Board's decision on whether to certify a construction license for the plant. Two years ago, several member groups of the Lakeshore Alliance (a coalition of ten CNY antinuclear groups) appealed the siting board's decision to build the plant. We were finally vindicated.

It was important to feel that it was a victory for all of us -- for all the people who had taken a stand against nuclear power in any way in Central NY. This is the kind of victory that people on the siting board and at the Syracuse daily papers try to deny us, saying that the decision was only made on the issue

of need. In this conviction, we are strange bedfellows with the utilities. Francis Drake, president of Rochester Gas & Electric, put it best: "it was a political decision." -- Too many people didn't want it.

Scarcely a week later, we were elated to hear that the last two proposed nukes in NY had bitten the dust: Jamesport units 1 & 2 on Long Island. Jamesport wasn't just another nuke to us because there has been far-reaching solidarity in the antinuclear movement in NY. Ecology Action of Ithaca assisted in intervention in the Jamesport case years back, and there has been contact in meetings and exchanges of information and support over the years as the movement has grown.

With planned nuclear plants in New York State evidently defeated, we turn to deal with the coal plant options that the utilities might be pursuing in place of the nukes. We

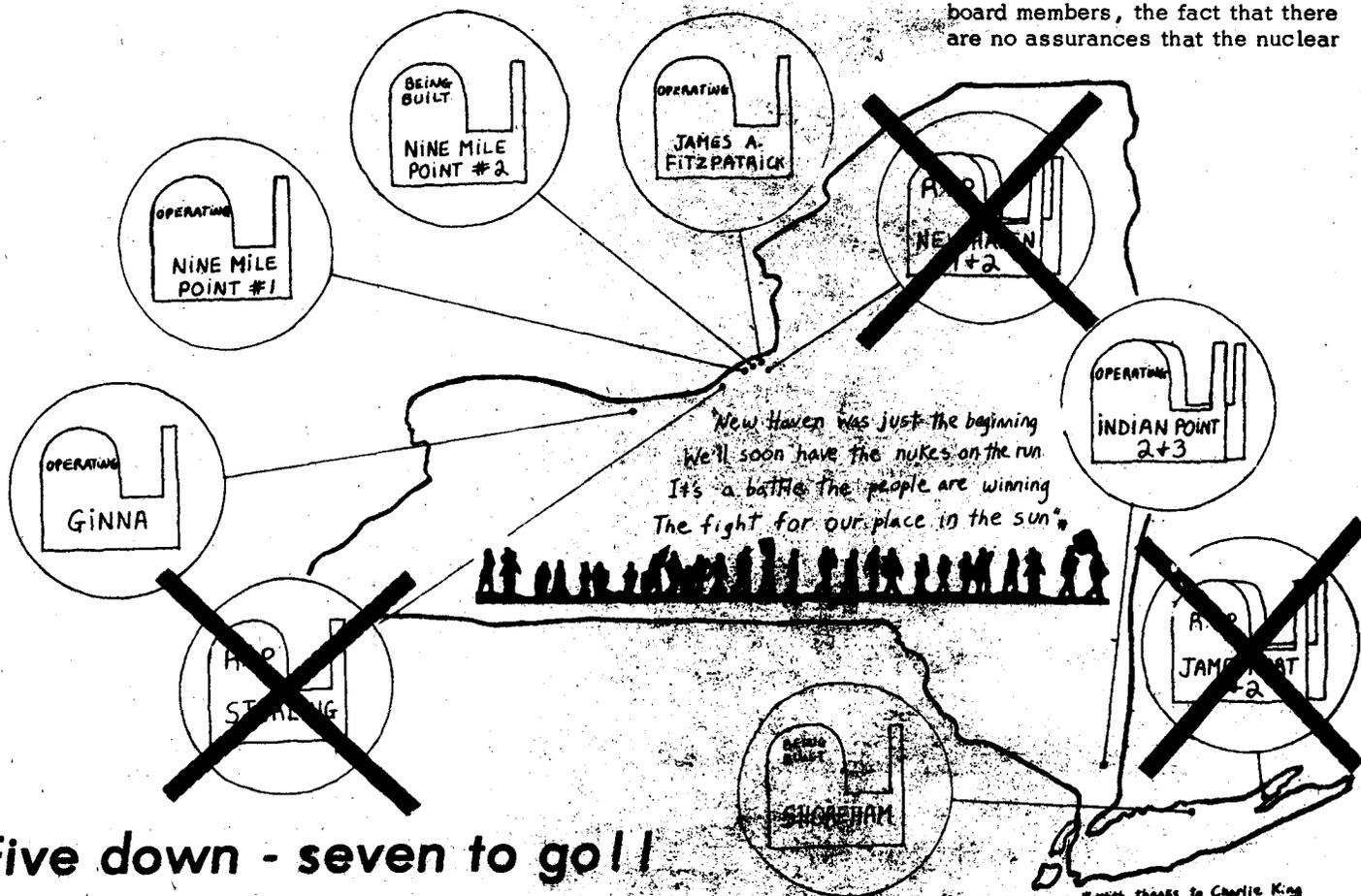
also turn to the greater challenge of cleaning up West Valley and making sure it is never re-opened, and to the challenge of shutting down the operating nukes and making sure that the Shoreham (Long Island) and Nine Mile II (east of Oswego) nukes never get turned on.

Lakeshore Alliance statement

The following is the press statement issued by the Lakeshore Alliance in response to the Sterling decision:

The Lakeshore Alliance, a coalition of ten rural and urban antinuclear groups in Central NY, sees the "no" decision on the proposed Sterling nuclear power plant as a victory for the antinuclear movement.

There were stated reasons for the "no" decision on Sterling. Among them the fact that the power to be provided by the plant would not be needed until the early 1990's, and, according to two of the five siting board members, the fact that there are no assurances that the nuclear



Five down - seven to go !!

* with thanks to Charlie King

waste problem will soon be solved. The unfavorable economics of nuclear power, the unreliability of uranium supply, and the memory of Three Mile Island must also have played a part in the decision.

But no factor in the decision was so important as the presence of a broad-based, grassroots antinuclear movement in Central NY. For more than six years now, antinuclear activists in Central NY have engaged in intervention against proposed nuclear facilities; activists have marched, leafletted, done legislative lobbying, talked to friends and neighbors, written to legislators and newspapers, organized rallies and vigils and have done non-violent civil disobedience as a demonstration of deep commitment to stop nuclear power.

Our hard labor is now bearing fruit. Last year we were responsible for postponing indefinitely plans for a nuclear waste incinerator in Oswego; we were responsible for stopping plans for building two nuclear plants in New Haven, NY and today we take credit for stopping Sterling.

The Lakeshore Alliance will now be turning its attention to the problem of existing nuclear plants in the area, for just as the possibility of another Three Mile Island is unthinkable, so is the prospect of living for an indefinite period of time with three operating nuclear power plants in Central NY. The Alliance will also be continuing work which aims to make alternative sources of energy a reality in Central NY.

The message to people in power is clear -- A large and growing movement will not allow any more nuclear facilities in Central NY, and this movement will not stop growing until nuclear power is done away with. With today's decision, people in the Lakeshore Alliance are heartened by a sense that there is nothing that people can't accomplish working together.

Lakeshore Alliance member groups: Genesee Valley Peoples Power Coalition, Rochester Safe Energy Alliance, Powerline Action Committee (Rose), Citizens Concerned About Sterling, Community Energy Alliance (Oswego), Ecology Action of Oswego, Safe Energy for New Haven, Syracuse Peace Council, Coalition for Safe Power (Auburn), Action for a Non Nuclear Future (Newark).



Representatives of Lakeshore Alliance member groups respond to Sterling decision at Syracuse news conference. January 23, 1980. Photo by Steve Halpern - Daily Orange.

...The Movement carries on How to get involved:

PROJECTS:

For two days in early April Syracuse will host a visit by Japanese and American "Hibakusha" (atom bomb survivors.) They are touring the US to bring attention to lasting suffering of radiation victims. Would you like to work with others to plan a reception, public meetings, dinners, religious events? Co-hosting by other organizations welcome!

The Lakeshore Alliance is organizing against high level nuclear waste shipments (see p. 11.) Meanwhile low level waste from plants, research and medical facilities will continue to travel through Syracuse. How prepared are we in case of a transport accident? Call Glenda at SPC to organize around this issue.

The Mobilization for Survival is calling for a "Survival Summer" to reach out to million of Americans on the nuclear arms race and disarmament. An SPC committee could generate local actions: door-to-door canvassing, public meetings, summer festivals or concerts. To start off, come to the Teach-in on February 26-27 (see page 18.)

COMMITTEES:

The Public Power Taskforce sees itself as an educating and organizing body dedicated to the creation of

a municipally controlled, public power system in Syracuse. It's a big job ahead! Call William to help.

We have a legislative/letter writing committee which keeps informed of energy bills on the federal and state levels. Call John Maddaus at 425-3729.

An Educational Committee is now forming. An immediate goal is to produce a new brochure on energy in Central New York. Other plans are to build up a slide/film library and speakers' bureau. Kath Buffington at 423-4543 is the person to call.

ACTIONS:

April 26-28 will see the first truly grassroots mass action against nuclear power and weapons in Washington DC. Events include a march, mass rally and religious vigil encircling the White House, week long lobbying and civil disobedience at DOE. Call Gary at 472-5478 to help locally.

May 1st was the date last year of the Niagara Mohawk Annual Stockholders' Meeting. So we're looking to do some creative actions again this year; the corporate powers need to hear from the ratepayers. Got any ideas? Give us a call.

The Nine Mile II Layoffs:

NiMo Weaves a Web of Deceit

by William Sunderlin

People in Niagara Mohawk management have never been very good at deception, but they try their damndest.

On Dec. 3, 1979, NiMo announced the layoff of 1,100 of 1,900 workers at their Nine Mile II nuclear construction site east of Oswego. They cited "regulatory uncertainties" in the aftermath of the Three Mile Island accident as being responsible for their decision to slow down the project. In so doing, they implicitly placed the blame for the slowdown on those who (presumably) have an excessive fear of nuclear power: the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the antinuclear movement. It was made to seem that the slowdown was initiated for reasons that were essentially beyond their control and against better judgment.

On Jan. 30, NiMo announced that it would lay off 650 more workers, bringing the work program to just short of a grinding halt; they announced that the completion date would be moved back two years to 1986. This time also, "regulatory uncertainties" were cited, but "a number of continuing technical uncertainties" came to the fore as reasons for the slowdown.

Underlying reasons for the layoffs were beginning to surface. NiMo was offering them up only grudgingly and with scant detail. NiMo was beginning to realize that investigators who have been probing and pulling teeth with recalcitrant p.r. people might reveal the truth anyway...

A letter I wrote to the Post Standard on Dec. 10 (which was trashed by the letters editor, Leonard Gorman, I found out from an insider) gives a glimpse beneath the tip of the iceberg:

William Sunderlin looks forward to the day when antinuclear activists are out of work.

To the editor:

The Syracuse Peace Council announced it in June of this year and we repeat it again now -- The Nine Mile II nuclear plant, under construction in Oswego, means a severe financial blow for electric ratepayers in Niagara Mohawk service territory unless it is stopped and the financial burden placed on investors where it belongs. The initial cost estimate for the plant in 1971 was \$352 million, the cost estimate is now \$1.3 billion, and an auditor at the Public Service Commission has said that if the costs continue rising at the rate they have been, the final tab for the project might exceed \$3.4 billion -- a 1,000% cost overrun.

Though Niagara Mohawk said that it was laying off 1,100 workers at the site and suggested it might terminate the project because of federal regulations which cast doubt on the future of nuclear power, the substantive reason for their decision to slow down and rethink the project is purely financial. Being a profit-motivated corporation, Niagara Mohawk has never and will never make a decision that isn't grounded in allegiance to the financial health of its investors.

Let's take a deeper look. Why are they rethinking whether they want to finish building the plant now, instead of years back when the cost-overruns showed clear signs of being astronomical? Why, if the nature of utility finance is such that a utility can pass costs on to customers (with virtual impunity for bad investment decisions) doesn't Niagara Mohawk just pass the staggering costs along to us and reap the benefits of a larger rate base? (Utility profits are a percentage of their rate base -- ie: value of the utility's investments.)

Why rethink the project now? The extra costs that will be incurred by Niagara Mohawk because of post-Three Mile Island regulations were either the "straw that broke the camel's back" or they might be a

convenient pretext for getting out of the project now, while placing blame for the resulting layoffs on opponents of nuclear power. Either way, Niagara Mohawk has a great stake in hiding the underlying reason for the layoffs: staggering costs which in most nuclear projects (according to a congressional report) result from mismanagement. Niagara Mohawk is afraid that the Public Service Commission will not give full rate relief in paying off the costs of construction. That is to say, the PSC will likely determine that there was imprudent management and cost control of the Nine Mile II project and therefore place some of the burden on investors rather than ratepayers. A PSC official told me on December 6 that an audit on the project might be begun in the near future.

Though Niagara Mohawk has had no problem in obtaining financing so far, the threat of an audit and the cost overruns can't help but make an already gloomy post-Three Mile Island investment climate even worse. The Bank of America, for instance, has indicated that it doesn't want to chase nuclear profits down a rat-hole. Nine Mile II profits will be elusive because an already long construction period (ten years) might be stretched out. The completion date for the project has been and will likely be pushed back because of declining electrical demand in New York.

Where does this disaster leave us, the consumers? It is my hope that it leaves consumers fighting mad that Niagara Mohawk assumes each customer will pay (at least) \$60 per year, each year for 16 years until the project costs are paid off. It is my hope that irate consumers will demand that the PSC put the burden on the investors and not consumers by not allowing Nine Mile II into the rate base.

Where does the disaster leave the workers who were laid off? It leaves them worried for their econo-

mic welfare and for the future of their jobs, and probably angry at people in the antinuclear movement for having been at least indirectly responsible for the post-Three Mile Island redesign mandates. We understand and sympathize with workers' worries and anger. It's crucial, however, for workers to understand that Niagara Mohawk is their enemy in this predicament, not us. While the Peace Council won't hedge on its view that nuclear employment must be eliminated because the technology is unacceptably dangerous, we maintain our position that all workers must have safe and guaranteed employment, and that displaced workers must be adequately compensated and retrained by their employers and the government.

The handwriting is on the wall. Niagara Mohawk can provide neither safe nor guaranteed employment with its nuclear projects. Serious efforts at conservation and development of alternative energy sources in Central NY like wind-power and solar could provide many more jobs, dollar for dollar, than investment in nuclear projects. Niagara Mohawk won't create jobs in these areas because they can't reap massive profits from these energy sources. Developing energy sources where the fuel is free would be writing themselves out of existence.

Who will develop these energy sources if Niagara Mohawk won't? When people in the construction trades realize that their interests converge with those of people in the antinuclear movement, perhaps then we could form a powerful coalition for reshaping energy policy in Central New York.

Until then, it is vital for labor to understand that Niagara Mohawk is not labor's friend. In 1975, Niagara Mohawk's stock value dropped by half as a result of the oil embargo. How did the company rescue itself from financial disaster? By laying off and retiring 1,000 of its 10,000 workers. In October, 1979, Niagara Mohawk reported a drop in the return on shares of third quarter common stock. This was the first drop in an eighteen month trend toward higher profits. Could this have been their signal to consider a layoff at Nine Mile II?

William Sunderlin
Syracuse Peace Council



In the middle of December, a person connected with the construction project contacted me and (requesting to remain anonymous) informed me that there were hundreds of defective welds in the primary containment and biological shield of the reactor building; these two steel structures are key protective boundaries between the nuclear inferno and the outer environment. The "welds problem", the informant said, was of such a magnitude, costing so many labor-hours and so many millions of dollars to repair, that it had to be a major undisclosed reason for the slowdown.

This information was turned over to Jim Kenyon, a local television reporter. He confirmed through an NRC inspector that, sure enough, it was a major problem and that it may have been a reason for Niagara Mohawk to initiate the slowdown. Jim Kenyon brought these facts and others to the attention of the public. He reported that Niagara Mohawk was involved (and is still involved) in a major lawsuit against Graver Tank Co., the manufacturer of the defective primary containment. He found that the "welds problem" was what is called a "critical path job" -- ie: intensive reworking of the welds would have to be done before other parts of the construction program could be continued. A double shift was being maintained ripping out and redoing welds.

Subsequent conversations with our informant, with public relations people at Niagara Mohawk and with NRC officials have brought out other facts: repair-work on the biological shield will take almost a year to complete; there is some question as to whether the NRC will even certify a rebuilt biological shield; the Public Service Commission will be launching an investigation into cost-overruns. Perhaps the most significant piece of information to emerge from this quagmire is the rumor that Stone and Webster, the construction management group for the project will be replaced. Stone and Webster is partly responsible for the slipshod quality control which allowed the welds problem to happen, and it may be responsible for many other construction defects on the site.

It was with some amount of dismay that I heard NiMo announce on Jan. 30 that the geologic fault running through the site is the significant "technical uncertainty" responsible for the slowdown. The fault is not seismic, meaning that it would result in infinitesimal shift over many years and not a sudden seizure. Both NiMo and the NRC have been saying this for years. This seems to be NiMo's way to ease itself into admission of "technical problems" -- admit one that is mild and not attributable to mismanagement.

One other possible major reason for the slowdown is not before the public eye. Intervenors said for years that power from the plant may never be needed and this projection is being borne out. The State's Energy Master Plan does not see "need" for the plant until at least four years after the presently scheduled completion date for the plant. NiMo was discovered in 1977 to be the U.S.'s 4th worst offender for unjustified profits derived from excess capacity. With a wary Public Service Commission on its back, NiMo doesn't want to get caught with an albatross.

With characteristic management macho, NiMo is refusing to admit the many and compelling reasons for abandoning the project. We will pay for NiMo's deeds unless we work to shed light on them.

Evaluating Plowshare...

The following is an evaluation of Plowshare by one of the participants. Marge Rusk is not only a craftsperson, but also a strongly-identified SPC member.

Very strongly again I felt what a wonderful "extended family" the Peace Council is--the informal childcare, with older kids entertaining younger ones; friends "minding the store" for each other; people smoothly changing hats from craftsperson to committee-member to parent, etc.

Financially I was more successful than last year, which was more than my first year--some time there will be a leveling off, unless I expand from a very part-time operation, but the increasing success so far seems due to 1) my increasing information as to what people are most interested in buying, and 2) people finding out about my herbs one year and then seeking out my table the next year. But, aside from the "high" of having people like my stuff so well that I am sold out of some items, there's the fun of chatting with fairgoers about herbs, etc., whether or not they wind up buying any.

It was neat having my young son Christian, with

his pet rocks, sharing the table. He had an interesting time and a plus learning experience, whether or not he decides to be a craftsperson next year.

A nifty continuation of Plowshare is making and selling items-to-order, after the fair weekend, thanks to the publicity the fair generated. One craftsperson is custom-making a macrame hanging and a watchband for me, and I received a big order for herbs from a friend who couldn't come to the fair.

As I've been one of the people saying, "Let's stay at convenient Plymouth Church, despite the crowded conditions", I'm sorry to report that a friend left the fair in a fit of claustrophobia, afraid that he would accidentally elbow-gouge somebody or a breakable craft item! What to do? Would having one-way traffic in the downstairs room seem too regimented?

The No-Smoking upstairs was again a great boon! It seemed to be observed more strictly than last year. The food was better than ever this year--those lovely tofu etc. etc. sandwiches in pocket-bread, and the heartwarming hot cider! Encore! and be sure to have plenty again next year.

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Nuclear Waste Coming Through New York

You don't need to live near a nuclear plant or weapons facility to be threatened by the risk of radioactive contamination. Approximately 200,000 packages of low level waste and spent fuel (high level waste) are shipped each year on US railroads and highways; between 1974 and 1978 the Department of Transportation (DOT) data showed approximately three radiation shipment accidents every two weeks.

Beginning this spring fourteen to twenty shipments of high level radioactive waste will be brought through New York from Canada. Spent fuel rods from a research facility in Chalk River, Ontario will be trucked to the Savannah River reprocessing plant in South Carolina. The spent fuel will be enclosed in lead shielded casks weighing twenty tons; to comply with NRC rules the trucks will avoid cities the size of Syracuse. (see map below.)

The shipment of nuclear waste raises many well founded fears and issues: how safe are these twenty ton casks? Although the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) approves cask designs, no NRC inspections are made of individual casks. What about highway accidents? From 1973 through 1977 over 250 transport incidents were reported to DOT; 30% of these involved radioactive spillage. Emergency preparedness plans in the case of radiation accidents are completely inadequate in many NY counties. Hospitals

are often incapable of handling radiation victims. County evacuation plans are unrehearsed and a joke in terms of workability (see Currents on p.13 for info on an upcoming simulation in Wayne County)

Another issue is why does the US accept foreign waste? The Atoms for Peace program guarantees acceptance of nuclear waste by the US when the fuel elements are sold by American corporations. Ostensibly a means to control nuclear bomb proliferation, Atoms for Peace is another invisible subsidy to the nuclear industry. What a selling point to know the US government will take spent fuel off your hands!

Ironically, the main activity of the Savannah River Project (which accepts about fifty foreign shipments each year) is the production of plutonium for nuclear weapons fabrication in Rocky Flats, Colorado.

Fighting Waste Transport

Towns and counties have the right to protect their citizenry from the risks of nuclear waste transport. Proposed bans against high level shipments have been brought before legislators in Geneva, Elmira, Buffalo and Rose, and in Yates, Steuben and Rockland Counties. The Lakeshore Alliance, Mushroom Alliance and Sierra Club Radioactive Campaign encourage citizens to approach their town officials. We can also press for local resolutions to the NY state government that the Chalk

River shipments be delayed until all localities have adequate emergency plans. Drawing on the experience of several groups, the Lakeshore Alliance offers an organizing packet with materials to educate yourself and your local governments. Contact the Lakeshore (see below) if you are interested; we request only reimbursement for copying cost and postage.

The DOT is presently proposing its own regulations on radioactive transport. These rules attempt to override local ordinances. They offer no new safeguards. The DOT expects to hold only three public hearings across the nation on these proposals. We should not let our local governments abdicate their responsibilities in the face of heavy handed actions by the feds. Write to the DOT to demand public hearings here in Upstate NY.

To educate folks all along possible routes of the Chalk River shipments, the Lakeshore Alliance is planning a simulated waste caravan from Mexico to Geneva, NY. With some creative theater and leafletting we hope to raise public awareness and spur people to action. Safe energy groups south of Geneva may hook up to carry the cargo farther. We are looking for participation from the North Country, also. Please get in touch with us (see below) if you want to bring the caravan through your town.

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← Probable Route of High Level Waste

Inhouse/Outhouse

For three years Eddy Berrigan has faithfully come into the office each week to record donations and write out bank deposits. He can be counted on to walk in with a shining smile and sometimes morning sweet breads to boot. He let us know before the holidays that he's looking for employment and will no longer be able to do the weekly chore. We want to acknowledge Ed's reliable contribution of time and cheerfulness. Thank you very much.

The Peace Council house is going through many changes this winter. A concerted effort by John Maddaus and Jim Johnston resulted in a ramp being built along the side of the house. With some repair work inside also done we are now nearly wheelchair accessible.

In the Front Room there are also rearrangements, and not only of books. Carol Baum is contributing her full time energies to the bookstore for a period of two months. The efforts are showing - whoever thought one could see so much clear space on the Front Room desk? It's also very fine to have Carol in the office every day, sharing her warmth and good spirits.

TFR staffer Lois Levitan has been able to work one day a week while the bookstore pays childcare for Josiah and Katie. With all this attention The Front Room is bursting with new books, tee-shirts and the most delightful small label record selection in Central New York.

Yes, SPC finally got that woodstove! It was constructed from a 55 gallon drum and looks respectably funky (in other words it fits right in.) We thank the crew of people who did all the prep work, donated the stove labor-free and contributed our first cord of seasoned wood

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December 12, 1979

Peace Newsletter

Dear people,

We at the Alternative Press Center have decided that we would like to include the Peace Newsletter in our Alternative Press Index. We would begin with 1978 issues, which we are just beginning to index.

Since we have an exchange arrangement with you, we already have the back issues necessary for our indexing.

We look forward to including your periodical in the Index, particularly for its coverage of peace and anti-nuclear issues on both the local and national level.

Sincerely, Roger Hansen, Alternative Press Center Collective

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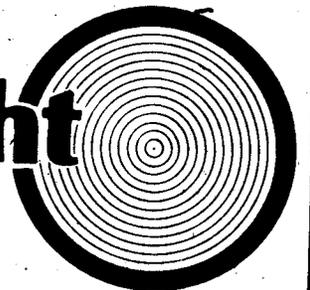
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DEMONSTRATE AGAINST EVACUATION FOLLY!

On Feb. 7, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will be conducting a test of evacuation procedures for the area within a ten mile radius of the Ginna (just east of Rochester) nuclear plant. Aside from promoting the misguided notion that nuclear devastation can be contained within a ten mile radius (government reports speak of an area the size of Pennsylvania becoming uninhabitable), the test will be peddling the thought that evacuation plans can expedite a safe and speedy high-tailing of thousands of people at a moment's notice.

The Brown's Ferry and Three Mile Island accidents have proven what any level-headed person would know -- that things don't go quite as planned in nuclear emergencies, and things get a lot worse when the utility (inevitably) has a high stake in proving that things are not quite as bad as they seem. The only way to guarantee not getting nuked ("peacefully") is to do away with nuclear power.

If you are of this persuasion, you're invited to take part in a demonstration that will be held on Feb. 6, from 4:30 to 6 pm, outside the Roundtown Motor Inn in Newark, NY. The NRC will be holding a pre-test planning meeting in the Inn. The demo is being organized by a new and spirited group, Action for a Non Nuclear Future (Newark).

If you want a ride from Syracuse, call Glenda 472-5478.

NUCLEAR STATE/POLICE STATE

It's becoming increasingly clear that nuclear power and civil liberties are incompatible -- A shoring up of

defenses against the threat of theft, diversion or sabotage in nuclear operations requires an intensified policing that carries us one more step toward fascism.

As a result of a scathing expose¹ by the Associated Press on the lax private security system at PASNY's Indian Point nuclear plant, PASNY is looking into the possibility of having the State Police provide armed guards at Indian Point and at its Fitzpatrick nuclear plant east of Oswego.

Meanwhile, in South Carolina, a bill has been introduced which would impose a mandatory sentence of two years, without parole, for anyone who attempts to trespass, or actually trespasses, onto "the protected area" around a nuclear plant.

NEW HIGHS OF INSANITY

The Peace Council and other anti-war and social justice groups have for years stressed the importance of pointing out the connections between nuclear power and nuclear weapons. The same interests support the development of both, there's a revolving door between the two industries, "peaceful" technology and materials have been steered to military use, it's the same kind of atom that makes both of them unacceptable, they both produce wastes that we don't know how to isolate -- they are both defended under the guise of protecting national security, yet they both present our gravest threat to national security.

Now there's a new connection. Neither technology can prevent its custodians from being voluntarily impaired, though this prevention is absolutely essential:

In early Nov., 1979, police arrested 11 security guards at the Trojan nuclear plant in Oregon and confiscated 2.2 pounds of cocaine along with a large quantity of LSD.

In Dec., 1979, twelve Air Force missile specialists were suspended from duty after a marijuana joint was found on the floor of an ICBM missile silo near Quitman, Arkansas.

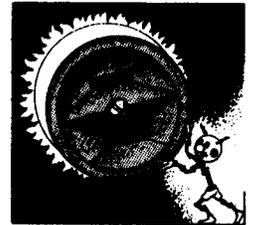
Yes, nuclear power and weapons are a joint effort...

Seriously folks, dead seriously, we ask you to understand how these

findings underscore the gravity of the nuclear menace. We hope you are not susceptible to the all too prevalent idea that the way to deal with this problem is to stiffen drug laws.

SOLAR MONOPOLIES ON HORIZON

Co-optation of the budding solar industry by utilities will soon be a reality unless people are alerted to the dangers in this plan. With much greater financial clout than smaller competitors, utilities can underprice competitors or offer favorable leasing terms for solar units, thereby eliminating competitors. Once this "deep-pocket" financing has done its dirty work, utilities can raise their prices; they would have considerable incentive for doing so with their profits based (by statute) on the size of their investments.

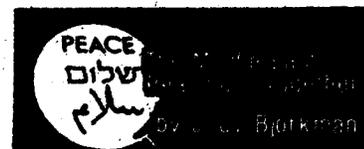


Last fall, Public Service Electric & Gas Co. (PSEG) of New Jersey announced it would offer a solar hot water heating program for eligible residential customers. The announcement fell like a bomb on the growing New Jersey solar industry. Cancelled orders began flooding small businesses. As it turns out, PSEG was far from ready to embark on its program. It had not applied for a waiver from provisions in the National Energy Act which prohibits utilities from entering the solar business, and it had underestimated its costs for installing a solar system, but would not say so publicly.

The Long Island Lighting Co. has offered to install 600 solar hot-water units in single family dwellings at cost; this is the largest solar hot water demonstration program in the country. The catch is that the utility requires electric back-up heating in the water storage tanks, which gets their foot in the door of the solar back-up market.

Support grassroots development of solar technologies. Don't buy into the corporate solar product line

Freeing The Hostages Iran: Why Not An International Tribunal?



I believe that the U.S. hostages, illegally seized by Iranian militants, will eventually be freed safely through non-violent techniques of negotiation and diplomacy. Those of us who abhor the use of violence find some comfort in the widespread (though not always widely emphasized) recognition that our use of military force would not and will not procure the safe release of the hostages.

But there is a certain lack of imagination among most Americans over the nature, style, and use of non-violent means. While my heart beats faster when I learn that Pres. Carter (in his written State of the Union message) publicly accepts the Iranian revolution, I fear that too many Americans are similarly inspired only by visions of our troops marching smartly off to battle those who dare shame us.

There are many "lessons to be learned" from the Iranian hostage crisis. With the objective in mind of the safe release of the hostages, I wish to point out several positive and negative non-violent actions which have already taken place, and to propose what still needs (and doesn't need) to be done to meet that objective.

Positive US & Iranian Moves

Oddly enough, the expulsion by Iran of U.S. media persons has been a generally good thing. First of all, it makes us less edgy from the sight of chanting crowds and burning effigies, and it deprives the militants in the Embassy of their customary access to U.S. media, which access was surely one of the reasons for taking hostages initially. Pres. Carter's restraint in not using military means to "free" the hostages cannot be praised highly enough. The cooling-down of rhetoric on both sides has been beneficial. Describing Iranian leaders as "lunatics,"

"irrational," etc., is, at the least, unhelpful in freeing the hostages. In addition, our anti-Iranian, anti-Muslim hysteria has died down somewhat. The U.N. Security Council's unanimous vote was helpful in demonstrating Iran's international isolation on the hostage issue. The U.S.'s postponing of economic sanctions, its dropping the idea of punishing Iran after the hostages are freed, and the exit of the Shah to Panama are all positive.

Iran has also taken positive steps. The early release of several hostages



Iranian Forum Organized by SPC

On Dec. 18th, about 60 people attended an evening forum, sponsored by SPC and held at Plymouth Congregational Church, on the Iranian crisis. Two Iranian speakers--SU grad student Saviz Shafae and SU professor Nozar Azarnia--and three Americans--Judy Bjorkman, an AFSC staff person; Ollie Clubb, an SU poli. sci. professor; and Bill Griffen, an education professor at Cortland--presented in-depth information and fielded questions on the situation in Iran, offering an alternative analysis to that which has been presented by mass media sensationalism.

The speakers discussed connections and motives behind US complicity with the Shah, including the deep imperialistic roots of American foreign policy. They left no doubt about the Pavlevi family's criminality and corruption, and clarified the causes of the widespread anger which led to the over-

throw of the Shah and his secret police, Savak. The media were criticized for their fast-delivery, little-substance coverage of the crisis, which has contributed to Americans' acceptance of a "crazed Muslims" stereotype. (The misinformed Muslim notion that Americans are aware of their government's involvement in Iran was also mentioned.) The AFSC spokesperson and other speakers felt that the release of the hostages and creation of an international tribunal to try the Shah would be just and effective steps towards resolving the crisis, a course of action which has been backed by many other peace and justice groups throughout the state.

One highlight of the event was the media coverage. Several radio stations, as well as local TV stations 3, 5 and 9, featured news spots on the forum, and public television (Ch. 24) did a ten-minute segment on it for

its "Story of the Week", which was aired on two occasions. Although those involved in the forum wished that more people from the community had attended, there was a good feeling over the fact that the Peace Council had been able to respond quickly and positively to an emotionally charged situation.

The idea for the forum grew out of an SPC statement and PNL article on the crisis, and the feeling that once again the general community was being deprived of essential information (Remember Viet Nam?). Support and resources were provided by Toni Taverone and Safiz Shafae, my working companions, the concerned and knowledgeable speakers, Plymouth Church, members of the Peace Council and other individuals who offered their help.

James Doherty
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(women and blacks) was a step which deserved more of a response than it seemed to get. More recently, the Ayatollah seemed to move toward cutting down on support for the militants by denying them a candidate in the Jan. 25 Iranian elections and by wooing the same Sunni Muslim minority groups in Iran to which their rhetoric has particular appeal. Though Mr. Ghotbzadeh publicly claimed that U.N. Secretary-General Waldheim was not an acceptable negotiator, in private he confirmed that Waldheim was acceptable--this could be very significant. A recent Iranian response to an upstate church (in East Aurora) which had sent a petition for release of the hostages, refrained from saying that the Shah actually had to be sent back and referred instead to a good-faith admission by the U.S. that the Shah had done some unacceptable things when in power, and that that power had been instituted and supported by the United States.

• Negative Moves

It goes without saying that our admitting the Shah into the U.S. was impolitic, to say the least, and that the Iranian seizure of Embassy hostages is plainly illegal. Beyond this, the refusal of the administration to admit that the Iranians might have some legitimate grievances against the Shah, the sending of U.S. naval forces into Middle Eastern waters, the questionable legality of such things as freezing Iranian assets, singling out Iranian students for visa checks, and prohibiting public demonstrations near the Capitol do not speak well for our democracy. The lack of significant public debate on the issues, including the refusal of the House International Affairs Committee to conduct a comprehensive review of U.S. foreign policy (especially that in the Middle East) is also disheartening.

A particular irony is that the Ayatollah Khomeini's verbal blasting of Pres. Carter had precisely the opposite effect from what he wanted, leading instead to a steep rise in the President's popularity.

What's Needed

As Roger Fisher said in an excellent article in Newsweek (Jan. 14, 1980, p. 21), "To resolve our problem with Iran, we must

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deal with the Iranians' problem with us." This does not mean bowing to maximalist demands, but trying to advance our interests by paying attention to Iranian interests. Thus, we should discard such things as military threats, economic sanctions, or covert attempts to further destabilize Iran by playing to tribal and ethnic groups, since these are not in Iran's interest. Instead, some sort of face-saving formula is needed for both the U.S. and Iran to get at least part of what they demand.

As fewer hawkish demands emanate from Iran and from the U.S., there seems to be gradual though irregular movement toward a compromise which might look something like this: the hostages would be released (timing to be negotiated); though the Shah would not be returned, legal action by Iran to attempt to regain some of the billions taken by his family might be tried; the U.S., in exchange, would support the formation of an international tribunal to weigh charges against the Shah and to seek a just conclusion. This should inevitably involve some admission on the U.S.'s part of its complicity in some very unsavory events, but this is hardly a secret, in any case. While such a mea culpa would be very meaningful to the Iranians, it could not cause us the kind of political damage which the invasion of Afghanistan has done to the USSR.

What kinds of things could move us toward the necessary compromises? Obviously, continuation of the positive factors mentioned earlier would help. We also need more public education and debate. For instance, we are woefully ignorant about Islam, a religion to which nearly a quarter of the world subscribes. We also need public debate on how this whole mess came about. Some say that such debate would mean the hostages would

be held longer, as the militants would think U.S. public opinion was coming around to their point of view. But it is already obvious that no significant group within the U.S. advocates returning the Shah. Open debate would make that clear to the Iranians. It would also help us to analyze our relations with other Third World countries, so as not to make the same mistakes elsewhere. We need to continue to use and support the United Nations as the kind of peacemaking body it has the potential to be. And from an international point of view, we need to keep working hard on a just resolution of the Palestinian issue. What Muslim states perceive as our one-sided support of Israel is a chronic irritant in our relations with them.

What's Not Needed

Suggestions have been made already about counter-productive activities. Some of them also need to be seen in a wider perspective. Our military intervention in Iran, for example, would immediately convert to political disaster the near-universal support we enjoy on the hostage issue. Any increase in a U.S. military presence or bases in the Middle East makes our friends there (e.g., Saudi Arabia) very nervous, because it reminds them of their extreme vulnerability to our intervention, should an event which we interpret as threatening to our vital interests occur in their country. As a matter of fact, the issues of the CIA, rapid deployment forces, and increased U.S. military spending indicate a willingness on our part to be prepared for military intervention in the Third World. This does not help our relations with them. Would that such an amount of rhetoric, energy, and money were being devoted to learning about non-violent means of dealing with both friends and enemies.



Afghanistan: Caught Up in the Conflict between the Superpowers

by John Maddaus

A dusty road runs along a river bank. Every few miles it passes through an impoverished tribal village. On either side of the river, small irrigated plots of grain are growing. All around are high plateaus and towering mountain peaks. Far to the southwest, the land recedes into desert. North, across the mountains, is the Amu Darya River Valley and the Soviet border.

Ninety-five percent of the people are illiterate. Life expectancy is low (35 years), and infant mortality is high (269 per 1,000). Per capita income in 1977 was \$135. Women live a secluded life behind high courtyard walls. The men are fierce fighters using primitive weapons. Their favorite sport involves teams of men on horseback trying to drag the carcass of a calf or goat the length of a very long field--a rough, even violent sport. Local political power rests with tribal chiefs and village elders, economic power with merchants and landlords.

Afghanistan has a population of about 18 million people. Sixty percent of the people are Pushtuns (Pathans), the same group that makes up the population of Pakistan's Northwest Frontier Province. Many travel south into Pakistan each year for trade and to escape the harsh mountain winters. Minorities include the Tajiks and Baluchis. Virtually all Afghans, regardless of ethnic/tribal background, are Sunni Moslems.

Foreign Intervention

In the mid-nineteenth century, Afghanistan was caught between Czarist Russian expansion from the north, and the territorial ambitions of the British "raj" (colonial government of British India) from the South. After two British-Afghan wars, Afghanistan won a precarious neutrality tilted toward

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Photos by Lois Levitan and Erwin Reiner

This paved road--one of only two in the entire country--passes through a river valley between the Afghan capital of Kabul and the Soviet border. It was built by the Soviets in the 1960s. A tiny village climbs the hillside, surrounded by mulberry trees.

Britain. This ended when India and Pakistan became independent in 1947.

In the early 1950s, with the Punjabi-dominated Pakistani government repressing fellow Pushtuns across the border, the Afghan government sought US military aid. But the price of aid--joining the anti-Soviet Central Treaty Organization (CENTO), which included Pakistan, Iran, Turkey, Great Britain and the US--was too high. So the Soviet Union became Afghanistan's major source of military and economic aid, as well as its major trading partner.

During this time, two Marxist groups formed. The Parcham (Red Flag) Party followed the Moscow line of cooperation with the Afghan government. The Khalq (Masses) Party opposed the Afghan government because of its conservative domestic program.

In 1973, the Afghan monarchy was overthrown and replaced by a "republic" led by the conservative Mohammed Daud. Daud initially continued Soviet aid, and enjoyed the support of the

Moscow-oriented Parcham Party. But the Shah of Iran, acting as a regional power broker under the Nixon Doctrine persuaded Daud to reduce his dependence on the Soviet Union and to break with the Parchamites. The Shah offered a 10-year, \$2 billion aid package as an incentive. Controversial agreements between Daud and the Iranian and Pakistani governments followed. (See "The Shah, Not the Kremlin, Touched Off the Afghan Coup" by Selig Harrison, *Washington Post*, 5/13/79.)

Revolutionary Government

This action by the Shah resulted in a Soviet initiative to unite the Parcham and Khalq parties into the Peoples Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA) behind Khalq leader Noor Mohammed Taraki. In April 1978, Daud was overthrown by a military coup directed by the PDPA, and Taraki became President of Afghanistan. The new government, narrowly based on the urban intelligentsia, moved quickly to institute widespread social, economic and educational reforms. Included among these reforms were an end to child marriage, reduction of the bride price to less than \$10, mass literacy campaigns for both men and women, construction of schools and recognition of the rights of national minorities. But the land reform, key to the whole rural program, failed to take into account the positive role played by landlords as providers of seed, water and agricultural implements. It also cancelled debts to landlords, but overlooked far greater debts to merchants and moneylenders. These defects, plus the opposition of the privileged classes to the whole range of reforms, resulted in an anti-government revolt. Sunni Moslem clergy, many of whom were also landlords or merchants, appealed in the name of religion for the maintenance of feudal economic and social practices.

Prime Minister Hafizullah Amin (also of the Khalq faction) moved both to silence the Parchamite faction, and to put down the anti-government

revolts by severe repression. President Taraki, with Soviet support, favored less extreme measures, but he and several of his key supporters were killed in a palace shoot-out on September 14, 1979.

Fighting Intensifies

By November 1979, fighting had spread into all of the country's 28 provinces, and rebels were believed to be in control of half the country-side. Casualties since the PDPA came to power 18 months earlier are in the range of 100,000 - 250,000, making this the second most violent conflict in the world today, exceeded only by Kampuchea (Cambodia).

The Soviets stepped up their involvement drastically on December 27, 1979, and eliminated Amin, installing exiled Parchamite leader Babrak Karmal as President. From the Soviet perspective, Karmal can be relied upon to do Moscow's bidding, but can only be maintained in power with massive military support. Popular resistance to Karmal and his Soviet backers is widespread but divided, reflecting traditional divisions in Afghan society. Its political effectiveness, therefore, is very difficult to predict. (See three articles by Fred Halliday: "Afghanistan--A Revolution Consumes Itself," The Nation, 11/17/79; "Russia Takes on Trouble," In These Times, 1/16-22/80; and "Wrong Moves on Afghanistan," The Nation, 1/26/80. Also: The Defense Monitor, Center for Defense Information (Washington, D.C. D.C.), November 1979.)

Soviet Objectives

Why has the Soviet Union committed itself so deeply in Afghanistan? Several explanations are possible given the historical context outlined above. First, it is long-standing Soviet policy to support revolutionary governments wherever possible-- Cuba, Viet Nam, Angola, Mozambique and Ethiopia are other examples. Afghanistan, after centuries of poverty and isolation, was certainly a country where revolutionary changes were needed.

Secondly, the Soviet Union had gained influence in Afghanistan as far back as the 1950s, by virtue of supporting Afghan leaders fearful of pro-Western dictatorships in neighboring Iran and Pakistan. Since then, they have, not surprisingly, sought to enhance that influence whenever possible and would be adverse to losing it, especially to a regime supported by the US.

Thirdly, the Soviet leadership is sensitive to the impact of events in Afghanistan on the 40 million Moslems who live in its Central Asian republics, especially the Tajiks who live on both sides of the Soviet-Afghan border. A fundamentalist Islamic government in Kabul would pose a direct threat to the stability of Soviet Central Asia.



A peasant boy (probably of the majority Pushtun ethnic group), wears traditional Afghan clothing and carries a shepherd's crook on his back. Grazing on the high plateaus, sheep for both wool and mutton are a mainstay of the Afghan economy.

Finally, the Soviet leadership no doubt weighed the impact of their intervention on their relationship with the US and concluded that there was little to lose. Most notably, the SALT II treaty seemed headed for defeat in the Senate, even as the Carter Administration approved one new weapons program after another in a fruitless effort to win over SALT II critics (see below).

None of the above should be interpreted as condoning the latest Soviet intervention. On the contrary, this move only reinforces the initial mistake made by the PDPA (presumably with Soviet approval) when it sought to crush all opposition to its reform program rather than evaluate its limitations and make necessary changes. The result is the destruction of Afghan self-determination, and of course all the horrors of what is likely to be a protracted war. But one can hardly get excited about the only remaining alternative: a reactionary Afghan regime that would roll back the reforms instituted by the PDPA.

US Fears

The Carter Administration's response to the latest Soviet intervention in Afghanistan appears to ignore the limited objectives outlined above, and instead assumes Soviet expansionist designs for which there is little, if any, evidence.

First, there is the charge that the Soviet Union is seeking a warm water port on the Indian Ocean. But Afghanistan itself is landlocked, and the ports that have been mentioned are in Iran and Pakistan. Proponents of this view argue what might be called the "Baluchistan hypothesis." Baluchi tribal people inhabit a region which includes western Pakistan, extreme Southeastern Iran and southern Afghanistan. They are an oppressed minority in all three nations. Some argue that Soviet control of Afghanistan is but a bridgehead enabling Soviets to promote a separatist revolt in Pakistan and Iran, and eventually a separate Baluchistan under Soviet influence. It is doubtful, however, that port facilities gained in this manner, even if it were possible, would be any more useful than port facilities which the Soviets are already using at Aden on the Arabian Peninsula. Thousands of miles, including some of the world's highest mountains and hottest deserts, lie between the main Soviet industrial centers and the Indian Ocean by way of Afghanistan. Baluchi rebels have fought Pakistani army units, but the best defense of the territorial integrity of both Pakistan and Iran is not increased arms purchases from the US, but rather a recognition by the ruling elites of those two countries of the rights of the Baluchi minorities.

Secondly, there is the charge that the Soviet Union seeks to control the oil of the Persian Gulf. But the Soviet Union itself is now the world's largest oil producer, and has little immediate need for new oil supplies. There is no sign that either the Iranians or any of the Arab nations in the area (including revolutionary Iraq) would seek Soviet interference in their internal affairs. US military intervention in the Persian Gulf is probably the most effective way to assure Soviet involvement. The American attitude of "protecting our oil supplies" will almost certainly prove counterproductive in the long run because it will alienate the people to whom the oil does in fact belong.

In short, the limited objectives relating solely to Afghanistan are suf-

efficient to explain Soviet actions there. One need not resort to alleged Soviet designs on the Persian Gulf. Why assume the worst?

Bad History

Carter's charge that the Soviet action is "the greatest threat to world peace since 1945" is based on flimsy assumptions and bad history. One need only consider the Korean War, four middle East wars, the Soviet invasions of Hungary and Czechoslovakia, the Indochina War, the Cuban missile crisis and events in southern Africa to see how ridiculous the statement is. But the underlying reason why each of these struggles has been a threat to world (as distinct from regional) peace is the superpower conflict and the nuclear arms race in which the superpowers are engaged.

Three days after the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, the Washington Post (12/30/79) ran a story--directly below its page 1 coverage of Afghanistan--headlined "Detente is Dead, Arms Race Resumes." The implication of the headline, only weakly supported by the article itself, was that the Soviets were responsible for killing efforts between the superpowers to

reduce the danger of nuclear war. Yet it is only reasonable to assume that this is what US leaders believe and/or would like to have us believe.

Arms Race

In fact, the actions of American right-wing groups and their allies in Congress must be held largely responsible for the acceleration of the arms race. Time and again over the past two to three years, the right has championed new weapons systems and Carter has provided minimal resistance before caving in and agreeing to their demands. Thus we have a whole new generation of nuclear weapons, based on the "counterforce" theory (giving US warheads the ability to launch a first-strike attack on Soviet military installations): the Trident submarine, the MX missile, the Cruise missile, the neutron bomb, all of which have been topped off by US pressure on NATO allies to base missiles in western Europe. Add to this the de facto alliance with China, continuing aid to Third World dictators, massive increases in overall military spending, the creation of "rapid deployment forces" for intervention in the Third World, and a return to registration for

the draft. Is it any wonder that the Soviet Union has seen fit to push forward with its military objectives as well?

Each superpower has used the other's militaristic actions as a justification for its own next step (already on the drawing board awaiting just such an opportunity), and the world moves ever closer to nuclear war. In this context, SALT II was hardly more than a symbolic attempt at restraint, useful to the ruling elites in both Moscow and Washington only as a weak restraint on their most militaristic hardliners. In this context, Afghanistan has become but one more justification for US militarists. Carter--unable to cope with an Iranian revolution that is both anti-American and anti-Soviet (in proportion to wrongs of the recent past), and seeking to shore up his re-election prospects--has once again rushed to the head of the right-wing parade.

In conclusion, we must reaffirm our fundamental commitment to economic and social justice for people everywhere, for self-determination for all nations, in the face of interventions from either the Soviet Union or the United States, and to global nuclear disarmament.

Teach-In on the Current World Crises

Tuesday February 26th & Wednesday February 27th
on the Syracuse University campus

"Knowledge will forever govern ignorance,
and the people who mean to be their own governors
must arm themselves with the power knowledge gives."
--James Madison

The Iranian and Afghan crises, the deterioration in Soviet-American relations, and the suddenly heightened dangers of war have alarmed people throughout the country and elsewhere in the world.

Without knowledge, people feel powerless. So a group of people from Syracuse University, the Syracuse Peace Council, and the American Friends Service Committee recently came together to organize a two-day teach-in on the current world crisis.

It is our belief that only if we the people inform ourselves about critical issues confronting us can we demand wise policies from our government. Power begins with knowledge and our intent, through the teach-in,

is to help people in the Syracuse area to empower themselves. We also plan to discuss ways in which people can work for peace. And we intend to encourage people in other communities around the country to conduct similar teach-ins.

The Syracuse teach-in will take place on Feb. 26-27, on the Syracuse University campus. The first day's program will focus on the escalating nuclear arms race, the disintegration of detente, and the dangers of nuclear war; and it will include a panel on the draft. The second day's program will have panels on the Iranian and Afghan crises, on the related problems of oil and of peace in the Middle East, and on the directions



being taken by the Carter administration in the wake of these crises.

The two-day program will consist of films, panels with both outside specialists and people from our own community, and a key-note speech each day. There will be open-mike so that members of the audience can participate in the discussions.

The teach-in will be free and open to the public. Final details of the program are still being worked out as this issue of the Peace Newsletter goes to press. When the program is set, the details will be widely publicized. For further information, call the SPC, 472-5478. Contributions to help cover costs of the program, including funding for outside speakers, will be much welcomed.
--Ollie Clubb for the Teach-In Committee.

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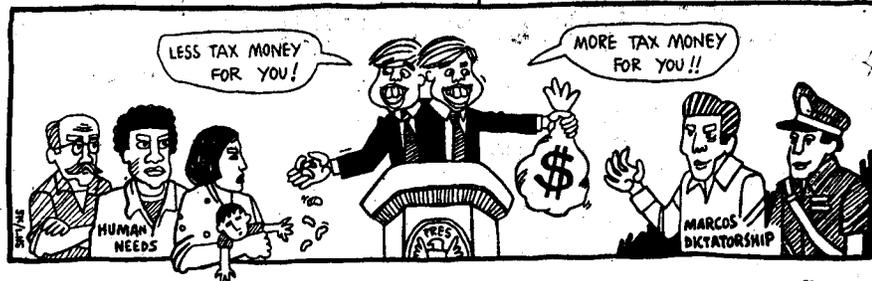
Slide shows on the Philippines are available. Call 445-0698.

On December 14 Charito Planas shared an evening with a small but deeply interested group of people. Charito has been forced to leave her homeland (the Philippines) because of the political pressures of her struggles and oppositions to Ferdinand Marcos. She is a dedicated, warm and intense person.

As we met for a pot luck dinner, a talk and a slide show, Charito traced the history of the Philippines from its "discovery" by Magellan in 1521 to the present day martial law government under dictator Ferdinand Marcos. She spoke of the centuries of domination by the Spanish, American and Japanese invaders and the continual inability of the Filipinos to be allowed the freedom of facing and solving their own problems.

The slide show on the White-Westinghouse Nuclear Reactor being constructed on Bataan and the nearby Export Processing Zone at Mariveles were most appropriate for it is American dollars (in military budgets and multi-national corporations) that are in effect prolonging the dictatorship.

It is sad to think of someone who



loves their country so much being forced to leave it in order to fight for its renewal. Her battle can only be staged half-way around the world. In her homeland she cannot speak out as she has in the past. The dictatorship leaves no room for dissent so she has brought her campaign here (where the nurturing of that dictatorship is fed.)

When asked about the overthrow of the Marcos regime she offered 3 scenarios as a possibility. #1: When military monies and multi-national corporation monies are no longer forthcoming a change will be affected by the CIA which in essence will only change the person but not the regime. #2: A passive resistance

is possible by a large percentage of the Filipino people in noncompliance with Marcos. #3: A bloody revolution such as a large uprising of the NPA (New People's Army) - this, of course is already in evidence in Samar and northern Luzon.

But Charito's plea was that we Americans become vocal with our government to stop the military allocations to the dictatorship and to stop the rape of the land and the people by the multi-national corporations and the importation of dangerous nuclear power plants.

It would seem that four and a half centuries of domination is enough! Let the Filipino people get on with the struggles of facing and solving their own problems.

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East Timor: Another Kampuchea

Another Viet Nam

by Mike Chamberlain

For four years E. Timor has been falling rapidly into a state of extreme famine. Although this was widely known internationally the International Red Cross (ICRC) was only recently allowed in. Its initial report estimates that 60,000 of the 75,000 they observed were extremely malnourished, 20,000 of whom were dying. Later reports by the US AID last fall state that 25,000 would die even if adequate aid did arrive. The situation is tragic and has been called as bad as Biafra and potentially worse than Cambodia; but for Indonesia E. Timor has been called its Vietnam, as there is no doubt that Indonesia is the cause of the tragedy.

Indonesia invaded E. Timor in December 1975, and has since maintained a policy that has been called genocidal. In its occupation of East Timor Indonesia effectively ended any hopes E. Timor had of becoming independent and self-determining. E. Timor had just begun progress in decolonizing from Portugal when a civil war broke out. This ended in the independence forces assuming administration of the colony after its victory over rival groups. During and since Indonesia's invasion those same forces defended E. Timor and mounted resistance to Indonesia's take-over. In order to wipe out that resistance Indonesia has isolated their forces by bombing villages, wiping out crops, and forcing the Timorese into 'resettlement' camps. The result is that as much as half of the population may have been wiped out, and 90% of those still alive are in the 'resettlement' camps.

Congressmen Lee and Hanley are interested. They need your letters to come out publicly on E. Timor.

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Mike is an associate of the Asian Center in NYC. He's working in Syracuse with SPC on E. Timor. For more call Mike at 472-5478.

The US bears a responsibility in all of this. The US has supported the war in E. Timor both diplomatically and militarily, and it has played dumb about its tragic consequences. The day before the Indonesian invasion then President Ford and H. Kissinger were in Jakarta. There Kissinger said that the US "understood" Indonesia's position on E. Timor. The Carter administration recognizes Indonesia's



annexation of E. Timor, although 'it is not an act of self-determination by E. Timor'. Thus as far as the US is concerned it is now an internal Indonesian affair. This attitude is astonishing considering that the annexation is unrecognized in the UN, which has called for Indonesia's withdrawal seven times. In addition the US has supplied Indonesia with 90% of the military arms which made the invasion and occupation possible. Our increased shipments of Rockwell Bronco OV-10 counter-insurgency aircraft and other hardware have been made at crucial times during Indonesian offensives. There was never a complete investigation of the misuse of US military aid.

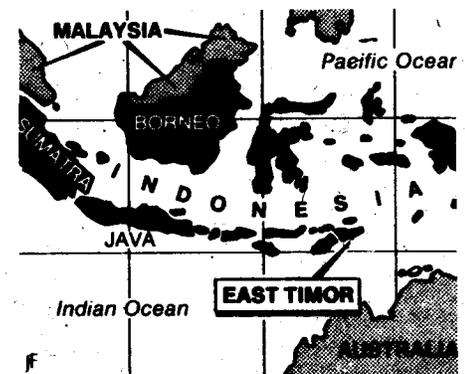
The Carter administration is even unwilling to pressure Indonesia into allowing full scale international relief into E. Timor. It continually denies that there are violations of human rights by Indonesia, and claims the 'famine' is due to the civil war and primitive agricultural methods. Such claims conflict with

facts presented in foreign aid reports made just prior to the invasion which showed that a few thousand died in the civil war, and a near self-sufficiency exists in food. Even if true, neither point would be a sufficient reason for not pressuring Indonesia to open East Timor to all. The fact is that Indonesia plans to keep the people in the camps and dependent on Indonesia for food and well being.

Unrestricted International relief is important. Until recently all aid was administered by Indonesians. Relief aid was reportedly diverted by the military for profit, and was used to persuade starving people to enter the camps. To date only two international relief agencies have been allowed in. The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) administers aid for 240,000 people, and the ICRC for another 60,000. Even with these agencies in E. Timor reports of corruption continue. The main problem is that Indonesia has only allowed four foreign relief workers in through these agencies. The CRS has only one foreign administrator, and the ICRC has a foreign doctor, and a foreign nurse. All other relief workers are Indonesian or Timorese, making corruption and abuse likely and monitoring impossible.

What we can do now is to pressure Indonesia into ending the genocide, withdrawing from E. Timor and allow decolonization to proceed legally.

The US must increase its relief aid to \$25 million so that the ICRC can continue, and so that essential food, medical and transport aid can be sent.



A tragedy of almost unparalleled dimensions is ravaging Kampuchea. In the continuing power struggle over this ill-fated country, the actions of few nations are beyond reproach. Not even the growing humanitarian response will absolve them of responsibility for a tragedy that could have been alleviated earlier, if not avoided.

For the United States, the burden of suffering in Indochina is already heavy. The American obligation is to do all it can not only through humanitarian aid, but diplomatic initiatives as well. Normalization of US relations with Viet Nam is one means to begin the process of mediating the conflict creating monumental human suffering in Kampuchea.

Kampuchea: Politics of a Tragedy

by Murray Hiebert
and Linda Gibson Hiebert

"I have just watched four children die of hunger today and all I have with me are my suitcases," UNICEF's Jacques Beaumont lamented as he prepared to leave Phnom Penh in early August to negotiate arrangements for an international relief effort for famine-stricken Kampuchea. "At least three million people are starving..."

Four months after Beaumont's warning, only enough Western aid had arrived to feed Kampuchea's unfortunate population for 30 days. The international relief campaign was hobbled by months of diplomatic posturing and painstaking negotiations. The world's major powers and Kampuchea's neighbors used the prospect of aid as a lever to garner political support either for the Chinese-backed remnants of Pol Pot or the Viet Nameese-backed government of Heng Samrin.

Today the international community is finally responding to the victims of famine in Kampuchea, but the distribution of emergency aid is still hampered by political, military and logistical problems.



Few nations have suffered more in recent history than Kampuchea. Ten years ago it was a tranquil and fertile land of over 7 million people, self-sufficient in food production. Then in 1969 the war from neighboring Viet Nam engulfed Kampuchea, setting in motion the chain of events creating the famine plaguing Kampuchea today.

American bombing and civil war drove more than two million peasants into the cities and devastated much of the country's richest farmland. By 1974 less than a quarter of Kampuchea's rice fields were under cultivation. Facing critical shortages of food and medicines, thousands of people died of starvation and disease.

With the end of the war in April, 1975, the victorious Khmer Rouge forced everyone out of the cities into regimented rural cooperatives. Widespread purges and population movements further destroyed the country's traditional social and economic infrastructure. Despite Kampuchea's near famine conditions, Premier Pol Pot spurned most foreign aid. Massive executions, back-breaking labor, hunger and disease killed more than a million people.

During the chaos resulting from the Viet Nameese-led invasion to topple the brutal Pol Pot regime late 1978, ripening rice fields were abandoned by fleeing peasants or destroyed in the fighting.

As early as February, 1979, the American embassy in Bangkok began warning Washington about potential famine in Kampuchea. By the end of September, however, only a few hundred tons of aid had arrived from UNICEF, the International Committee of the Red Cross and private voluntary agencies. A massive international relief effort fell victim to a geopolitical contest over who would control Kampuchea.

Washington rejected the earliest famine warnings as "too alarmist." Behind the scenes, the United States alerted the UN agencies about potential food shortages and assured American support for a relief effort. However, a June CIA-State Department study concluded that Kampuchea would escape widespread famine, despite serious food shortages in some localities.

"Key US officials in Washington were reluctant to believe the mounting evidence of famine because it would mean that the United States would have to feed people under Viet Nameese control", Elizabeth Becker of the Center for International Policy wrote in a recent report. "Any strengthening of the Viet Nameese position was anathema to the US and especially to its newest ally, China."

American satellite photos of Kampuchea in early August shocked the analysts -- less than one-tenth of the country's rice fields had been planted. The State Department quickly expressed "deep concern over growing evidence of famine" and urged massive humanitarian assistance. Yet nearly three more months passed before President Carter's October 24 announcement pledging \$69 million for famine relief efforts in Kampuchea.

The administration blamed the delay on congressional restrictions on aid to Kampuchea, the difficulty of locating funds in the foreign aid budget, and the lack of a formal agreement between Phnom Penh and the international aid organizations. "If we had taken this long to respond to Israel's request for an airlift of military supplies during the 1973 war", Congressman Solarz charged, "the Arabs would now be in Tel Aviv."

Early this spring, Thailand urged an international relief effort for Kampuchea, fearing that the food crisis would send thousands of new refugees into already overflowing Thai camps. Beginning in June, Bangkok quietly allowed American food and medical supplies to cross the border into Pol Pot-controlled areas. Food was simply dropped at the border by the Thai military to be picked up by civilians and soldiers alike, without monitoring by relief organizations.

During August and September, Thailand was reluctant to allow relief agencies to use Bangkok for regular shipments to Phnom Penh. By October the Thais had reversed their earlier position. Thailand became the rear-base for Chinese military shipments to Pol Pot, food shipments for Khmer along the Thai-Kampuchea border, and the majority of air shipments to Phnom Penh. Thai Prime Minister Kriangsak also agreed to grant all Khmer refugees asylum within Thailand.

In June, shortly after Heng Samrin's international appeal for aid, Pol Pot reversed his opposition to foreign aid and appealed to the UN. He and Heng Samrin were waging a political battle to win international recognition. Earlier in the spring, the Pol Pot authorities, as well as their Chinese backers, opposed any channeling of aid through the Viet Nameese-backed Heng Samrin government. Pol Pot and China feared that this would help Heng Samrin gain international recognition and support from the Kampuchean people. Finally in October, the Pol Pot regime, although controlling only a fraction of the Khmer people, won the right to keep its seat in the UN because the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), China, the United States, and many other countries opposed Viet Nam's invasion of Kampuchea.

In Phnom Penh, crucial time in mounting an international relief effort was lost during months of tedious negotiations between UNICEF/Red Cross officials and the Viet Nameese-backed Heng Samrin government. The international organizations, under charter constraints and reported

pressure from major donor countries, insisted on on-the-spot supervision of distribution by agency representatives to ensure that aid fed civilians and not the military, and demanded that aid go to both sides in the conflict.

Phnom Penh, on the other hand, delayed the negotiations because it feared that relief aid would be used to strengthen Pol Pot and weaken Heng Samrin's attempts to gain diplomatic recognition and control of Kampuchea.

Finally, in late September, UNICEF and the Red Cross reached a verbal agreement with the Heng Samrin government to begin a massive emergency assistance program monitored by agency representatives. At a UN conference in early November, 34 nations pledged \$210 million in cash and supplies, about two-thirds of the \$310 million needed for the relief effort over the next twelve months. Additionally, the Soviet Union and Viet Nam reported that they had provided sizeable amounts of food supplies.

Today emergency aid is slowly reaching Kampuchea, but the catastrophe ravaging this ill-fated country is far from resolved. Chinese-backed Pol Pot forces and anti-communist resistance soldiers are fighting Heng Samrin and Viet Nameese troops for control of Kampuchea. Effective food distribution and agricultural reconstruction are impossible as long as the fighting continues.

The present crisis began with the border war between Pol Pot and Hanoi. After the Viet Nameese and Heng Samrin troops toppled Pol Pot last January, the conflict became a diplomatic and military contest between China and Viet Nam and their allies over control of Kampuchea. Peking continues to provide military support to Pol Pot loyalists in an effort to thwart Viet Nameese dominance in Indochina and Soviet influence in Southeast Asia.

Viet Nam, on the other hand, fears Chinese aspirations to dominate the region and long-term cooperation between Pol Pot, China, Thailand and the United States against Hanoi.

Washington, while not militarily involved in the current war in Kampuchea, could play a major role in mediating the conflict because of

the desire of both China and Viet Nam to improve their relations with the US. Peking wants US support for its modernization programs and assurances that it will not be encircled by Soviet allies. Viet Nam seeks diplomatic and trade relations with the United States to reduce its dependence on the Soviet Union and rebuild its country. "Viet Nam wants to see evidence that the US is not tied to China in a 'holy alliance' against Viet Nam before accepting a compromise over Kampuchea", a diplomatic source close to Hanoi told the Far Eastern Economic Review.

"The China card -- which has amounted to American accommodation to Chinese interests in the region -- should be returned to the deck", McGovern argued in a major speech in early November. "If the survival of the Khmer race is at stake, how can we refuse to reconsider our policies toward China or overcome our animosities toward normalizing relations with Viet Nam?"



HELP REBUILD NICARAGUA



In March of this year, Nicaragua will be shutting down all of its schools in order to teach a million people to read, write, and do basic math. In one of the most creative measures adopted by the government of national reconstruction, more than 150,000 students will be trained and sent out into the countryside to run literacy workshops for the 50% of the Nicaraguan population which has never before had the opportunity to learn these basic skills.

By year's end, the goal is to have a 100% literate population, and the importance which the government attaches to this goal is symbolized by the name which they have given to the literacy crusade - the second war of liberation.

The first war, of course, ended in July of 1979 when Anastasio Somoza was toppled by the forces of the Frente Sandinista de Liberación Nacional, which takes its name from General Augusto Cesar Sandino, a Nicaraguan patriot who was murdered on orders from Somoza's father in 1934.

The people of the United States, in whose name the Somoza regime was maintained for over 40 years, are being asked to aid with the financing of this "war" against one of the scars left by the long and cruel dictatorship.

Representatives of dozens of grass roots solidarity groups met in Detroit last December at a conference sponsored by the National Network in Solidarity with the Nicaraguan People. There they heard representatives of the FSLN and Moises Hassan, a member of the governing junta, who appealed directly to the US people to support the literacy campaign. Literacy among the masses is a fundamental step in the creation of a new

and truly democratic Nicaragua.

In the upstate area, a number of groups involved in Latin America solidarity work met at the end of January to discuss the co-ordination of the effort in the area. CUSLAR, the Committee on United States-Latin American Relations, from Cornell, is serving as the regional co-ordinator. Their plans to raise funds for the literacy campaign will be getting under way soon in Binghamton, Albany, Rochester, Syracuse, and Oneonta.

As the PNL goes to press, a number of ideas are in the works, including films, concerts, penas, sale of posters and buttons, as well as direct appeals. Keep your eyes open for events in your area, particularly during the Week of Solidarity with the Nicaraguan People, which is timed to coincide with Sandino week in Nicaragua, from February 17 to 23.

The Syracuse campaign will begin with the showing of a film about literacy training in Cuba, "The Teacher", on the night of February 22 in Grant Auditorium, in conjunction with NVS films.

The Ithaca campaign has already raised more than \$1,000, and is still continuing. Plans there include a February 21 screening of "The Teacher" in Goldwyn Smith Hall on the Cornell campus.

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by Ed Griffin

"Nobody knows where the assassins buried the bodies, but one day they will rise up from the earth to claim their fallen blood in the resurrection of their people".

- Anonymous Chilean

This is a slogan of the Chilean resistance, one which emphasizes the people's refusal to forget the dead and disappeared victims of the Pinochet regime. In the past few months the bodies of those martyrs have been rising up to haunt the government as more and more discoveries of mass graves are made. Lonquen - Yumbel - Cementerio General de Santiago - the sites where the bones of hundreds of disappeared political prisoners have been found - were on the lips of thousands of protesters in the streets of Santiago in late 1979.

But the specter of the disappeared is not what haunts the regime and the oligarchy that supports it. The protests of the Chileans were repressed with police force and grass roots organization is not yet at the level where it poses a serious threat to the regime. As it seeks to institutionalize itself and to sustain its economic model, the real cloud on the horizon for the government is a threatened embargo on private bank loans from abroad, which are a key part of the model.

A brief look at the economic model being implanted in Chile since the coup d'etat of September 11, 1973 shows why a cutoff of loans would be such a blow to the regime, and why working towards a prohibition on US bank loans should be a priority for solidarity work in this country.

Since at least 1975 it has been very clear that the dominant group in the present power structure is the financial group. Only recently has it become known just how small that group is. According to a recent study by a Chilean economist, Fernando Dahse, a maximum of 50 persons control the entire private banking system, and over 60% of all bank credit. The six major clans or groups control over 2/3

Ed Griffin, a new face on the Syracuse scene, lived in Chile last year.



of the total assets in the largest 250 companies in the country. Their control over economic policy making is absolute.

One of the important aspects of the current model is the opening to foreign trade and investment. This policy of slashing tariff rates, thus ending the protection which Chilean industry has historically enjoyed, has benefited only the financial interests. The policy has caused thousands of layoffs and the closing of hundreds of factories, and has had two important political consequences. For the working class, it has made reorganizing themselves even more difficult, now that in addition to ongoing political repression they are faced with a future in which 15-20% of their number have no chance of finding employment. And the collapse of many national industries has weakened the power of the industrial bourgeoisie, which of course makes them less of a threat to the dominant group. This policy has also accelerated the process of concentration since the bankers were able to buy up the assets of ruined businesses at much cheaper prices.

The areas of production which were encouraged by the "opening" were quickly monopolized by these very same groups. For example, in timber, a product in which Chile has trade advantages, over 60% of private plantations are owned by the five largest economic groups. These five groups control companies with more than one billion dollars in assets, in addition to their bank holdings.

The "de-nationalization" campaign of the military government is also a

direct concession to the financial groups. Since 1974, more than 400 of the nearly 500 state-owned companies have been sold to the private sector. The massive nature of the sales and the limited number of potential buyers greatly depressed the prices in the auctioning, and led to even greater concentration.

The links of the financial oligarchy to foreign capital, and its dependence upon it, are well established. The economic model depends on a hearty foreign trade, development of the commercial sector, and continued growth of mining, services, and light industries. All these are areas with high demand for credit. The Chilean capitalists are unable to fulfill the capital needs of their own economy, and hence have fallen into a natural alliance with the large multinational banks. In return for political security and the freedom to expatriate profits, the big banks have opened the pipeline, funneling large quantities of capital to the Chilean government and banks.

By 1985, the junta predicts, Chile will need \$1 billion annually in outside credits in order to maintain the present pattern of accumulation. If this requirement is not met, changes on both the economic and the political levels would have to occur, and such changes would be likely to open more space for the resistance movements to make their pressure felt.

The Carter Administration has refused to listen to legislative pressure to force US banks to stop financing the repression. The only option left for the solidarity movement is grass roots action against the banks themselves.

Anti Death-Penalty Action Needed Now!

by Virden Seybold

A new group in Onondaga County, about 200 strong, has organized as "People Against the Death Penalty." A similar group exists in the Rochester area. What does this flurry of activity mean? First, a sign of hope that people are not indifferent to this issue and second, a collective outrage against state murder.

The N.Y. State Senate and Assembly passed death penalty legislation on January 14, and the Governor vetoed the measure shortly thereafter. It is not clear when an attempt will come to override the Governor's veto. However, don't put off writing or telephoning your State Senator and Assembly person about how you feel on the death penalty. Also write a letter to your favorite editor.

Virden is with the CNY branch of the American Friends Service Committee.

At the Federal level the U.S. Senate is considering passage of S. 114 which authorizes the death penalty for treason, espionage and murder, as well as for kidnapping, rape, airplane hijacking and explosive offenses where death results. Your letters, calls and telegrams to U.S. Senators should go very soon.

The issue that seems to receive the most attention from politicians and media is: state executions deter crime. Hugo Bedau summarizes the evidence against the deterrence theory in the booklet "The Case Against the Death Penalty" pointing out conclusively that executions do not deter crime any better than imprisonment.

The second most important issue in the eyes of Legislators is moral: killing is wrong even when the state does it! Some Legislators say their conscience is against the death penalty; but their con-

stituency is for the death penalty on deterrence grounds. Our lawmakers need to be continually pressed on the moral issue by their constituents--it may make some of them vote what they say is their own conscience!

The kicker issue not to be left out is that the state sometimes kills innocent people when it executes. In a study of executions in the U.S. between 1908 and 1962 it was found that 93 persons were executed who later were positively proven to have been innocent.

Of course there are other issues: It's cruel and inhuman punishment, it's economically more expensive than imprisonment, it perpetuates violence as a means of resolving conflict, it encourages suicidal persons to commit crime, and finally, it is a cop-out for Legislators to avoid getting at the root cause of crime in our society.

If you want to be part of the People Against the Death Penalty Network, call Virden Seybold, 475-4822.



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Akwesasne Update Mohawk Sovereignty Becoming International Issue

by Ed Dubinsky

The defense of the sovereignty of the Mohawk nation in its confrontation with New York State is beginning to receive international attention. The present situation, which has continued now for over eight months (see issues of PNL from Fall, 1979), originated last May when Chief Loran Thompson and Joe Swamp were arrested because of their actions in protection of trees on Mohawk land and 21 others were indicted as a consequence of their protesting these arrests. Since August, people from the Iroquois Confederacy and other Indian nations have maintained a camp on the Thompson homestead at Racquette Point on the St. Lawrence River.

The Indians do not allow the police power of N.Y. State to be extended to the camp and the people under indictment are protected from arrest as long as they remain there. In November,

Judge Jan Plumadore was petitioned to rule that under U.S. law, N.Y. State does not have jurisdiction over the Mohawk Nation.

But now this situation is becoming an international issue. On January 17, the new European Parliament, meeting in Strasbourg, France, was presented with a resolution concerning "the violations of human rights and self-determination of Mohawk people by the United States". This resolution was offered by Mr. Mario Capanna of Italy and was signed by 30 members of Parliament.

The Parliament spent five hours discussing the question of whether this resolution should be considered. Opposition was based on the contention that voting on the resolution would constitute interference in the internal affairs of the United States. It was pointed out, however, that in fact the present situation is a case of the United States interfering in the internal affairs of the Mohawk Nation. In the end, the Parliament accepted the resolution with the recommendation that it be discussed as soon as

possible.

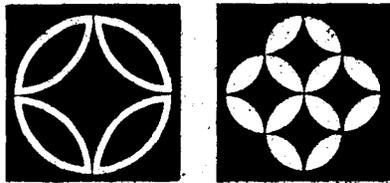
At the end of January, a delegation of the European Parliament was scheduled to travel to Washington, D.C. to meet with American congresspeople. Several parliamentarians have promised to raise the issue of Akwesasne sovereignty during this meeting.

A demonstration was planned for January 18, 1980 in Milan, Italy in front of the American Consulate in support of the Mohawk Nation.

In the meantime, Judge Plumadore has still not rendered a decision and the Mohawks are planning for an extended stay at the camp. Buildings have gone up, schools established and two factories--to make mittens and baskets--are developing. Some crafts are being sold at Lake Placid during the Olympics. But material aid is actively solicited. Food, clothing and money can be sent directly to Akwesasne (Mohawk Sovereignty Committee, PO Box 288, Rooseveltown, NY 13683) or to our support group (North Country Defense Committee, 24 Pleasant St., Potsdam, NY 13676; tel. 315/265-2906).

Ed Dubinsky is a longtime social justice activist who lives in northern NY. This is a monthly column on Akwesasne.

Danilo Dolci: "Educational Change and Social Change"



Mon, March 3, 1980 7:30 pm
Syracuse University - Killian Room

After an eight-year gap, Danilo Dolci is coming again to Syracuse to share his experience of nonviolent change in the social structure of underprivileged and oppressed societies.

Since the early fifties Danilo has been working in one of the poorest and most Mafia-oppressed parts of Sicily. His actions have taken different directions but all are consistent in goals and methods: organizing fishermen, small farmers, wine producers, and craftsmen into cooperatives; documenting and denouncing the wrongs of the local mafia; making the population aware of the mechanisms of mafia oppression and ways of avoiding and fighting it; conducting hunger strikes, strikes in reverse (starting voluntary unauthorized public works) and popular manifestos to pressure various levels of government into doing necessary public works - the most notable being the great irrigation dam on the river Iato; exploring new methods for children's education, involving their families in the process; etc., etc.

Because of his work and through his writings (he has

written many books on the problems of underdeveloped societies in all parts of the world and several volumes of poems), Danilo has attracted collaborators from many nations. Some of them have spent years working with him in Sicily, while others have supported him with professional services and advice and through fund raising in their home countries.

Danilo is the recipient of several prestigious international prizes, the Sonning and Lenin Peace Prizes among them; he has also been one of the top candidates for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Over the last few years Danilo's efforts have been particularly directed towards the development of a school where new methods of children's education are tried after careful study of similar experiments and with the advice of educators from several countries.

The educational center and other cultural projects (many centered around music) are vehicles for a cultural revival among the lowest strata of the population and are seen by Danilo as having an impact on the social structures of the community. This will be the subject of his lecture.

Making It...Small

by Barb Kobritz

Karen Kernéy and Steve Trismin of Moonflower Collective Bakery, and Chris Holloman and myself of Yeast Affection decided to look for a space our two small whole-grain bakeries could share. During a search that lasted several months we merged into one new bakery—On The Rise Baked Goods—created a home for our work and are now baking five days a week.

To start, we brainstormed a list of places ranging from a South Beech Street garage to a Southside church, and finally chose a spot on Walton St.—a little known downtown warehouse row. I fell in love with it immediately which proves me a true visionary.

It had been a machine shop as grease everywhere attested. The space, which is quite large had been divided into three small rooms. Petitions effectively cut off any sunlight from half the space in spite of a fifty foot window wall facing south. Everything had been made as dingy as possible.

After weeks of meeting there and trying to decide what we would do with it if we had it—we took it.

Embarrassing as it is now to admit one of the things that impressed us was a battered old sink in one corner. We immediately concocted a mental floor plan around that sink. We later found out that the plumbing consisted of two hoses carrying the water up, and carrying it down—all hooked to another sink in the basement. The faucets in the basement sink were permanently on. The drain on the basement sink wasn't hooked to anything. Our water ran down a hose to the sink and out on the floor.

But we kept that grimy sink, moved it, cleaned it, got it some real plumbing, and it stands today with its fine mismatched legs as a humble tribute to more naive days.

The first big job was tearing down partitions and knocking plaster off old brick walls. That was fortunate because that initial burst of energy

and the sheer joy of those two days of destruction sustained us through the next six weeks of hard work. We had to patch brick, recast window sills, strip paint, build tables, sand floors then putty the cracks on hands and knees, put up sheetrock, hang a fire door, and paint everything. The hardest part by far was figuring out each step as we went along.

It was during the remodeling phase that we became acquainted with the local government. We called the Fire Prevention Bureau many times asking about guidelines since it made sense to us to know what they were before we built anything. They seemed leathe to give us any information.

called demanding to know what we were to do and refusing to be intimidated. Finally, the Captain came to file plans with the Building Department and they would automatically be needed by the event. The a significant piece of information thought, and told the Captain how helpful it would have been and he said that some though it was justifying him further and repeated his instructions I repeated his instructions in a loud angry voice. I thanked him and hung up. Pity him that he couldn't hear such a simple criticism.

At the Building Department we found Bob Thompson, who answered our questions, re-drew parts of our plans, saved us money, and restored our faith. When we were about three-quarters finished with the remodeling he called and inquired patiently if we wouldn't like to come over and pick up our permit.

Our landlord furnished most of the materials for the remodeling. Even so we did everything as inexpensively as we could. We had all recently received by mail packets of promotional coupons for local businesses. Included was a coupon for a gallon of thirteen dollar paint for two dollars at Syracuse Paint and Varnish. So we all took our coupons to SPV and bought the ceiling paint. Karen

even went so far as to trade her free entre at the Vineyard for a neighbor's ceiling paint coupon.

We did have to raise a lot of money -- almost \$3,000 -- to pay for plumbing, stove fittings, counter-tops, initial stock. We did it primarily by selling "subscriptions" to our bread to old friends and customers. Our only other money came from three small loans from friends. We are truly a community venture.

People we've run into along the way have been surprised that we are doing everything ourselves and for so little money. Perhaps it's been a long time since they've seen people dig in, pitch in, and get something done.

We have a whole new group of buddies on Walton St. now. At Eureka Crafts Studios we made us a hanging sign and a set of mugs in exchange for bread. The folks at the machine shop next door loaned us all sorts of tools and knowledge. After we opened, we invited them over for a pizza lunch, and they invited us over for chicken soup. The Salina St. toy vendor came in this morning to get warmed up. He's 74 and wants to live to be 100, or at least 95. The staff at the New Times is always willing to trade a pot of coffee for a fresh carrot cake. Eddy, who runs the restaurant across the street, sends his friends to see us. Rocky, the chauffeur, drops in every few weeks to get bread for his boss, the mayor, and usually buys himself one. Bird Man stops to show his latest downtown bargains. Mrs. Cangemi made us all new aprons because our old stained ones didn't look very nice for customers.

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Assertiveness training, women writers workshop, dance, carpentry and practical resources are examples of courses offered, usually once a week for about \$20. Lack of money can also be worked out. To register, call, write or drop-in (9-4pm daily, 8-10pm Thurs.) the Women's INFORMATION Center, 601 Allen St. Syracuse 13210 478-4636.

INFO is also sponsoring a Women's Winter Weekend Feb. 15-17th at 601 Allen St. Workshops, sharing, fun, good food. \$20-30 with limited registration so act soon!

SHOULD WE IMPRISON THE OLYMPICS?

As the 1980 Lake Placid Olympics draw closer, the violation of the Olympic spirit represented by an "Olympic Prison" becomes more and more obvious. Although lately the Moscow Olympics are more in the headlines, Lake Placid presents some striking parallels to the Russian situation.

Many citizens find President Carter's suggestion of a US boycott of the Moscow games appalling. They decry the so-called "politicization" of the Olympics. But the Lake Placid Olympics have already been politicized by the US' decision to turn the athletes' living quarters into a federal prison after the games.

Even though many reasonable alternative uses for the site have been proposed by STOP (Stop the Olympic Prison, a citizen's organization) the Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBP) clings to its decision. Letters are needed to Jimmy Carter, White House, Wash., DC 20500. With a declining prison population the FBP doesn't need another one--certainly not in such an inaccessible location.

If you're attending the Olympics and you'd like to handout literature contact Nader Maroun at STOP, 3049 E. Genesee St. Syr., 13224, 446-6151.

H-J BAITS SPC

"Peace Council Mute" [on the Afghanistan situation] was the loaded headline the Herald-Journal selected for its attack on SPC. The boxed story appeared January 8, 1980, on the first page of the metropolitan section. Prime placement.

Since the H-J calls SPC about once a decade for an opinion, we felt an editor had decided to "get" SPC by means of the old McCarthy-era technique known as "red-baiting". Here's how it works:

Call SPC about their position on Russia's action. If they support it we've finally got the dirty commies. If they condemn it then we've got them saying that communism really is the world's greatest evil (or we don't run the story). If they haven't a position yet [as was the case] we make them look foolish and irresponsible and perhaps imply they don't want to offend Moscow. A perfect no-lose approach.

We called H-J city editor Phil Hoffman on January 31 to ask why, on this rare occasion, he had called SPC. He responded that since it was such big news and since SPC "continuously criticized" US policies he wanted to see what we had to say. Phil also said the H-J would give SPC's Afghanistan article (p.16) "a good shot."

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EDUCATION IS BIG BUSINESS

Melvin A. Eggers, Chancellor of Syracuse University Inc., has been chosen "1980 Herald-American Businessman (sic) of the Year." Says Eggers, musing about past chancellors' more scholarly role, "Now, the chancellor does the sort of things business people do as a matter of course."

The major reason Eggers received the award is undoubtedly the \$26 million Carrier dome. Eggers was apparently instrumental in securing the state taxpayers' \$13 million which made the dome possible. Meanwhile massive cuts are anticipated in the SUNY system partially because of the dome. (On Jan. 29 thousands of SUNY faculty and students protested the cuts in Albany.) SUNY Buffalo did not get its long-awaited student center because of the dome. And, of course, SU students have been promised a student union for decades. SU also has notoriously bad athletic facilities for student/faculty/community use--especially for a university of its size. But, sadly, profits and prestige lie in spectator not participatory sports.

WORDS TO REMEMBER

"We don't anticipate any great problems from young people over the draft."

-Jimmy Carter

"The progress of social movements as well as our own personal growth reveal a continual tension. There is fear, doubt, and crisis at every turn. It is like a love affair."

-Journey To Freedom songbook

Carter's Call for the Draft: Militarism in the '80's

by Bill Harley



The night of January 23, 1980, may be remembered for a long time. In his State of the Union speech that night, President Carter ushered in a new decade with a call for an increase in military size and capability paralleled in history by only our most military-minded leaders.

In many ways, Carter's speech only articulated a policy which has been developing over the past several years. The commitment to the MX missile, the Trident submarine, and the Cruise missile were all significant escalations in the arms race. His recent push for Eurostrategic weapons pushed us farther away from any form of arms control. (One wonders to what extent the deployment of nuclear weapons in Europe was the last straw for the Soviet Union and their hopes for Salt II, and prodded them towards invading Afghanistan.)

But Carter's speech called for one more step: a draft registration. While the registration, in itself, may not be a worse escalation than the development of weapons systems, it will be more noticeable to the average person, because it will directly affect people s/he knows. Carter is proposing a measure which is unnecessary, heightens the chance of major military conflict, and will cause strife and turmoil in every community in our country.

The move to reinstate a draft registration is not new; last year legislation for that intent was defeated decisively in the House, and did not even come to a vote in the Senate. What is new is Carter's support for registration. Last year, Carter, Harold Brown (Secretary of Defense), and the acting director of the Selective Service System all stated repeatedly that registration was not needed. They asserted that the All-Volunteer Force was working, and that the Selective Service System, with some additional funds, could meet emergency

"manpower" requirements without a registration. Instead of supporting a draft registration, Congress ordered the President to commission a study on the feasibility and mechanics of registration.

The invasion of Afghanistan and the taking of American hostages in Iran has changed Carter's tune. There is some question as to whether his response is a political one, rather than an effective action in resolving international conflict. Carter will release the commissioned study on February 9, and in mid-February introduce legislation for registration and funding for the Selective Service System.

Until the study is released, it is difficult to say exactly what the legislation and new draft laws will look like. The registration will probably call for 18 to 26 year-olds to register. It is uncertain whether Carter will call for the registration of women; from indications now, it appears that he will. Either way, Carter stands to lose support from people who are behind the general idea of registration.

Another issue at hand is the possibility of automatic registration through the use of IRS, school, and motor vehicle department records. Also, there will be recommendations about the actual induction of people into the military. There has never been a registration without a draft; many proponents of draft registration in Congress have stated repeatedly that the registration is the first step in reinstating the draft, and that they will call for induction. The argument that the registration is not the draft, and does not have anything to do with a military build-up, is weak.

The draft will not go unchallenged. There was an outpouring

of protest across the country in immediate response to Carter's announcement, and the anti-draft movement is now solidifying and developing a strategy. Kennedy's recent opposition to registration and grassroots protest will insure that the draft will be a political issue this year.

Here in Syracuse, an anti-draft group has been formed and is planning actions and activities for the months ahead. The first action will be a march and rally, on February 5, at 11:30 am, starting at Columbus Circle and moving to the Federal Building.

ACTION: WHAT CAN YOU DO

1. Keep informed. Watch for the details of the Presidential study of the draft, which is to be released February 9. The report will reveal what the new draft laws will look like.
2. Fight the draft as a legislative issue. Make your opinion known to your Representatives, Senators, and the President. If there is a concerted effort now, nobody will even have to think about registering.
3. Write letters expressing your opinion to the editors of your local paper.
4. Educate others. Speak about the issue. Organize a group that can work to stop the draft, and prepare to help potential registrants, should the legislation be passed. If you are in the Syracuse area, contact the American Friends Service Committee about the already formed group. AFSC can also provide suggestions, materials, and put you in touch with other groups across upstate New York working on the draft and military recruitment. (821 Euclid Ave., Syracuse, NY, 13210. (315)475-4822)



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FEMINISTS SAY STOP THE DRAFT



"THERE IS NO FORCE IN THE PLEA THAT 'IF WOMEN VOTE THEY MUST FIGHT'. WAR IS NOT THE NORMAL STATE OF THE HUMAN FAMILY."

- ELIZABETH CADY STANTON

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The 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.

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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 feelin' 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.

Upcoming In The PEACE NEWSLETTER

APRIL: review of Teaching the Viet Nam War - book by SPC members Bill Griffen and John Marciano.

Section on politics of energy in Oswego - (yes, it really will be run this time).

"Are We Fit For Technology?" - satire by SPC's Science for the People committee.

MAY: "Ganienkeh in its Sixth Year" - a four page in-depth look at the traditional Native American permanent settlement, by Kakwirakeron and Ed Dubinski.

In This Issue:

We chose several articles for this issue to focus on the feminist perspective(see shaded areas in Contents above) as our way of commemorating International Women's Day on March 8th. Historically this date goes back to 1912 when thousands of women textile workers in Lawrence, Massachusetts went on strike to demand decent wages and shorter hours. The cause of Int'l Women's Day has come to mean an annual rededication to build a world of "bread and roses," where the many faceted needs of human beings are acknowledged and fulfilled. Within each article of this focus we hope to add dimensions to the definition of feminism; we want to sharpen our understanding of how this emerging ideology is an integral part of the revolutionary movement.

We are as justly proud of the other articles in this issue: John Maddaus concludes his two-part analysis of recent developments in South Asia with a penetrating look at Pakistan's role in the crisis. "Pakistan: Arming America's Allies"(pp.18-19) shows the erroneous assumptions behind the "Carter Doctrine" which doom it to failure. Ed Griffen reports on the turbulence in El Salvador; we even provide Winter Olympic coverage through Native American eyes(and a white man's sympathetic pen.) And the 365th day of Three Mile Island is remembered with an article by Judy Ireland on the still present and future fallout of the near melt-down.

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"If you are not careful, the newspapers will have you hating the people who are being oppressed, and loving the people who are doing the oppressing."

-Malcolm X

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How It Is With Us

first, the good news:

now the bad news:

It's hard to sort out the good news from the bad news this month.

Shortly after production of the last PNL, the four SPC staff people sat down to spend an introspective day together. It was Chris Murray's last "staff meeting." We had many questions before us: what will it mean to become a three-person staff? how will we keep the workloads of the staff at a sane level? what does the financial scene look like? Ah, there was the core of our ruminations - how will we survive? We took up this discussion with Chris' participation, because her decision to leave staff had already allowed her some distance to see the forest and the trees.

We came to some conclusions many of you have been thinking and saying for a long time. We need to pay ourselves a regular salary, not only for the wherewithall to live, but for the psychological security which would energize our day-to-day work in untold ways. Year after year we on staff have paid ourselves after Niag-

ara Mohawk, after printing 5,000 PNL's each month, after providing the capital for leaflets, primers, posters, etc. SPC's income has not met expenses for years; instead of facing that fact, staff has born the debt.

From the staff meeting came the decision to experiment with a set up similar to one at the Women's Information Center: contributions to SPC will go into a salary account; a non-staff person will be the only signatory and (s)he will write only payroll from that account. This insures payroll receiving priority. But where does the money come for PNL printing, NY Telephone, or Ni-Mo? Our traditional fundraisers are not enough. We are talking about some significant systemic changes in fundraising and/or a cutback in program areas. We see a hardworking year of activism ahead, so we hate to think of cutting back on ideas. But reality is crashing in on us. You may receive a sixteen page PNL when the funds fall short. Or you may receive a phone call asking for a special donation to help pay the utility bill before we're shut off.

We hope to create some internal systems of decision making and fundraising which will prevent such drastic situations. We want to expand PNL advertising and promote new subscriptions. Program committees must look at their ideas and plans so as to build in fundraising for the needed leaflets and other costs.

The hard fact is that we are presently very low in funds; setting up new systems is the quiet kind of work which you won't see on the 6:00 news (and so doesn't generate new donations in and of itself.) We ask for your contributions to pull us through. We also ask for your time and energy to create and pull off some political, educational fundraising. The SPC Birthday Dinner on March 22nd is such an event - come to celebrate, and hear a respected spokesperson of the movement, Don Luce.

Our bank account and office morale is quite depressed these days. Yet we know we're all in this together; so let's get on with the work at hand. Your support of time and money is essential.

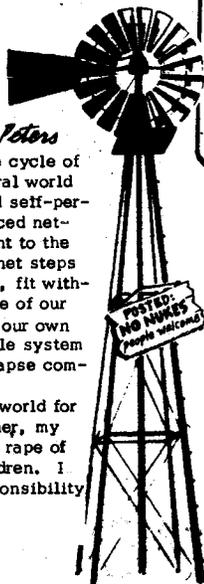
PEOPLE'S ENERGY 1980 ~ the NO NUKES / SANE ENERGY CALENDAR ...

here with... a mere sampling of people's energy 1980... still available by mail. ENJOY it...

JANUARY ART / Miria Wright Peters

This drawing attempts to show the cycle of life, death and rebirth. In the natural world this cycle is endlessly repeated and self-perpetuating. It is a beautifully balanced network, every being equally important to the overall scheme. Into this delicate net steps the human race. Originally we, too, fit within this natural balance. But because of our desire to "improve" the world to fit our own "needs" we have disrupted the fragile system to the point that it threatens to collapse completely and permanently.

As an artist I turn to the natural world for inspiration. It is my guru, my mother, my home. I am filled with horror at the rape of Gaea, the sacred earth, by her children. I pray that we will recognize our responsibility to restore harmony to the planet. Live lightly. Spread the word!



OCTOBER ART / Roderick Baly

I feel humanity has come to a critical juncture. In the next few years we will well be on the way to either destruction or enlightenment. As we realize our potential for creativity, we also become aware of the great evil that threatens our existence. I pray that the struggle will give us strength and unity. May my art reflect the creative spirit that dwells in all.

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Garden Song by Dore Mallet

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Inch by inch, row by row - Someone bless these seeds I sow.

All it takes is a rake and hoe and a piece of fertile ground
Someone warm them from below 'till the

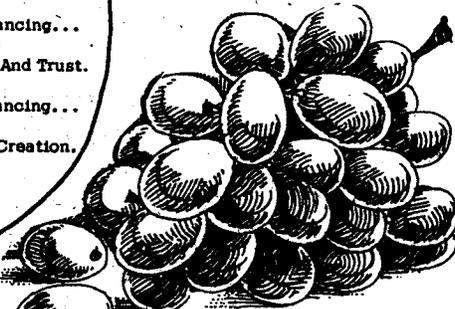
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rain comes tumblin' down.

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1. Ruling weeds and pickin' stones / We are made of dreams + bones
I feel the need to grow my own / For the time is near at hand.
Grain for grain, sun and rain / Find my way thru nature's chain.
Tune my body and my brain / To the music of the land.

2. Plant your rows straight + long / Temper them with prayer + song
Mother Earth will make you strong / If you give her love + care.
An old crow watching hungrily / From its perch on yonder tree -
In my garden I'm as free / As that feathered thief up there.



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not doing without, but doing better with what we have!



Cooperstown, N.Y.

Dear Folks,

This is an old subscription blank that's been sitting around for a while waiting for us to get motivated. We've only seen one copy of the Peace Newsletter but it was excellent. In fact, it got us motivated to go to the Seabrook demonstration last fall. Living in a rural community we need a way of staying in touch.

What has finally got us motivated this time is President Carter's proposal to re-institute registration for the draft. We are deeply concerned with our country's willingness to enter a new period of short-sighted nationalistic militarism. We are concerned with the enthusiasm for "getting over" our Viet Nam guilt. We are concerned for our beautiful young people, high school seniors, interviewed for television saying registration makes sense and we have to "draw the line somewhere." Must we go through this all again?

Above all we are concerned with the lack of a visible national forum or spokesperson for the development of pacifist strategies. Alternatives must be visible and available before we can expect them to be adopted. If we are truly interested in changing the world we must be prepared to lead policy developments as well as respond to crises.

Please send us the Newsletter and keep us informed. We'll try to help out where and when we can. Keep up the good work.

**Bill Vitous and
Robin Johnston**

Syracuse

To the Editor:

The mandatory registration for the draft, as requested by President Carter, is simply unconstitutional. It breaks section 1 of the 13th Amendment of the Constitution:

"Neither slavery nor involuntary ser-

vitute, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction."

If any war makes sense, then people will be more than willing to join in. Such was the case against the inhumanitarian regime of Nazi Germany during World War Two. Otherwise this idea just shows President Carter's inability to run the country. Rest assured, many, many people, including myself, will fight this unethical, and immoral, act until it is dead. I would like everybody to write to their representatives in Congress, to let them know how they feel about this unconstitutional, un-American practice.

Peter Anderson

University Park, Pa.

Dear Syracuse Peace Council:

Recently, my sister attended the Energy Conference at the SUNY at Buffalo. Unfortunately I was unable to attend so she brought me some pamphlets, papers and your calendar (it's great!) which she received.

Although my home is in Staten Island, New York, I am currently a student at the Pennsylvania State University majoring in Environmental Resources Management. I find that your newsletter is very informative about problems I am concerned with. (I plan to specialize in energy resources management.)

This is just a note to say that I'm really glad I discovered your newsletter and I look forward to the future issues.

Mary Ladiana

The Peace Newsletter's editors and writers welcome comments from our readers on all aspects of the PNL -- content, style, visual format -- but perhaps most of all content. Critical feedback, either praise or disagreement, is very helpful to us. It gives us an idea what readers like and don't like, and what they think and how effective our work is. And we appreciate knowing someone is reading our work.

Write: To the Editors, Peace Newsletter,
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Dear Syracuse Peace Council:

I fear our country and world are in for some bad times ahead. I believe you are one organization that shares my opinions on war, ecology, and humaneness. I know you were expressing them long before I knew you existed. I hope this donation helps for your continued expression,

Jerry Feist

Saugerties, N.Y.

To the Editor:

The U.S. Olympic Committee's pull-out from the Summer Olympics for political reasons is nothing but an attempt to galvanize public opinion into a war mentality, including the establishment media's comparison of the 1980 Summer Olympics to the 1936 Olympics. The U.S. athletes are told to give up a chance they have trained for for years at personal expense, but what is U.S. business giving up? ...

Will Occidental Oil (of Hooker Chemical/Love Canal fame) give up its joint venture to explore for natural gas in Russia?

Will U.S. agribusiness start spreading American manure rather than using fertilizers made with Russian ammonia?

Will the thousands of American tourists traveling to Russia each year stay home and spend their American dollars here?

Will the U.S. nuclear industry stop importing the Russian chrome they find critical to building reactors?

The patriotic U.S. OC pull-out is, at best, farcical, as the "official" uniform of the US athletes in Moscow is made in Japan, the "official" U.S. car at the USSR Olympics is a Toyota, and the "official" U.S. TV set is a Toshiba.

U.S. athletes should go to the Summer 1980 Olympics and show the best of America in peace and not be treated as election-year pawns.

Anna Wasserbach

A time to come together,
to celebrate, to renew, to recommit ourselves
to the ongoing struggle for peace, liberation and justice.....

The Syracuse Peace Council's 44th Birthday Dinner

THE CRISIS OF U.S. IMPERIAL POWER

WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON
IRAN & CAMBODIA

WITH: (Speaking At 8PM)

Don Luce

Don Luce first received international recognition for discovering the infamous "tiger cages" in a south Viet Nam prison. Since then Don has been a tireless and compassionate advocate for 3rd World liberation struggles and human rights. He was a co-director of Clergy & Laity Concerned (CALC) with whom SPC is associated, and is now on the staff of the Asian Center in NYC. Don has visited Iran four times in the past two years, and he just returned from a three week visit to Kampuchea (Cambodia). Don accompanied an ABC-TV crew on this visit. The resulting program will air Monday March 24 at 10pm on channel 9. Don is very much an activist, movement person who we feel good about having at the Birthday Dinner. His informative talk will focus on: the crisis which the U.S. power elite perceives to its global interests and the crisis which that perception and its accompanying responses presents for us as progressive people struggling for a more just world.

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Harrisburg One Year Later — The Psychological Fallout

by Judy Ireland

March 28 marks the first anniversary of the nuclear accident at Three Mile Island. One year later the people of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania still live under a cloud of fear and uncertainty. They have dealt with the nation's first publicized large-scale nuclear accident and with the evacuation. They still have to deal with the aftermath -- the clean-up, the waste disposal, the investigations, the economic impact, the reopening of the plants, and even new accidents. (In mid-February the public was informed that 950 gallons of radioactive water had accidentally leaked into an adjoining building.) And, the people of the Harrisburg area continue to deal with another little publicized effect of the accident, the psychological impact.

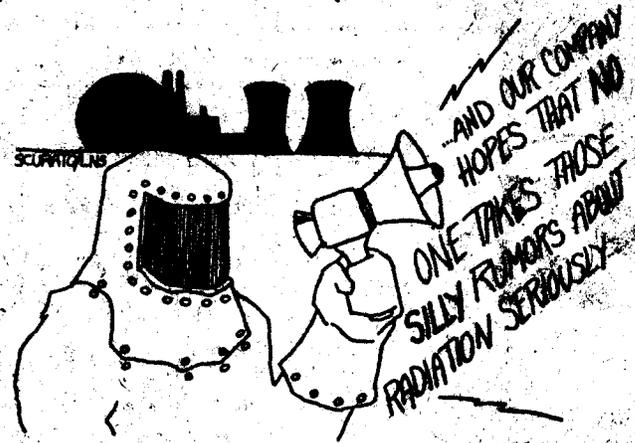
Dr. Robert J. Lifton of Yale University, an expert on the effects of catastrophic events on survivors, has been studying such effects on the survivors of Hiroshima, the Buffalo Creek Mining disaster, and the Utah bomb tests. He calls the stress reaction that the victims suffer a mass psychic numbing and says they have a constant impulse to revert to this muting of awareness. According to Dr. Lifton the victim to one degree or another denies the experience and this is a normal psychology of survivors. After all they must continue to work and live in an area that one year later is still not out of danger.

The nuclear establishment has a stake in encouraging this mass numbing and they themselves are not immune to the numbing process. Their need is to feel that they are a part of a moral enterprise rather than a life-threatening enterprise. They encourage the prevalent view that good Americans do their job and trust authority and the experts. In short, the victimizers also go through numbing in order to do what

they do. Bureaucracy and technology aid in this process. People with industry interests tend to protect themselves from other information and look only for confirmatory evidence. An instance of this phenomenon is happening now in the pending legal case on the psychological impact of reopening the plant where the NRC staff has recommended not admitting testimony on psychological stress.

Dr. Lifton conducted a workshop at a teach-in in Harrisburg last November. Most of those who attended were victims of the Three Mile Island accident. They told of a constant impulse to deny the on-going experience of the accident, of the urge to trust the authorities after all, of a need to believe it wasn't very serious. Some spoke of feeling tainted or contaminated. Others told of their constant fear of developing cancer in the future. They also made observations of increased alcohol and drug use in the area, of more automobile accidents, of more emotional problems. So far these effects have not been proven. Neither have the physical health effects ... yet. Meanwhile the victims are still haunted by questions that arose during and after the accident. Questions like:

- *How do you feel if you save just yourself and your immediate family?
- *How do you handle the fear, anger, helplessness you feel?



- *Whom do you believe and trust?
- *Whom do you blame?
- *How do you ever know in what ways your body has been affected?

All of us have to deal with these questions because we too live near operating and proposed nuclear plants and face the constant possibility of an accident.

The need for the public to imagine mass death from a nuclear accident was facilitated to some extent by the accident last March. After Three Mile Island feeling was high and awareness spread throughout the country. A year later it is becoming evident that the numbing or denial process can affect the population at large and particularly those who live closest to operating nuclear plants.

We have seen that no matter how small the risk is supposed to be, the consequences are enormous. The Harrisburg accident provided us with some images of collective death or collective survival. It reinforced our moral imperative to continue emphasizing the dangers of nuclear power. It also intensified our fear and people often need a degree of anxiety and tension in order to act. But, along with the increased public awareness came the rallying of the forces of numbing, giving us one more problem to be understood and dealt with in the ongoing struggle.

Hiroshima & Nagasaki, Operation Smoky, Three Mile Island -- never again!

Radiation Victims Tour

April 3, 4 & 5, 1980

For three days in early April Syracuse will host a visit by Japanese and American "Hibakusha" (atom bomb survivors and victims). They are touring the U.S. to bring attention to the suffering of radiation victims.

Would you like to work with others to plan a reception, public meetings, dinners, religious events? Call 472-5478.

It's time to make Syracuse people aware how we can organize to get out from under Niagara Mohawk's profiteering heel!



"It can happen here!"

Three Mile Island One Year Observance

Friday, March 28, 1980

3:00 AM at Niagara Mohawk -- Vigil
(accident began at 3am, 3/28/79)

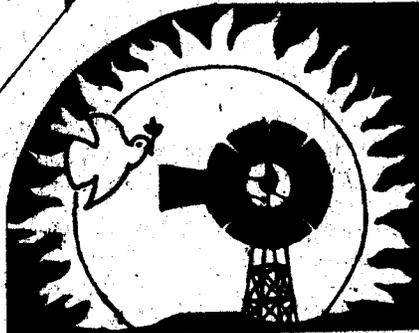
8:00 Am -- Speakers

Organizing committee needs workers for all kinds of tasks, especially street theater, human billboards, and poster & leaflet distribution. Call Kath: 472-4245 late eves.

SPRING ACTIONS 1980

April 26, 1980

March on Washington, D.C. for a Non-nuclear World



APRIL 28 - non-violent civil disobedience at the Department of Energy, promoter of nuclear power & builder of nuclear weapons.

We're looking to organize a massive contingent from CNY. To help publicize & organize, or for a ride, call Gary at 472-5478 (day) - 422-2887 (night).

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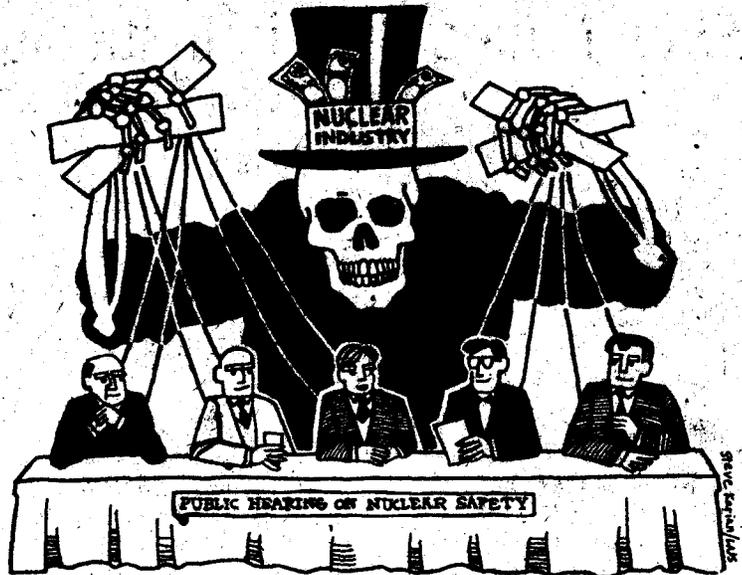
EVACUATION DRILL IN OSWEGO

Last month's "Currents" announced that an evacuation test sponsored by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission would be conducted in the vicinity of the Ginna nuclear plant (near Rochester). It was pointed out that such tests are smokescreens because their net effect is to allay the justified fears of nuclear power -- The test is conducted within a five mile radius, implying that a radiation release could be contained within that area. (Government reports speak of losing to productive use, in the event of a bad accident, an area half the size of the land mass east of the Mississippi River.) Such tests also attempt to put a damper on public fears by minimizing public participation. Public participation is of course an essential ingredient in nuclear emergency preparedness, but you wouldn't gather this from observing the plans being laid out across the country.

The Feb. 6 Ginna test revealed just how great a smokescreen these plans really are. When asked by local activists why members of the public would not be allowed to attend the planning meeting for the evacuation and why the drill was simulated (no roadblocks deployed, just markers of where they would be set up) the civil defense director of Wayne Co. answered "we don't want the public to panic." The Chairperson of the Wayne Co. board of supervisors finally admitted members of the public to the meeting on the condition that if they asked any questions they would be asked to leave!

The NRC is going to try one of these charades again soon in Oswego (date not yet set). We're going to have a picket line there. If you would like to join us, give us a call: 472-5478.

The only way to make sure that nuclear catastrophes won't happen is to make them impossible -- Shut them all down!!!



"Impartial forums like this help give the public the confidence it needs"

HEARING ON RADIATION VICTIMS

During the past 35 years, hundreds of thousands of soldiers, nuclear workers, and private citizens have been exposed to ionizing radiation from nuclear weapons detonations and from nuclear facilities. Yet radiation victims such as atomic veterans, nuclear workers, and unwitting citizens exposed to radioactive fallout are not receiving recognition or compensation by federal agencies. Outdated radiation exposure limits, particularly for nuclear workers, remain unchanged and poorly enforced. Excessive medical radiation exposures increase yearly unabated. Large amounts of radioactive wastes continue to accumulate and are leaking into the biosphere.

A national effort is underway to dramatize the plight of radiation victims and to assist them in gaining recognition and justice for their cause. The National Citizens' Hearings for Radiation Victims will be held April 11-14, 1980 in Washington, D.C. The hearings will provide a highly visible forum for the casualties of radiation industries to relate their experiences, to seek medical compensation, and to call for a reduction of needless exposures. Workshops and strategy sessions will also be included.

For more information, contact "Citizens Hearings for Radiation Victims", 317 Pennsylvania Ave., S.E., Wash., D.C. 20003 202/543-0222.

SPC SOLAR MAP -- HELP WANTED

The Peace Council is looking to update its solar map of New York State.

The map, which serves as a directory of homes in New York where you can visit to examine and ask questions about solar (or other alternative energy) equipment, was first printed in the People's Energy Primer (Feb. PNL, 1979).

Since the first printing, we have received information on many other solar/alternative energy homes, and there are many more to be found. We're looking for someone to gather this information and take general responsibility for revising the map. Work could be done at home or in the SPC office. We hope to produce the new map as a poster and distribute it widely as a resource.

If you are interested in taking on, call William: 472-5478.

CORRECTION

Last month we announced the formation of the SPC energy education committee, which plans to produce a new energy leaflet and build up a slide/film library and speakers' bureau.

The phone # listed for the contact, Kath Buffington, was wrong. The correct # is 423-2465 (days) and 472-4245 (eves..)

Even Nukes Discriminate Against Women!

by Donna Warnock

"Is nuclear power a feminist issue?" This question is currently on the agenda of women's groups across the country. Some hold that the answer is "no" because nuclear power threatens everyone, regardless of sex. But the particular dangers to women, and to the entire feminist movement, are greater than many realize. Given the facts, I maintain that even those who hold a strictly-defined notion of what constitutes a "women's issue," would be forced to conclude that feminists should join the growing ranks of nuclear opposition.

The nuclear industry claims atomic power is the key to the "Good Life" for American women because it provides energy to produce an endless array of gadgets that save women time and energy and result in our ultimate liberation. Sounds good at first, but on closer examination the picture's not so rosy.

Nuclear power and weapons hurt women in many ways. Radiation causes cancer, sterility, birth defects, genetic mutations and premature aging. Women are twice as likely to get cancer from low-level radiation as men, according to the 1979 National Academy of Science Beir II report. Unlike men, who have a continual production capacity to replace radiation-damaged sperm, women are fully equipped with our livestock of eggs at birth. Thus, our risk of involuntary sterility is greater.

Because current federal radiation exposure regulations are the same for both sexes despite the fact that women and fetuses are more affected by radiation than men, cautious women atomic workers who choose positions where they are less likely to be exposed face potential economic discrimination when the safer jobs pay less.

Women also suffer heavily from

other economic burdens which nuclear power and weapons impose upon society: Nuclear energy is more expensive and provides fewer jobs than any other energy source; tax dollars used by the government to subsidize nuclear power and weapons rob us of other sorely-needed social services such as childcare and job training. Reliance on uranium--or any finite fuel source--could create an economic recession. (The Arab oil embargo proved that when fuel supplies are low, women's unemployment increases.) Because women comprise two-thirds of the 25 million people living in poverty in this country and our salaries are only 2/3 those of men, these economic repercussions hit us harder. Minority women and lesbians--especially those who head households--are most affected because of the added discrimination they face.



The truth is that "women's work" will never be done in the nuclear economy. Though many are trying to change the sex distribution in health, homemaking and service occupations, women now carry the primary caretaking responsibilities for children, the elderly, and the infirmed who suffer from radiation-induced cancer and premature aging. Nuclear power and weapons guarantee increases in cancer victims, human suffering, and women's workload.

But what about all those liberating products the nuclear industry promises us its energy source will provide? Won't they make life easier? The

answer, quite simply, is NO. Studies show that it is not true that "labor-saving" devices have decreased women's work. In fact, women today spend as much time on housework as their ancestors did, partially because the myriad of products pushed on us complicate's our lives and can create more work than it eliminates.

Nuclear power cannot liberate women. It can only impede our progress. The nuclear mentality is linked to the philosophy that women and nature exist to serve men. We are seen as resources to be exploited. The nuclear industry will continue to keep women cast in the role of undervalued housewives, consumers, and sex objects because this enhances their profits and power. Big business will continue to promote energy-intensive lifestyles through ads that further competitive attitudes, individual insecurities, status seeking and the exploitation of people. The highly centralized nuclear state will continue to deprive women of political power and consolidate it in the hands of the white, male industrial elite.

Dependence on nuclear power will continue to intensify industry's assault on labor, the environment, Native Americans, and Third World countries. The threat of nuclear terrorism will continue to erode our civil liberties.

Women cannot survive, let alone be liberated, in this "man-made" system. Dependence on nuclear energy not only endangers the gains made by women in the past decade; it also prohibits the kind of future society feminists are trying to achieve. It is among the most serious threats to equality, self-sufficiency, health and liberation women face today. As feminists, we have dedicated ourselves to improving the lot of our sisters; fulfilling that vow now means we must also work for a non-nuclear world.

Organizing brochures on women and the nuclear threat are available from Feminist Resources on Energy and Ecology for \$5 per hundred, plus 20% postage and handling. A description of other resources can be had by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to FREE, address as above.

Donna Warnock would like alot of company in Washington on April 26th(see p. 7.)

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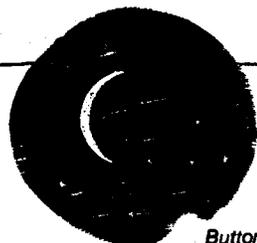
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Militarism and Feminism: A Future of Death or A Future of Life?

by Wendy Kohli

The 'traditional' election year theme of sword rattling and chest beating has come forth in 1980 policy proposals with the Carter call for the return of draft registration. A new and cynically manipulative twist to this example of US militarism is the executive recommendation to require women, as well as men, to register for the draft. The argument goes something like this: 'After all, if you (women) want equal rights with men, you have to share equal responsibilities as well'. What an obscene understanding of 'equal rights'! Obscene, yes. But a useful issue to divert attention from the more fundamental questions related to the reinstatement of the draft, for anyone: questions about the increase in defense spending; about the revival of the neutron bomb; and about the generally dangerous resurgence of nationalistic rhetoric that moves us closer to nuclear holocaust. The issue is not (as Carter and the media would have us believe) whether women should be drafted or hold combat positions. The issue is that we all must resist, equally, the anti-human and anti-life forces that dominate our culture. We all must resist the forces that want us 'to be prepared' to kill.

Militarism and Patriarchy

The fear and danger of violence is not new to women. As 'civilians' in the combat zones of our neighborhood streets, we live daily and nightly with violence. And our attackers are not those 'commies' from Russia. They are our 'own boys'. Just as women must fight the rapes which threaten us every day at home, we must also resist the militaristic posturing of the power elite abroad. War has never had the interests of women at heart. War has historically put men and kept men in positions of power. War has legitimized



violence against women--of all colors and cultures. Any economic gains by women during wartime were short-lived. To support the draft is to support the army. And to support the army is to support the agents of patriarchy and domination: domination of women, of nature, and of men by other men. As Virginia Woolf once said, 'we (women) can best help you (men) to prevent war not by repeating your words and following your methods, but by finding new words and creating new methods'. It is time for us to create these new words and methods. It is time to stop valuing the 'masculism' of a society whose driving principles are those of power, authority, discipline and domination. It is time to resist a society where government is carried out by 'power politics'; where the international scene is maintained through a 'balance of power'. It is time to resist a patriarchy where men rule by habit and, when necessary, by force. It is time to reject this rule 'by father' and to affirm rule 'by mother'. This is not the rule of women over men, but rather a society where power is re-defined and re-implemented; where nurturance is valued over violence; where one trusts rather than fears; and where autonomy supplants authority.

Feminism and Ecology: An Alternative

Feminism can help us move closer to these new societal forms. Feminism provides an understanding about society, in general, and about the relations between the sexes, in particular. It is a rejection of stereotypes and arbitrary roles for human beings. It is a refusal to be exploited and dehumanized. It is a rejection of rape and the mentality of rape.

But it is not merely a negation. It is an affirmation of cooperation over competition; of life over death.

This understanding of feminism is inherently compatible with an ecological consciousness. As Donna Warnock points out, both feminism and ecology embody the belief that everything is connected to everything else--that the eco-system, the production system, the political/economic apparatus and the moral and psychological health of a people are all interconnected.

Furthermore, she says, they call for liberation through self-reliance, cooperation, community, and democracy. Eco-feminism and militarism are 'natural' enemies. Militarism is committed to destruction--of the earth and its life/potential.

Equal Life, Not Equal Death

Feminists, both men and women, must resist the 'equal rights' argument about the draft. We do not want an 'equal chance' to commit murder, rape and genocide. We do not want death jobs, for the women or the men in our lives. We want the rights and responsibilities of life in a peaceful and non-authoritarian world that reinforces life, respect and genuine equality among peoples. How can we resist? One way is to support the local and national efforts to defeat reinstatement of the draft for anyone. Another avenue of resistance is to support the local and national efforts to stop the proliferation of nuclear power and weapons. Nuclear power, be it in the form of reactors or missiles, is anti-life/earth/women/men. Furthermore, we can begin to integrate eco-feminist principles into our daily lives and relationships. We can begin to make connections between the forces that dominate our individual lives as well as the earth. And we can continue to 'educate, agitate and organize' for people to resist the powers that control our choices--our lives--our very life.

Bernadette Powell - White Man's Justice

by Cindy Crowner

As we observe International Women's Day, it is fitting that we share the story of one local woman victimized by the sexist nature of the "justice" system. Bernadette Powell, a 27 year old black woman, was sentenced in June, 1979 to a 15 year to life prison term by Judge Bruce Dean of Ithaca. Bernadette had been convicted of murder in connection with the death of her ex-husband, Herman Smith. In reality, Bernadette had acted in self defense; the physical abuse she had suffered at the hands of her husband during their six year marriage was such that she had every reason to fear for her life on the night that Smith forced her to accompany him in his car, threatening her with death if she refused. Later that night, in an attempt to get a gun away from Smith, he was accidentally shot. An all white jury of nine men and three women rejected the contention of self defense and convicted Bernadette of second degree murder (i.e. premeditated).

Women throughout the area have identified with Bernadette and support has been generous and consistent. The Defense Committee for Bernadette Powell, established after the sentencing, has been able to secure the assistance of the attorneys Stolar and Alterman of New York City. The community has rallied and has helped the Committee raise nearly \$12,500 for an appeal.

In October defense attorneys Stolar and Alterman, argued before Judge Dean that he should set aside the guilty verdict. Stolar argued that expert testimony could be brought into a hearing which would prove there was no basis for District Attorney Joseph Joch's assertion that Bernadette had enjoyed the beatings inflicted upon her by Herman Smith. Stolar went on to explain 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 Bernadette's trial began, Joch was the defendant in divorce proceedings in which his former wife alleged



Bernadette Powell is going to prison in Bedford Hills, maximum security, fifteen years to life because she was beaten and was afraid, because she was beaten and finally said no, because her hand was on a gun when it killed the man who had beaten her, when it killed the man who threatened her again and threatened their son, her son. And the judge says there'll be no new trial, that battered wives should know enough to get away the first time.

Bernadette is walking away now to live in prison and wait again, and still she does not speak. She knows we understand her silence, the dignity it conveys, the way it signals this is only another beginning. She is a woman and more than a woman, through her battle women everywhere are fighting and we will never concede defeat.

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that she was subjected to frequent beatings during the years of their marriage. She was granted a divorce on grounds of "cruel and inhuman treatment".

Bernadette's lawyers also asked for a reversal on the basis of new evidence regarding the theory of "learned helplessness". This theory, recently developed by Lenore Walker, shows how battered women are conditioned to believe that there are no alternatives to their abuse. This evidence would have been crucial in furthering the jury's understanding of

Bernadette as a battered woman.

The DA's allegations of masochism damaged Bernadette's credibility before the jury. He also questioned why Bernadette had not attempted to escape with her son during the several hour ordeal that led to her husband's death. The theory of learned helplessness and any other information that could educate the jury about the social phenomenon of wife beating, would certainly have affected her credibility.

The judge refused to grant a new trial after a delay of two and one half months, and ordered Bernadette transferred from the county jail to Bedford Hills Federal Prison in Westchester, five hours away from her son and friends.

This represents not only a denial of justice to Bernadette Powell, but it means that the legal system continues deaf to the cries of battered women. The case now goes to State Supreme Court, where no action will be taken until at least August.

The members of the Defense Committee and Bernadette herself are stunned by the judge's decision. We feel poignantly our powerlessness in the face of a totally male dominated legal system. That system provides no recourse for women subjected to violence in marriage on a daily basis; but when a woman defends herself, as Bernadette did, she receives a minimum sentence of fifteen years.

How long must women be the victims of violence in the home as well as on the streets? The legal system's conviction of Bernadette Powell throws this question back to the women's movement. Feminists must continue to expose the reality of violence against women, from pornography to rape. We give our support to women such as Bernadette who refuse to be victims any longer.

Please send contributions and inquiries to:

Bernadette Powell Defense Fund
P.O. Box 654 Ithaca, N.Y. 14850

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The Ithaca Times

"For Colored Girls"- A Cast Interview by Enid Edwards

with cast - Adriene Anderson, Norice Berry, Sharon Berry, Sharon McArthur, Dale Williams, and co-director Gwyneth Whyte

On March 21 and 22, 28 and 29, at Hutchings Auditorium, the Student Afro-American Society at Syracuse University will repeat its performance of Ntozake Shange's choreo-poem For Colored Girls who have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf. There has perhaps never been a play which does what this does for black women. Through a series of solo vignettes, Shange attends the whole emotional spectrum. There is no Plot, but the theme is inescapable; women are complex and multifaceted, vulnerable, powerful, precious and real. Shange's poetry is distilled and pointed; like e.e. cummings, she is "abnormally fond of that precision which creates movement." While one testament to the power of her vision was the spread of light across the audience-the groans and exclamations-one also wonders what movement she inspired in the players.

In January's brief run (five performances were clearly not enough) seven women delivered the truths of their Sisters' lives to responsive, predominantly black audiences. The women are all undergraduates at SU; three are drama majors. They stepped outside the Drama Department to bring this work to Syracuse audiences. To determine how the production was significant to these women, I asked them:

What is your usual experience in the SU Drama Department, and how did the Department respond to your production?

Norice - The Drama Department sticks to the script (of other plays) with regard to race. It's more or less like we're token... a maid or a night club person, known to dance. The language (in those plays) is totally different from our background.

Gwyn - We weren't in anything down there. (By producing For Colored Girls) we literally jumped out of the closet and smacked everybody in the face, because they knew nothing about us.

What other responses did you get?

Dale - Women thanked us for pub-

Enid has moved to Houston - with a lump in her throat - to pursue a job with women in continuing education.

licizing this. And that makes me feel good to be a part of this production. Women need to see that we can overcome these situations.

Adriene - All I get is, "O, you were such a cute little girl." They don't understand my part. My character's afraid, so she goes off and dreams about what's good. I do that all the time.

Norice - My father more or less laughed about it, but I know he thought about it.

How did you prepare for the play?

Gwyn - For three weeks, we were living, eating, cooking, cleaning, rehearsing and crying together. Everything.

Norice - The stories that were being told, we wouldn't tell just anybody. We had to be close. Otherwise, it wouldn't have worked. It wasn't a matter of walking in that room shy.

Gwyn - You couldn't just... steal the show. You had to be able to blend everything together so it appeared as one total view, rather than you standing out, because it's not that type of thing.

So Eleanor Russell (advisor to the directors) suggested some exercises. Would you describe a couple of them?

Gwyn - What the ladies in Colored Girls are doing is sharing experiences with each other. Eleanor had (the women in the cast) lay together for a long time, hands on each other's diaphragms, sharing experiences from their lives. Eventually, everyone was breathing together, and in this way they could pick up on each other's moves and emotions.

Dale-- Also, we got into repeating our single lines, where we say "My love is too delicate (or complicated, or sanctified, ...) to have thrown back on my face." We were doing anything and everything we wanted, and Gwyn was shouting "LOOSE! LOOSEN UP!" And we were just getting carried away. We were into each other, too. Like this really means something to her.

Describe your experience with your character. How could you relate to her?

Sharon - Well, I do have big thighs and small breasts, and in the poem,



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"I live with myths," I had to get up there and SAY it! ... And I know, too, we've all experienced the "I'm sorry's" (from men.)

Dale - Yea! They say, "Well, I didn't know. You have to tell me." Then, when you tell them... (they say) "I'm sorry!"

Adriene - "I'm sorry! (You're selfish, self-centered!)"

Dale - "I'm sorry! (You're too sensitive.)"

Norice - "I'm sorry! (You take things too PERSONALLY!)"

Dale - Those "sorry's" could have made the play.

And the audience would've gone with you.

Adriene - Yea! They (the audience) were STOMPIN! Did you hear that? PA PA PA PA POHM!

Sharon - I can keep" somebody almost almost walked off with all of my stuff" deep down inside me, because I have been through that before.

Dale - And if something happened to someone who's close to you, like your sister, that's just like happening to you. So that's enough. You know what I'm saying?

How has this experience changed you?

Dale - We realized we don't have to give up. We've got ourselves to hold onto. Those characters were so real and so meaningful - they can help us deal with situations.

Adriene - The play is saying, "I was looking for God in you and you. But I couldn't do that. I had to find God in myself."

Norice - When I read the script, my reaction was "This lady has been through alot." But doing the performance is like I'VE been through alot. I really thought about it and I said "I'm not takin' NO stuff!" Before, I experienced it. Now, I know.

WHAT DO WE SEE?from *Breaking Open* (1973) MURIEL RUKEYSER
feminist poet

When they're decent about women, they're frightful about children,
 When they're decent about children, they're rotten about artists,
 When they're decent about artists, they're vicious about whores,

What do we see? What do we not see?

When they're kind to whores, they're death to communists,
 When they respect communists, they're foul to bastards,
 When they're human to bastards, they mock at hysterectomy—

What do we see? What do we not see?

When they're decent about surgery, they bomb the Vietnamese,
 When they're decent to the Vietnamese, they're frightful to police,
 When they're human to police, they rough up lesbians,

What do we see? What do we not see?

When they're decent to old women, they kick homosexuals,
 When they're good to homosexuals, they can't stand drug people,
 When they're calm about drug people, they hate all Germans,

What do we see? What do we not see?

When they're decent to Jews, they dread the blacks,
 When they know blacks there's always something: roaches
 And the future and children and all potential. Can't stand themselves

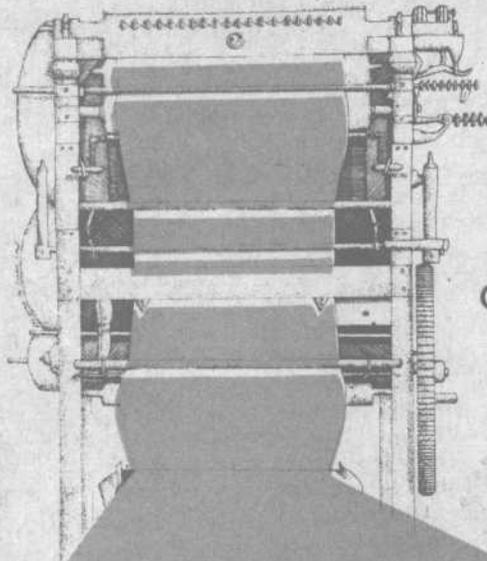
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Men Working Towards Feminism

by Jack Manno

Significantly I've never had such difficulty writing. But despite the confusion and ambivalence that keeps cluttering my thinking, my most basic instincts tell me that the feminist project is vitally important to me individually, to myself as a man and that ultimately all other issues become subsumed in the terrifying reality of the present course of history in which war and ecological abuse threaten everything we hold precious and worthy. It is men who have held the power, who have built the weapons and power plants which are so abhorrent and it's a masculine neurosis which has compelled men to prove their virility by domination. Women, if they take the power to create our future, may not do things differently but women have never, not during the long descent toward holocaust which we call history, had the power to attempt it. Women ought to take that power soon.

Although we are all harmed by the way men wield power and by the distortions in our social relationships that occur as a result, by any measure it is women who have suffered most. Nothing speaks louder than the testimony of women. All men should read the books feminist women are writing; they are the most cogent, sensible and inspiring books being written in every field. Men should listen to women.

After becoming convinced that feminism is personally and politically crucial what do we, as men, do? Most often it is suggested that we ought to organize men the way women have organized women. Many women have come together without men to hold consciousness-raising groups, form counseling centers, support groups, and political organizations: they have discovered a nascent sisterhood. Women report that the energy generated by their collective efforts and expressions of sisterhood have been heartening and liberating. Many men have observed this with envy. Men, they feel, ought to do the same. How-

ever, men who are working toward feminism are most likely men who, for one reason or another, have for a long time been dissatisfied with the culturally approved masculine role; they have felt that the world of men is a friendless place. Masculinity is at its most virulent in all male groups: the boy scouts, the athletic team, the army, barroom, and corporate boardroom. For men who reject their role in the dominant culture, a group of men together is a highly suspect group. These men, in the past, have found their social niche with groups of women or alone. It is painful for them to accept exclusion from the feminist sisterhood. But despite our healthy suspicion of groups of men, it is essential for men critical of the dominant culture's masculine role to politicize our dissatisfaction. We need to identify what it is we have always expected from women - what it is we like about women, and learn to develop it in ourselves and expect more of it from each other.

What we find lacking in ourselves we look for in others. We create symbols out of our longings. If we have not developed our abilities to be loving with children, to be sensitive to other people's feelings, to be in tune with the rhythms of the biosphere then it is these traits which we idealize in WOMAN. If women fail in living up to our image of Goddess then we resent them as Bitches. Just as women are taking on roles that have been reserved for men, we need to take on roles that have been reserved for women. We all become more complete for it. If you are looking for the Mother Goddess you have no further to look than yourself.

Our society is based on property relations - on rules of ownership. If we are to live and flourish then we must make kindness and mutual respect be the foundation of our new social order. That may be utopian but we don't need to be as far from it as we are now. Men working toward feminism can help create the conditions for a society founded on human relations based on a developing feminist ethic.



If you live with others work toward knowing their feelings before they tell you about them (the women probably know yours).

Raise money or donate to feminist organizations (if you want to work on the upcoming pancake breakfast benefit for Women's Info then call me at 472-9386)

Join with other men in caucuses and work on issues such as daycare funding, abortion rights, violence against women, the ERA. Think up issues, (ie. prohibiting traffic through city parks so that parents can relax while their children run free.)

Value the non-traditional work that you do. If you clean house, take care of the children, shop or nurse the sick see that you don't start worrying that you're not accomplishing anything.

Study yourself - we are all composites of many personalities, get to know all the women as well as the men in yourself.



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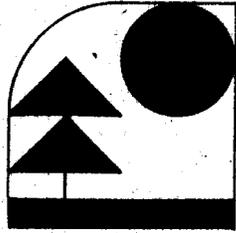


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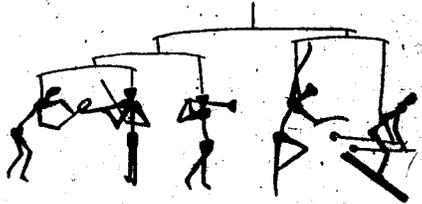
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Pakistan: Arming America's Allies

by John Maddaus

When President Carter took office in 1977, he offered a foreign policy which stood in sharp contrast to the policies of the Nixon/Kissinger years. He emphasized detente, arms control, human rights, reduced military spending, and sympathy for Black Africa. And he opposed U.S. arms sales, nuclear proliferation and foreign intervention.

Since taking office, however, he has abandoned one after another of these positions. Most notable among the few successes of his 1977 policy have been the cancellation of the B-1 bomber and the continuation of economic sanctions against Rhodesia. In most other areas he has not only failed to implement his original goals, but he has accepted and even sought to lead the resurgent forces of American militarism. Nowhere is this more evident than in the "Carter Doctrine" and the sudden embrace of Pakistan's dictator, General Mohammed Zia ul-Haq. This return to discredited Cold War policies is likely to have serious unforeseen negative consequences.

Ever since the April 1978 coup in Afghanistan which brought the People's Democratic Party to power, Afghans opposed to the new Soviet-backed Marxist government have been seeking refuge in neighboring Pakistan. General Zia has allowed these Afghan rebels to operate from camps along the frontier under the pretext that they are "refugees receiving humanitarian aid." China (Pakistan's ally since the mid-60s) has sent military advisors to at least two of these rebel camps, and may also be active with rebel groups in northeast Afghanistan near the short Afghan-China border.

All this activity has intensified since the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan last December. A meeting of Islamic nations in Islamabad (Pakistan's capital city) recently demanded the immediate withdrawal of Soviet troops and offered support to a loose coalition of Afghan rebel groups. President Carter has offered General

Zia \$400 million in aid ("Peanuts," said Zia), and Carter's aides have been trying to raise additional millions from such countries as China and Saudi Arabia. The White House recently "leaked" the information that the CIA is working with the Afghan rebels, and it seems reasonable to assume that some arms will find their way into rebel hands under the cover of the Pakistan aid program.

Aid Implications

The resumption of aid to Pakistan constitutes the abandonment of Carter's 1977 decision to cancel such aid. The earlier decision was based on Pakistan's refusal to sign the nuclear nonproliferation treaty and its efforts to develop nuclear weapons. (Pakistan wants the bomb because India has one. India got one because China had one. China got one because the Soviet Union had one. The USSR got one because the US had one. The US...?) But aid to Pakistan also contradicts Carter's human rights policy, since General Zia has executed over 500 people (including former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto) for alleged political crimes since taking office. He has arrested thousands of others and imposed strict press censorship.

But the major fallacy of renewed aid to Pakistan is the assumption that the aid will be used to defend Pakistan's independence in the face of the presumed threat from Soviet troops in Afghanistan. All available evidence suggests that Zia does not take this threat very seriously, and on the contrary that he has his own reasons for wanting aid.

First, Zia needs US aid in order to maintain himself in power. His regime is both politically and financially shaky. He promised elections within 90 days of the coup which ousted Bhutto, but failed to keep that promise. He has twice scheduled elections and then cancelled them, presumably for fear that Bhutto's followers would win and seek to avenge their leader. Most of the forthcoming US aid will be mili-

tary weapons, some of which could no doubt be used for purposes of political repression.

Secondly, the generals who have governed Pakistan for most of its brief history have consistently resorted to military force to control the several ethnic groups which make up Pakistan, fearing that allowing internal dissent would provide opportunities for intervention by India. The most flagrant use of force for this purpose was in 1971, when a Bengali from what was then East Pakistan, Sheikh Mujibber Rahman, won the right to become Prime Minister of all Pakistan. The army attempted to reverse the election results by arresting "Mujib" and unleashing a reign of terror against his supporters. In the civil war which followed, over a million Bengalis were killed before the Indian Army intervened in support of the new government of Bangladesh.

A more recent use of the army occurred in 1973, when Bhutto dismissed the elected provincial government in Baluchistan, Pakistan's westernmost province. Thousands of people were killed during the next four years. In both cases, the guns and ammunition used by the Pakistan Army were supplied by the US under policies shaped by Henry Kissinger and his predecessors. (Note: I had the opportunity to visit Bangladesh in 1972 and witness first-hand the results of Kissinger's "tilt" toward Pakistan's ruling generals.) (See "Bankrolling Zia," *The Nation*, 1/26/80, pp.68-69.)

Finally, Pakistan has fought three wars with India since the two nations were created out of Britain's former empire in 1947--over the divided state of Kashmir in 1948 and 1965, and over Bangladesh in 1971--and the Pakistani political elite continues to regard India as its major enemy. Hence, it should not come as a "surprise" that "the Pakistanis have shifted surprisingly few of their troops to the Afghan border on the north in the month since the Russians occupied neighboring Afghanistan.

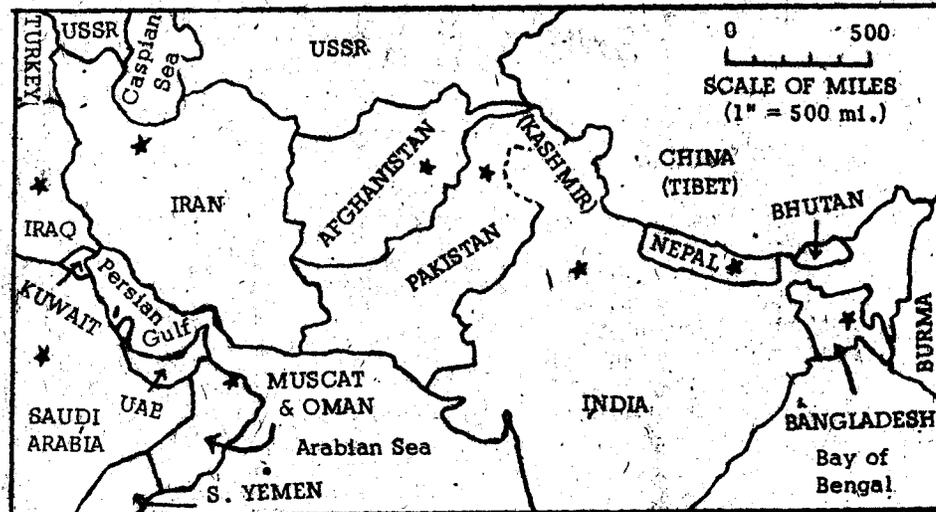
Most of Pakistan's military forces are still concentrated along the Southern border" with India. ("Pakistan Troops Stay Put," *Newsweek*, 2/4/80, p. 21.)

Fear of India

Pakistan's fear of India, expressed in its most extreme terms as a belief that India wants to dismember Pakistan, has roots that go deep into history. Pakistan is, in a sense, not a "whole" nation but a fragment of that larger "nation" which is composed of all the Muslims of the Indian subcontinent. In this sense the nation was dismembered the moment boundary lines were drawn by the British between India and Pakistan. In 1947, with the granting of independence, millions of people fled in both directions across the new borders; millions more were killed trying to flee, and still more millions were left stranded as religious minorities.

Why partition? And why all the bloodshed? When Muslims first came to the Indian subcontinent, they came as invaders and conquerors of the indigenous Hindu population or as traders. Either way, they were a part of the political and economic elite. The height of their glory was the Moghul Empire of the 16th and 17th centuries, which ruled most of what is now northern India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. The Taj Mahal was built as a tomb for the fifth Moghul Emperor, Shah Jehan.

But Shah Jehan's son, Aurangzeb, was a religious fanatic who alienated his Hindu subjects and wasted the resources of the empire in fighting rebellious Hindu princes on the borders of the empire. By the time of Aurangzeb's death, the subcontinent was divided among a large number of princely states. Some were ruled by Muslims who were still technically provincial governors of the Moghul Empire, others by Hindus. When the British arrived in the 18th century and extended their control over the subcontinent, they played off Hindus against Muslims to enhance their own power, heightening communal tensions in the process. Hindus (70% of the total population) moved more quickly into the British educational system and learned more of the skills necessary to running a nation. Muslims in most areas became a backward-looking and vulnerable minority. As the Indian



Nationalist Movement gained momentum under Mahatma Gandhi's leadership, it became clear that Hindus would become the dominant force in a reunified, independent India.

In 1937, Mohammed Ali Jinnah, leader of the Muslim League, demanded a separate nation, Pakistan, to be created from the Muslim-majority areas of British India. The British prevailed upon Gandhi to accept this solution as the price of independence. But the tensions that had built up under the British exploded when they withdrew. The effect on the survivors can best be compared to the effect of Hitler's holocaust on the surviving Jews.

A substantial proportion of the leaders of the new nation of Pakistan were refugees from what became northern India. Since these leaders had the most vivid memories of the rioting that accompanied partition, they played a key role in shaping Pakistan's foreign policy since 1947, which has been based squarely on fear of India. Thus, Pakistan's membership in both the Central Treaty Organization (CENTO) and the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO), which were formed by then US Secretary of State John Foster Dulles to "contain" Communism, was really for the purpose of getting military arms and training to fight India. This was possible because India's Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, a socialist who found much that was attractive in the Soviet model of industrialization through central planning, refused to participate in Dulles's anti-Communist crusade.

The China Connection

In 1962, war broke out along the long Himalayan border between India and

China. President Kennedy, acting out of opposition to Communism, rushed military aid to India. But Bhutto, then Pakistan's foreign minister, had a different idea: the enemy of my enemy is my friend. So he began to develop better relations with China. US leaders initially criticized Bhutto as "leftist" for this reason. But in 1971, when Henry Kissinger wanted to reopen US-China relations, he used the Pakistani President, General Yahya Khan, as an intermediary and took off from Pakistan's Rawalpindi Airport on his secret trip to China.

The "Carter Doctrine" resurrects a number of Kissinger's former policies and alliances. Whether the resulting actions will have any effect on the outcome of the situation in Afghanistan is difficult to predict. Renewed CIA involvement may only stiffen Soviet resolve to remain in Afghanistan regardless of the consequences. If getting Soviet troops out is the real objective, a solution guaranteeing Afghanistan's neutrality with pledges of nonintervention by both superpowers might be a better approach. Such a solution was applied successfully in Austria in 1955 to bring about an end to the post-World War II Allied occupation there.

But regardless of the impact on Afghanistan of renewed aid to Zia, other consequences, apparently unforeseen in Washington, seem clear. The by-products of the Carter Doctrine will be increased tension on the Indo-Pakistani border, increased repression within Pakistan, and another outburst of anti-Americanism similar to Iran's when Zia finally does fall from power.

Central America - Crescendo of Violence

by Ed Griffin

The military-civilian junta governing El Salvador is once again in crisis and it now appears that the country's slide into civil war cannot be halted. The government, which overthrew the dictatorship of General Carlos Humberto Romero in October of last year, has been trying to strike a centrist political balance in a situation where reconciliation between poor and rich, between left and right, is almost impossible. Instead the five person junta has become just one more on the list of authoritarian governments which El Salvador has suffered under since 1932.

Tear gas and gunpowder are becoming common scents in the capital city of San Salvador. Various groups of the left have seized embassies, government offices, churches, and schools to bring attention to their demands for release of political prisoners, education and work for all, and participation in the government by the people's political organizations. The government response has been to stiffen the repression. Right wing snipers and government troops killed over 30 people in a melee which broke out as 150,000 supporters of the popular organizations marched through the capital on January 25. Nearly 200 people have been killed in the past two weeks, victims of bombings, right wing terrorist attacks, or in direct confrontations with security forces.

The right wing, which still controls important cabinet posts, the bulk of the army, and a 100,000 person paramilitary spying organization known as ORDEN (order), has vowed to exterminate the popular organizations and rejects any dialog between the government and the left.

Background to the Violence

As in most of Central America, the violence in El Salvador is rooted in the tremendous economic inequity



which exists there. The economy is based on coffee production for export. Like many Caribbean and Central American countries, El Salvador is dependent on world market conditions for its one crop, since coffee exports account for 60% of foreign exchange. The miserable poverty of El Salvador's 3 million rural people stems from a lopsided distribution of land—more than 60% of arable land is owned by roughly 2% of the population. The rest of the campesinos either scratch out an existence on small plots of land or work as hired seasonal labor for \$1.25 a day. It is no wonder that El Salvador has the lowest per capita calorie intake of any nation in Latin America, and that 73% of its children under 5 are malnourished. Income per capita is about \$400 per year, and the majority of the people earn only \$100 annually.

The Salvadorean peasants have never had any political voice. In 1932, government troops squashed a rebellion by killing nearly 30,000 peasants in two days. Since then all labor unions and the political parties which had begun organizing the poor have been illegal. Armed pressure as well as the secret police and ORDEN have been used to keep the rural population down until now, when it seems that years of clandestine organizing are beginning to bear fruit. If the right wing forces, representatives of the landed oligarchy, manage to gain control of the government and countryside, a new wave of repressive violence is a certainty. Only brutality will enable them to maintain the existing social order.

The oppressed masses have a strong ally in the Catholic Church,

which has become increasingly radicalized through its involvement with and insertion in the suffering and struggle of the people. The Church cannot be indifferent to the murder of priests and the machine-gunning of demonstrators by police on the steps of the cathedral, both of which have occurred in the past two years. Bishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador has not only denounced the brutality of two regimes, but has also called U.S. aid to the Salvadorean government "immoral".

His criticism of the U.S. refers to reports that the U.S. is planning a \$50 million aid package in order to help the junta with their project of "social reform". The junta has received Washington's blessings right from the start, in accordance with the policy of trying to improve the image of Latin American totalitarian regimes while ignoring deeper questions of social and economic justice.

However, the Carter administration can read the handwriting on the wall, and knows that the time for centrist compromise is past. The civilian, Christian Democratic members of the junta have no popular support and the two military officers are not even able to control their own troops. Responding to their fears of "another Nicaragua", the administration has already sent 35 military training experts to El Salvador and a \$5 million military aid deal is in preparation. This aid to such a repressive regime, denounced by the international community and rejected by El Salvador's masses, cannot be disguised as essential to the protection of human rights, although the State Department has attempted to make it appear as such. The *New York Times* reported on February 22 that the "hope" of the administration was that "American military forces can teach the local armed forces to restore order without resorting to indiscriminate repression".

The type of "order" which the U.S. government would choose to "restore" is that old order based on the poverty and exploitation of the Salvadorean people. It remains to be seen how far the U.S. will go to maintain that order.

Mohawks Demonstrate at Olympics by Ed Dubinsky

On February 18, the Mohawk Nation came to the Winter Olympics. Of course, it was ridiculous to think that the games could be held without a Mohawk presence. After all, Lake Placid is on Indian land. The Mohawk people were placed on this land, according to Iroquois belief, by their creator and given the responsibility to nurture and care for it throughout all time. Therefore, it is natural that if a sporting event is held, attracting participants, media and spectators from around the world, then the Mohawk people should be there.

The Olympic Organizing Committee did make some half-hearted efforts to have Mohawk participation. The torch carriers were met when they approached Mohawk land and a Mohawk warrior helped carry the torch a short distance. Akwesasne people were invited to sell crafts at the games but their booth was stuck in a corner accessible only to athletes and seen by none of the myriad of visitors from far-off lands. Worst of all, the nation was invited to entertain the athletes with a cultural performance but at the last minute the presentation was cancelled.

Obviously this was no way to show the world what the Mohawk Nation is like and in particular to publicize the confrontation between the Nation and N.Y. State now taking place at Racquette Point on the St. Lawrence River (see recent issues of the PNL). The people wanted to do more so it was decided to have a demonstration and press conference on Feb. 18 at Saranac Lake, right at the doorstep of the Olympics.

That day, as the people - Indians from many Nations and non-Indian supporters - began to arrive at Racq-

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Photo by Diana Douglas

uette Point, the sun shone through the eyes of Sako (Tommy Porter) as he told everyone how good was the early morning tobacco-burning ceremony, and how wonderful the day was going to be. After a brief meeting, everyone piled into cars to drive the 70 miles to Saranac Lake.

At 1:10 pm the march began. It was an impressive sight. First came the Chiefs with Mario Capanno of the European Parliament as honored guest. The Mohawk people have deep feelings and respects for their "grandfathers" or elders who give the Nation stability and carry the traditions of their historic past. This was personified by 93-year old Chief Ira Tompkins who marched at the head of the line. After the Chiefs came the warriors and then the women followed by the supporters. Many were dressed in traditional garments and there were lots of signs and banners. A beating drum and warrior's chants kept the tempo. The march started with about 125 and ended at the Ice Palace with over 150 people.

In front of this structure, decked with a banner depicting the Iroquois Confederacy Five Nation Wampum and signs like "The Earth is Our

Mother" and "Free the Prisoners of Akwesasne," the speeches took place.

Onondaga Chief Oren Lyons spoke about violations of human rights; Mario Capanno called for President Carter to meet with Mohawk Chiefs; John Mohawk, just back from Teheran explained how the U.S. is guilty of interference in the affairs of other nations - both in Iran and Akwesasne; Greg Chester (support group) called for the U.S. to honor its treaties; and Francis Boots proclaimed that "Indian people are here to stay." John Mohawk also announced that the Mohawk Nation would soon lodge a protest with the United Nations.

What was the impact of the demonstration? Perhaps by some standards it was small and little noticed by sports enthusiasts at the Olympics. But some international press was there and the Olympic Organizing Committee video-taped and recorded everything to distribute to other press people who are interested. And there is interest. Already the TASS News Agency (USSR) has contacted Akwesasne for more information. So the world will be taking notice of the Mohawk Nation.



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PEACES

H-A: "DON'T CONFUSE US WITH FACTS"

On February 10, the Herald-American, in the person of editor Phil Hofmann, continued its red-baiting attack on SPC [see 'Peaces' 2/80 PNL]. Even after John Maddaus (author of the excellent 2/80 PNL Afghanistan article) talked with Hofmann and met with reporter Jane Baker the H-A ran its story headlined "Peace Council Keeps Mum--No Statement On Afghan Invasion."

Clearly Hofmann continues to be much more interested in SPC's "position" (by his standards) than he is in a full airing of the all-important history behind the present situation.

At its recent meeting SPC's Steering Committee formally adopted John's article as an SPC "position paper." On February 25 Dik Cool asked Hofmann if he would now print the article in its entirety (which is crucial to understanding it). Hofmann refused. He indicated he would print a highly condensed version only. When Dik asked Hofmann if he thought such background information

had been in the H-A and available to the Syracuse area public he responded that it was "ancient history" and that the "meat of the issue" was only "the last two months."

We're sure that Phil Hofmann would be one of the first people to condemn the USSR for the lack of a "free and objective" press, yet his political biases are just as surely contributing to a similarly repressive climate in Syracuse.

THE SHAH'S "ALLEGED" CRIMES

Every time our mass media mentions Iranians' hatred for the Shah either the word "alleged" is used with the word "crimes" or "crimes" is in quotes. The net affect of all this subtle journalistic propaganda is to make it seem that the Shah's crimes are the imaginative ravings of a fanatic fringe in Iran. Surely--so goes the persuasion--such a suave ally of the US as the Shah is not a criminal.

Well, if more evidence is needed about the Shah's benign regime look no further than the 2/23/80 issue of The Nation which has an article on recently uncovered Savak (Iran's gestapo under the Shah) documents which detail torture and murder of political prisoners. It is a horrifying picture.

SHUTTING THE DOOR ON DRAFT

"One-two-three-four, we refuse to fight your war (many variations on this one). Five-six-seven-eight, stop the draft--it's not too late." Once again the antidraft chants echoed through the blustery streets of downtown Syracuse. Once again it was necessary to make visible our opposition to conscription. About 200 spirited people made it happen in Syracuse on Feb. 5. We marched to and from the Federal Bldg., with a chilled rally in between marches. Speakers provided a draft history, reasons for our opposition, and made clear that many feminists oppose registration for everyone. Media coverage was very good except for the downtown dailies. Similar demos have taken place in hundreds of U.S. cities in the past month.

Comparing this demo to ones in the mid 60's Viet Nam era (the early draft opposition period) produced some subtle but optimistic feelings. People were much more readily making the all-important connections between the draft, imperialism and liberation struggles at home and abroad. Our movement's steady work (obscured by the mass market news purveyors) has had a strong and deeply-rooted affect.

The Syracuse action was organized by the newly formed Syracuse Coalition for Peace consisting of reps from S.U. and LeMoyné as well as several community groups. The Coalition, with strong leadership from AFSC, is hosting an upstate organizing conference on Sunday March 2 from 1:30-7pm at Park Central Church, 504 E. Fayette St. (475-9469 AFSC for more info). AFSC is also preparing a broadranging, antidraft packet.

At the national level a demonstration has been called for Sat. March 22. Among others the call is supported by the 3,000,000 strong US Student Association and a broad range of community and social justice groups. Call AFSC for transportation. The rally will begin around noon at the ellipse.

Another way you can help is by writing a letter. Debate on funding for registration will take place in Congress about mid-March so you need to act quickly. Send letters first to the appropriate committee heads: Sen. William Proxmire and Rep. Edward P. Boland. Next send to local reps, and newspapers.



February 5 antidraft rally in downtown Syracuse. Photo by George Johnson.

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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.

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- "GANIENKEH IN ITS SIXTH YEAR"- a four page in-depth look at the traditional Native American permanent settlement near the St. Lawrence River, by Kakwirakeran and Ed Dubinsky. Includes original artwork.
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SPECIAL POETRY ISSUE !!!! Send it to SPC by May 10th!

We Want Your Poetry

In This Issue:

We announced last October we'd bring you a section on Oswego energy politics and that was no hokum. It's in this issue!! We can well understand though how you might have thought we were teasing you, seeing as how we were putting it off month to month with more regularity than we do anything else in this office...

Articles in commemoration of the 5th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War (pp. 12-19) attempt to give coherence to current post-war issues both at home and in Southeast Asia.

We address prominent Third World issues (Zimbabwe victory, Nicaragua rebuilds, Akwesasne); El Salvadore events broke just as we were going to press (see 'PEACES').

Martha Daniels' fine article on the arms race gives necessary background to the Iran and Afghan crises and the collapse of detente.

The Front Room Bookstore ad (p.11) and Lois Levitan's article are good background and resources for Big Business Day (see 'PEACES').

Hope you don't get too far into "Are We Fit for Technology" before you realize it's a satire!

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"If you are not careful, the newspapers will have you hating the people who are being oppressed, and loving the people who are doing the oppressing."

-Malcolm X

Ups and Downs in the SPC House

Nowadays we take life one step at a time. As a staff collective we miss Chris Murray in many ways. We feel ourselves in transition--much like the weather of cold, rain, a little warmth. Then zap! it's cold again. Our financial and psychic energy crunch has caused us to retrench a bit, focus-in on how to set up new money and office systems. We have felt particularly good about Peace Newsletter work during this time (see "editorial committee" below.) We've put much thought into articles which would help us all comprehend the cycle of crises in Iran, Afghanistan and the Persian Gulf.

Our Birthday Dinner guest, Don Luce, also lent clarity to the events of Iran and Kampuchea (see p.17.) Not only was the program enlightening, John Maddaus gave a serious and honest appeal for steady income into SPC which brought in new pledges totalling almost \$115.00 per month. Thank you!!!

Another bright spot of our introspective season is the work of Mark Domick who presently occupies the bedroom of the SPC house. In exchange for rent he is patching walls, spackling and painting. The transformation is nothing short of miraculous.

Our energy may be low; our finances very lean; but like the sprouts pushing through the cold, dark earth, we know we're going to see sunshine one day soon. See you all in Washington DC on April 26th!



Correction:

You can believe my face turned a deep red as I looked over my March PNL and found a grievous error. All I can say is that I wrote "In This Issue" last month at 4 am. In it I gave credit to the Lawrence, Mass. textile workers' strike of 1912 for the origin of International Women's Day. This time I quote People's Energy 1980: "International Women's Day honors the women of New York City who marched in 1908 to demand an end to child labor and sweatshop conditions."

My only excuse: Bread and Roses is one of my all-time favorite songs. But I don't mean to rewrite her story.

-Glenda Neff

New editorial committee

The Peace Newsletter has a new lease on life thanks to the fruition of a brilliant idea by ex-staffer Lisa Johns. For as long as we can remember, until Jan. 1980, the editorial committee for the PNL was synonymous with the four person staff of SPC.

Beginning with the Feb. PNL, staffers Dik Cool, Glenda Neff and William Sunderlin (Chris Murray had just left staff) were joined in editorial meetings by non-staffers Lisa, Ed Griffin (our Latin America organizer) & full-time volunteer Jeff Schwartz.

This move has distributed the workload of staff and has given the PNL a creative shot in the arm. We hope the boost in quality and diversity is as evident to you as it is to us.

A look at an average month's finances at SPC

INCOME

Regular:

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|----------------------|---------------|
| Pledges | 360.00 |
| Contributions | 741.00 |
| Peace Newsletter ads | <u>240.00</u> |
| | 1,341.00 |

Periodic fundraisers divided by twelve to see monthly income:

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|-------------------------|--------------|
| Plowshare (\$1,700) | 142.00 |
| Folk concerts (\$1,000) | 83.00 |
| Garage sale (\$600) | 50.00 |
| 2 SPC dinners (\$400) | 33.00 |
| Misc. events (\$300) | 25.00 |
| SPC Calendar (\$1,500) | 125.00 |
| Misc. sales (\$300) | <u>25.00</u> |
| | 483.00 |

Grand total \$1,824.00

EXPENSE

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|----------------------------|---------------|
| Salaries (\$240 X 4 staff) | 960.00 |
| Peace Newsletter printing | 360.00 |
| " " postage | 270.00 |
| " " supplies | 75.00 |
| Energy program | 80.00 |
| Misc. program | 10.00 |
| Utilities | 80.00 |
| Phone | 80.00 |
| Postage | 60.00 |
| Xerox/printing | 70.00 |
| Envelopes | 27.00 |
| Property tax | 37.00 |
| Insurance | 25.00 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>120.00</u> |

Grand total \$2,254.00

As you can readily see, our finances are not exactly in balance. We need about \$430 more each month than we presently receive to meet our barebones-expenses.

We desperately need your support to keep our heads above water financially. If you haven't paid for your PNL sub, please send us \$6 (or whatever you can afford) as soon as possible. Contributions above the cost of the sub are GREATLY appreciated!



More on oil shortages

Syracuse, N.Y.

I have both praise and a word of caution regarding the two articles by Lisa Johns about the oil and gas price hikes (PNL 9/79 and 11/79). First, the praise:

Lisa's thesis that the oil companies (with government and media cooperation) are ripping us off is widely held but what she provides for us is ample evidence to support this--statistics and facts, extracted in part from government and industry publications. It's one thing to have a vague feeling that you are being "taken." It's another, and more powerful feeling to understand how it's done. (Don't laugh.) Clear knowledge can lead, hopefully, to well thought out remedies. One of the very important points she makes is that OPEC was following the lead of the oil companies in raising the price of oil. Given the US government's preoccupation with protecting Middle East oil for our use, it's important to counteract the jingoist thinking that portrays the mighty US as being abused by the upstart OPEC nations. Let's not let the oil companies escape our justifiable anger by hiding behind the robes (or business suits) of OPEC.

Now the caution. In her first article, apparently in attempting to drive home the point that the oil companies are cheating us, Lisa gives the impression that there really is no shortage of fossil fuels and that it is unfair to characterize the American people as wasteful of energy. Her estimate of how much oil might still be retrievable from the earth did not touch on the question of what environmental price people and wildlife would pay to pump up and transport this oil. (She does mention this in her second article.) I think the energy crisis is real--and that the oil companies are exploiting it for their own exorbitant gain. Both parts of that statement are important to remember.

Regarding the wasteful habits of

the American people, I think there has been an encouraging increase in energy conservation, but I still see daily examples in the home, on the street, and at work of energy waste. We have a lot further to go, and I don't want people to be inadvertently encouraged to return to wastrel ways by reading that there is a "phony shortage."

I also hear people say, "Why should I be uncomfortable by keeping my heat down when my rates will go up anyway?" Of course, we should fight rip-offs by utilities as well as oil companies but we shouldn't put simply a monetary value on our precious and rapidly dwindling natural resources and conclude we have a right to be wasteful as long as we're willing to pay the monetary price. That "individual property right" attitude denies that the earth's resources, in the deepest sense, belong to all of us and shouldn't be wasted by any of us--whether corporation or individual.

And by "waste," I'm including the production and consumption of many unnecessary items which take a lot of energy and materials to produce and later become a disposal problem.

"Honor your mother earth" (a Native American dictum) by living simply (which can also be elegantly) and by working to change the structures (such as the oil companies) which exploit ourselves and ravage our earth.

Linda DeStefano

Farewell, Chris

Syracuse, N.Y.

It's important to me that we mark change by creating rituals, acknowledging the change, taking note, reminiscing on what it was like, saying good-bye as well as embracing the new and supporting the moving on. So it's with joy and reflection that I want more formally to note the moving on of Chris from the SPC staff and to acknowledge the part of me that will miss her presence there.

I will miss seeing her at the Peace Council office, always welcoming, glad to see me. I love the way Chris sees people--the respect for personhood she shows. She is supportive and patient, a wonderful affirming friend and teacher who has helped me so many times over the years with feedback, layout skills, clear thinking and analysis. I've often descended

upon the SPC office in a panic over some particular project, and Chris has always taken the time to help. She picks up on feelings and listens; she touches and dreams, confronts the system and herself, gives and supports... and laughs!!

Finally, her deep commitment to and thinking about feminism, and all exploitation and social change both strengthened the ties between the Women's Center and Peace Council, and gave each added dimensions and viewpoints. This has been constant and of incredible importance to me and to the movement.

Thanks Chris for all you've done. I know that this moving on is good, appropriate and exciting. You are precious!! With unity and love,

Karen Mihalyi
Women's Information
Center

Syracuse, N.Y.

Several months after Chris Murray and I started to work at SPC (when we had begun to feel comfortable with the excitements and frustrations of a working collective, the wonder and pressure of equality, and the total freedom of the SPC dress code), we happened upon a small neat box containing a pair of white kid gloves, while sorting "stuff" for a garage sale. We immediately went berserk, confounding all the other workers in the Peace Council back yard. It was hard to explain that those gloves symbolized another life and the many changes we had gone through. Much less obscure as a symbol is Chris herself. For me, she is a gentle, lively, consistent model of an appropriate way to live. Thank you, Chris, for your years of hard work, and best wishes for your next future.

Marilyn Miller-Genever

Syracuse, N.Y.

It's strange that I should think of Chris Murray in terms of "Rock of Gibraltar" and "Tower of Strength." She doesn't look like either. But it is in terms of her dependability, her sense of responsibility, her steadfastness of purpose that perhaps I present her with these cliches. She is Chris--a generous, loving person who has given me much joy in knowing her. Thank you, Chris, for sharing your devotion and intellectual honesty with all of us. We will keep on needing you and using you as long as you will let us. Lovingly,

Lillian E. Reiner

Gettin' Freed Up

by Jerry Berrigan

NOTE: I chose this title as nuance: to suggest not only emergence from a jail cell, but also to point up the liberation of my spirit and my conscience resulting from my act of civil disobedience.

Last December 28 I joined 100 concerned people at the Pentagon. Why on that date? It marks the feast of the Holy Innocents. Herod, as the Bible story goes, sought to solve the 'problem' of Jesus. Unable to locate this diminutive but threatening upstart, the King turned his swordsmen on all the area's male infants, saying simply "kill them". They were killed. (You might call it one of history's early 'definitive solutions', lately expanded and updated by the Pentagon to 'first strike capability'). The date also marked the ending of the vaunted "Year of the Children" which, reflection now revealed, had been merely another P.R. event. Because so far as anyone could tell, nothing had been done

Jerry Berrigan is a local boy trying to do good by peaceful means.

for the children except that the Pentagon moved them, together with the rest of humankind, one calendar year closer to nuclear annihilation.

So at the Pentagon we all gathered and made it a spirited scene. At 7:45 AM, fifteen of us did a lockout at the River Entrance, chaining the doors closed and handcuffing ourselves there. To the arriving workers (25,000 show up daily) we said, "Please go home. Don't work today. Stay away from this temple of death." The cops arrested none of us. By early afternoon we were all back, this time with a dozen or so of our children, to go inside to the Mall. This is a football field sized area ringed by shops. Here, many of the workers cross and recross on their business and pleasure. Engaging their attention we did theater and mime, dancing, singing, leafletting and dialoging. A few of us did civil disobedience. I chose to pour human

blood (pro-life or anti-death, whichever you like, it's a universal symbol) at the entrance to a concourse. I intended that people make contact, walk through the splashes.

I was arrested. After the ritual of fingerprinting, mugshooting, quizzing, the police drove me to Alexandria for a hearing. There, Judge Quin S. Elson assigned me a trial date of January 10, 1980, and I was released.

It's funny, but sometimes, duress can sharpen your wits. Returned to Syracuse, I asked myself, "Why lend credibility to a court system which protects the real law-breakers? What I've done is break a vicious, immoral human law. As a 'criminal', I'm in a valid Gospel tradition. I think I'd better continue that. I guess I won't show up."

So I wrote Judge Elson a letter in which I declined to appear for trial. Instead I invited him to join us, wearing his garb or not, our next time at the Pentagon.

For weeks there was no reply. Then on Tuesday, February 26, two U.S. marshalls appeared at Onondaga Community College where I teach, and arrested me. Hauled before Federal Magistrate Conan, I refused bail and an attorney, and was remanded to Wampsville jail.

Phoned by my wife Carol, my brother Phil observed, "Jerry should know that the word is out in Washington. Judge Elson might give him six months."

When Carol conveyed this message to me in Wampsville, I was intimidated.

So I agreed to accept bail and legal services.

Released from jail, I returned home. Since then my case has been transferred from Alexandria to Syracuse. Mr. Conan has summoned me to a hearing and has granted me a sentencing date, April 16 at 1:00, in the Syracuse Federal Court House. I welcome all who will appear in friendship and support.

This three month panoply of happenings has been liberating for me, and I'd not change or erase a minute of it. Many in this community have been supportive and some have offered to return with me to the Pentagon in July. I rejoice.



SPC GARAGE SALE! Sat. May 10, 1980
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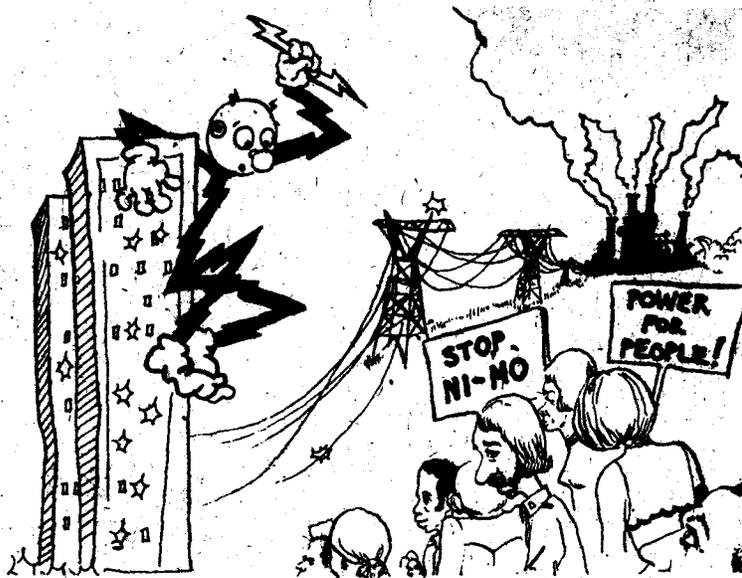
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Evacuation Fantasies

The utilities that operate nuclear power plants at Nine Mile Point (Niagara Mohawk & PASNY) have estimated that it will take up to five hours and 25 minutes to notify and evacuate the population within a ten-mile radius of the plants if there is an accident.

The estimate of five hours and 25 minutes was for "adverse weather" and assumed a population of about 43,000. Among the other assumptions the report made were:

The "adverse weather" consists of a "winter condition"-- but no snow on roads. It would take 20 minutes, they claim, for a family to get ready to leave.

In evaluating these findings, we urge you to understand two things:

- 1) Utilities in a nuclear crisis situation have a high stake in alerting the public at the last possible moment. They will go to great extremes to protect the image of nuclear safety. (Witness the events at Three Mile Island.)
- 2) Once a release of radiation occurs, it travels as fast as the wind.

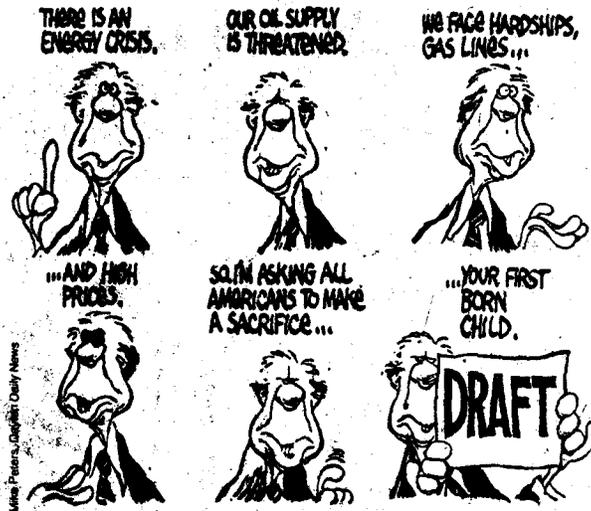
Cortland Energy Week

Students for Safe Energy, based at the State University College at Cortland, NY, is presenting "Energy Awareness Week" on April 14-19.

Events will include a debate on nuclear power at 7pm on Monday the 14th; on Tues. there will be films all day on such topics as solar power, strip mining, and other energy related issues; Wed. will feature demonstrations of solar hardware; conservation will be the theme of talks and slide shows on Thursday.

Helen Caldicott, the internationally respected antinuclear scientist, will be speaking at a culminating rally from 1-2:30 pm on Sat. the 19th.

The rally will include other movement speakers and musicians and will last till 6 pm.



April 26 D.C. Demo

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Seabrook: "It Won't Be Built"

Plans are coming together for another mass nonviolent civil disobedience action at the Seabrook, NH nuclear construction site on May 24.

Drawing on experience from the Oct., 1979 attempt to take over the site, the Coalition for Direct Action at Seabrook has worked hard to refine strategies and tactics for nonviolent occupation. The theme of the May event is "It won't be built!"

People in Central NY interested in taking part in the action, contact SPC. We're not sure yet if we will be coordinating a local contingent, but we can at least put interested people in touch with each other.

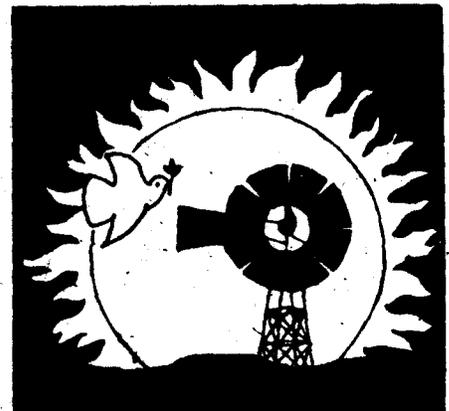
People in the southern tier of NY contact Jeff Halpern at Rising Free, 28 Lydia St., Binghamton, NY 13905. (607) 723-2715.

For occupation handbooks and promotional materials, contact CDAS, c/o Boston Clamshell, 595 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02139. (617) 661-6204.

Utility Newspeak

The National Council of Teachers of English has presented its annual Doublespeak Award to the Metropolitan Edison Co., operator of the Three Mile Island nuclear plant, for coining such terms as "energetic disassembly" (explosion), "rapid oxidation" (fire), and "normal aberration" (reactor accident).

- The Progressive



Oswego: City in a Corporate - Energy Grip

by Ruth Caplan

Oswego, a small city with a history of economic ups and downs, first looked to the use of its natural resources for electric power development long before Niagara Mohawk came into existence. The story begins back in 1924 with the Oswego River.

Oswego hydro - the grab

The river, which drains the Finger Lakes, had long been a valuable resource. Small industries located along the river to use available water power. The state built a series of dams and locks on the river for navigation. Then in 1924 the state released its rights to the eastern flow of the river over the "High Dam" to the City of Oswego. The next year a state engineer urged that the city lease the surplus water so it could be put to use. Townspeople agreed that the city's flow should be used to generate electricity, but there was strong controversy over who should develop and use the electricity.

Citizens formed the "Municipal Power Development Association" which urged the city to build a generating station to serve the city. The association strongly opposed private monopoly control. One prominent member, former mayor Fitzgibbons (uncle of Oswego's recent mayor), stated: "This is not time to compromise with the grabbers and crooks who are out to take away from us water power for which we have been struggling for 15 years." (*Palladium Times*, May 9, 1925) Indeed, none other than Henry Ford had conferred with Mayor Neal a year earlier about purchasing all rights to the city water flow.

People's Gas and Electric was a small utility serving the city from a hydrostation further downstream. According to an engineering report, it was not equipped to transmit the extra power expected to be generated from the High Dam station. The city's consumption was expected to be just 40% of the output.

But the potential of the river had not escaped notice by Floyd Carlisle, chairman of the board of Consolidated Edison and outspoken opponent of municipal power. In 1925 he formed the Oswego River Power Corporation to function as a power broker rather than a utility. Carlisle then proposed to build the generating station and lease it from the city. The question of municipal power versus leasing was hotly debated during the fall of 1926, with Carlisle emerging as the prime alternative to municipal power. The local paper, through ads and editorials, promoted Carlisle and the lease.

Meanwhile, records show that in December 1926, the Oswego River Power Corporation took over People's Gas and Electric. Carlisle also formed a second corporation, Oswego Industries, and began a series of mergers. These occurred under the umbrella of a holding company, Northeastern Power, presumably also controlled by Carlisle. This corporate entrepreneur was preparing to colonize Oswego from Wall Street.

On February 10, 1927, the city voted in favor of leasing the station, and just one month later the city signed a contract with the Oswego River Power Corporation. Carlisle's company was to bear all costs of construction in return for a 25-year lease for \$50,000 a year and the right to sublease to any other corporation. Although Carlisle had promised at a public meeting that, in selling electricity to Oswego, the customer service charge would be removed and there would be no rate increases for the 25 years of the lease, these terms were not written into the contract. The contract only guarantees that no electricity will be sold outside the city until the needs of Oswego customers and industries are met. And so today Niagara Mohawk, the current lessee, sells power to the city at rates which do not reflect the low cost of the hydro power generated at the city's own facility.

Fifty years after the first contract was signed there was a second campaign for municipal operation of the High Dam generating station. Citizens for City Hydro formed in 1977 in anticipation of the lease with Niagara Mohawk expiring the next year. Research showed that Oswego citizens

were getting little benefit from leasing their generating station. Petitions were circulated asking for a feasibility study on municipal operation. Few residents who worked for NiMo were willing to sign, and many whose relatives worked for the company would not sign. For some there was a sense of company loyalty, but for many there was fear of reprisal. The campaign raised the same issues as were raised back in the 1920's, and with the same success. The campaign got the city council to fund a feasibility study, only to discover that the consultants were working for the utility. The original engineering study had been done by a Carlisle crony. History was repeating itself. The city signed a new lease.

Coal and high hopes

A decade after Oswego signed away its hydropower, the push began to generate electricity with nonrenewable resources. In 1937, Niagara-Hudson Power Corp. proposed a 400 MW coal-fired station for the city's lakefront, to be nestled between the college and a residential area. Several years earlier, N-H had taken over the Oswego River Power Corp. Carlisle reappeared as chairman of the N-H Board.

The city was so eager to have the plant built in Oswego that, at the suggestion of local businessmen, the city council passed a resolution to renegotiate the High Dam lease, now in the hands of N-H, for another 25 years--15 years before the original lease was to expire. Less than 2 weeks later the utility announced its choice of Oswego and issued bonds.

The local paper reports that at an executive meeting of the city council "all present felt that when all facts were known, the people would gladly endorse the action providing it brought to Oswego a plant that would not only provide employment, . . . but would provide an attraction for location of industry for scores of years to come." (*Pall-Times*, 8/4/37) Indeed, the extension of the lease did not appear controversial. One group of citizens did ask the City Water Commission to negotiate for lower rates, but were told this was not the Commission's concern. When a pub-

lic referendum on the lease extension was held, the turnout was small and the vote strongly in favor. No one questioned whether the utility could sell the power cheaper to local industry.

Despite the addition of the steam station to the local economy, the 1950's was a period of economic depression for the area. The promise of new industry had not materialized. And once built, the steam station provided few jobs.

Enter nuclear

The picture began to brighten in the 1960's. First, in 1962, Alcan opened an aluminum rolling facility in the adjacent town of Scriba. Then Niagara Mohawk announced plans to build New York's second nuclear reactor just east of Alcan. Oswego Co. was being brought into the new industrial age--cheap electricity to supply industry and homes. Nuclear technology was still new and exciting--the glow of atoms for peace had not begun to fade.

When NiMo's plans for a second reactor in the Albany area ran into trouble, PASNY (Power Authority of the State of New York) obtained legal authority from the state legislature to build nuclear plants to promote industrial growth. PASNY then purchased the components which NiMo had ordered, purchased land adjacent to Nine Mile One and obtained a construction license from the AEC (Atomic Energy Commission) in 1970.

The fact that PASNY would pay no taxes was not raised as an issue at the time. More jobs and cheap energy for industry were reason enough to welcome the project. Chairman Fitzpatrick was welcomed to Oswego with a plaque from the Chamber of Commerce, while downstate he was being greeted with storms of protest over a second proposed pumped storage project.

Disillusionment and protest

Enter Ecology Action, formed in 1971, as Earth Day spawned a new environmental consciousness. Already there were rumblings about nuclear power. Just as the group was becoming aware of the dangers, they were faced with an urgency to act. PASNY had applied for an operating license for Fitzpatrick. NiMo



announced plans to build a second reactor at Nine Mile. Nuclear power was gaining a stranglehold on the area at a time when no media attention was given to nuclear dangers. Ecology Action felt compelled to intervene in AEC hearings.

Meanwhile, NiMo announced plans to expand the steam station from 400 MW to 2000 MW and to convert to oil; and Carey's brother, owner of New England Petroleum Co., announced plans to build an oil refinery just south of town. Citizens organized to oppose the refinery. NEPCO's plans faded as the oil crises bloomed, but the 2000 MW generating station is now complete.

The assault continued. RG&E chose Sterling, just west of the city for two coal plants in 1972, then switched to nuclear in 1975. They could not escape the new state siting law as NiMo had done. Nor could they escape the growing anti-nuclear sentiment which was expressed at rallies held by the Lakeshore Alliance. The plant was defeated this year.

But the first victory came a year earlier when NiMo's proposed nuclear waste incinerator was stopped. Ecology Action got wind of the plans to build the incinerator at Nine Mile One and began a petition drive in opposition. Even in Oswego where NiMo's tax payment makes the front page and construction workers are given \$20 meal tickets when they work overtime, people listened and then signed. After the nightmare of a chemical waste incinerator, they had had enough. Over 2000 names

were presented to the County Legislature and 1000 more were collected. The county decided to intervene if hearings were held.

Then, in January of last year, the NRC came to Oswego to discuss the incinerator with NiMo and to take public comment and questions. The public came out in large numbers, and the eloquence of speakers was heartening. The incinerator did not mean jobs and taxes. It just represented a threat to the community. Several months later NiMo admitted they had indefinitely postponed plans for the incinerator.

By now a poll by Assemblyman Zagame showed the majority opposed to more nuclear plants in the Oswego area. Yet when two more nukes were proposed for a site close to Nine Mile Point, the community was deeply divided. The promise of jobs and taxes could not be ignored.

But a local group, Safe Energy for New Haven, formed and spoke out against the plants. Ecology Action again intervened legally and convinced the Siting Board that one of the two utility partners was not serious about the project. Only gradually did the reality become believable. Only gradually did the burden of fighting such giants begin to lift.

Where to?

But the fight is not over. There are two operating nukes at Nine Mile and one under suspended construction. Is the community being told when malfunctions pose a potential threat? How much radiation are workers really getting? How long will it take to notify the community of a serious accident and to evacuate? Is it even possible? Do "normal" releases of radiation pose dangers to near-by families and farms? Should these plants operate? Should Nine Mile Two be built?

The greatest challenge is to realize our own vision of healthy communities with safe jobs and safe energy. Can we move beyond fighting the corporate giants to working creatively in our own communities? Will alternative energy mean the development of local industry to supply local needs? Can we find ways for people to share their skills with each other? Can the vision of what we are for be as compelling as the dragons we wish to slay?

Nukes in Oswego: "Accidents will Happen"

by Kath Buffington

"IF ANYTHING CAN GO WRONG--IT WILL" --Murphy's Law

Murphy's Law seems to have been written for the operations of nuclear plants in the US and, of particular interest to residents of CNY, the two operating plants in Oswego. The plants have had a continuous record of things going wrong since before they became operational. Accidents at nuclear plants are extremely dangerous because of the toxicity, long-life and invisibility of the materials involved. Incidents can be categorized by whether they are mechanical (effectiveness of systems, particularly emergency; vulnerability of equipment; basic reactor design; etc.) or human (implementation of regulations and plans by operators; errors in emergency response; training of staff; inspection, maintenance and repair; etc.). Most are a combination of both. Below is a listing of a few of the many incidents at the Nine Mile 1 plant (hereafter NMI, Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., operators) and Fitzpatrick plant (hereafter FP, Power Authority of the State of New York, operators). Taken as individual events, they may not seem highly significant. But they show a pattern of continuing accidents, errors, and sloppy performance that presents a grim picture.

The Record

12/71 A worker bumps sensor supports and causes turbine to trip off line, leading to a scram (insertion of control rods to slow and then stop the nuclear reaction). Operator error leads to water overflowing into the main steam lines. The equipment is supposedly earthquake proof. (NMI)
 2/72 Power supply malfunctions and causes failure of feedwater system and a scram because of low water level. Water then increases and spills into main steam lines. Cause: a blown fuse: "A six amp fuse was installed in place of a 10 amp fuse. The fuse stamping was very difficult to read and was the reason for the installation of the wrong size fuse." (Niagara Mohawk) (NMI)
 8/9/72 The main fuel grapple on a crane used to move spent fuel fails
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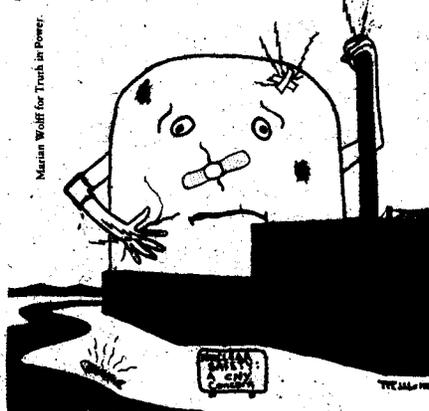
and drops a (luckily) empty rack into the spent fuel pool. (NMI)
 1/73 While under construction, a crack appears near the top of the concrete support for the reactor. It is repaired by spraying epoxy adhesive into crack. Cause: "shrinkage" of welds in containment shield wall. (FP)

6/12/73 Relief valve on one of two main steam lines opens during a test and won't close. Reactor coolant is lost. Potential for explosion exists. Manual override finally closes another valve after 43 min. (NMI)

11/20 and 11/26/73 Control rods don't insert fully into core during scrams. Manual insertion finally works. Cause: dirt particles (NMI)
 11/74 Worker accidentally turns off equipment that provides power to the emergency cooling system for 15 minutes. (NMI)

1/76 and 3/76 High radiation levels in turbine building cause shut down and worker evacuation (NMI)

7/15/77 NIMO receives permission to operate without one of two emergency cooling systems for 1 1/2 years (NMI)



12/78 one cooling water pump shuts off because screens on water intake are clogged with algae (FP)
 3/6/79 Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspector passes undetected through guard station, metal detectors and electronically locked doors to administration building where he calls plant operators (NMI)
 7/9/79 "bad latch" on a door trips an alarm which operates continuously. Takes 32 hours to repair. 1 week later--same thing, same door--only 16 hours to repair this time (FP)
 9/13/79 Equipment for monitoring radiation in case of leak is missing

from emergency kits and truck with power source for equipment not available. (FP)
 10/29/79 Seal on recirculation water pump leaks--after inspection and supposed repair from previous leaking (NMI)

Accidents ~~Can~~ Will Happen

The near melt-down at Three Mile Island has prompted people to wonder if the same thing can happen here--or worse. An inspection of NMI was made in June and July, 1979. The findings are unsettling to say the least: "Six valves that were checked off as "closed" on a company report last June were not even installed in the system at the time.

Two valves that were supposed to be closed were open.

A number of valves that appear on design drawings of the plant are not installed. A number of valves that are installed aren't on the drawings.

At least 16 valves that were supposed to be locked closed weren't locked, although they were closed at the time of the inspection.

The inspection report also said a number of valves in the system were not identified, making it impossible to check the actual plant construction against the drawings.

After the Three Mile Island accident, it was discovered that several valves at that plant that were required to be open had been left closed, preventing cooling of the reactor. During the accident, the operators weren't aware for some time that the valves were closed." (Oswego Valley News, 2/11/80, S. Reinert)

Complete documentation of these incidents and many more can be found in the NRC Document Room at SUC Oswego. Another source is the Nugget File published by the Union of Concerned Scientists. Under the Freedom of Information Act, the Union obtained access to a 12" thick collection of "nuggets"--the more unbelievable accidents--compiled over 10 years by a senior NRC official working with safety problems detected in operating plants.

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A Statement on Viet Nam

This statement was sent to Dick Cool in February by a group of people (David McReynolds, Don Luce, Daniel Berrigan, S. J., Noam Chomsky, Carol Bragg and Jerry Elmer,) asking for individuals to join in signing it. It was circulated among staff and steering committee, with positive response. So we let them know the Syracuse Peace Council would be a signatory.

We print it this month (only slightly edited for space consideration) on the anniversary of the end of the Viet Nam War, to remind ourselves in the "peace community" that US involvement in Indochina did not end five years ago. We agree with the statement's authors that "a change in US policy toward the region could be instrumental in averting further tragedy."

Please join us at a vigil on Wednesday, April 30th at noon at Columbus Circle to remember the end of the war and its lasting effects (see p. 16.)

We are Americans of varying views and backgrounds, united in our concern for the people of Indochina--people whose fate has been intimately linked with our own for more than a generation.

We believe that the continuing tragedy in Cambodia and the dramatic flight of Vietnamese refugees are both symptoms of deeply rooted problems in Southeast Asia, which, unless they are resolved, may lead to further tragedy. We are convinced that U.S. post-war policy toward Vietnam has contributed to the problems in the region and that a change in policy could be decisive both in relieving human suffering and in helping to avert further tragedy. We, therefore, call upon our government to seek a new relationship with the government and people of Vietnam.

Behind the headlines lie two key problems which must be addressed if further tragedy in Southeast Asia is to be avoided--Vietnam's economic difficulties and Sino-Vietnamese tensions.

The Vietnamese economy today is under extraordinary pressure for several reasons: 1) the cumulative effects of more than 30 years of war; 2) the lack of adequate reconstruction assistance following the U.S.-Vietnam war; 3) the economic isolation imposed by the U.S. trade embargo; 4) the havoc caused by harsh weather; 5) the mixed success of new economic policies; and 6) the mobilization of people and resources for the conflicts with Cambodia and China.

By the end of the war in 1975, two million Vietnamese had been killed and another 12 million made refugees. The land of this primarily agrarian society had been destroyed--the ex-

plosive force of millions of tons of bombs had compacted the earth, making the tilling of fields extremely difficult; irrigation canals and networks essential to rice production had been ruined; and unexploded mines and ordnance in fields and paddies posed a constant threat to farmers and livestock. The devastation of much of Vietnam's most fertile cropland; the dislocation of a large percentage of the rural population; the fragility of the small southern industrial sector, which was dependent upon foreign assistance; and the massive unemployment caused by demobilization--all these combined to produce monumental economic problems at the end of the war.

Vietnam's enormous task of rebuilding has been seriously hampered by the complete absence of U.S. governmental reconstruction assistance. This effort has also been impaired by the U.S. trade embargo, which prohibits American companies from doing business with Vietnam.

The Vietnamese invasion of Cambodia in December, 1978, and January, 1979, (which we deplore as a solution to international conflict, even though one may argue that it was provoked) involved the Vietnamese much more deeply than they had intended, both militarily and economically. Vietnam's current military and economic commitments in Cambodia (including sub-

stantial shipments of food), together with the threat of a second war with China, continue to divert precious resources and people away from economic development.

We believe that tensions between Vietnam and China are a major source of instability in Indochina and Southeast Asia today. These tensions have historical roots in 1000 years of Chinese domination of Vietnam and in long-standing territorial disputes between the two countries. Since the end of the Vietnam war in 1975, relations between China and Vietnam have steadily deteriorated, with China increasingly viewing her relationship with Vietnam as a symbol of Sino-Soviet rivalry. The lines for the current conflict were drawn when China began sending military advisors and equipment to support Cambodia in its border war with Vietnam. The border war proved costly to Vietnam and, after several unsuccessful attempts to negotiate a settlement, Vietnam invaded Cambodia. China's retaliatory invasion of northern Vietnam further escalated tensions.

The Chinese are supplying weapons and ammunition to the Khmer Rouge in support of their effort to regain territorial control from the Vietnamese-backed government of Heng Samrin. Continued fighting in Cambodia as well as preparations by China and Vietnam for another war along Vietnam's northern border indicate that the crisis is far from over. If direct fighting between Vietnam and China resumes, there is real danger of Soviet intervention and, therefore, of global war.

United States postwar policy toward Vietnam has exacerbated Sino-Vietnamese tensions. U.S. failure to normalize relations with Vietnam and to provide reconstruction assistance helped push Vietnam into heavy dependence on the Soviet Union. The situation was further complicated when the U.S. normalized diplomatic and trade relations with China and at the same time retreated from its earlier intentions to normalize relations with Vietnam.



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Those of us signing this statement have differing opinions on whether or not there are significant violations of human rights in Vietnam. We are united, however, in our support of the full range of human rights guaranteed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights--civil and political, economic, social and cultural. We believe that, in the case of Vietnam, human rights cannot be understood apart from events and circumstances shaped by the war and its aftermath. Historical events have produced conditions in Vietnam which would sorely test any government, whatever its political ideology. As advocates of human rights, we should seek to understand what obstacles exist to the fulfillment of human rights and what we can do to help eliminate those obstacles. We are convinced that the economic hardships Vietnam faces and its fears of another war with China are serious impediments to the achievement of human rights. We, therefore, urge the US to make a genuine effort to help rebuild the Vietnamese economy and to reduce tensions between China and Vietnam.

in addition to providing emergency food aid to Cambodia and assisting in refugee resettlement, our government should take immediate action to aid in Vietnam's economic recovery and to encourage a resolution of the Sino-Vietnamese conflict. The specific actions we propose are deserving in their own right and are long overdue. In addition, they might help to curtail the flow of refugees from Vietnam and Cambodia, lessen the risk of a Sino-Vietnamese war, facilitate relief efforts in Cambodia, and speed an end to the fighting in Cambodia. We, therefore, call upon our government to:

--Normalize diplomatic and trade relations with Vietnam. Normalization of relations between the U.S. and Vietnam and a more balanced U.S. policy in the region would help alleviate Vietnam's fear of China. In addition, normalized relations would facilitate U.S. participation in safe and orderly emigration procedures for those who wish to leave Vietnam.

--Provide emergency food aid to Vietnam. Vietnam is expected to suffer a 6-million-ton food shortage in 1980. The United States has a tradition of providing humanitarian relief without political considera-

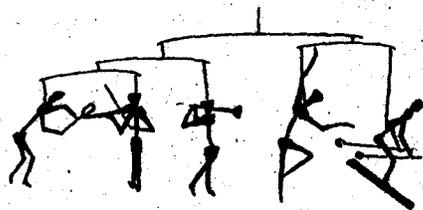
tions in the wake of war or natural disaster. Vietnam should be no exception. So long as there is a serious food shortage in Vietnam, people will continue to want to leave.

--Provide long-term development assistance to Vietnam. U.S. postwar reconstruction assistance to Vietnam could have helped to heal the wounds of war and could also have dramatically altered the geopolitics of Southeast Asia. U.S. economic commitments in the form of development aid and trade could help Vietnam build a healthy economy and substantially reduce Vietnam's reliance upon the Soviet Union. It is not too late for the U.S. to play a constructive role with regard to Vietnam.

It is now 5 years since the United States was defeated in Vietnam--too long a period for Americans to bear animosity toward the Vietnamese, especially when that animosity results in human suffering and helps feed tensions which could erupt into global conflict. We look forward to the day when Americans, having set aside their feelings of anger and hostility, will be able to enter into a relationship of lasting friendship and mutual cooperation with the Vietnamese.

In conclusion, we believe that, in

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Dioxin - War Horror Coming Home to Roost

by Jeff Grabelsky

From 1961 to 1970, the U.S. carried out a brutal program of defoliation in Viet Nam in an effort to break the will of the Vietnamese people to resist American aggression and to determine their own destiny. Code-named "Operation Ranchland," the U.S. Air Force dumped 15 million gallons of "Agent Orange" across 5 million acres of Vietnamese jungles and croplands. The program's grim slogan, "Only you can prevent forests," was transformed into a living nightmare for the people of Viet Nam.

When Agent Orange, a blend of two herbicides, 2, 4, 5-T and 2, 4-D is sprayed on plants, they grow themselves to death. Tetrachlorodibenzo dioxin (TCDD) or dioxin is an unwanted by-product when 2, 4, 5-T is produced. It is one of the most toxic poisons known to humankind; a single eyedrop of dioxin can easily kill 1200 people.

The ecocidal defoliation of Viet Nam devastated formerly productive farmlands, forcing Viet Nam to import rice from the U.S. during the war. Viet Nam's desperate efforts to feed its people today are still cramped by the legacy of Agent Orange. Grand hardwood forests are not likely to be restored for 100 years. But the immediate human trauma is the most horrible. Vietnamese children in sprayed areas are 7 times more likely to suffer unusual chromosomal damage than in non-sprayed areas. Human exposure to only several hundred parts per trillion of dioxin results in weakened resistance to disease, mutations and cancer. Dr. Ton That Tung, one of the world's eminent authorities on dioxin, has shown that liver cancer was virtually unknown in Viet Nam before "Operation Ranchland" and that today it is the second most common form of cancer.

The U.S. tapped its superior technology with the defoliation program, hoping to defeat the human forces of liberation. But the program ultimately backfired. Rather than breaking the will of resistance, the Vietnamese



Plants spray herbicide containing dioxin (above); left, a veteran's child, with birth defect.

resolve to win was cemented. The brutality of defoliation further alienated the U.S. from the world's moral community and enraged the peace movement at home.

Under public pressure, the Pentagon ceased spraying Agent Orange in May of 1970. Left with 2.3 million gallons of the disgraced poison, (no state would allow it to be burned within its borders), the Air Force turned to the Dutch poison-incinerating ship VULCANUS. In July, somewhere in the Pacific, its ovens began consuming hundreds of thousands of gallons of Agent Orange in an impressive display of security. There is a tragic irony to the spectacle. Sophisticated sensors assure that not a molecule of dioxin escape the cauldrons of the VULCANUS, where the remaining stock of Agent Orange will breathe its last breath of death. From 1961 to 1970 54 million pounds of 2, 4, 5-T were dumped on Viet Nam, yet during the same period, 72 million pounds of the notorious herbicide were sprayed on American soil!

300,000 acres of Mississippi rice-lands have enjoyed a 2, 4, 5-T shower. Our national forests, rangelands, and pasturelands have been "managed" with the herbicide. Our orchards have been covered with Silvex, another pesticide containing dioxin, in order to enhance fruit color. Railroad lines and power transmission rights-

of-way have been maintained with a selective program of defoliation. PASNY widely-used 2, 4, 5-T along its 155 mile long 765 kv line. Niagra Mohawk has used 2, 4, 5-T for 27 years. 2, 4, 5-T and Silvex were commonly found in Sears' "Weed-B-Gon," Ortho's "No Grow" and other Dow Chemical products (the original producers of Agent Orange!). 7 million pounds of 2, 4, 5-T were sprayed annually in the U.S.!

In May 1979, the EPA finally banned some uses of 2, 4, 5-T. Women in Alsea, Oregon, reported an increase in miscarriages and birth defects following periods of defoliant spraying on nearby forests and a movement to ban its use mounted. Over the objections of producers like Dow, Hooker, Monsanto, and Vertac, who explicitly argued for the "economic benefits of continued usage," the EPA issued its unusual suspension.

There is a frightening logic to the chemical companies: because dioxin is toxic in such small amounts, it is difficult to accurately quantify the hazard and assess the risk involved in its continued use. Therefore, they say, let's wait to ban it until human damage can be firmly established! Anyway, dioxin's half-life is only 100 years! Hooker Chemical last dumped dioxin in the Love Canal in 1953; are today's horrors not enough to compel

reasonable people to suspend its further use? Are reports of illness in the North Country where 2, 4, 5-T was used around the power lines an omen of another Love Canal?

Dioxin's story has another sad chapter. A majority of the 2.5 million U.S. soldiers who served in Viet Nam may have been affected by exposure to Agent Orange. Spina Bifada, a genetic birth defect where children are born with a separated spinal cord, has been associated with dioxin poisoning. In the U.S., the incidence of the disease has increased 500% in the last 20 years. At a meeting of the Spina Bifada Association, 35 of 50 fathers attending were Viet Nam vets! A recent medical questionnaire answered by 526 vets revealed 35 cases of cancer and 77 cases of children with congenital defects. Over 6000 Viet Nam vets have died of cancer. Vet organizations like Citizen Soldier began struggling for health-care and relief about a year ago. The VA responded with predictable bureaucratic chicanery. Viet Nam veterans suffering from Agent Orange-associated ailments faced hostile and humiliating experiences throughout the country. Outrage from veterans and advocacy

groups resulted in a new policy of each VA facility seeking out veterans with probable exposure. Lawsuits seeking compensatory damages and a \$4 billion trust fund from Dow and other manufacturers were initiated last year in New York and Houston. Efforts are continuing to strengthen this Agent Orange movement (and plans for a national mobilization in Washington are in the making).

What remains is the troubling question of how our nation can create the nightmare of dioxin and then continue on down the same path of poisoning ourselves and our environment. Many say such horrors are the inevitable product of a capitalist system driven by profits, and there is, of course, much truth to this. But capitalism is not an abstract system which exists only outside of ourselves. Too many of us have internalized capitalist values which judge progress only in material terms and tolerate intolerable human and environmental risks because they are "good" for the economy. How many gallons of Agent Orange would have emerged from Dow plants if Dow workers had refused to participate in the defoliation of Viet Nam just because the "money was

good?" How much dioxin would have been ingested by Vietnamese children if longshoremen had refused to ship it or U.S. airmen had refused to spray it? And how much dioxin would have been dumped in our own country if a majority of our people viewed our natural environment as something we are borrowing from our children rather than inheriting from our parents? Ultimately we will have to take power away from the capitalists who, in their determination to increase profits are destroying nature and our own right and responsibility to govern ourselves. But what is also needed is a movement in the hearts and minds of the American people to start exercising the power within us to control our own lives and our destiny as a people OF NATURE. Such a movement will demand a creative, new political leadership and forging that leadership is the most urgent task before all progressive Americans.



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SPC's 44th Party A Warm Success

by Linda DeStefano & Corinne Kinane

There were so many people at this party that an extra table had to be set up almost on top of the microphone. The tables were laden with good food, beautiful flowers and pussy willows, and old and new friends. Gary Weinstein led off the program with a clever song about politicians. Kath Buffington gave an enthusiastic review of SPC's year of activities. An appeal for donations, pledges, and work was made by John Maddaus as he held high the People's Energy 1980 Calendar as a tangible example of the Peace Council's accomplishments.

Even if you weren't at the party, it's never too late to make a donation of money or work or to pledge a certain amount each month. As John said, the SPC staff is today being paid the same amount as 10 years ago (about \$60 a week), which didn't go far then and travels less now with inflation. Worse still, they don't receive this pittance regularly because staff tends to pay bills before paying their own

salaries. Thus, a new system will be set up to have a separate account just for salaries. Most of the donations and pledges will go into this account. So, even if it is a small amount, a monthly pledge would be great.

The 23rd annual Peace Award was presented to the surprised moderator for the evening, Linda DeStefano, who almost dropped her teacup as it gradually dawned on her that she had been duped into believing that she knew who was going to receive the award! The scroll, in beautiful calligraphy by K. C. Russell, spoke of Linda's "spirited activism in striving for peace and social justice. Her involvement is characterized by a willingness to initiate and persevere. Linda displays a unique combination of sensitivity, reliability, thoroughness, a commitment to open communication and the affirmation of others. An egalitarian ideology is reflected in all aspects of her life. Linda lives her beliefs."

Our speaker, Don Luce, combined laughter and pathos in recounting stories of his recent visit to Kampu-

chea (Cambodia) and his involvement in political actions. We want to note our pleasure in being with this courageous, funny, thoughtful and kind person. Don't miss him next time he's in town!

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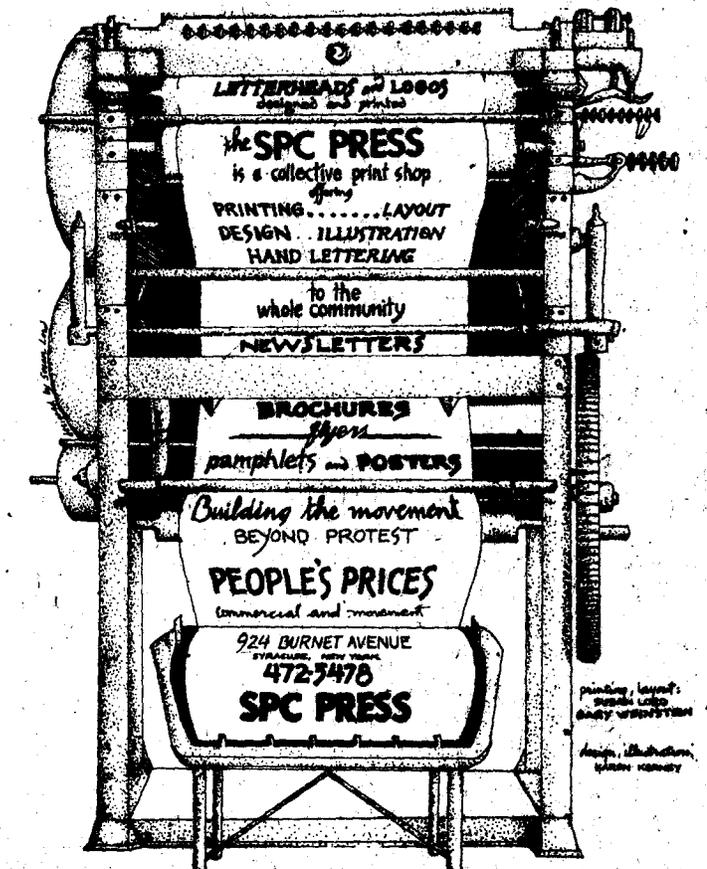
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Don Luce: Kampuchea Victim of Superpower Politics

Besides spending time in S.E. Asia, Asia and Iran, Don Luce has recently returned from a 3 1/2 week trip to Kampuchea (Cambodia). He went as a news-correspondent for the express purpose of seeing what was occurring in the interior since most of the news we receive comes from the border areas. While he was there Don also worked with an ABC-TV news team on a documentary which aired March 29.

This article consists of direct quotes from Don's talk at SPC's Birthday Dinner. -Jim Doherty

I have returned from Kampuchea with four major observations:

1) I am convinced that in the interior international food aid has been distributed effectively to the people who need it most. In my opinion, the following groups are doing a good job: UNICEF; OXFAM; Church World Services; and AFSC. However, there are difficulties. There is not enough food, especially protein foods, vitamins and medicine needed to combat a widespread hookworm epidemic.

It's been charged that food warehouses are overstocked and that this food should be used before more is sent. However, harvest time was in November and December and that food will last until about the first of April. The local committees are maintaining the food in the district warehouses in order to stretch the supply in light of the coming famine in the summer and fall. If all the food on hand was made available, it would all be eaten.

2) The Vietnamese forces are not diverting relief food to their troops. Let me preface this by saying that the Cambodians are not happy about the Vietnamese being there. However, the Vietnamese pushed Pol Pot out and he would return if it weren't for those troops. The Cambodians don't want the return of Pol Pot, and only desire the Vietnamese on a temporary basis. The Vietnamese have their own food logistics system separate from the international food relief system. In addition Viet Nam has sent more food to Kampuchea, besides troop supplies, than the U.S. Every province in Viet Nam has a counter province in Kampuchea to which 10% of its food supply is directed.

3) I went to Kampuchea thinking that the stories about Pol Pot must be

exaggerated. I came back feeling that he was worse than I had seen written anywhere. In every village that we stopped people took us by the hand and led us to the mass graves where people had been executed by Pol Pot, in the small places there were a few hundred corpses, in the cities thousands.

On the border of Thailand where Pol Pot's troops are, there are several refugee camps where close to a million people are near starvation. Pol Pot's strategy is protracted warfare on the basis that the longer he can keep the Vietnamese there, the more tense the situation will become. When there is an engagement his troops cross the border into Thailand to get food, medicine and equipment from the very camps the U.S. supplies with relief. The ironic thing is that after five years of charging Pol Pot with genocide, the U.S. now supports him. Over and over again ex-Pol Pot soldiers who had defected told us that they were well fed but their families in the mountains were dying of starvation. Pol Pot wanted a well-fed army. He also knew that when starving people left the camps, their pictures would be taken by European and U.S. photographers. Then the newspapers would charge that Phnom Penh (Heng Samrin) was not getting the food out.

4) The U.S. has never had the interest of the Cambodian people at heart. As in Iran, people have suffered tremendously as a result of U.S. policies. The people of Kampuchea

are caught in the middle of the cold war. Pol Pot is pro-China, hence U.S. allegiance. The Vietnamese are pro-Soviet besides being hated by the U.S. policymakers because they won the war. Kampuchea would very much like to be neutral but the U.S. position has forced them into greater dependence on the Vietnamese and on the Soviets.

U.S. policy, whether in Kampuchea, Viet Nam, Iran, Indonesia or the Philippines is very similar. Much of the problem lies in the government being controlled by what I call the 'yo-yo' system. It's when you have the president of General Motors going to Sec. of Defense to president of the World Bank. When a head of G.E. becomes Assistant Sec. of Defense then goes back to G.E. At the Pentagon level it goes from generals making lucrative arms contracts to management of these same companies.

We must keep in mind how the multinational system is destroying both the people abroad and ourselves. When these corporations go abroad, they cause unemployment and deplete the tax base. When demands are made by those employed overseas, the U.S. responds with aid to the host government. After the revolution succeeded in Iran, Iranians who had gotten wealthy came here buying farmland in California and Upstate NY and real estate in Nebraska. The cycle of exploitation was complete. U.S. foreign policy is not only stupid it is evil. We must change it before it destroys us all.



Don Luce talks with Harold Sanderson at Birthday Dinner. Mima Cataldo photo.

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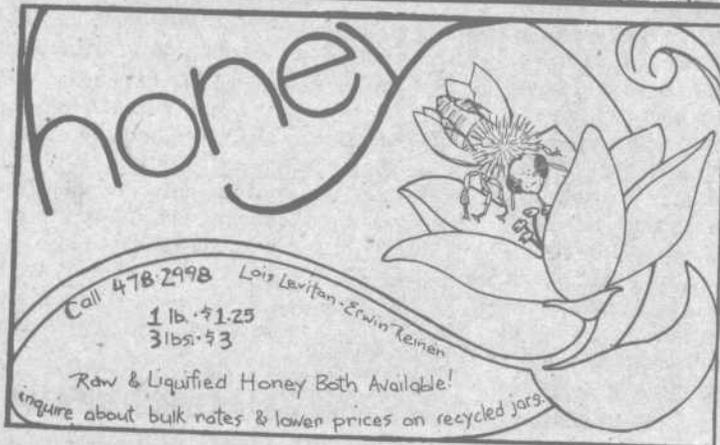
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Book Review: Teaching the Vietnam War

TEACHING THE VIETNAM WAR
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When I first heard that *Teaching The Vietnam War* had finally rolled off the presses, my first and mistaken reaction was that unfortunately it was a bit late. How we needed that book five years ago! But later in the week my four-year-old son heard the word "Vietnam" mentioned several times on the television and he asked me, "Mommy, what is Vietnam?" It was then that I knew that the book was not too late. As a person working in the field of education and in the midst of writing a textbook myself (for college students preparing to become teachers) I am especially aware of the importance of this book.

Griffen's and Marciano's undertaking is an ambitious and important one. They examine how twenty-eight of the major secondary school American History textbooks portray American involvement in Vietnam. In the first section of the book they present the textbooks' collective portrayal of our colonial and exploitive efforts from the origins to the end of our involvement in the war, and criticize this depiction. In the next section of the book, they offer a short and alternative history of the Vietnam war. Both the critique and the historical presentation itself are well-documented, relying primarily on several editions of the *Pentagon Papers*. Their own history of the war is an excellent source for secondary school teachers to use to teach this important episode in our history.

The book is valuable for other reasons as well. First, this book offers us an important opportunity to examine an extremely critical period in our history soon after the events themselves occurred. While students may not have first-hand memories of Vietnam, most college and secondary schoolteachers do. Second, the authors' concern does not lie simply with how textbooks distorted and misrepresented our history, or even with presenting a more accurate picture. They ask, "What are the limits



of the debate about Vietnam in these textbooks?" As Griffen and Marciano make clear in this book, even texts that criticize our involvement in the war never examine the reasons for our commitment there, and hold tightly to an anti-communist orientation. In their words: "The bitter reality is that the texts we examined never consider that this assessment might be accurate, or even that it is a position which could be investigated rationally and then rejected" (emphasis theirs). This fearfulness and narrowness on the part of the textbook authors is fearful and appalling.

Teaching The Vietnam War can counter this narrowness if teachers themselves use it. Herein lies one of my criticisms of the book. I am assuming that the primary audience for this book is secondary schoolteachers of American History or social studies. For this group I think Griffen and Marciano should have been extremely careful to avoid seeming rhetorical. They sometimes use language that appears rhetorical (to me) particularly in the last section which deals with the social functions of textbooks. I have always seen secondary schoolteachers as a group which, though generally conservative, respond well to new ideas if these are presented in language which they perceive is fairly "neutral".

As a person with little familiarity with secondary history texts I was interested in how much space these books devoted to the issue of Vietnam. I would have found it helpful to know about what percentage of the material was focused on Vietnam.

A third criticism I had was that I was unclear, after reading the book, about the authors' optimism for social change. Two areas stimulated my concern. First, many people offered strong and effective opposition to the war though they subscribed to different ideological positions. Reading Senator Fulbright's statement about the Senate's grave error in supporting Johnson's Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, for example, reminded me of the importance of having Fulbright as an ally in congress even though his politics were generally too conservative for me. Do Griffen and Marciano value Fulbright's contribution to the anti-war effort?

Second, Griffen and Marciano note that "the textbooks reveal the meager extent to which critical thinking emerges in historical material." It is true that most textbooks offer grossly inadequate portrayals of social, moral and historical issues. But I am not clear that we should evaluate historical analysis from how it appears in textbooks. A more optimistic view is to consider the exciting contributions that have emerged in women's history and from the revisionist educational historians. Their work is important, insightful, and I think, offers hope for "critical thinking".

Many people are anxious to sort out what is happening to them in their lives. Unfortunately, as Griffen and Marciano note, schooling rarely teaches us to think critically about what is happening to us in ways that would actually change our lives. Griffen's and Marciano's book, *Teaching The Vietnam War*, is a major contribution to the effort to reach teachers about important historical and moral issues.

The book can be purchased at Front Room Book Store, 924 Burnet Avenue, Syracuse, New York. 13210

by Sari Knopp Biklen

Zimbabwe: A Time for Cautious Celebration

by Christopher K. Wambu

To the majority of the white immigrants in Zimbabwe, the March 4th election results must have been appalling. For 83 years they had enjoyed unlimited power and wealth, all at the expense of the black majority. In 1965 they declared unilateral independence from Britain, defying the world by ignoring the call for equal participation by all races in Zimbabwean affairs. They waged a defensive war against African liberation armies, all in the hope of extending their rule by a few more years.

But on March 4, their arch-enemy, the ascetic revolutionary and guerrilla leader, Robert Gabriel Mugabe, won by a landslide. Of the 80 seats allotted to the blacks, Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) won 57. Joshua Nkomo, Mugabe's co-leader in the Patriotic Front and head of the ZAPU army, was his nearest rival with 20 seats. The South African supported candidate, Bishop Abel Muzorewa, who had been Prime Minister under the whites' tutelage, finished a poor third with only three votes. Thus Mugabe becomes not only the first popularly elected leader in Zimbabwe, but also the first revolutionary elected by popular vote in Africa's post-colonial history.

It was not just an election victory, it was a victory over fear - fear of a white led coup, a possibility that former white leader Ian Smith did not bother to discourage. He had banked on the hope that the Zimbabwean people would judge ZANU a risky investment and therefore vote for the "moderate" forces of Muzorewa and Nkomo.

Another part of the British strategy was a military threat from South Africa to topple any government that prescribed to a Marxist philosophy. The British had hoped to put their man Muzorewa on top, and apparently never expected Mugabe to win. When he did, and did it big, the 63% total was too overwhelming to tamper with. As it was, the British had done everything in their power to under-

mine Mugabe's election campaign, including deployment of South African troops, arrests and intimidation of ZANU cadres, and even naked threats by the colonial governor to nullify the election results in Mugabe strongholds.

For Mugabe, the opportunity to transform a semi-apartheid state into a socialist one is just beginning. One of the key elements in that transformation is the consolidation of the separate administrative authorities for blacks and whites. ZANU's aim is to establish a single administrative system that will cater to blacks and



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whites, urban and rural areas. Plans for land resettlement give priority to people displaced by the war. They will either return to their former land or be allowed to form cooperatives on presently under-utilized plantation land. The new government also wants to reopen all the hospitals and schools closed by the war.

But such plans require a national political unity. To build that unity Mugabe offered Nkomo the Ministry of Home Affairs, thus forging a coalition between ZANU and ZAPU. He is also attempting to win the temporary confidence of the white businesses and has even vowed not to disrupt the capitalist economy that he has inherited.

Given that whites hostile to majority rule are still armed, the ZANU and ZAPU coalition is expected to initiate a program of reforms to alleviate the poverty left by the war.

Mugabe is a revolutionary leader. To him this coalition represents only a tactical political move. He knows that ideological differences makes ZANU/ZAPU organic unity difficult. Yet the memories of Allende in Chile must have influenced his decision to move cautiously towards socialization. Like Allende he too is a Marxist, elected by popular vote, surrounded by hostile and powerful capitalist enemies capable of destabilizing the country both militarily and economically. Allende failed because he moved too fast in socialization, believing that his electoral victory would see him through.

At the moment history seems to support Mugabe's cautious moves. Zimbabwe is weak militarily and poor economically. He needs time for consolidation. He knows that the Cuban revolution started and won the struggle as a national and popular revolution, but only years later was it declared socialist. In Nicaragua the same catlike approach seems to be working. As in Cuba and Nicaragua, the highly explosive situation dictates a cautious approach.

Finally, what happened in Zimbabwe is further evidence that the imperialist powers can no longer resort to demagoguery and maneuvers to divide the people. Mugabe's approach shows that the task is not recrimination but a national determination to unravel and end the tragic foolishness for which all races have paid so dearly. The people must not lose sight that the objective of their struggle is not just to win short term demands but to go on to the revolutionary level. The electoral triumph doesn't mean that Zimbabwe's liberation has finally arrived. It is only an indispensable prerequisite that gives the people the right to begin.

The most difficult part lies ahead. Zimbabwe, no less than any of the other struggling peoples of Southern Africa, needs continued international support in its battle against foreign domination.

Christopher K. Wambu, an African student at SU, describes himself as a "Third World man". For more information or to contact local speakers on Zimbabwe, call Dr. Wilson Sithole at 315/6928271.

Nicaragua Moves Forward

by Ed Griffin

"This revolution is fighting the darkness."
—Ernesto Cardenal

Like an early blooming flower struggling against a windy spring afternoon, the Nicaraguan revolution continues to thrive. The people go on rebuilding their lives from the ruins of the civil war while their leaders pick their way through the maze of domestic and international politics. Eight months after the nighttime Miami flight of the dictator Somoza and the triumph of the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN), the general policy lines of the Government of National Reconstruction are becoming clear.

As Moises Hassan, one of the five members of the governing junta, outlined, the overriding objectives are 1) to make Nicaragua free, sovereign, independent, and self-determining, and 2) to improve the welfare of the most dispossessed classes, the workers and peasants. Given Nicaragua's history of poverty and exploitation, transforming this pledge into reality involves sweeping change.

This change begins in the countryside where half of the 2.5 million people live. The state has taken over the land once owned by Somoza and his friends and is distributing it to the peasants in cooperatives. All banks and insurance companies have been nationalized. Somoza-controlled industries, foreign owned gold mines, and export trade have been nationalized, but most other industry remains in private hands. A national campaign is beginning soon to eliminate illiteracy, which cripples 50% of the population.

All political freedoms have been guaranteed and the death penalty abolished. The Bill of Rights charges the government with the responsibility of protecting Nicaraguans from hunger and unemployment, and establishes the right to secondary-level education for children and day care for working mothers. In foreign policy, Nicaragua has joined the Non Aligned Movement and desires relations with all friendly nations.

The steps taken respond to the urgent need to rebuild the country.

Ed Griffin thinks that the Nicaraguan Revolution is too exciting to fit on just one page, and is eager to talk to people interested in Latin America.



Nicaraguan youths in Matagalpa paint a wall mural tracing the history of US intervention.

Credit: Larry Boyd/LNS

They reflect the diversity of a coalition government which includes representatives of the peasants, workers, intellectuals and business interests. The Sandinistas have the overwhelming support of the peasants and workers and the greatest influence in the government. The evolving ideology of the regime is a product of the interaction of these groups, but the determining factor right now is the material reality which the people face.

The Damage

That reality is one of destruction, the legacy of General Somoza. 40,000 dead and 100,000 wounded — the human toll of the liberation struggle. Beyond that, disruption of crop cycles has left 40% of the people dependent on food aid for survival.

Nearly 1/2 billion dollars in damage was done to industry. Productive capacity was set back 17 years, according to the UN. Add to these economic problems the foreign debt run up by Somoza (1.5 billion; 96% of GNP for one year); and we see the enormity of the hole that Nicaragua is in.

The revolution is treading a very slender tightrope in the present circus of world affairs. Nicaragua is trying to steer a course between the two superpowers at a time of heightened tension between them. This independence is seen as a threat by the pro-Somoza lobby in the US, which nearly succeeded in blocking \$75 million in aid to Nicaragua. Congress eventually passed the aid bill by five votes, but it remains to be seen whether

that money will actually be appropriated or will fall victim to budget-balancing fever.

Solidarity - Watching Uncle Sam

What can we do here to support Nicaragua? There are two main tasks for the solidarity movement. The support for the Literacy Campaign is a high priority, and over \$60,000 has been raised nationwide, including \$700 right here in Syracuse. If you would like to help out or to get more information, call Latin American Agenda at 423-4932 or 422-2887.

The other task for supporters of a free Nicaragua is to guard against US attempts to interfere in the process there.

Nicaraguans well remember that the US Marines occupied their country four times in this century and that it was the US which armed and trained Somoza's National Guard since its inception in 1928. They are also well aware of the role of US covert operations, military force, and economic pressure in attempts to sabotage other liberation movements in Latin America (Guatemala, 1954; Bay of Pigs, 1961; Chile, 1973 ...). Hence Nicaraguans are understandably alarmed by the "Carter Doctrine" which includes the unleashing of the CIA and the creation of a 150,000 soldier "Rapid Deployment Force" capable of invading Third World countries on short notice.

In the face of such militaristic developments, supporters of Nicaragua must be active in solidarity work in this country in order to prevent possible US interference and to promote more just relations between the two countries and peoples.

Understanding the New Arms Race Dynamics

by Marta Daniels

Did the intervention in Afghanistan signify a Soviet rejection of detente, SALT and arms control? Or was detente already dead? From the Soviet viewpoint, detente has been in the dying process for a long time, and the Soviet decision to take military action in Afghanistan signified that the gains embodied by SALT II had already been seriously and perhaps irrevocably eroded.

Last summer, almost immediately after the signing of the SALT II agreement with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, President Carter announced his decision to go ahead with the MX missile, the ultimate counter-force weapon. The MX represents a qualitative, giant leap in the arms race, challenging the very intent of the SALT II agreement. This was followed by the President's announcement that he would ask for a 3-5% "real" increase, or a 15% dollar increase in the US military budget over the next five years, again undermining the spirit of the SALT II treaty.

Simultaneously, the Carter administration decided to create a quick-strike force capable of projecting military power into the Persian Gulf area, accompanied by the Congressional push to revitalize the draft.

As the summer wore on, the debate over the reality of Soviet military parity with the US, as codified in the SALT II Treaty, inflamed conservative politicians. The right wing began to emerge strongly, and the issue of American military supremacy as the only legitimate road to US security became the cutting edge of the SALT debate.

In September, the mini-crisis over the alleged presence of Soviet combat



Soviets and convinced them of the strength of the SALT opposition. If such contrived charges, which jeopardized SALT, could be used by liberal Senator Frank Church to score reelection campaign points, the Cold War had every appearance of making a fast comeback. Throughout the fall, the right wing challenged the reelection of ten key liberal Senators, creating a conservative backlash in the Congress, reflected by even the most stalwart of arms control Senators and Representatives.

During this autumn period, the US increased its overtures to China, strengthening political and economic ties by sending Defense Secretary Brown for a visit in mid-September and providing the Chinese with "Most Favored Nation" trade status, a status the Soviets have wanted for 30 years. "Playing the China Card" only exacerbated Soviet fears about its arch enemy China, and raised even more serious questions about US intentions.

In September and October, the Carter administration, in a desperate attempt to buy more SALT votes in the Senate, increased its funding request for the MX and vigorously peddled the idea of placing 600 medium range nuclear weapons on West European soil. National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski lobbied even harder with NATO allies urging unanimous acceptance of these new "limited nuclear war fighting" Cruise and Pershing II missiles. The missiles introduced a new ele-

ment into the Kremlin's strategic equation, since for the first time, US nuclear bombs would be capable of reaching the USSR from Europe. For the Soviets, it was a Cuban missile crisis in reverse. Looking to the East and China, and then to the West with NATO, the Soviet sense of encirclement was growing.

So threatened were the Soviets by the proposed NATO decision to deploy these Eurostrategic weapons, that on Oct. 6, Brezhnev offered to reduce unilaterally Soviet medium range nuclear weapons (including their new SS-20's, the alleged cause of the NATO move) from western Russian soil, if NATO would reject these new US missiles. In addition, Brezhnev pulled out 20,000 Soviet troops and 1,000 Soviet tanks from East Germany (15% of the East German forces) as a confidence building gesture.



The US refused to even consider Brezhnev's offer until after the December NATO decision was taken, knowing that Brezhnev had said clearly that after the decision, his offer would be withdrawn. On Dec. 13, NATO agreed to produce and deploy US cruise and Pershing II missiles.

With the injection of Eurostrategic weapons, the intent of SALT II was further undermined. Reading American military and political developments, it looked to the Soviets like there was a new Cold War indeed, and that SALT II would fail any Sen-

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ate vote. Even with its passage, the possibilities of real arms reductions, which SALT III held out, were gravely endangered by these new developments. Had detente outlived its usefulness when it ceased to serve as a brake on US military developments?

The end of SALT and detente was virtually guaranteed by the taking of American hostages in Iran, which set off a whole new set of US military reactions that directly affected the Soviets.

These began in November, when the US substantially increased its military maneuvers in the Persian Gulf area and provided \$500 million worth of military aid to North Yemen and Sudan (against pro-Soviet forces) near the Strait of Hormuz. Then, early in December, Defense Secretary Brown was sent to the Middle East to establish a new NATO-like Alliance structure made up of the anti-Soviet governments of Egypt,



Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Oman, Pakistan and Japan, in a classic exercise of encirclement directly below Russia's southern border. This was completed by the tacit US rapprochement with China in January, when Brown again visited Peking, this time promising important US technology and an informal US-China alliance.

While these events unfolded, China, Iran and the US were sending arms to the Moslim-led resistance

to the pro-Soviet government in Afghanistan, fueling a fierce civil war that directly threatened the stability of Russia's southern border.

With these global developments, the Soviets probably believed that there was little or nothing left to risk with the US. They probably concluded that SALT was dead and detente meaningless, and took their chances with world opinion to maintain what they considered an important strategic area, a bordering state in the deeply troubled Middle East.

The major impact of a new Cold War and an increased arms race will be the revival of a confrontational foreign policy.

More than during any other period of history, events require the collective response of peace activists. It is no time to run for cover. The voice of reason and sanity is desperately needed--as is courage, as is faith.

Akwesasne Update: Waiting for the Judge

by Ed Dubinsky

It is hard to believe that nearly 5 months have gone by and still Judge Jan Plumadore has not ruled on whether Franklin County has jurisdiction over the Mohawk Nation in connection with the confrontation at Racquette Point now going into its tenth month. (See previous issues of PNL for details.)

The people at the point continue to live--in crude dormitories or even tents. They still depend on outside help for food and other necessities of life. Non-Indian supporters still join with Indian teachers to continue children's education. Entrance to the camp is still restricted by the Mohawk Nation. Life goes on and the Ganlenkehaga (Mohawk people) continue to struggle for the sovereignty of their nation as they return to the traditional longhouse way of life.

Judge Plumadore heard the case last November 15 and indicated that a decision could be expected in January.

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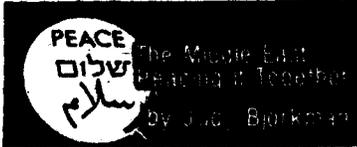
Perhaps under political pressure, the judge has somehow been unable to make his decision and end the hardships at Racquette Point.

Meanwhile, outside Racquette Point on the Akwesasne reservation, Indians are learning what it is like to live under the elective system imposed by the United States. Under this system, the people elect three "tribal chiefs" who manage all federal programs on the reservation. These programs involve many jobs and a great deal of money. They constitute the main reason why some Indians choose to live under this system.

Recently, Richard Jock, a traditional Indian employed under these programs by the reservation's Health Board, was fired by the "chiefs". The reason given was that he kept program funds in two banks (U.S. and Canadian) rather than one. Pretty flimsy. The Health Board supported Jock and the "chiefs" rehired him but 10 days later refired him! A petition was circulated inviting the "chiefs" to discuss the problem, but they never showed up. On March 8 a public meeting

on the reservation voted to impeach their elected "leaders". The "chiefs" claim that, unlike the longhouse, there is no impeachment in the elective system. They continue to assert that there is no legal way to remove them. The situation remains tense with demonstrations, arrests and even one beating of a Health Board member by supporters of the "chiefs".

Quite an educational experience for Indians who look to the U.S. for salvation. Perhaps most educational was the revelation of one reservation official that he had been ordered by the "chiefs" to see that no Indian of the "longhouse faith" is employed under these programs or receives any financial assistance. We have heard before of people being fired because of sympathy with the camp at Racquette Point and this statement exposes the real purpose of the federal programs--to keep Indians away from longhouse life and ultimately to destroy Indian cultures. Our government has not progressed very much from its 19th century policy of distributing small-pox-infested blankets to Indians.



Saudi Arabia Oil and Troubled Waters

The Iranian revolution has rightly spurred some examination in this country of the relative stability of other regimes in the area. Many of them have serious internal difficulties, and one such is Saudi Arabia.

Saudi Arabia, united by the Saud family, has been ruled by them for nearly 50 years. It has undergone enormous changes from the days in which oil revenues were entirely wasted by the Saudi rulers, to the present situation in which oil revenues are being used in a fascinating experiment--to try to build a modern, technologically oriented society alongside a social system which remains theocratic and very conservative.

Real advances have been made. Saudi society now provides free education, free medical care, subsidies for setting up oneself in business, and goals are being met for electrification, desalination, housing, schools, etc. Saudi Arabia is one of the few developing nations that does not suffer from a "brain-drain."

But none of this disguises Saudi problems. In addition to a population of 4 to 8 million Saudis (depending on whose figures one uses), there are between one and two million immigrant workers, i.e., nearly a quarter of the population and at least half of the labor force. Most are from other Arab countries (Egypt, Yemen, Palestinian), along with Turks, Pakistanis, and South Koreans. But immigrants may not become citizens, they are for-

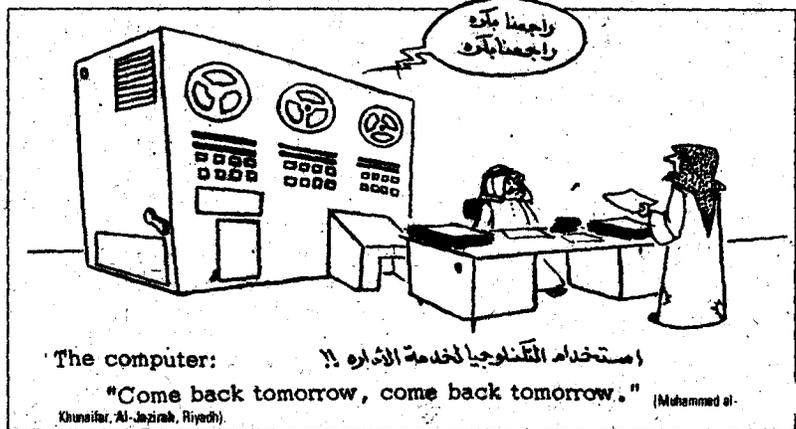
bidden from owning small businesses, and they may be summarily expelled by the government. While this large immigrant population has not been politically active, it remains a potential source of outside concepts and could theoretically be mobilized at an inopportune time, from a Saudi view.

The attack on the Grand Mosque in Mecca last November illustrated several things -- the limitations of Saudi intelligence-gathering and of their National Guard, the fact that the Saud dynasty is not universally loved, and (in this case) that it is viewed as being too progressive. In response to the ultraconservatives, the government ran press campaigns praising the veil as a symbol of woman's virtue and stepped up plans for building and renovating more mosques. But, also under pressure from modernizers, they did not close down television or the schools for girls. These symbolize the tight-rope which the ruling dynasty must constantly walk.

Further internal dissatisfaction is evidenced among members of the small Shi'a Muslim minority which lives along with east coast of the country and is perhaps 40-60% of the work force in the oil industry there. Partly under the influence of the Ayatollah Khomeini's expressed desire to export his revolution (he does not regard the Saudi dynasty as a legitimate Muslim regime), the Saudi Shi'ites have been demonstrating for a fairer distribution of wealth and an end to alleged discrimination by the Sunni Muslim majority.

The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan was condemned by Saudi Arabia, but they have steadfastly refused Carter's idea of "regional security arrangements" (with its possible U.S. bases in the country), for several reasons: they do not wish to be drawn into a clash between the superpowers; their own conservatives resent the appearance of being a U.S. pawn; U.S. bases would only worsen any culture clash. The Saudis have insisted that the No. 1 enemy in the Middle East is not the USSR but "an aggressive and expansionist Israel that refuses a just resolution of the Palestinian question."

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Draft Opposition Builds

by Bill Harley & Geoff Navias

After Carter's State of the Union Speech, there were a lot of glum faces. In calling for a draft registration, Carter seemed to be cashing in on the anger, frustration, and fear of many Americans and using it to prepare us for war. Peace people were discouraged and felt that efforts to stop a registration were almost futile. Now, two months later, while draft registration is still a strong possibility, Carter's train for young folks to Fort Dix has been slowed down. With a hard push over the next several months, there is a good chance that draft registration will not get the backing it needs in Congress, and the issue will be laid to rest for another year.

One of the major reasons that Carter's push for a draft registration has lost momentum is the groundswell of opposition to registration from people all over the country. People from all different backgrounds and political leanings have come together to fight against registration and protest the increase in militarism and preparation for war of which draft registration is a part.

The widespread opposition to the draft led to a national march in Washington this past Saturday, March 22. Over thirty thousand people participated in the march conceived of only a month ago by the National Mobilization Against the



Part of the 30,000 in D.C. on March 22. Stephen Wunrow photo.

Draft (MAD). Speakers and supporters from all different perspectives came together to support the march's call for no registration, no draft, and no cold war.

Things have been busy on the local scene, too. The Syracuse Coalition for Peace, comprised of a number of organizations and individuals, has held a number of actions and has more planned for the future. In the past two weeks, the Coalition has had a picket line outside the Carter/Mondale headquarters opening in Syracuse, filled two buses of local people for the national march, and held a simultaneous demonstration in downtown Syracuse on the day of the national march.

People in the Syracuse area, working out of the AFSC office, have also been putting together a network of people in the upstate area working against the draft. At a first meeting held on March 2, sixty people from all over the state showed up to share ideas and energy. Key contact people in major areas were identified,

and we are now working on developing an effective network for information and action. For more info on the Syracuse Coalition and the upstate network, call AFSC, 475-4822.

It appears that the draft registration issue will be decided in Congress in the early summer. Carter has suffered several setbacks; the House Appropriations subcommittee did not vote the full funding for Selective Service which he needs, which moved the issue to the full Committee. Congress has been influenced by the great amount of opposition to draft registration, and will help very little to prepare for war in the event of a "national emergency". We have time to put pressure on Congress, and should do it now. Upstate Representatives on the Appropriations Committee, Jack Kemp, Matthew McHugh, and Robert McEwen, should be contacted and told not to fund the Selective Service for the purposes of draft registration. Also, your Representative and Senators should be contacted.

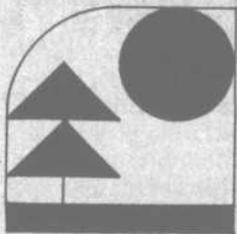
Bill Harley is a staff member of the AFSC who is presently overwhelmed with antidraft work. Geoff Navias, recently of Oneonta, is a long-time activist temporarily living in Syracuse.

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Are We Fit For Technology?

by Syracuse Science Collective

It is clear today, more than ever before, that the future of the Western society is in jeopardy. The very technological revolution which has mobilized human and material resources to bring to us undreamed-of economic and social well-being is now under attack. The increasing use of technology and energy over the past two hundred years has powerfully stimulated business, created new jobs, raised military capabilities and in short, helped to form the infrastructure for modern society. In view of the revolutionary changes fostered by our technology, it is an irony that its continued development no longer commands an adequate public consensus. The increasingly militant and hysterical minority threatens to retard, if not actually reverse, economic growth and business prosperity. The danger we face is thus great. It may undermine the very foundations of our way of life.

The customary response of Big Government to the problems posed, for instance, by exotic substances in the ecosphere is to regulate -- to force our mode of production to conform to the prevalent question, "Is the technology fit for us?" We believe however, that a more innovative approach is to stand the problem on its head and pose the more radical question, "Are we fit for technology?" Reflection on this line of thought rapidly leads to a shift in the focus of attention and suggests novel possibilities of self- and societal adaption to an ongoing technology. In this article, we shall present reasoned argument and persuasive evidence to support the view that such an approach is both an expedient strategy in terms of the available scientific and technical know-how, and a desirable one for the future of the economy and the free enterprise system. We are, of course, not the first to think along these lines. In particular, we have been

inspired by the historic vision and fine sensibility of the scientists who devised the prophetic motto for the Century of Progress World's Fair in Chicago in 1933:

Science finds
 Industry applies
 Man conforms

Our task in this article is modest. We would consider its purpose fulfilled if it provokes a new consciousness in the leaders of our society and persuades citizens that it is not the limits of biology that should determine technology and progress, but on the contrary, the state of technology that should determine acceptable biology.

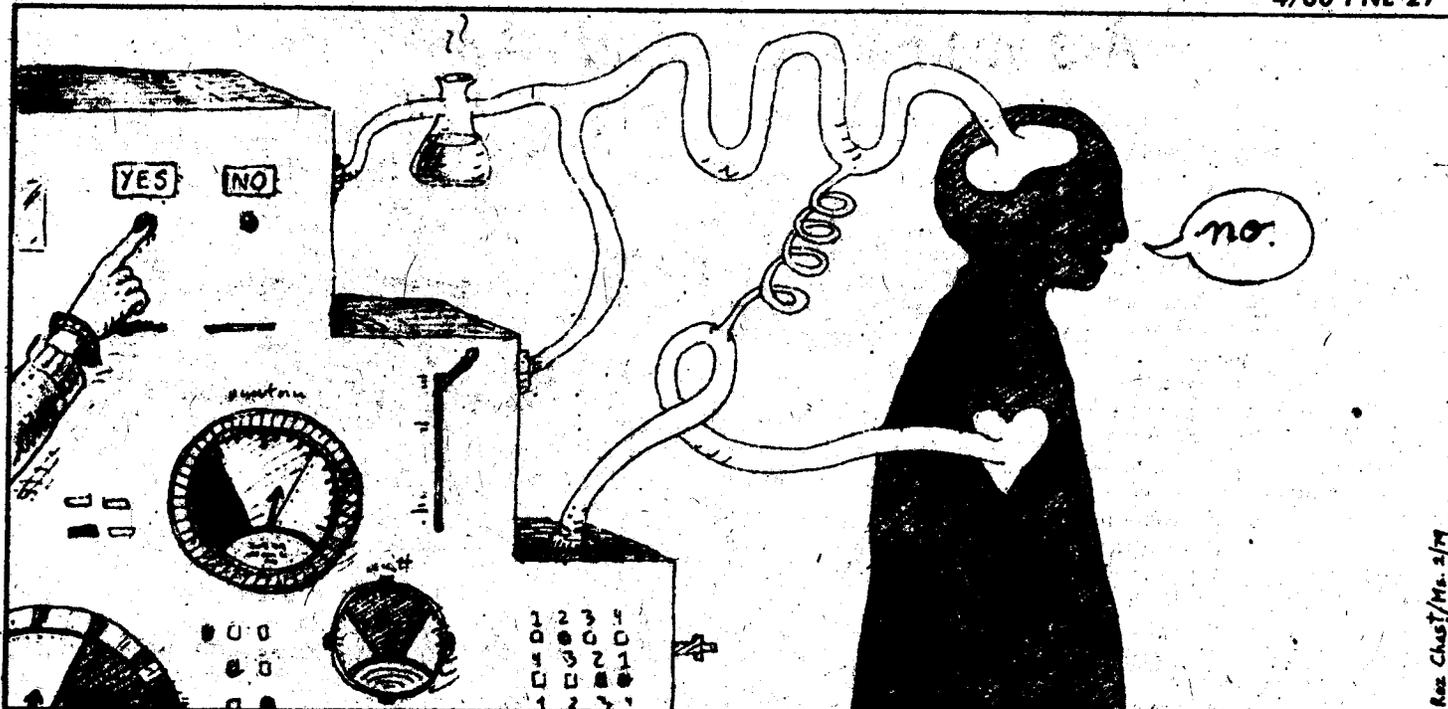
It is unnecessary to linger long on the deleterious consequences of a policy of severe restraint on economic growth. It suffices to describe one such consequence which has not been widely understood. A rapid elimination of carcinoma and similar disorders induced by ecological fluctuations will stimulate a disastrous crisis in the medical, pharmaceutical, nursing, and other elements of the health delivery system. Indeed, conservative estimates suggest that as much as ten percent of the US work force will join the welfare ranks if the multiplier effects of this are also carefully considered. In this sense, then, the policy of the orthodoxy is an anti-people policy. The merits of a scheme which aims at adapting the biosystem to the state of technology are also fairly evident. It is an approach which poses minimal strain on existing institutional structures and thus avoids the danger of social upheavals and nuclear

wars. It is also an approach which readily wins our enthusiasm when we contrapose the many wonderful and intricate scientific discoveries of modern times with our own stone-age mental and physical makeup. We recall with emotion that already the taxpayer is forced to tolerate increasing losses of productivity and efficiency because of our intolerable sensitivity to trivial environmental variations -- for example, the marginal increases of asbestos or dioxin.

It is our contention that there is no need to tolerate this sorry state of affairs and that it is well within our bioengineering capabilities to breed a human fully in consonance with the technological world. In the interests of initiating a wide debate on this issue, we outline a pilot program here which integrates three overlapping phases: control, adaptation and mutation.

The primary component in any effective control program must be well-conceived policies both for weeding out unfit newborns and for aborting non-chemical-resistant embryos. Many years of experimentation with antibiotics and pesticides have proven our abilities to destroy only those bacteria or insects that are vulnerable to the control agent, while encouraging the resistant ones to multiply with incredible rapidity. Thus we have created a class of bacteria immune to pesticides. And, of course, an unexpected side effect has been to destroy large numbers of natural predators specific to the target organism.

Profiting from this experience, it is quite conceivable that we can engage in widespread use of selected chemicals in carefully controlled amounts on human embryos and infants. Not only will this cut down the number of overly sensitive individuals, but it will also trim the total human population to the point where many microbial predators specific to human beings will become extinct.



Another effective strategem for the control of the chemically sensitive portion of the population will be to institute a careful monitoring program in high-exposure industries. At the first sign of a negative health effect, the worker would be classified as unfit, laid off, and retired on a subsistence income so parsimonious that it will discourage any temptation on the part of the unfit individual to reproduce. Sterilization would initially be optional, but could be recommended for recalcitrant cases. It is noted here with approval that advanced techniques in this area are already in practice at General Motors and other forward-looking industrial corporations.

The second prong of our recommended three-pronged approach, adaptation, is inseparable from the first. Along with a class of individuals vulnerable to chemical agents, there exists not only a class that is immune, but also a large third class that is potentially adaptable to these agents. The growth in numbers of this third class can be encouraged by a nationwide phased program involving the rollback of air and water pollution standards. This again would simultaneously trim the numbers of the unfit, while encouraging the reproduction of those with adaptive genes. The easing of pollution standards would, of course, have a salutary effect on the economy by removing the need to tie up significant amounts of capital in non-

productive control devices. To summarize then, the incremental adaptation program would allow the immune to multiply; the weak, old, and sensitive to succumb; and the adaptable, who might be harmed by sudden dosage increases, to survive.

The final phase of the program, mutation, is especially exciting, for it not only combines the good points of control and adaptation but also adds a new dimension: radical change. We would of course carry on with the present enlightened policy of administering increasing doses of ionizing radiation to the public via radioactive waste, mill tailings, and radon emissions. This could be supplemented from time to time by an occasional reactor meltdown, putting us in a position to observe effects both of control (in the form of enhanced die-off rates among the unfit), and of adaptation. In addition, we can confidently expect a greatly increased rate of mutation. Many of the mutants will obviously have undesirable defects and will have to be eliminated and recycled. However, a small but significant number can be expected to bring forth remarkable new abilities: great strength, extreme intelligence, extra limbs, eyes, or ears. Any of these, combined with a built-in resistance to high radiation levels could be of inestimable value in helping us to convert radiation now foolishly regarded

as a hazardous by-product into a valuable asset in preparing us for the world of the future.

The cost-effectiveness of our overall progress through chemistry program will be greatly enhanced with the judicious use of a little understood national resource -- vast stockpiles of sophisticated toxins stored at inconvenient locations across the country. There could be created a network of National Industrial Preserves* where these precious materials would be accumulated in massive amounts. Frequent visits to these recreation areas by American families will be of considerable help not only in cutting program cost through economies of scale, but also in gaining public acceptance for the program through incremental exposure.

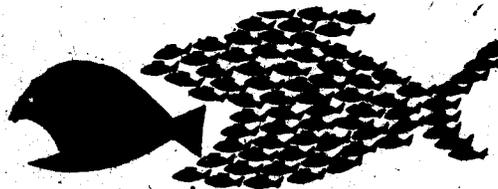
We are optimistic that the ideas we have presented here will eventually achieve wide acceptance. Looking to the more distant future, we should aspire to transform ourselves as well as our environment so that all of nature is continually recreated to our own specifications. As even Marx observed: "The function of philosophy is to change the world." We are fully aware of the many difficulties in reaching this goal, but strongly urge that our proposals be considered.

* A similar proposal for a nuclear sitting policy has also been made by C. C. Burwell, M. J. Oshanian and A. M. Weinbar, *Science* 204, 1043 (1979).

Making Sense of Our Dollars

Sort of a Report from the "Dollars and Sense" Conference

by Lois Levitan



Somehow over the last generation imports have gone sour.

I still remember my excitement at the age of 7 when my aunt and uncle brought me a beautiful hand-made doll on their return from a trip to Spain. And then, a few years later, when other globe-trotting relations came back from the British Isles with luxurious woolen scarves. We treasured these gifts for years. So I grew up thinking that imports were very special objects.

But now try to go to the consumer malls of America and find something that isn't imported. Especially in the mass market discount stores it is a virtually fruitless search. Even when you think you are "buying American," look again. In small print it likely says that the executive offices are on this continent while production was done in South America, in the Far East or on some South Sea isle that you need an atlas to find.

Do all these imports mean we are living in the lap of luxury, with everything being very special? Hardly.

American markets are flooded with imports because capital is being pulled out of industrialized areas of this country (the "Graybelt") and invested in areas overseas where labor is not organized, taxes are low and environmental restraints are minimal. Simply stated, they go where capital is rewarded most and penalized least in the pursuit of a profit.

Multinational ownership is changing the face of cities and the countryside in the Third World. Where farms in Mexico, Brazil and the Sahil of northern Africa once fed the people who worked on them, they now grow fruits and vegetables for the winter pleasure of North Americans, Western Europeans and their own upper classes. Fields which once grew staples for the local population now grow flowers used to decorate

churches, funeral halls and lapels of fancy dinner jackets.

So, as new capital flows into these countries, their people go hungry; they flock to shantytowns set up on the outskirts of overburdened cities, their social order destroyed.

The jobs being created by this influx of capital do not help the people of these countries. The workers are paid a pittance. They can't afford to purchase the goods they produce, but nor can they return to the rural life-styles which once supported them.

Meanwhile, workers in America are losing their jobs and markets because products made in the US cost more.

Labor leaders and environmentalists are in a bind. They are trying to make conditions better for everyone, but as long as workers and their communities do not own the workplace, big business (controllers of the capital) will flee to the havens of the Sunbelt and Third World when the pressure is put on. We as a society are being forced to compromise health, safety and incomes in order to lure business to stay put.

This Catch 22 is a capsulized account of the scenario presented in the movie Controlling Interests. I saw it several weeks ago in Ithaca as part of the "Dollars and Sense" conference which was sponsored by a coalition of social justice groups to give upstate New York activists a better sense of the economic realities underlying the other issues we are concerned about: housing, food, energy, racism...

Locally you will have several chances to see Controlling Interests during the week of Big Business Day, April 17 (see "Peaces").

One cannot help but come out of the movie realizing that the system of multinational ownership of capital must change. The odds are staggering; we are like a collective midget facing a Goliath. But in the same way that lice, ticks and biting flies can make huge animals miserable, there are ways that "we the people" can gain some power.

Randy Barber of the People's Business Commission, was the keynote speaker at the conference. He gave a plausible account of one way working people can begin to wield financial power over large corporations by re-investing money from pension funds.

Pension funds - the money people put aside for retirement - are the largest form of savings for individuals and, as such, the most rapidly increasing form of new capital available for investment. There is now \$600 billion in pension funds and it is increasing at a rate of 10% annually. They now account for 25% of stocks and 40% of corporate bonds. Although it is money belonging to workers and public employees, it has been administered as any other capital feeding into the corporate system, often for ends contrary to the needs of the people owning the money. Hotel workers have been funding McDonald's fast food joints and public employees in Wisconsin have been supporting paper mills running to the Sunbelt, away from Wisconsin's environmental and wage legislation.

This is a lot of money. It can be withdrawn from the stocks of the Fortune 500 and used instead to buy factories and bolster the housing market, to invest in neighborhoods and fund small businesses. Pension funds are a potent force for social change.

The reallocation of pension monies is a complex issue dealt with in depth in 2 books available from The Front Room.

The North Will Rise Again: Pensions, Politics and Power in the 1980's. Jeremy Rifkin & Randy Barber. 1978. \$4.95.

Public Employees Pension Funds: New Strategies for Investment. Lee Webb & Wm. Schweke, eds. July 1979. \$9.95.

PEACES

DEREGULATING HEALTH & SAFETY

In the most recent and far-reaching attempt to gut the Occupational Safety and Health Act to date, Senator Richard Schweiker (R. PA) has introduced legislation, (S. 2153) that would, among other things, exempt 90% of all workplaces from nearly all OSHA inspections.

The bill is a product of business lobbies like the Business Roundtable and has been termed "our first serious crack at OSHA" by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

This blatant attack on public health is part of a coordinated and expensive corporate "anti-regulation" campaign. Other recent targets of this campaign include the Federal Trade Commission (Congress is threatening to remove FTC authority to move against "unfair" advertising) and the EPA (whose regulations are regularly attacked for being inflationary).

Please support a strong OSHA and oppose the Schweiker Bill and similar gut-OSHA legislation. Hearings are taking place in April so your letters are needed now.

A new local labor group called the CNY Committee on Occupational Health and Safety will be doing local work against the Schweiker Bill. Informational meetings (open to the public) are planned for Saturday April 5 (10am) and Tues. April 8 (7pm) at the Teamsters Hall 566 Spencer St. More info: Tom Hall 471-4164.

DENNIS COLLINS SUES SYRACUSE

On March 25, 1979, Dennis Collins, a young black photographer in Syracuse, New York, was brutally beaten by members of the Syracuse Police Department in the course of chronicling police misconduct. Dennis was attempting to photograph the excessive force used by the police in making the arrests of three people, and as a result, he himself became a victim of police brutality. As usual, the victim of police brutality, not

the police, had criminal charges lodged against him.

On November 21, 1979, an Order was filed by the Honorable William Burke, Onondaga County Court Judge, dismissing all charges against Dennis Collins because of the unlawful manner in which the District Attorney had obtained an indictment against him.

On March 21, 1980, Dennis Collins filed a Civil Rights Action in Federal Court seeking vindication for violation of his civil and constitutional rights. The claim is against several members of the Syracuse Police Department, Chief Thomas Sardino, and the City of Syracuse. The suit seeks damages in the amount of \$500,000.

BIG BUSINESS DAY

On Thursday April 17 a broad national coalition (Americans Concerned About Corporate Power) will be sponsoring activities around the country. The purpose of these events is to voice concern over, corporate abuse of power in the areas of food, energy, healthcare, workplace, environment and in the production of the necessary commodities of daily life. The organizers nationwide intend to begin to put the power in this country back where it belongs, - with the people.

Big Business Day will be marked in Syracuse with the showing of the film, "Controlling Interests", followed by a panel with representatives of local women's, labor, consumer and social justice groups at 8pm Thursday April 17 at the headquarters of the United Auto Workers Local 624 at 714 West Manlius St, East Syracuse.

For further info:
Gary Bunch- 423-3961; Allen Millet- 472-3047; Lois Levitan- 478-2998; Fred Benedetto- 782-3771.

JOBS NOT JIVE

A coalition of Syracuse groups is planning a 'March for Jobs' on Sunday April 13. The march will provide a forum to voice community concerns regarding the absence of affirmative action in hiring of minorities in city and county government, local industry and area educational institutions.

The march begins at 2:30 at the Gospel Temple in the 500 block of Oakwood Ave. For more info call 425-0791.

El Salvador Martyr

Bishop Oscar Romero is dead. This most eloquent voice of El Salvador's poor was silenced last week by a single bullet as he presided at a funeral mass in the war torn capital city.

His assassin was most likely hired by the right wing terrorist groups which have threatened Romero's life many times. His insistence on speaking the truth, particularly his condemnations of their exploitation of the country's millions of poor peasants, angered the ruling oligarchy.



Just before his death Romero wrote to President Carter pleading with him not to send arms to the Salvadorean government. But his cry went unheard. One day after his death, Congress was planning to approve \$5.7 million to finance more death in defense of a social order which Salvadoreans are risking their lives to reject. (See March PNL).

Syracusans were quick to respond to this latest outrage in Central America. Services to commemorate Romero and the cause for which he died were held in Hendricks Chapel and at the Catholic Cathedral.

OPEN ALBANY'S CLOSETS

A 'March on Albany For Lesbian & Gay Rights' is scheduled for Saturday, April 12. People will assemble at 1 pm at the Alumni Quad, SUNY, which is the corner of Ontario & Washington Ave. A statewide conference is scheduled on Sunday from 10 am-5 pm on the SUNY campus. For more info call 475-6857.

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| <p>Happy Easter! 6 Benefit Dinner to raise money & interest for April 8th March on Washington, 6 pm Westcott Cafe</p> | <p>MOVING? 7 PLEASE LET US KNOW BEFORE YOU MOVE!!!</p> | <p>EVERY TUES: Syracuse Coalition for Peace meeting, 7:30 pm, 821 Euclid Ave (AFSC)</p> <p>ADVOCATE 1 now meets each Tuesday at 4 pm, call 458-2780 for info.</p> | <p>Ben Chavla speaks at NACP dinner - 8pm, Hotel Syracuse (445-2788 from 1:30-6:30pm) 2</p> <p>Radiation Victims Tour Community forum - see this page</p> | <p>Japanese at Upstate Medical Center (see this page) 3</p> | <p>Spring Cleaning? 4 Contribute your reusable stuff to SPC SPC's May 10 Garage Sale (see p. 5)</p> | <p>Local Support - OSHA 5 mty, 10 am Teamsters Hall, 566 Spencer St. Info 471-4164, see p. 29.</p> <p>KAY GARDNER in Ithaca call 478-4190 for more</p> |
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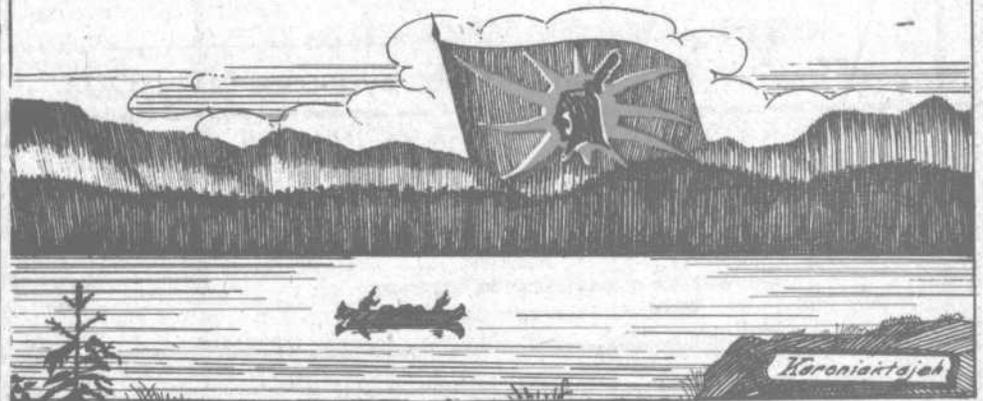
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We shall resist by every means any aggression, any violation of the treaties, any disturbance of our people in the free use and enjoyment of our land, any usurpation of our sovereignty, any encroachment and oppression. We pledge that the noise shall be heard from one end of the world to the other.



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The 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.

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The 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.

IN THIS ISSUE

Welcome to a 24 page PNL! Our expanded PNL editorial committee (4/80 PNL) makes it even more difficult to keep to our regular 24 page issue size. April was, of course, 32 pages and we took it so much for granted we forgot to mention it in this space.

We feel real good about our featured article on Ganienkeh. The article and artwork were both done especially for the PNL with three months of planning and work going into it. Other movement papers may be reprinting it as well. Our appreciation to Ed Dubinsky for coordinating the article.

The Iran article is a great example of the strength and value of the PNL and by extension SPC. It wasn't a part of the rough contents mock-up as we began our first May PNL editorial meeting early in

April. It soon became apparent, however, that we couldn't publish a PNL with the present crisis worsening without giving our readers a better handle on the situation. This decided, we quickly brainstormed the main points we felt needed to be covered. Since then the U.S. military action occurred and Judy Bjorkman's original article was rewritten by Lisa Johns.

Our two editorial meetings a month have gradually moved our timetable up a full week. This will, we think, dramatically improve the PNL's quality as well as improving our survivability.

Oh yes.....remember to subscribe. We're taking the PNL more and more seriously and we expect readers to do the same.

UPCOMING IN THE PNL

June will have an extra eight pages with a special Poetry section.

We Want Your Poetry

Deadline for sending in your poetry is May 10 so do it right now!

Also in June:

Carter's New Domestic Policy by Lisa Johns

A longer Akwesasne article by Ed Dubinsky because of critical recent developments

The September PNL, commemorating the September 1973 right-wing coup against Allende's Popular Unity government in Chile, will have several feature articles on Latin America.

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Enclosed is \$6 for a PNL sub. We (I) are tired of tired news.

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**"If you are not careful, the newspapers will have you hating the people who are being oppressed, and loving the people who are doing the oppressing."
-Malcolm X**

— How It Is With Us —
Response To SPC Fund Appeal Wonderful!

In the midst of a fearfully deteriorating world situation support for SPC has dramatically and joyfully improved. Probably there's a direct relationship between the crisis and SPC support, but at least part of it is due to a lot of hard work. Monthly or quarterly pledges comprise the most heartening part of this picture. Three things in the last two months have more than doubled our pledges: first, John Maddaus' glowing Birthday Dinner appeal; second, our fund appeal mailing which may have set a record (over \$2500) not including the year-long pledge revenue the appeal generated; third, a pledge calling by steering committee members of several hundred SPC members to which most people have responded very well.

Subscriptions to the PNL have also improved considerably, though it's still a long way from self-sufficiency. Please remember that \$6 of what you give to SPC isn't a contribution, it's a subscription to CNY's Antiwar/ Social Justice paper-- the PNL.

Needless to say, all this good money news has relieved a fair amount of ongoing stress and anxiety in the office. It's a nice feeling. We have also gotten psychic space from our continuing \$9,000 debt by taking it out of our everyday budget considerations. It allows us to feel that all monies raised don't disappear down the big debt hole. We'll be trying to schedule special fund raisers specifically to reduce the debt.



People's Energy 1979/Karen Kerney

On Friday April 25, the morning of Carter's Iranian military adventure, the SPC office became an ongoing, emergency crisis center of support, sharing and decision-making. From 10-15 people participated throughout the day and by 4pm we had prepared a statement for a hectic 4:15 press conference that was quite well attended.

Perhaps the major obstacle we needed to overcome was our individual feelings of fear, powerlessness and isolation; especially strong was the feeling that we were the only ones outraged by the action so nothing could be done. But we are doing something (see below and p. 16) and we all must do more.

As we go to press we are very tired from the Washington antinuke march, from the tension of Iran, from a small but visible Viet Nam anniversary vigil (April 30), from putting together another packed PNL. And with two full time office workers--Glenda and Gary--on vacation until mid-May, our office energy is stretched thin. The coming of spring can cheer even the most drained spirits, however, and it's certainly the case with us. Have a Sunny May!!

A "Quiet" Threat To Civil Liberties

The Criminal Code Revision Act of 1980 was approved recently by the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, and is now turned over to the full House Judiciary Committee for approval.

The ACLU and other civil libertarians are outraged because this bill would create new laws severely damaging to civil liberties. If S.1722 becomes law, basic rights such as peaceable assembly (whether it be opposition to war, registration and a draft, or nuclear power), and freedom of the press (reporters could be accused of "hindering law enforcement" for disclosing government information or protecting the confidentiality of news sources), could, under certain circumstances become Federal crimes. The possible sentencing and/or fines for such "crimes" would amount to up to 5 years and \$250,000 for individuals, and \$1,000,000 for organizations involved in the planning or organization of demonstrations.

We urge everyone to write their: 1) Representatives (H. of Reps. Washington, D.C. 20515) and 2) Senators (U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510) to oppose this repressive legislation. Please send copies of all letters to Peter Rodino-Chairperson of the House Judiciary Committee. (N.J. residents send letters directly to Rodino.)

VIGIL & TOWN MEETING

TOWARD A NON-MILITARY SOLUTION TO THE IRAN CRISIS



"Bring your ideas & your imagination!"

**SUNDAY MAY 11, 1980
 10:30-1:30 P.M.**

COLUMBUS CIRCLE-DOWNTOWN SYRACUSE

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Feminist men

Syracuse, N.Y.

Jack Manno ("Men Working Toward Feminism," PNL, March 1980) offers an interesting analysis of how men who are critical of the culturally approved masculine role in our society should respond to feminism. Although I share his dissatisfaction with traditional male roles, I cannot agree with his conclusions.

Jack states, "It is men who have held the power, who have built the weapons and power plants which are so abhorrent and it's a masculine neurosis which has compelled men to prove their virility by domination.... Women ought to take that power [to create the future] soon." The role of men in his view is "to take on (and value) roles that have been reserved for women" and to support feminist organizations and issues.

What I think I hear Jack saying is that the evils of our society are a result of an inherent male characteristic that afflicts all males and therefore disqualifies us from any role in shaping the future. We can only seek to change our ways while supporting an agenda established by women.

I agree with Jack that "war and ecological abuse threaten everything we hold precious and worthy." To the extent that I am personally part of the problem, I am willing to take responsibility for that and try to change. What I will not do is to take responsibility (as a man) for the actions of some (male) corporate executives who build a nuclear power plant, or of some (male) generals who design a new nuclear weapon.

Yes, our society is distorted by sexism. Even as women have been forced into subordinate roles, men have been forced to assume positions of power and authority whether they wanted to or not. In the final analysis, the competitive, exploitive values of our society aren't working for any of us--female or male, black or white. We've got to find ways in which we all can work together to

make this a more caring and humane world. No one who accepts this goal should be excluded from full participation on the grounds of being the same sex, race, age or nationality as someone else who may be felt to be part of the problem. We need all the help we can get!

John Maddaus

Syracuse, N.Y.

There's a big difference between talking and writing. John hears me saying something, I hear him saying something, actually, we read each other's words and hear our own voices and we respond to ourselves, like an internal dialogue. John cannot agree with the conclusions he hears me making. I wouldn't agree with those conclusions either (which doesn't mean they can't be true).

My analysis was not intended to be about how men critical of the masculine role should respond to feminism, but rather how we should work toward feminism. Feminism is not merely a critique of sexual politics, nor is it a body of accusations against men. I don't hold John responsible "for the actions of some (male) corporate executives who build a nuclear power plant or of some generals (male) who design a new nuclear weapon." However, I hold myself and others who care responsible to try and stop these threats against everything we hold precious and worthy. Part of the struggle is to try and understand where the hell these human madnesses come from. They're not just aberrations of certain corporate execs or generals. These people are encouraged and rewarded. They live in a society. If they were to disappear and their world didn't change then they would be replaced by others. Feminism is helping women and men to understand some of the compulsions (many of them apparently masculine) which lead to domination being valued more than other, kinder ways to relate.

Jack Manno

A Pat on the Back

Syracuse, N.Y.

I'm writing to share with you some of the wonderful feelings I had from working on the April issue of the PNL. Though I have had some connection, in varying degrees, to the newsletter and to the Peace Council over the past ten years, I had never really worked on the production of

the PNL before. It was the first time that I really had "hands-on" experience with it, and as a result, I've come to appreciate the incredible effort it represents, from start to finish. The creativity, planning and over-all preparation that go into each and every issue deserve APPLAUSE!! (Not to mention monetary support.) I was also reminded of how rewarding and pleasurable it is to work collectively on a political project. Having gone into voluntary isolation while in graduate school, I'd lost touch with the powerful experience of working together with a group of people who are committed to similar ideals and goals for social change and education. I'm looking forward to the next production schedule! In friendship and solidarity,

Wendy Kohli

[Ed. note: The fresh, warm, home-baked chocolate cake at midnight was pretty fantastic too, Wendy!]

White Plains, N.Y.

Your desperate-sounding fund appeal struck a familiar note here. As another grassroots group similar to SPC, WESPAC felt that we should share some of our current relative affluence to help keep you afloat. The enclosed check represents our token of appreciation for what SPC is, has done, and continues to stand for.

When I raised this question (sending you money) at our administrative committee meeting tonight, I recalled how much SPC has meant to WESPAC. In 1975, when we were deciding whether to rent a loft and hire staff to open our first WESPAC center, the long-term success of SPC was the one model which proved that an independent, locally-based peace and social justice organization could sustain itself. If it could be done in Syracuse, of all places, it surely could be done in Westchester. Since then, your model has continued to give us inspiration and support.

Please don't despair--with the current world situation, all of us need each other more than ever. Things will no doubt look up for SPC shortly --Central New Yorkers and others will realize that, as the Carter Administration moves us to the brink of World War III, we cannot afford not to have the Syracuse Peace Council and every other person, organization or ad hoc grouping working for peace.

Charlie Scheiner, Co-chairperson
Westchester Peoples Action Coalition

Grassroots March on Washington

by Jeff Schwartz

The mood was wet but spirited as participants representing 36 states converged on the Capitol for the April 26th March for a Non-Nuclear World. The rain and cold stayed with us all day, but many dedicated people persevered and kept spirits high while marching from the Capitol building to the Washington Monument with songs, chants, and plenty of wet soggy banners and signs. The rally at the monument lasted over 5 hours, and included a mixture of speakers and music. Almost everyone who arrived at the monument stayed through to the end, and heard many speakers including Dave Dellinger, Barry Commoner, and Helen Caldicott, address such issues as nuclear power and weapons, exports to and involvement in the Third World, government control, Native American



Stephen Wurrow Photo

Some of the crowd (estimated at betw. 25,000 and 80,000) in D.C. on Saturday.

concerns, health effects, the international state of affairs, and the recent actions toward Iran. Dave Dellinger made especially clear the dangers of Carter's actions against Iran, by considering Saturday the 175th day since the hostages were taken, the 3rd day since it was evident that the government was out of control, and the 9701st day since the Iranian crisis began (when the CIA installed the Shah in Iran, 1953).

In addition, music by Pete Seeger, Holly Near, Sweet Honey in the Rock, Bright Morning Star, Bonnie Raitt, and many more kept people active and warm.

The Civil Disobedience at the Pentagon on Monday saw at least 800 people actively take part with many support people as well. Well over 300 arrests were made, and one local participant reported that some police did act violently, although the protesters remained nonviolent throughout. Unfortunately, the media gave very sparse coverage to the event, and when it was reported, it was treated more like a picnic than anything else.

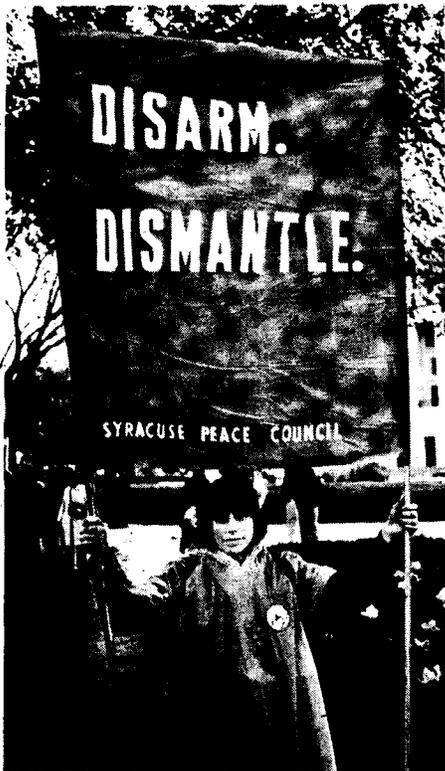
The combination of planned activities- congressional lobbying on Thursday and Friday, legal rallying on Saturday, and Nonviolent Civil Disobedience on Monday- encompassed many approaches to fundamental change, involving many degrees of commitment, yet all delivering the same message: We Must Be Rid Of Nuclear Technology!!!

Unique History

The history and process of these actions were unique in the high degree of their grassroots nature. The original ideas were agreed upon by 150 people using consensus, in August of 1978. The Coalition for a Non-Nuclear World was the central planning organ with representatives from 15 regions, 14 special issue task forces, and 7 national organizations. The combination of centralized national planning with decentralized input and decision-making was evidenced by the process of extensive local, state and regional input into deciding the 5 goals of the Coalition. In addition, much of the fundraising was done on a local rather than centralized basis, as were many other aspects of the planning and execution.

Future opportunities for participation in grassroots activities include the May 24 occupation of Seabrook, the Black Hills Alliance gathering in July, and Survival Summer activities across the nation. Call the Peace Council for details on any of these.

Stephen Wurrow Photo



One of over 300 Central New Yorkers in D.C.

Jeff Schwartz is volunteering full-time for the Peace Council while taking 6 months off from Colgate Univ.





NINE MILE FIRE RESPONSE

While the fire at the Nine Mile Point nuclear plant on April 21 was brought under control swiftly, Niagara Mohawk's handling of the emergency raises some serious questions about their ability to handle more severe accidents.

Minutes after the fire had begun, two Syracuse television reporters were on the phone to SPC to see if we could give them any helpful leads or interpretations. We gave them the phone numbers of the Oswego Co. Fire Dept. and the Oswego Co. Office of Emergency Preparedness, (OEP), and proceeded to call these two agencies ourselves.

On April 22, the day after the fire, Robert Burtch, NiMo representative and George Browner, director of the OEP said in separate statements that the efforts of the media to get information had tied up the OEP phone and had in effect prevented NiMo from reaching OEP, the agency that has sole responsibility for setting an emergency plan into action.

While all this is true, the blame is misplaced. If Niagara Mohawk was really prepared to handle a nuclear emergency, it would have installed a hot-line to the OEP long ago. If NiMo took its responsibility to protect the public from danger as seriously as the press takes its responsibility to seek out information, plant operators would have called the OEP before the press and SPC did.

But there is a more basic issue at play here. There is an insinuation in the air from NiMo and OEP that the media should not meddle in the midst of a nuclear crisis-- that it should wait demurely until NiMo is prepared to issue bulletins.

The experience at Three Mile Island last year instructs us differently. Metropolitan Edison's attempts to control the flow of information was fraught with confusion, bungling, cover-ups and outright

deception which endangered the lives of millions of people.

Let's not delude ourselves by thinking that NiMo is any different. Met Ed's response was characteristic of any profit-making utility responding in a nuclear emergency: there is an automatic inclination to protect the image of nuclear safety over the lives of people.

The signs of this inclination at NiMo are evident in what has been said above and also in the following. The Oswego Co. Fire Dept., when contacted to find out their point of view on the seriousness of the fire, refused to comment. The fire department had signed an agreement with Niagara Mohawk two years ago saying that they would stay mute -- information regarding a fire at the nuke plant would be given only by the utility.

These signs spell serious danger for Central New Yorkers; we must act now by demanding the free flow of information and better emergency preparedness measures until nuclear power is done away with.



NUCLEAR GARBAGE COMING THRU

To bring home the reality of nuclear waste transport, (see Feb. PNL) North Country and Lakeshore Alliance activists are trucking a simulated nuclear waste shipment on three Saturdays in May. The truck starts north of the Canada border on Sat., May 10 and will travel through Ogdensburg, Potsdam, south on Rt. 11 to Gouverneur. On the following Saturdays, May 17 and 24, the truck will follow routes 104 (from Mexico) to Lyons and 31 west to Geneva. Street theater, leafletting and public speaking will greet the truck at shopping plazas and four corners of each town. That part of the caravan is up to the participation of local folks-- so please contact one of the organizers to become involved: Dave Stern in Rose - 315/587-9787 Julie Kline in S. Butler - 365-3403 Glenda Neff at SPC - 472-5478 Dennis Wienk of CLAW in Waddington

at 388-4388.

There will be a People's Hearing on radioactive waste transport on May 22 in Syracuse. See p. 23.

BLACK HILLS SUMMER GATHERING

The Black Hills International Survival Gathering will be held in North Dakota from July 18 to 27, 1980.

From the promotional materials:

"People from many parts of the world will gather in the Black Hills to document and diagnose the threats to survival so that we may determine and practice the best methods of assuring a future for our children."

The Paha Sapa, as the Hills are known to the Lakota People, are an ancient and sacred place, greatly revered. The life-sustaining capability of this environment is threatened by more than 25 multinational corporations now prospecting for uranium, oil, natural gas, coal, and iron ore on one million acres of land. James Schlesinger called this area "America's energy ace-in-the-hole." Government reports speak of "sac-

rificing" the Black Hills for energy sources. The cost of this madness would be not only the land but a continuation of the extinction of Native peoples and their way of life.

The issues making survival in the Black Hills a point in question are the same issues that face all of our communities.

The gathering will focus on three aims:

- 1) plan effective means to neutralize corporate dangers and create life-sustaining alternatives.
- 2) build a model self-sufficient community with working alternative energy projects... Workshops will explain each project and its application in local communities.
- 3) a forum on Indian genocide and the planned extinction of the family ranch and farm will seek to save what remains of our rural ways of life.

For more information, contact SPC or write: Black Hills Alliance, P.O. Box 2508, Rapid City, SD 57709.

No More Hibakusha!

by Glenda Neff

A delegation of eighteen Japanese people from religious, scientific, and political organizations toured the entire U.S. from March 26 to April 14 as part of a nationally organized Nuclear Victims Tour. Four of these people were hosted by SPC for three days in early April. "Hibakusha", (pronounced hi BAK sha) means "one who has been exposed," that is, a radiation victim. The purpose of their tour, as evident in the name, was to build the movement against nuclear technology, to make sure that no other people endure the suffering and terror of nuclear war. The growing militarism in response to the events in Iran and Afghanistan gave their tour an even greater sense of urgency. The delegation envisions the word "Hibakusha" becoming a word of international usage. Uranium miners, military and civilians exposed to bomb testings, nuclear workers and residents near power plants, waste sites, and processing facilities- we are all hibakusha..

Visiting Central N.Y. were two survivors of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Mrs. Chisako Odoriba, and Mr. Masao Kayo, as well as Venerable Tetsuen Nakajima, a Buddhist Monk active in the anti-nuclear power movement in Fukui, Japan; and an interpreter, Ms. Ikuko Shibata. During three very full days they spoke to Syracusans at Upstate Medical Center, Liverpool High School, the Onondaga Nation, and at a Community Forum. The evening forum included local speakers, one of whom witnessed atomic bomb testings in the Pacific, only now realizing the effects of radiation exposure to his three children.

These events, plus a few more, were arranged by a hardworking ad-hoc committee of SPC, with much help from co-sponsors: American Friends Service Committee, Physi-

Glenda Neff is an SPC Staff Person and is responsible for much of the success of the tour in Syracuse.



Jeff Schwartz Photo

Left to Rt.- Ven. Nakajima, Ikuko, Mrs. Odoriba, and Mr. Kayo at the public forum in Syracuse.

cians for Social Responsibility, ADVOCATE!, and the Program in Non-violent Conflict and Change at S.U. The moving experiences which happened here were mirrored in many other cities and towns, at rallies, dinners, and religious services. The national tour was sponsored in the U.S. by the Religious Taskforce of the Mobilization for Survival. The visit by these people to Syracuse sparks our energy and commitment to a "Survival Summer" of activism in our neighborhoods, at the State Fair, for the commemoration of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and for many other events to come.

All living things should be
happy, serene, and peaceful!

Anything alive
scared or bold,
long, middlesize, or short
micro or macro
visible or invisible
living far off or nearby
and things that are already
born or will be born,

All living things should be
happy, serene, and peaceful!

(from the message of the Buddha)



to my all soul-mates!
(Ven) Tetsuen Nakajima

On Feeling Changed

by Paul Menge

Although the anti-war and environmental movements are not strangers to me, I now realize that I had some unresolved conflicts about opposing nuclear weapons and the arms race. The visit by our four Japanese friends changed that for me.

The description of the trauma-- physical, emotional, and spiritual-- suffered by the Hibakusha and their families shocked and shamed me. To see these gentle people who knew so much suffering in themselves and others, yet who could forgive and continue to search for friendship, was a wonderful statement of the hope, love and understanding which can exist in relations between people of the World.

So I feel changed. The absurdity and sheer madness of the existence of nuclear arsenals is now crystal clear to me. And an example of hope for the future of a truly international peace movement now clearly exists in my experience--I'll never lose it. I thank my Sisters and Brothers at SPC for the chance to share this experience; and to Mrs. Odoriba, Mr. Kayo, Venerable Nakajima and Ikuko I express joy for having touched my life. I join hands with all of you to declare "No More Hibakusha."

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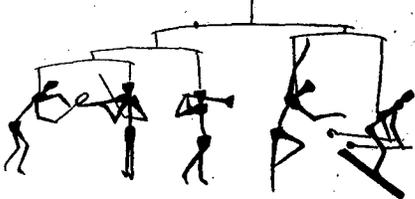
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Common Place: Towards a New Land Ethic

by Carol Baum

How can we most responsibly deal with the land? The system of private ownership of land has proven to be destructive and is rife with contradictions. Land is a precious resource and yet owners can treat or mistreat it at will, subject only to some governmental restraints. Land is a limited resource and yet owners can restrict others' access to it. Two-thirds of the private property in the US is owned by 5% of the population which is a major source of economic and social inequality. Land is a commodity and is subject to the pressures of the marketplace, especially speculation. Its use value has been transformed into merely exchange value. People have become separated from the earth in their ownership of it, forgetting that they too are part of the eco-system. Our survival is at stake.

It doesn't make sense to possess land. However, given the present economic system, land must be owned in some way. The Community Land Trust (CLT) combines ancient tradition (the land is sacred) with modern legal concepts (although there are few legal precedents). Basically a CLT is a legal entity, most often a non-profit corporation, designed to hold title to land for the good of the land, the users, the community at large, and future generations. A distinction is made between property, over which one can have ownership, and trustery, in which ownership is replaced by stewardship. The land cannot be owned by the users, only leased by them. On the other hand, the users can own buildings and other constructed improvements on the land. The "Community" part of CLT recognizes that people live on and use the land. The CLT is not a nature conservancy trust. The CLT holds land in trust and at the same time protects the legitimate use rights of the community. In this way the residents and the larger community have control over land use while keeping in mind that the rights of the users must always be reconciled with the rights of the land.

The question addressed by CLT's is who owns/controls the land and for what purpose. The answer is that we do--to provide access to land for those who might not otherwise have it; to protect the land from our excesses; to liberate the land from the speculative market; to further a decentralist economy; to learn about and educate others in appropriate technology and self-reliance; to relearn that we too are part of nature; to learn to live lightly on the land and more cooperatively with each other. Rural CLT's have a role to play in rural preservation and can help protect small farmers. Urban CLT's tend to be more focused on a community's gaining control over its "own" vacant lots.



There are about 150 CLT's in various stages of development in the US. The particular emphases differ somewhat (some are more focused on providing land to the poor; others on research and education). There are two incorporated rural trusts in New York, urban trusts in New York City and several interested groups across the state. Although it is still in its beginning stage, there is a developing sense of a CLT movement. Within the last half year there have been two CLT gatherings in the northeast and newsletters have been exchanged.

Common Place is a CLT in Central New York of which I am a member. In December, 1979, Common Place was incorporated as a non-profit corporation. We are a little unusual in that we stress our experimental and educational role in cooperative and responsible land use. Right now we are attempting to purchase 432 acres of land in Truxton (a 45 min. drive southeast of Syracuse). There is a farmhouse about 120 acres of agricultural land,

230 acres of forest land, 50 acres of open meadow, and 25 acres of orchard. It's beautiful and full of special places. We have a special situation in that the current owner is a member of Common Place and the trust has been allowed to act as owner in almost all circumstances. Currently nine people live on the land and there are about 20 active members in the trust.

The main decision-making body is a nine-member Board of Stewards which attempts to reach decisions by consensus. Three members are representatives of residents on the land, 3 represent very interested non-residents and 3 are public representatives (primarily from the local community). This format was chosen to balance differing needs and perspectives in order to arrive at the best possible decisions for the land and community. Decision-making and idea generation is decentralized as much as possible--most of the real work is done by one of five committees: Lease, Land Management, Membership and Outreach, Finance and Legal, and Education. There is also a Common Place women's group, although it's not a formal committee. We attempt to fulfill the purposes with as little bureaucracy as possible, but that is very difficult.

There are many organizational and land-related activities occurring in the next few months. Come to our Summer Celebration in August to hear all about them (or visit before then!).

Each person has her/his own vision of what the land trust can become. I dream of a cooperative community living lightly on the land, in which the earth is respected and each person understands that he/she is part of the processes of nature. The community would be economically viable, being somewhat self-sufficient, yet an integral part of the economy of the valley, recognizing the interconnectedness of the whole. I could go on. What is your vision?

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"I Command You: Cease The Repression!"

by Ed Griffin

With these words, Archbishop Oscar Romero ended his Sunday homily on March 23, addressing himself directly to the soldiers of El Salvador and calling on them to stop murdering and torturing their neighbors. A man turned to a North American guest in the cathedral that day and said, "It won't be long before a violent response to this is heard." The next day the Archbishop was killed, a victim of the terror of the right wing oligarchy he so often condemned.

The guest in the cathedral that day, Ron Young of the American Friends Service Committee, spoke in Syracuse on April 23 about his visit to El Salvador and on US policy towards the brewing civil war there. He strongly disagreed with the description of the current ruling junta by the US government and the press as a "centrist" force committed to ending violence by both the right and the left. On the contrary, the fact-finding mission in which Ron participated heard from hundreds of peasants who had seen atrocities committed by soldiers against members of leftist organizations, but not one who told of an instance where the military had confronted the more heavily armed right wing groups.

After long conversations with Bishop Romero and his associates, Ron concludes that the Bishop's position has not been accurately conveyed to North Americans. Romero not only supported the poor but also supported their chosen political organizations and defended them against the repression. His reasoning was that the oligarchy (the "14 families" which control coffee production and export), the military, and the Christian Democrat group had all had their chance to govern and the majority of Salvadorans remained as poor as ever. His option was a government in which the people's organizations (now united in the Coordinadora Revolucionaria de Masas - CRM) had a dominant role, and for his advocacy of this stance he was killed.

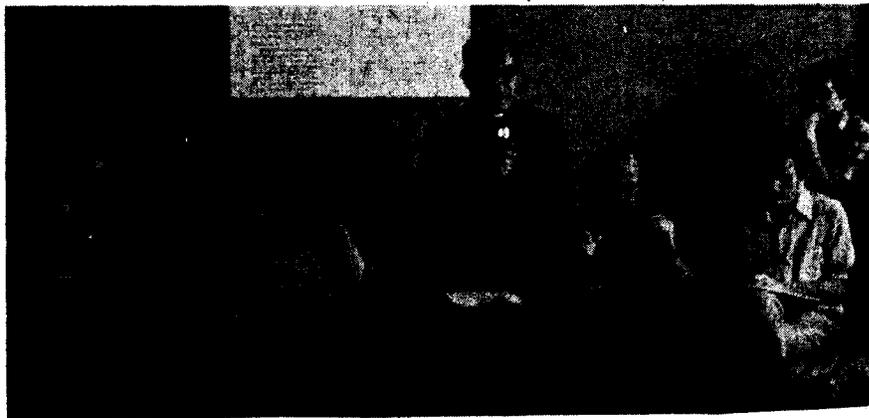
Now that he is gone, what can we expect next? Some hopeful indications are appearing. A strike in late March paralyzed urban transportation and

closed most schools. A group of labor unions, professionals, dissident Christian Democrats, and Social Democrats have formed a Democratic Front which supports the CRM. This demonstrates a growing unity between the peasants and urban workers and the first signs of attempts to build a Nicaraguan style coalition which crosses class ties in a tactical alliance to overthrow the junta. One possible interpretation is that the left is hoping to use this time to work politically rather than launching an offensive which they may not be prepared for and which would be prolonged and bloody. (The Red Cross is preparing for 200,000 casualties in the event of a full-scale war, a reasonable estimate given that there are several hundred thousand armed people on both sides.)

Complicating the picture is the specter of US intervention. Insisting that the junta is still a viable option (although cabinet members are resigning daily) and is seriously reform-minded (although they admit that repression must accompany their reforms), Washington has pledged \$5.7 million

in military aid this year and more next year. Congress rubber stamped the aid package in spite of a written plea from Romero himself urging Carter to keep hands off. The spirit of the new interventionism carried the day, fueled by 12 hours of secret CIA and Defense Department testimony.

The fear of "another Nicaragua" and the desire for stability in Central America appears to be guiding US policy in this instance, plus the political mileage to be gained from appearing "tough" during a period of US retreat from its former neo-colonies. There is still time, however, for the people to reject this interventionist attitude and to prevent the aid from being sent. Carter still has not actually sent the credits which will be used to buy war materiel and is probably waiting for public attention to turn away from Central America. Writing to the White House and to the State Department could still make a difference, and even a delay in the sending of the arms credits would be to the advantage of the progressive movements in El Salvador.



Oscar Romero at a press conference with fact-finding group.

The Carter Administration is planning to send 5.7 million dollars in credits for military equipment to El Salvador. The ecumenical delegation with which Ron Young visited El Salvador in late March vehemently opposed this action. Thomas Quigley of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops said that "no matter what we send - it could be jars of olives - if it is in green wrapping and it goes to the military, the signal to the Salvadorean people is the same - the US is siding with the oppressors."

Ron Young of the AFSC asked US Ambassador Robert White if he could cite one example of a country where this type of US "aid" and military training had worked, where it had stopped the repression by "professionalizing" the armed forces. The ambassador could not. His aide, however, was not willing to concede defeat. "A perfect example," he said, "would be South Korea." The delegation was dumbfounded.

GANIENKEH TERRITORY - TRADITIONAL INDIAN COMMUNITY

This article is about the experience of traditional Indians who, frustrated with life on the "reservation", decided to leave and repossess ancestral territory.

The article is in two parts. The first part, written by Kakwirakeron, describes Ganienkeh in its first six years of existence. The second part, written by Ed Dubinsky, is about the relationship between white supporters and the people of Ganienkeh.

Part 1: History of Ganienkeh

by Kakwirakeron

Ganienkeh (gan-nyon-geh) means "Land of the Flint." For several thousands of years, the Ganienkeh (Mohawks) lived and thrived in the Ganienkeh Territory. The main villages were in the Mohawk Valley, but the territorial boundaries extended north beyond the Adirondacks into the St. Lawrence Valley and east into Vermont and down the upper Hudson Valley. About one thousand years ago, the Ganienkehaga united with their brother nations, the Oneidas, Onondagas, Cayugas and Senecas into a powerful confederacy that they named Rotinonsohnonwe or "People of the Longhouse." This confederacy is known internationally as Haudenosaunee, Iroquois, Five Nations, and since 1714, when the Tuscaroras joined (after being driven from present-day North Carolina by the early colonists), they are generally called The Six Nations.

HISTORY OF GANIENKEH

The Rotinonsohnonwe possess the oldest constitution in the world. Called the "Great Law of Peace," it eventually became a model for the United States Constitution. The five original nations had become bitter enemies and were constantly at war prior to the founding of the Confederacy. The Great Law restored peace and friendship amongst them and they sought to establish peace and prosperity to neighboring nations. About 28 adjacent Indian nations did become allied with them by the end of the 16th century.

During the 17th and 18th centuries,

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the Confederacy found itself forced to defend its territories from attempted encroachment, usurpation, and outright confiscation by the French, Dutch, British and finally, the Americans. The Confederacy was consistently successful in defending its territories during actual warfare. Treaties of "peace and friendship" were made with each European power.

Although the Confederacy successfully defended its territories during the American Revolution, it slowly lost possession by fraud and treaty violations during "peacetime." The United States solemnly promised in 1784, 1789, and 1794 "never to disturb the Six Nations in their lands... and in the enjoyment and free use thereof." Then in 1797, a fraudulent "treaty" was supposedly made with two ex-Ganienkehagas, Joseph Brant and John Deseronto, which claims to forfeit over 8 million acres of Ganienkeh Territory to New York State, for the paltry sum of \$1,000 and \$500 in expenses and \$100 in travel allowance.

This "treaty" is fraudulent for several reasons. Brant and Deseronto were not government officials, nor authorized by Ganienkeh Nation to

sell land. Furthermore, Confederacy Law forbids individual nations from selling land or entering into treaties without the knowledge and consent of the entire Grand Council of the Confederacy. Therefore, the action is invalid and is paramount to buying the proverbial Brooklyn Bridge. In addition, U.S. Law forbids individual states from treating with foreign powers. Yet to this day, New York relies on this, and another fraudulent document called the "Seven Nations Treaty (1796)," to support their illegal claim to Ganienkeh Territory. New York claims that these "treaties" supercede the more legally binding treaties entered into by the Federal Government of the United States.

MOSS LAKE OCCUPATION

Conditions for Indians everywhere have slowly deteriorated over the last two centuries. Today, most Native People live on "reservations" and exercise very little of their inherent sovereignty. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in the U.S. and the Department of Indian Affairs (DIA) in Canada claim to govern and control



almost every aspect of their lives. The tragic result has been a loss of still more land, natural resources, pride and self-respect, self-determination, and motivation.

The social problems are numerous. Alcoholism, drug addiction and suicides among Native People are 10 to 100 times the national averages. Non-traditional "governments" have been imposed by the U.S. and Canada. Called Tribal, Band, or Elective Councils, these "governments" are often repressive, corrupt, and fully controlled and manipulated by the BIA or DIA. The main controlling tool is money, and the dependence upon it, through grants, welfare, health services, education, and various services and programs offered by the Government Agencies.

The Ganienkehaga have always been a proud and independent-minded people. Traditionalists have continued the original form of government and refused to relinquish any land or sovereignty despite enormous and consistent pressure to do so. When social problems and the political climate became unbearable on the "reservations", a decision was made to repossess a portion of the 9 million acre territory defrauded from our ancestors.

On May 13, 1974, a small party of Ganienkehaga from Caughnawaga (near Montreal), Akwesasne (near Massena, N.Y.) and allies from other Indian nations occupied an abandoned former girl's camp in the Central Adirondacks, bordering Moss Lake near Eagle Bay, N.Y.

The area residents and state officials were surprised and puzzled by the sudden appearance of Native People. It was explained to them, at an open meeting, that we had returned to our homeland and way of life. Letters hand-delivered to the United Nations, in New York, notified them of our intentions and expressed our treaty rights. Some local people welcomed us, most tended to be neutral, while a small group was furious at our presence. The state's position was that if they left us alone, the black flies and harsh Adirondack winter would discourage us, and we would eventually disperse.

The first two months were relatively peaceful and uneventful as we nestled into community life and prepared for winter. Then suddenly on July 15th, the calm was violently shattered when a vehicle drove up, opposite the front

gate, and fired a gunshot at a pregnant Indian mother and her small child. During the next three months, there was a growing stream of harassment and nine separate incidents of gunfire directed at us from passing vehicles.

During that same period, not a single shot was returned from the camp. Our policy was to give law enforcement officials an opportunity to control their people. For some reason, the police did almost nothing. As a result, the non-Indian militants and radicals became bolder and more violent. In late October, the shootings increased in frequency and intensity. It had become apparent that the police were going to remain uncooperative. Finally, after two Indian children were fired upon, deep inside the camp, the older women declared that the time had arrived to defend ourselves. "Before one of our children or adults is killed," a woman in her seventies declared.

Around 5 p.m. on October 28, 1974, a vehicle with two young armed men fired at us and then sped away. The police were immediately notified, but they failed to respond. A short time later, the same vehicle returned and fired again. Our patience had expired, and for the first time in the five months of our occupation, our warriors returned fire. A 22-year-old youth was injured. The State Police refused to stop traffic and three hours later another car fired twice at us. This time a tragic accident occurred. A young girl was injured in the exchange of gunfire. Her father, under the influence of alcohol, foolishly fired, or allowed a passenger to fire, at us while his family was inside. The police finally closed the highway and further incidents ceased. Fortunately the young girl has recovered.

Tension mounted throughout the evening as State Police demanded that two warriors, any two, be turned over to them. Out of concern for the women and children, two warriors reluctantly volunteered. The women gave an emphatic "No! When we came here," they said, "we knew that the day would come when the police would try to make us leave. Tell them that if they want anyone, they have to take all of us, and let them try." The decision was final, the women had spoken. No one would be turned over.

A few hours later the State Police issued an ultimatum. "We will give

you two hours for your women and children to leave. If they do not, it does not matter to us, we will come in and wipe out every last one of you." The women held another Council. Then they told the warriors, "If we leave and return to the 'reservations,' our children will grow up and die anyway from drug abuse, alcoholism and alcohol related deaths. No, we will not leave. There are worse ways for our children to die than to die from State Police bullets." The police were notified of the women's decision. They were astounded by their response. Frustrated, they left in a huff, and did not return to carry out their threat. Not a single woman or child left.

The women had dramatically expressed the binding force in Ganienkah that gives us the strength to endure all perils and hardships, and to carry on despite all obstacles. The future of our children and their children is what we are obligated to secure for seven generations to come. To ensure that there will be a place for them to walk, a place that belongs to them, and a way of life that is as close to the original way that the Creator gave all of us. To live in peace and harmony with nature and all living things.

Fortunately the crisis passed. Throughout the night, and into the following day, phone calls and telegrams deluged the State Police, coming from influential people, concerned supporters and citizens from across the state and country. They demanded that no violent action, such as Attica, be taken against the Ganienkehaga and their allies at Ganienkeh Territory.

The following day, Major Robert S. Charland, commander of the New York State Police, Troop D, entered into negotiations attempting to resolve the jurisdictional question. This first session eventually led to over 200 sessions with various government officials. It must be noted that Major Charland was perhaps the single person most responsible for avoiding unnecessary confrontation between State Police and Ganienkeh, particularly while a just and peaceful resolution was being laboriously worked out through negotiations. He told the New York Times, "We will not kill women and children just to prove that might makes right." Eventually Charland became trusted and respected by the people at Ganienkeh.

INTERIM RESOLUTION REACHED

After three long years of controversy, litigation and near confrontations, negotiations were finally successful. On May 13, 1977, our third anniversary, an announcement was made by Mario Cuomo at a press conference in New York City that an "interim resolution" had been reached. The state was restoring 5700 acres of forest land and a lake to the Ganienkeh Nation via Turtle Island Trust. The land is located, in two separate parcels, near Plattsburgh in Clinton County.

I will attempt to explain the complicated purpose and reason for Turtle Island Trust as briefly as possible. Under New York's constitution and laws, it could not restore land directly to Ganienkeh Nation. Ganienkeh refused to jeopardize the 9 million acre claim by accepting anything less than full restoration. However, we wanted a land base to re-establish our way of life, where the climate and soil were more suitable than at Moss Lake. So, a third party, Turtle Island Trust, was formed to lease the land and hold it in trust for Ganienkeh, while satisfying the State's legal restrictions. Meanwhile, Ganienkeh conducts itself as a nation on that land and does not allow itself to come under the jurisdiction of New York or the U. S. In addition, the trust has purchased adjacent farm land and restored it to Ganienkeh.

The following people have gained the trust and confidence of Ganienkeh and strive to secure justice and our human rights. They are now trustees of Turtle Island Trust: Ann Maytag, Maytag Foundation; Dr. Jon Regier,

Executive Director, New York State Council of Churches; Robert S. Charland, ex-Major, NYS Police; and Julie Belafonte, wife of singer Harry Belafonte.

NEW SETTLEMENT

The traditional form of government is followed in Ganienkeh. The Great Law of Peace is our constitution. The people are divided into three clans, Bear, Wolf and Turtle. Children are born into their mother's clan. Each clan selects three Clanmothers to represent them. Each Clanmother, in turn, selects a chief from her clan with the approval of her people. The Chiefs represent the people and must always decide issues according to the will of the people. All decisions are reached by unanimous consent of all the clans.

It must be made clear at this point that Ganienkeh is only part of the entire Ganienkeh Nation (Mohawk) and not a separate nation in itself. Five other communities make up the nation: Akwesasne, Caughnawaga, Kanasatake, Tyentanega, and Oshwekan. However, Ganienkeh has a distinct advantage in that 100% of its people are traditional and there is no foreign system of government competing.

Our policy is to neither solicit nor accept any State or Federal grants or services, whatsoever, in order to protect our independence and sovereignty. However, in these early stages, we do accept help from concerned individuals or organizations not affiliated with any governmental agency, and who do not attach strings to their support.

All traditional Thanksgiving Ceremonies are observed in Ganienkeh.

The Chiefs and Clanmothers preside over them. They also conduct the marriages, name-giving and funerals in the Longhouse.

One of our goals is to be self-sufficient in food production. We are growing a wide variety of crops with potatoes and white Indian corn as staple items. Our livestock includes beef and dairy cattle, horses, goats, pigs, chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, and rabbits. Sheep and buffalo are being considered for the future.

Maple syrup is produced for our own use and surplus is sold for income. Bees are being raised for honey and income also. This community no longer purchases or uses white refined sugar.

A sawmill has just been brought into operation and will produce lumber for homes and other structures. Two large Belgium draft horses have just been donated by Heifer Project International. They are used to skid timber for the sawmill.

A stonecrusher will provide crushed stones to repair and maintain our internal roads and eventually will produce a small income. An Educational Center and Arts & Crafts Shop will be open to the public, hopefully by mid-summer, 1980. People can visit the building and see a display of our rich history and culture.

Our children do not attend state schools but are educated within the community. We are constantly striving to develop a high quality of education equal to, or surpassing state standards. No government funds are used. Private grants have been given and the students produced a Ganienkeh Calendar 1980 and raised a substantial amount of revenue.

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Photos by Kakwirakeron.



Part 2: The Two-Row Wampum

by Ed Dubinsky

The Two-Row Wampum is a belt with two blue parallel bars on a white field: it symbolizes the relationship between the Longhouse People (Iroquois) and other Indian nations. It was also used for the first treaty (circa 1606) between Indians and Europeans.

The Wampum represents two societies riding on the same river but in different canoes. It says that just as parallel lines do not meet, the two cultures should develop without either interfering with the other.

I believe that the Two-Row Wampum has meaning for all cultures and all peoples. I believe it is a reminder that my way, although best for my group, may not be the ideal for another. It tells me that if we disagree about how to do it, we don't have to argue about who wins out--we can look for a synthesis, or do it both ways. The Two-Row Wampum, with its equal blue lines, is, for me, another way of saying that we don't have to have winners and losers. We can cooperate. We can all ride down the same river.

NCDC* AND GANIKENEH

This is an idea we have always tried to live by in the North Country Defense Committee (NCDC), a small group of activists in Upstate New York, which has been doing support work for Ganienkeh since 1976.

During that time, the relationship between the two groups has developed in many ways--but not without difficulty. For one thing, security requires strict restrictions on who can enter Ganienkeh. Not only did we have to understand that, but both sides had to learn how to avoid any frictions it might cause. As Indians learn about the genocidal policies of Europeans in the Western Hemisphere and become aware of the ways in which the oppression continues up to the present day, it is not surprising that sometimes there are feelings of mistrust and hostility for whites. Inevitably, some of us occasionally were objects of such feelings. This is an experience that white people always have to go through when they begin to have contacts with Indians. It is as if each individual must prove that he or she is not associated with a system that

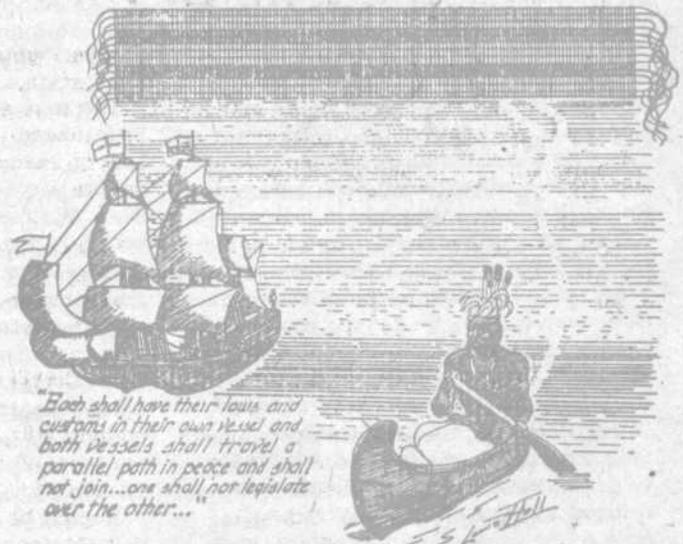
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has perpetrated so many atrocities on Indians. We had to respect that and still maintain our own dignity as people learning to be aware of how white society oppresses Indians. We had to learn how to become part of the solution and not part of the problem.

SPIRITUAL INTERACTION

Interaction between Ganienkeh and NCDC consists of more than just our group's providing support and material aid. In ways difficult to describe our contact with Longhouse culture is a growing, spiritual experience for all of us. We visit the camp and at first glance all that we see is ordinary people wearing ordinary clothes doing ordinary things like chopping wood, preparing food, planting fields or building barns. But certain things tell us that it is different. One important example is the position of old people, called Grandfathers and Grandmothers. They are not burdens or pests but key members of the community. They are honored and revered as symbols of continuity and stability. An older person serves an important function because he or she is closest to knowledge of the old ways, some of which have been lost and must be remembered.

This is only one of many ways in which the spirituality and religious teachings of the Longhouse people are



Two Row Wampum Treaty

transformed from abstractions to a part of everyday life. After a short time it becomes apparent that the "ordinary scene" is really very special. People, animals, plants, a living spirituality that is one with nature, are all joined together in a harmony that has a powerful effect on every visitor and leaves us moved and rejuvenated as we return to our Western, materialistic culture.

All of this affects us very strongly as individuals, but there is an even larger message for our culture. I once heard a Longhouse Chief say: "As long as Indians continue to burn tobacco, you whites will survive; but if we are forced to stop, then you will be destroyed." The burning of a certain sacred tobacco is a spiritual ritual of the Longhouse people. I interpret the statement to mean that unless we adopt something of the Indian notion of the harmony of all things in creation and give up our total preoccupation with materialism, competition and destruction, our society will disappear. Through our contact with Ganienkeh we have become a little more able to help avoid such a disaster.

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Akwesasne Sovereignty Denied

by Ed Dubinsky

After several months of quiescence, the situation at Akwesasne is suddenly erupting in many directions at once, exposing the determination of the U.S. to ram through its Indian policy of termination, and strengthening the traditional Iroquois movement with possibilities of alliances.

The struggle rages on three levels. First, the encampment at Racquet Point, where Mohawk sovereignty is being defended by preventing N.Y. State police from arresting two Chiefs and 22 Warriors. This situation, almost a year old, has been reported in this column since last October. Second, increasing Indian sensitivity on the Akwesasne Reservation to the oppression of the BIA-imposed elective system (April '80 PNL). Finally, Rep. Bob McEwen has been secretly organizing a popular "land deal" to settle "Indian Claims" an agreement between the U.S. and elective Chiefs giving the Indians some money and land. In return, they give up their

sovereignty, their right of self-determination, their culture. A nice word for these agreements is termination. In view of the suicide rate on reservations, some call it genocide.

Things are happening so fast that, for now, we offer the following chronological listing of events. There will be a full report of the goings on in next month's Peace Newsletter.

Recent Events at Akwesasne

March 8- Non-traditional Indians vote to oust BIA-imposed elective system Chiefs.

March 10- U.N. Human Rights Commission in Geneva accepts complaint from Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) delegation.

March 10- Demonstration by non-traditional Indians against BIA-imposed elective system. One demonstrator physically assaulted.

March 11- Elective system Chief threatens withdrawal of Federal funds if protests continue.

April 9- Judge Plumadore renders partial decision on Mohawks under indictment. He rules that N.Y. state does have jurisdiction over the Mohawk Nation. He reserves judgment on the pleas to dismiss for lack of evidence and to dismiss in the interest of justice.

April 9- McEwen holds secret meeting with Federal, State, and County officials plus two of the impeached Chiefs to discuss attempted "land swap".

April 16- Franklin Co. legislators pass resolutions opposing "McEwen Plan."

April 17- Meeting of over 500 people in Brasher to discuss "McEwen Plan". Meeting addressed by Ganienkehagas (Traditional Mohawks).

April 17- Richard Powless, one of the indictees from the camp at Racquette Point receives conditional discharge on related charges.

April 18- Attempt by State police to arrest Daniel Jacobs, one of the indictees, is physically prevented by 100 traditional Indians.

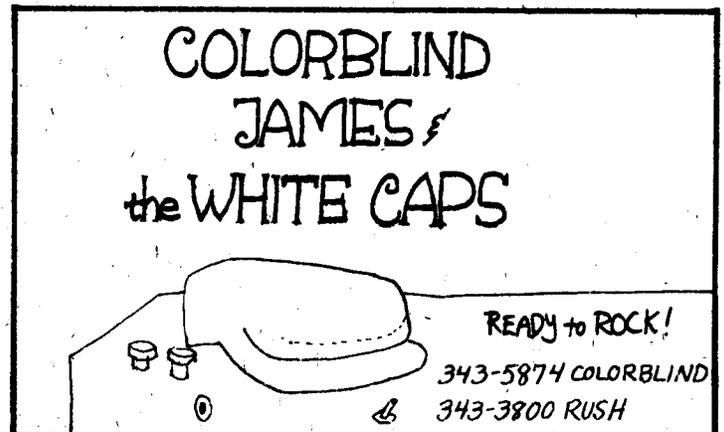
April 19- Mass demonstration and march by non-traditional Indians, expressing solidarity with traditional Mohawks at Racquette Point.



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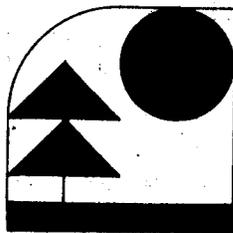


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Resolving the Hostage Crisis: The One Approach Carter Hasn't Tried

by Lisa Johns

The Carter Administration's six-month-long slide, from one ineffective sanction after another, into the calamitous military raid into Iran on April 24th, has all the elements of a classic tragedy in it--that of a great and powerful figure brought down by its own tragic flaw. And in this case, the government's handling of the crisis has been flawed from the very beginning by its unwillingness to consider seriously the claims that the Iranian government, with the strong support of its people, is bringing against the US. Instead, it has relied on applying economic and diplomatic pressures against Iran, coupled with bargaining attempts, assuming that at some point Iran will be forced to yield.

What will happen now? There is no way to know for sure, and certainly it will partly depend on domestic and international reactions to the failed military raid. But one ominous thread of speculation starts from those details of the rescue scenario which have been released to the public. From their desert landing spot, 200 miles southeast of Teheran, the ninety servicemen were to have flown to a mountain hideout near Teheran. From there, they were to drive in trucks and other vehicles to the embassy compound on Friday, April 25th, where the rescue was to take place. (Syracuse Herald-Journal, 4/28/80, A-4)

Where were those "trucks and other vehicles" to have come from? It seems likely that the Americans were coordinating their rescue efforts with people inside Iran, presumably persons friendly to the regime of the former Shah and hostile to the new revolutionary government. Edward Said (see Sources) quotes columnist

Joseph Kraft, writing in the Washington Post (11/11/79), "The United States needs a capacity to do something besides sending Marines and bombing. It has to rebuild a capacity self-destructed only a few years ago--a capacity for covert intervention." It seems reasonable to think that covert operations have always been among the options Jimmy Carter has considered.

Remember too the fact that Carter, just a few days prior to the failed raid into Iran, suddenly warned that Iran's internal troubles, notably some recent provincial skirmishes, made it questionable whether Iran could continue to guarantee the safety of the hostages. At this distance, it is difficult to assess the real extent of Iran's internal difficulties, but the possibility that we may be witnessing a denouement of Iran's revolution, in a manner similar to the final days of Allende's Chile, should not be discounted. Another possibility is that President Carter will adhere to his announced timetable of a mid-May military action against Iran, possibly a naval blockade of Iran's ports and harbors, unless substantive progress toward the release of the hostages seems likely.

No Choices Left?

Most Americans accept the Carter Administration claim that it has tried everything possible to negotiate the peaceful release of the American hostages, and they now overwhelmingly support the use of military force

In response specifically to the events of April 24th, the disastrous attempt at placing a US military team in Iran to effect a rescue of the hostages, SPC hastily called a press conference Friday afternoon, April 25th. We expressed strong condemnation of the resort to a military action, along with a call to heed the just claims of the Iranian people, similar to what is expressed in this article.

against Iran. To a large degree, of course, public opinion on this matter has been shaped by the Carter Administration's way of framing the issue. Thus we have had a single-minded focus on the hostages, and virtually no serious discussion on what it is the Iranians are seeking. (Into this vacuum, the American public has supplied its own answers, characterizing them as fanatical and insane--and proving, I suppose, that we really are over our so-called "Viet Nam syndrome," or certainly the lessons one had thought we'd learned from that war.)

Yet a calm and serious consideration of what it is that Iran wants from the US government will show at once why the Carter approach can't help but fail.

In an exclusive interview with Newsweek (2/25/80), Iranian President Abolhassan Bani Sadr stated Iran's position clearly and succinctly:

I have not changed my attitude since the beginning of this affair. I have always said that something must change between us and the Americans. And this change can come only from the American side. The US must take the initiative on three different points if it wants to change the political climate. It must condemn its past policy in Iran. It must promise not to interfere in our affairs in the future and it must promise it will not obstruct the pursuit of the Shah, his entourage and other criminals for their financial corruption, their treason and their other crimes.* If these three conditions are met, the climate will change. And we can start over in a new political and psychological climate.

In short, what Iran is demanding is a fundamental change in the ways the US conducts its dealings with that country, and this is precisely the thing which Carter has refused to do. Indeed, the very sequence of pressures and sanctions consists of an

*Since the former Shah's departure for Egypt in late March, the issue of his return has apparently been dropped as a negotiating point between the US and Iran.

exercise of power of one large and strong nation over a smaller and weaker one. And the US insistence on adhering strictly to the conventions of international law, which unequivocally condemn the taking of hostages, also carries with it a refusal to recognize the extent to which those laws favor the strong, and fail to protect the small and weak. As Richard Falk, a specialist in international law who teaches at Princeton, points out, "...is it not a serious matter when an embassy is used to subvert the constitutional order of a country, as was done by the United States in staging the coup that brought the Shah back to power in 1953? Is it not also serious that embassy personnel evidently helped establish and train the Savak, the secret police that committed so many crimes against the people of Iran?" (See Sources)

Ironically enough, the Carter Administration has never disputed Iran's charges about the nature of the Shah's rule, or about the Savak and the US role in supporting them. And indeed, that history is a matter of public record. Yet the President has been resolute in narrowing the terms of dialogue



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An anti-Shah demonstrator in Teheran holds a child whose arms were cut off by Savak agents to get information from his father. On April 11, President Carter told a news conference, "we are a seriously aggrieved party." After 5 months, Carter would still talk only about US grievances.

simply to the issue of the hostages. When asked in a press conference (2/13/80) about the US role in the 1953 overthrow of the Mossadegh government, Carter replied, "That's ancient his-

tory, and I don't think it's appropriate or helpful for me to go into the propriety of something that happened 30 years ago." (Christianity & Crisis, Sources).

But for Iran, whose people are still suffering the consequences of that coup, this is not ancient history. Carter's suggestion that it is as offensive as if he'd suggested to Japan that Hiroshima was past history. And it doesn't help matters either to learn (New York Times, 4/20/80) that in January, 1979, the Carter Administration seriously explored the possibility of another military coup in Iran, this time to prevent the Ayatollah Khomeini from assuming a prominent role in Iranian politics.

In this context, it is worth noting a story that appeared in Newsweek (3/20/80) when the five-member UN Commission visited Iran in March, to listen to the grievances of the Iranian people. The governor of Iran's Central Bank, Ali-Reza Nobari (see Sources) told the Commission, in Newsweek's words, that "the Shah and his family had systematically plundered the country's treasury of more than \$7 billion, channeling (concluded on page 18)

An Iranian Speaks Out

Published versions of the evolving crisis have alternately led us to anguish, confusion and exhaustion in the quest to find the truth about Iran today. As part of that quest, we spoke to Sovosh, an Iranian living in Syracuse.

Peace Newsletter: What is your reaction to the media coverage and the impression that the US people have been given of events in Iran?

Sovosh: I think you must divide the media in two parts. You have the more in depth, the MacNeil-Lehrer and 60 Minutes, which provide a better understanding. But most people only get what the network news tells them, "America Held Hostage." These shows only make the people more angry and don't try to lay a basis of understanding of why this happened, why it can happen in so many countries where so many people are suffering. They repeat the same things, and never say that this whole thing was a consequence of so many years of wrongdoing. The headlines

on American newspapers are, "America, Be Angry - America, Be Ignorant."

Unfortunately, the result is that after 168 days, Americans still don't know what is going on. Their vision is of a nation which overnight went crazy and did something silly. My great sadness is that here is the land of freedom, but that very little use is made of it. Here you have all the best books in your libraries, but they are rarely checked out. More emotional politics, less rational politics.

Peace Newsletter: What effects do you think Carter's sanctions will have?

Sovosh: It may help him to win a few primaries, but it will not help him with the hostages. Here people relate to the hostages through the media, but we know personally the suffering. My best friend was killed, my mother kidnapped by the Shah's agents. For Iranians he was the American Shah.

Now Carter speaks of military action, and this means the same old policy of savagery and misunder-

standing. You know, the students holding the hostages are very fearful of a sell-out to the US by "secularist" groups willing to put a new American master in place of the Shah. The students are not rigid and fanatical: their distrust of the US is built on historical experience. I am not myself very happy with Khomeini, but there are many who are very loyal to him. He is not very sophisticated politically, but he did solve the old, old puzzle: he got rid of the Shah.



SHAH OF IRAN

(Iran: from page 17)

public funds into bank accounts and taking kickbacks on nearly every government contract. Nobari told Newsweek that he had documents raising questions about the Shah's dealings with the Rockefeller family, with former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, and former Vice President Spiro Agnew. Independent sources who have seen the dossier said that it was incomplete and that Nobari would have a hard time proving many of his charges." That last sentence is an extremely revealing one, I think, for neatly summing up the general US attitude toward the things Iran has been desperately trying to tell us. Newsweek refuses to pursue the suggestive evidence Nobari has assembled, and instead editorially dismisses it as hard to prove.

What Can We Do?

It seems to me that Iran is in grave danger at the moment, and that the best hope for a peaceful resolution of this crisis, if that is still possible, lies first in pressuring the Carter Administration to stay its hand. To this end, a strong critical reaction to the April 24th military raid, both from domestic

sources and from US allies abroad, would be extremely useful. Second, the Carter Administration needs to be rescued from the corner it had painted itself into, most probably by the intervention of a third party. It seems to me that the Left in this country, which has been largely silent as this drama has unfolded, could play a significant role in this regard. To this end, in the coming days the Syracuse Peace Council will be exploring with a number of national peace and social justice organizations collective measures we might undertake to ameliorate the situation. Locally, we will be participating in a vigil and town meeting on Sunday, May 11, from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. to call for no further use of force against Iran (see page 3). Your participation and support for this kind of action will be very important. You could also arrange for speakers on Iran to come to your school, church or organization (call SPC to make arrangements) to begin to change the climate of public opinion on this issue. And finally, of course, one can write letters--to newspapers and other media, to Congress, to the President.

(Ganienkeh: from page 13)

A policy of no alcohol or drugs within the Territory is strictly enforced, and they do not pose the problem that exists on "reservations." People here have regained an important purpose in life and have no need for such destructive habits.

Akwesasne and Other Indian Nations

We try to maintain a close contact and relationship with other Natives in the Confederacy and with other Indian Nations. Where possible, we provide advice, physical assistance, political and moral support to other Indian Human Rights struggles. A good example is at Akwesasne. New York State and their colonial "Tribal Government" are seeking to assert civil and criminal jurisdiction there in violation of the treaties. Warrants have been issued attempting to force some Chiefs and warriors to come under New York's jurisdiction. The traditionalists refuse and will not allow foreign law enforcement officials on Raquette Point, a stronghold at Akwesasne.

Ganienkeh has played an active part in this struggle. We are all seeking a speedy but just and peaceful resolution to the dangerous situation. The sovereignty of the Ganienkeh Nation and Rotinsonnoniwe must be preserved at all costs. The freedom and future of our children and their children is at stake.

International Law

On April 10, 1980, Franklin County Judge Jan Plumadore issued an Opinion of the Court. It is, essentially, a rejection of Akwesasne's inherent sovereignty and jurisdiction. The opinion only confirms what traditional leaders have been saying for generations. A state or federal court is not the proper place to address the issues of sovereignty and jurisdiction. Since treaties are international documents, international procedures must be followed, either through direct negotiations with the federal government, or in an international forum such as the United Nations.

In order to achieve recognition of sovereignty and jurisdiction, a nation must conduct itself as a nation at all times and in all areas, and never sub-

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mit to another nation's dictates. They must repossess lost territories and allow no colonial government to supercede them. No foreign nation can give you sovereignty. One must earn it and hold onto it. The Creator gave us the power and now we must exercise it. There is no easy way. Struggle, sacrifice, and danger are a necessary part of the process.

Non-Indians Must Support

The people of Ganienkeh have consistently tried to live up to these principles of International Law and will always continue to do so. We are anxious for the day when all our brother nations will be able to achieve the same.

The support of our non-Indian brothers and sisters within the United States and overseas is vital to our continuing ability to maintain our sovereignty, and to continue to enjoy the peace and harmony that has been achieved, with great struggle, since 1974. The struggle is not over and many dangers lie ahead for us. Your awareness and search and support for true justice and human rights for all people must continue.

The Wilmington 10 and the Future of the Black Freedom Movement

by John Maddaus

In the early days of the Carter Administration and its much publicized human rights policy, UN Ambassador Andrew Young told a European reporter that the U.S. also has political prisoners. He was vigorously attacked by politicians and the media back in this country for daring to suggest that the U.S. system of justice was anything less than perfectly just.

Young cited the Wilmington 10 as a prime example of U.S. political prisoners. The story of the Wilmington 10 begins with the court-ordered desegregation of schools in Wilmington, N.C., the result of an NAACP legal suit in the late 60's. White resistance to desegregation was bitter. Black students were expelled from school. The KKK began threatening Blacks with violence, and the police refused Black requests for protection. In February 1971, two Blacks were shot to death and several businesses were fire-bombed. No one was ever arrested for the murders, but in March 1972 the Rev. Benjamin Chavis, eight Black teenagers and a white VISTA worker were arrested and charged with arson and conspiracy to assault emergency personnel.

The trials of the Wilmington 10 were hardly a model of justice. When 10 Blacks and 2 whites were chosen for the jury in the first trial, the state prosecutor asked for a mistrial, complaining of a stomach ache! Incredibly, his request was granted by the judge. While out on bail awaiting retrial, Ben Chavis was hospitalized when a bomb exploded under the seat of his car. In the second trial, the prosecution used its 40 preemptory challenges to eliminate the first 40 Blacks (out of 42) from the jury pool, resulting in a jury of 2 Blacks and 10 whites. The prose-

cution produced 3 "witnesses", all of whom have since admitted that their testimony was false and that they received favors from the prosecution. A key defense witness fled the state when he was threatened with arrest. The Wilmington 10 were convicted and sentenced to a total of 282 years in prison.

Ben Chavis was given the longest sentence-- 34 years. An ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and a field organizer for the UCC's Commission for Racial Justice, Chavis arrived in Wilmington only a month before the violence peaked. A native of Oxford, N.C., he had several years' experience with SCLC and the UCC before coming to Wilmington.

Chavis served over 4 years of his term before being released on parole last December. His sentence has been reduced to 17-21 years, but the struggle to prove the innocence of Chavis and his co-defendants continues. While on parole, he must get permission to travel and must carry a card "like in South Africa."

"The freedom movement is not just a few Black faces in high places; it's a change in the socio-economic status of the oppressed in this country."

Chavis came to Syracuse on April 2nd to speak at the Syracuse/Onondaga NAACP's Freedom Awards Dinner. * A dynamic speaker, he mixed personal experiences, Biblical references and social commentary into a powerful plea to continue the struggle for equal rights. He offered little, however, in the way of specific proposals, making only brief references to the need for more jobs and for national health insurance.

The demand for more and better jobs appears to be the primary focus of attention for the Black community

today, both in Syracuse and around the country. Blacks in Syracuse recently won what could be a significant victory in public employment when the city of Syracuse agreed to an out of court settlement of a Federal suit seeking more hiring of Blacks (and women) in the city's police and fire departments. The city is committed to filling 25% of entry-level positions for firefighters and police officers with Blacks until 10% of each department is staffed with Blacks (and 20% of these same positions with women up to an as yet undetermined percentage of total staff positions).

While these goals certainly represent an improvement over past hiring practices, and also offer hope for better relations between public safety officers and the community they serve, it may be many years before significant changes can be seen in these departments. Efforts at hiring more minority teachers in the Syracuse City School District have been frustrated by low staff turnover and cuts in the total size of the teaching staff. Will the same things happen in the police and fire departments due to our national economic crisis and resulting cuts in state and federal aid to the city? Will there be enough "qualified" Black and female applicants? Will the new recruits be able to survive in predominately white male environments long enough to make any difference? What about advancement to higher ranking positions?

Not satisfied with this one victory, Blacks took their demands for more jobs into the streets of Syracuse on April 13th. But such protests may have little effect on the rising tide of inflation and recession in the national economy. Blacks may actually be losing ground in the important auto industry due to massive layoffs, both locally and nationwide. Without fundamental changes in the national economy, Blacks (and many whites too) may be facing even harder times in the months and years ahead. The struggle of which Ben Chavis speaks may have to be redefined as an interracial struggle for economic change.

John Maddaus is a member of the staff of Family Matters, a research project on urban family life with a strong focus on the strengths of Black families. As chairperson of the Board of Deacons of Plymouth Congregational Church (UCC), he has a special interest in the Wilmington 10.

*SPC activist Lillian Reiner received one of the 5 Freedom Awards for her many years of struggle in the cause of racial equality.

People's Art in Syracuse: Women in the Arts and Earthrites

by Paula Radding

Community arts programs are drawing nationwide attention as part of the revitalization of urban and rural land. Renewed interest in "grassroots" art is a source of pride for neighborhoods and towns, resulting in environmental preservation, conservation, and beautification. Syracuse has been fortunate to host two such community arts programs during April; "Women in the Arts" and "Earth Rites."

The month-long "Women in the Arts" festival brought women artists, writers, dancers, and musicians into galleries, schools and libraries throughout Syracuse. Local and other women were recognized for their contributions to the arts. As an off-shoot of the main event a week-long program focusing on the accomplishments of local minority women artists was staged at the Educational Opportunity Center on New Street. Organizers Florence Beer, Millicent Collins and Evelyn Pagan installed an

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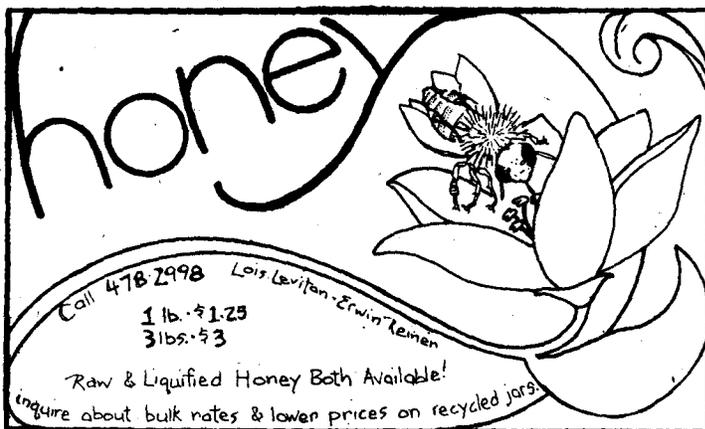
exhibition of paintings, prints, photographs, batik, and ceramics and invited minority poets, singers, dancers, and dramatists to perform throughout the week. It was felt that black and hispanic women and grassroots artists were under-represented in the majority of festival events. The extent and variety of artistic works shown at EOC presented evidence that minority and grassroots women artists in Syracuse represent an important contribution to the community and deserve the exposure they have traditionally been denied.

"Earth Rites" brought the arts out of the galleries and auditoriums and onto the streets. A week-long community arts festival was organized by Nanette Walsh and numerous individuals and organizations like the city departments of Parks and Recreation and Public Works and Centro.

"Earth Rites" was conceived by the Art Corporation of America, a nationwide group of people in all occupations who pool their creative efforts for social change and growth. They want to see the arts in everyone's everyday life.

As such, "Earth Rites" involved the transformation of 15 Centro bus shelters into sculptural works and stages for mime and dance. Since bus stops are natural gathering places, the sculptures were very accessible to the public. These artistic transformations caused folks to "re-see" their physical environment. The bus stops showed possibilities for positive environmental change. "Earth Rites" as a whole suggested that just as artists create, alter, and re-use objects and images, so do all individuals alone and collectively shape their environment.

Appropriately, "Earth Rites" culminated on Earth Day, April 22nd, with a public celebration at Clinton Square downtown. The event attracted shoppers and business people, school and day-care groups who enjoyed music, clowns, dance, and theatre. To most it was an impromptu event; to "Earth Rites" it was proof that the arts can be in public places everyday of the year. Most importantly, it was proof that people are a community's greatest natural resource.



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Yes folks Jimmy's "show-them-we're-serious" draft registration has passed the House of Representatives. Next stop is the venerable Senate so you might consider a few words to Javits and Moynihan reminding them that the people don't like conscription very well. Meanwhile we suggest taking to the streets at every opportunity and if it does go through our advice is very simple--Don't register! Resist illegitimate authority.

MORE DOME MANIPULATIONS

After cramming its domed albatross down the throats of east side residents and NYS taxpayers, Syracuse University is now trying to add insult to injury. A bill is quietly working its way through the State Legislature that would give the alleged Carrier Dome TAX EXEMPT status. SU's corporate arrogance seems to be limitless. The bill may be in some trouble in the legislature, but we're sure it could use more trouble, so contact your Assemblyperson, State Senator (Call Board of Elections if you don't know who they are.), and Gov. Carey.

GENOCIDE IN CONGRESS!

Remember East Timor?! (2/80 PNL) Well Congress has more than a slight interest, and your letters made that possible. Now your letters can make things happen! Help out, write a letter or two — to:

U.S. Congresspeople

- HR 6942 Sec 406 (East Timor) calls for the opening of E. Timor to all journalists, relief agents, and for free emigration. This is out of committee and is going to the House floor soon.
- Harkin Resolution entered into the Congressional Record 4/17 with 55 cosponsors. Your local congressperson should join in cosponsoring it, as it also calls for Indonesia's withdrawal.

U.S. Senators

- Sen. C. Pell plans to intro-

duce the House resolution (Sec 406) into the Senate, but he needs widespread support.

Both:

- Hearings on East Timor are scheduled for late spring. Your Senators' and Congresspeople should be urged to pay attention to the hearing.

NOW TAKES ERA TO CHICAGO

Thousands of Equal Rights Amendment supporters are expected to converge on the City of Chicago on Saturday, May 10, to support the ERA and to urge its passage by the Illinois legislature in 1980. National Organization for Women (NOW) members and supporters from many other organizations are organizing the thousands who are expected to participate in the culmination of the campaign to make Illinois no. 36 in 1980. A total of 38 states must ratify the Amendment for it to become a part of the Constitution.

Syracuse area plans are being coordinated by CNY NOW, which has chartered a bus. Call Diane Bonacci 455-6515 or 454-3332 for more info.

MAY DAY

Working people around the world have been celebrating and protesting on May 1 for 90 years. What few people realize is that May Day originated in the US during the fight for an 8-hour day and has its roots in the American labor struggles of the 1880s. Ironically, most American workers today do not take part in May Day celebrations.

Over the years, reformist tendencies in American labor unions reinforced by government and corporate policies have served to cut American workers off from their own traditions of struggle and international working class solidarity.

While support for May Day has fluctuated through the years, government attempts to discredit May Day have been consistent. Since 1928 when the federal government declared May 1 "Child Health Day," the date has been deemed "Law Day," "American Red Cross Day," and most recently--through Carter's efforts in 1977--"Loyalty Day." There has clearly been an ongoing attempt to sever the ties between American working people and their own radical tradition.

(From an excellent article in the May 1, 1980 WIN Magazine.)

HERALD JOURNAL MUM

The Herald Journal just doesn't know when to quit. After the joint SPC-Roman Catholic Diocese press conference condemning US intervention in El Salvador, held on April 4, reporter Richard Palmer began to badger us. He questioned the churches' concurrence with the statement, even though diocese spokesperson Rich Fanning "heartily embraced the declaration. To end all doubt, Bishop Costello called the H-J to say that he stood by every word of the statement.

Case closed? Not quite. After a weekend of rest, Palmer calls back. "What's the matter with you people--when are you going to say something about Afghanistan?" We told him for the tenth time that we had indeed issued a statement on Afghanistan which the H-J refused to run and suggested that the problem here was that the H-J did not want to listen. Apparently endorsing this analysis, Palmer slammed down the phone. The story would be merely amusing except that the H-J has not printed the clarifying letters sent by the SPC and by Rich Fanning, thus continuing to misrepresent our ideas before the public.

NATIVE AMERICAN ART SHOW

There will be a reception at the Community Folk Art Gallery, 2036 S. Salina St. in Syracuse, on Sunday, May 11, from 3-6 pm to celebrate the opening of "Native American Art of Central New York: A Dual Perspective." The exhibit, co-sponsored by the gallery and the North American Indian Club (NAIC), will be at two sites.

Some works will be at the NAIC building at 215 Tully St. The NAIC opening will be Sunday, May 18 at 2 pm and will conjoin with an open house for the public.

The dual perspective cited in the show's title refers to the duality of contemporary and traditional Native American art, of Indian life on reservations and in cities, and of the Native American and majoritarian cultures. The show will exhibit not only paintings but also skilled crafts like beadwork and silversmithing. For more information, call Dan Honyoust 424-8487 or the NAIC 476-7425.

FREE CLASSIFIEDS

Deadline for June Classifieds is Tuesday, May 20, 5 pm. Your listing should be typed or printed and mailed to PNL Classifieds, 924 Burnet Ave., Syr, NY 13203. Ads are free but when you think of how little we cost and how much Those Other Ads cost you might find a bit of spare change down with the lint in your pockets and send it along!!

THE REALITIES OF WAR IN THE 1980's. Summer session, 7/21-31. University of Bradford, Yorkshire, UK; Info: University of Peace, 35, rue du Marché - 5200 HUY, Belgium

"NO NUKES PARAPHRENALIA CATALOG" from Donnelly/Colt: Box 271, New Vernon, New Jersey 07976. Send 15¢ stamp.

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PEACEMAKER ORIENTATION PROGRAM IN NONVIOLENCE 8/15-24. Info: Jim Johnson, 510 N. Gray St., Indianapolis, IN 46201 (317) 636-5211

ALTERNATIVE CAMP FOR CHILDREN, Grindstone Coop. Ltd., Box 564, Station "P," Toronto, Ontario, Can., Camp is on Big Rideau Lake. Wide selection of alternative activities.

WANTED: DRIVER W/VAN or small truck for tentative cross-country move to SF in mid-July. Must do all driving. Will pay fee and expenses. Box 9323, Rochester 14604 or call (716) 442-5539.

THE BERKSHIRE FORUM has opened for another season of wknd vacation workshops, combining well-led discussion of controversial issues with an invigorating rural holiday. Info: (518) 733-5437 or Berkshire Forum, Stephenstown, NY 12168.

PEACE SEMINAR TO THE SOVIET UNION Info: Promoting Enduring Peace Box 5103, Woodmont, CT 06460 (203) 878-4769

ADVOCATES FOR ENLIGHTENED CHILDBIRTH A group supporting alternatives in childbirth, circulates a quarterly newsletter, the Advocate Free copy: call 422-4738

TACKLE, BUTTON, OR TOOL BOX needed. Small compartments to hold pins & buttons for when TFR Bookstore goes a-traveling. Should have compartment covers so they don't get mixed up. Carol 472-5478.

SAVE WESTCOTT-VARIETY STORE RECEIPTS \$100 in receipts will get \$10 in free supplies for SPC projects. Please send to Wendy, SPC

RADIOACTIVE SMOKE DETECTORS Public Citizen's Health Res. Group reports that ionization smoke detectors contain the highly toxic radioactive americium and pose serious potential health hazards. They note photo-electric smoke detectors as safe, effective option. Info: call Linda 475-0062 (h) or 471-2821 (w).

WESTCOTT RECYCLES--Bring glass, newspaper, aluminum and car batteries to 601 Allen Street garage. 476-8381 or 476-7477.

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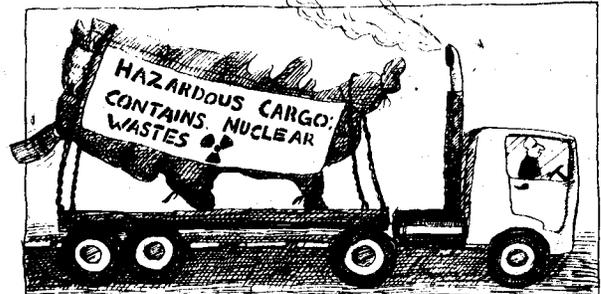
PEOPLE'S HEARING ON NUCLEAR WASTE TRANSPORTATION

THURSDAY MAY 22, 1980 3PM thru EVENING

810 E. Genesee St., Syracuse (Hutchings Aud.)

Local ordinances regulating the transportation of nuclear waste will be forbidden if proposed regulations by the US Dept. of Transportation become final. The DOT avoided scheduling hearings in NYS where nuclear waste transport is a major concern... So we will have our own hearing and send the record to the DOT!

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PNL Calendar, 924 Burnet Ave., Syracuse, NY 13203

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| 11 PWL Meetg. and Town Meeting. 10:30-1:30pm, Columbus Circle (see p. 3) Native American Art Show opening at Community Folk Art Gallery, 3-6pm, 476-7425, see p. 22. Bob Crowley, Westcott Cafe, 9pm. | 12 "Sexuality & Disability" 7:30-9:30 pm ECOH, 52. wheelchair accessible & Interpreter for the deaf. Call 446-2380 for info. | 6 ADVOCATE now meets each Tuesday at 4pm, call 458-2780 for info. EVERY TUES: Syracuse Coalition for Peace meeting, 7:30 pm, 821 Euclid Ave (ATSC) | 7 Post-hysterectomy discussion, 9:30-11:30 am or 7-9:30 pm. Planned Parenthood 1120 E. Genesee | 8 Weekend of Blues Music (9&10) Market House Music Hall, Water St. Oswego | 10 ERA MARCH in Chicago Ride? Call Diane, 455-6515 for info. SPC GARAGE SALE Rally against Toxic Wastes in Oswego Co., East Park, Oswego 1:30-4:30. Call SPC for info. |
| 18 Open house: "Native American Art of CNY" NAIC building, 2 pm, 476-7425 | 19 "Judeo Splendor" Concert, 8 pm, May Mem. Church. | 13 SPC Steering Comm. mtg 7:30 at Jim Doherty's - 451 S. Beech. NOW meets the 2nd Tuesday of each Month 7:30 pm - 1471 Fed Bldg. | 14 Beginning of 3 session workshop on infertility. Call Planned Parenthood for info 424-8271. | 16 Barb Paradowski & Gary Melxner - Market House Music Hall - Oswego | 17 \$1 Pancake B'fast every Sat at Westcott Cafe! |
| 25 Live Music, Westcott Cafe: Kerry Regan, 9 pm | 26 June PNL production - day & evening - call for rides 472-5478 | 20 PNL Copy deadline. | 21 THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING! hilarious & timely 7&9:30 pm Gifford Aud (STU) \$1.50 NWS Films | 22 NUCLEAR WASTE TRANSPORT HEARINGS People's Hearing on Nuclear Waste Transport - Clear Waste Transport Sponsored by SPC & Sierra Club Radioactive Waste Campaign. 3 pm - on Hutchings Ave. | 23 Another attempt to occupy the Seabrook, NH nuke. Call SPC. CNY ACLU annual dinner. Al Bronstein speaker, public invited, 471-2821 |
| 25 Sunday brunch at Westcott Cafe, 10-1:30 pm | 26 June PNL production - day & evening - call for rides 472-5478 | 27 Alternatives to Violence Summer Institute 4:30-8:00, 475-4822 June PNL production - day & evening - call for rides - 472-5478 | 28 OF THE CONDON Taut adventure story about a CIA faction's grab for Mid East Oil: with short "Intelligence Network". 7 & 9:30 pm, Gifford Aud, \$1.50 (STU) \$1.50 NWS Films | 29 THE FRONT ROOM BOOKSTORE Is open every Wed. nite 'til 9 pm | 30 Look for NWS Films Summer '80 Schedule in this PNL |
| 1 Interview with Griffen, Marciano, authors, Teaching the Viet Nam War, Channel 24, 7:30 pm | 2 Interview with Griffen, Marciano, authors, Teaching the Viet Nam War, Channel 24, 12:30 am (after midnight) | 3 Weekly \$2.50 dinner by T.L.S. at Westcott Cafe every Tues. | 4 HAROLD AND MAUDE wonderful, life-filled romp with short "Magpie Kuhn: Wrinkled Radical" 7 & 9:30 pm, Gifford Aud, \$1.50 NWS Films | 5 Crepes B'fast at Westcott Cafe! every Fri 7-11 am | 7 PNL mailing party at SPC mindless laughs and good times for all. 10-4pm. Ride? call SPC. |

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Song for Ahmad

Sing the song of the tortured
Sing of the darkness that moans
Sing the desert winds that plunder
Sing SAVAK slithering, listening, pouncing.

Wail about the crimes. Wail responsibility.
What's a Shah without Grumman's bombers
built in California? What's a Shah without
the white terror designed in DC?
Who could he bribe without the banks in NY?

Singers of Iran shout again in Isfahan and Abadan,
Rage that the body's violable, flesh rips, bones snap.

Name the names who installed the tyrants:
Rockefeller, Dulles, Kissinger.....
Name the names of the dead
Ahmad, Mirriam, Sadeq.....

Singers again and again sing in Teheran, Tabriz, Azerbaizan
Let the singers chant with their sitars
while dancers whirl with finger-cymbals tinkling
and women's faces shine in the night

His-Imperial-Majesty-Shah-of-Shahs-
Light-of-the-Aryans-Shadow-of-God-on-Earth
is gone.

The long night of Iran: Father replacing father replacing father
murdering son and everyone despising the women. Sing it be gone.

"The gallows seen in childhood are the gallows of eternity."*
says Reza who witnessed the gaunt pendulums of the Shah's execute'

Sing in Teheran. Sing down the gallows forever.



The 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.

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The 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.

IN THIS ISSUE

In case you didn't notice, from the cover, this issue carries our long awaited poetry section. Tom Law brought together a committee of artistic people to select poems and design and illustrate the five pages.

We chose to produce a 32 page issue in order to include the articles on international and local issues as well as the more unusual pages of SPC "tear outs." You will find two pages (pp. 5&6) from a new hand out created by steering committee members for "recruitment and organizing." If you've been reading the PNL and wondering how to take some concrete steps towards being involved, just check off your interests and send it in.

While you have that stamped envelope in hand, please fill out the PNL poll on p. 8. The poll is designed to help editorial committee know PNL readers better and put together articles you'd like to see.

On p. 17 you will find one more "coupon" with the message of reconciliation to Iran. We hope you send that one in, too.

An article on Carter's Domestic Economic Policies was planned for this month but was postponed to give authors Bill Griffen and possibly John Marciano some breathing space after giving final exams (they both teach at SUNY Cortland.) We plan to have it in next month.

We successfully solicited many new ads for this issue in order to afford the extra eight pages. We mean to carry more ads in future PNL's - so if you have a business or concern to advertise, please call us. Our advertisers are SPC supporters, and we sincerely endorse our advertisers.

If you haven't filled out the PNL poll by July 3rd, take the time that evening and bring it to the SPC picnic or to the concert on the 4th of July (see facing page.) We hope to see many familiar faces at both events. They promise to be good times!

UPCOMING IN THE PNL

JULY:

- * Carter's domestic policy.
- * What to do about the draft.
- * The economic condition of Blacks in Syracuse - Marjorie White.

AUGUST:

- * In depth article on cruise missile.

SOMETIME SOON:

- * Profile of Syracuse community organizations.
- * Profile of elderly Syracuse activists.
- * Auburn prison problems.

SEPTEMBER:

- * 8 extra pages on Latin America. We need artists, writers, & ads. Meeting to begin planning issue on June 12 in Ithaca. Contact Ed Griffin: 422-2887/423-4932.

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Address.....City.....

How about PNL articles on: _____

State.....Zip.....Phone(s).....

"If you are not careful, the newspapers will have you hating the people who are being oppressed, and loving the people who are doing the oppressing."
—Malcolm X

Celebrate Independence Day with SPC **Friday, July 4, 1980**

SPC Picnic

2:00pm Place:

backyard of Dolly Komar & Arnie Honig,
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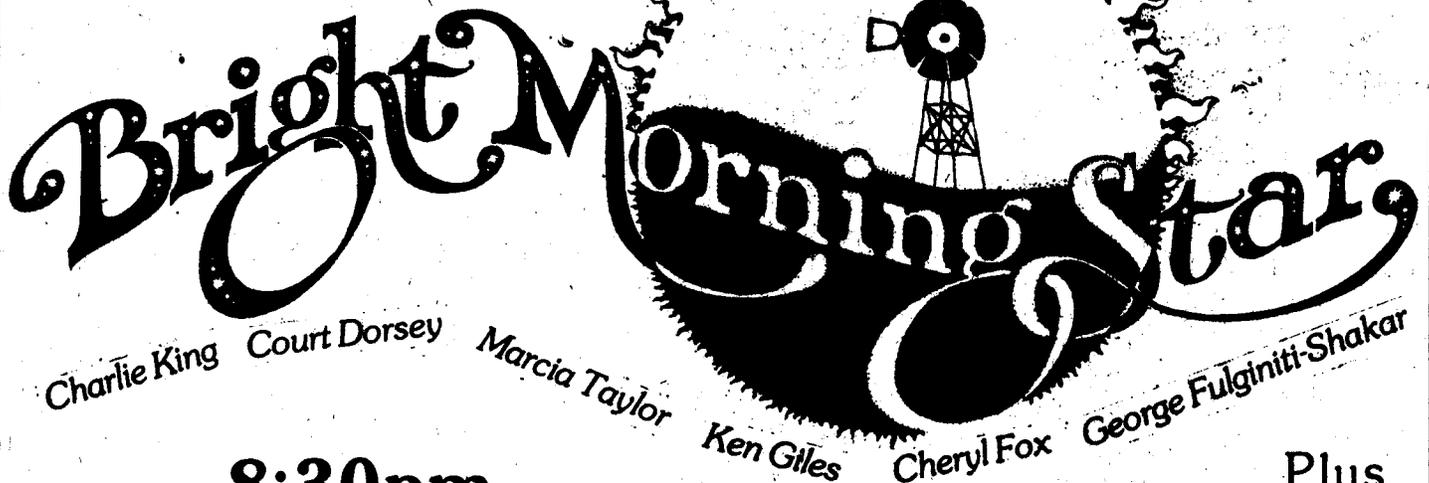
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SPC Inconsistent ?

Syracuse, N.Y.

I suppose that it is in the nature of organizations like SPC which have diverse interests that occasionally one valued policy will come into conflict with another highly valued policy. Certain other organizations or movements or, indeed, nations may have immense political appeal to us, and we therefore conclude that our education, agitation and organization efforts on behalf of that group should be as fully sympathetic and supportive as possible.

While the SPC, and probably nearly all PNL readers value and applaud the efforts of the Ganienkehaga to reassert control over their ancestral homeland, it was dismaying to find the following motto inscribed on the May 1980 cover of the Syracuse Peace Council's monthly newsletter:

We shall resist by every means any aggression, any violation of the treaties, any disturbance of our people in the free use and enjoyment of our land, any usurpation of our sovereignty, any encroachment and oppression. We pledge that the noise shall be heard from one end of the world to the other.

The Syracuse Peace Council, "which has a basic commitment to nonviolence," must continue its recurrent, consistent, unequivocal witness in favor of peacemaking and nonviolence. It must make every reasonable effort to avoid even the appearance of inconsistent messages, however inadvertent, regardless of the source. Peace!

Tom Schmitz

Parents Concerned About the Draft

Syracuse, N.Y.

We, as a group of parents of draft-age children, have become increasingly concerned about the prospect of compulsory registration. Registration is the first step to the draft; there

has never been one without the other. We see both as preparation for war-making.

We have a deep sense of the sanctity of life itself and have a revulsion to teaching our children to kill, which is what they would be trained to do in the military.

In our opinion we must find means other than war of responding to international conflict. We recognize that this takes patience, diligence, creativity. It is much easier just to order a build-up of our military forces than to search for peaceful solutions. In this regard we do not see registration and the draft as consistent with efforts to bring about peaceful solutions. If we cooperate with registration and the draft and our government's military policy, how can we expect our children to find peaceful alternatives?

In addition, we would point out that forced entry into the armed forces is a violation of our constitutional rights. The thirteenth amendment prohibits involuntary servitude.

We are further concerned about what we see as warlike and militaristic policies of our government. Our leaders talk peace, but we are the foremost exporter of expensive and dangerous weapons to countries all over the world. Our government says it wants peace, yet it increases military expenditures and money for building new weapons while domestic services are curtailed.

We're here. Are you there?

The editors and writers of the Peace Newsletter want to encourage critical feedback from our readers of each month's PNL articles. Did you like what you read, or didn't you? Did you agree with us, or no? It's surprising how few letters we do get responding to a particular article--though we get lots praising the work we do in a general way--and we're curious to know why that is.

So please, write: To the Editors, Peace Newsletter, Syracuse Peace Council, 924 Burnet Ave., Syracuse, NY 13203. Suggested length: around 250 words. (Anything longer risks getting cut!) Deadline: the 20th of each month. Thanks!!

Now some say we need strong defense forces as a deterrent. However, we do not feel a "deterrent" is an effective means of preventing wars, which start in spite of deterrents. And a "limited, conventional war" can easily escalate into a nuclear holocaust.

We express these views openly in the hope that other parents who have similar concerns will be encouraged to contact us and make their opinions known.

Elayne Scheck Jeanne Wasil
Jane Begley Ellie & Allen Young
Dick Weiskopf Louise & Dick Mullen
682-9336

We Are All Hostages

Syracuse, N.Y.

Suddenly everyone in the United States, in Iran, in the USSR, and in the world is a hostage.

We are all hostages of a weak man trying to appear strong.

We are hostages of a vacillating man trying to appear decisive.

We are hostages of a man who either cannot see the right thing to do, or who is afraid to do the right thing for fear he might not be re-elected.

President Carter is about to get some unasked advice from the humblest and least-qualified of his advisers:

Dear Mr. President:

FIRE ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI IMMEDIATELY.

Nothing could send a clearer signal to Iran and to the USSR that you are turning to the pursuit of peace and justice and away from great-power oppression and war,

STOP ALL MOVEMENTS OF TROOPS AND SHIPS TO THE PERSIAN GULF; STOP ALL THREATS AND PRESSURES AGAINST IRAN; AND ASK OUR ALLIES TO DO LIKEWISE.

ASK IRAN TO SEND HER AMBASSADOR BACK TO WASHINGTON AND AT THE SAME TIME SAY THAT YOU WANT TO VISIT THE AYATOLLAH KHOMEINI IN IRAN, AND HEAR FROM HIS OWN LIPS THE GRIEVANCES OF THE IRANIAN PEOPLE. SAY THAT YOU WILL DO EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES .

Mr. President, justice, not power, exalteth a nation.

If you follow my advice you will get two things: my vote, and the knowledge that you have given the human race a reprieve from destruction.

Angus MacDonald

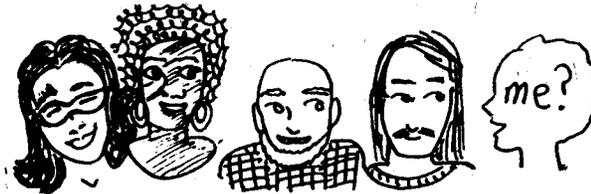
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SPC is a community of people working for peace and social justice since 1936. Our motto is "educate, agitate and organize for social change".

To make the world better, people must work together. Here are the groups and jobs within SPC. Where would you like to fit in?



Please take two copies of this sheet. Fill one out and send to address above. Keep one for your info. Put "x" on line in front of each choice. You'll be contacted concerning your interests. Fill in bottom of page two,

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The committees which work on the PNL are:

- Editorial - Lisa Johns - 475-3279 (home) - Meets twice a month to do long-range planning as well as to plan and supervise production for each PNL.
- Store distribution - Dik Cool - 472-5478
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In addition, people are needed to do research, graphics, writing, editing, typing, layout, pasteup, illustration, cartooning, photography.

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— THE FRONT ROOM BOOKSTORE - books, records, posters. Needs people to bring literature to events. Also, to work at bookstore, located at SPC. Lois Levitan - 478-2998 (home).

— SPC MAILING LIST - keeping it up-to-date - Charlotte Haas at SPC 472-5478

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— PEOPLE'S ENERGY - 1980 - distribution of SPC's calendar. Dik Cool, Glenda Neff - 472-5478

— IRAN COMMITTEE - Syracuse area people working for a peaceful & just relationship between the US and Iran
Lisa Johns 475-3279.

SYRACUSE SCIENCE COLLECTIVE - studies the social and political implications of science and technology in capitalist society. Past work has been articles and lively debates. A.P. ("Bal") Balachandran - 479-8826

POLITICAL-ECONOMY STUDY GROUP - meets at members' homes every two or three weeks for potluck meal and discussion of books and articles. Rinny Davern - 475-9603 (home)

PUBLIC POWER TASK FORCE - an educating and organizing body dedicated to the creation of a municipally controlled public power system in Syracuse. Ann Stevenson - 478-0367 (home)

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LAKESHORE ALLIANCE - anti-nuclear pro-safe energy coalition along Lake Ontario to which SPC belongs. Glenda Neff - 472-5478

LATIN AMERICAN PROJECT - Ed Griffin - 423-4932 (work), 422-2887 (home)

EAST TIMOR PROJECT - Mike Chamberlain at SPC - 472-5478

FILM COMMITTEE - vacancy - preview, acquire and coordinate rentals of SPC-owned films, slide shows and tapes

ENERGY EDUCATION COMMITTEE - gathering and distributing resource materials (slide shows, films, leaflets). Forming Speaker's Bureau. Other educational outreach activities. Kath Buffington - 472-4245 (work)

ENERGY LEGISLATIVE PHONE NETWORK - alerting people when letters are needed on energy legislation. Shelley Conture - 4466491 or Linda DeStefano - 475-0062 (home).

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OFFICE TASKS:

- A. Staffing phones for a 3-hour shift
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- C. Filling mail orders for SPC and the Front Room resources (posters, leaflets, Energy Prime)
- D. Answering mail
- E. Bookkeeping - posting checks, making deposits, etc.
- F. Working at the Front Room Bookstore

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BOYCOTT GENERAL ELECTRIC

The anti-nuclear movement is kicking off an international campaign to boycott General Electric.

Why G.E.? G.E. is involved in nearly every phase of the nuclear industry: mining, milling, fuel rod and reactor fabrication, waste storage and production of nuclear weapons components.

G.E. is vulnerable to the consumer because of the broad range of appliances sold on the world market. A boycott would be felt immediately since Americans now oppose nuclear power by about 2 to 1. We have the power of the purse!

HAEHL OPENS WALLET TO CNY?

At the May 6 Niagara Mohawk stockholders' meeting, SPC member Andy Matlow asked chairman of the board John Haehl, "If there were an accident at Nine Mile, would Niagara Mohawk be willing to pay over and above the liability limit set by the Price-Anderson Act?" (The Price-Anderson Act limits compensation for nuclear accident victims to \$560 million, even though studies show that damages could amount to many billions of dollars. Without this act, the nuclear industry would collapse.)

After a bit of hemming and hawing, Haehl answered Andy, "yes."

Now before you run over to Haehl's office to have him sign your supplementary nuclear insurance policy, you should understand that it hardly makes sense for Haehl to stand by his word. After all, a corporation that is in the business of placing the risks of its investments squarely on the shoulders of the consumers, (ie: ripping us off) is not about to do an about face at the suggestion of any uppity activist.

Indeed you should know that in mid-May, NiMo applied to the Pub-

lic Service Commission for extra nuclear insurance -- at ratepayer expense. The annual cost to us for the premiums: \$1.8 million.

NIMO COOPERATING WITH MASSENA??!!

At the May 6 NiMo stockholders' meeting (see above), Andy Matlow also asked Haehl why NiMo is continuing to oppose the efforts of the town of Massena to buy out NiMo's transmission facilities. The town is trying to acquire less expensive electricity by establishing its own municipal power system.

Haehl answered (rough paraphrase): "We have nothing against Massena's attempts to municipalize. We're just trying to get the right price."

Is this the same John Haehl who, in a Feb. 1, 1978 message to stockholders, said: "We will protect the interests of stockholders to the fullest extent by continuing to exert absolute opposition to this (Massena) effort--or any similar take-over threat. "?

A recent review of NiMo's 1979 finances finds that in that year they spent \$1,032,164 in legal, engineering and research fees in their attempt to thwart Massena's efforts to municipalize. That brings the six year total (the town decided by referendum in 1974 to municipalize) to well over \$4 million.

BILLS TO ACT ON

There is a bunch of energy bills pending in Albany that deserve some attention. Among them is the Radiological Emergency Preparedness Act (REPA) which would require an evacuation plan to be in place for all areas within 50 miles of a nuclear power plant. Another is the "Nuclear Phase Out Commission Act" which would establish a commission to evaluate the feasibility of phasing out existing nuclear plants in NY.

Letters to your representative do influence whether or not this kind of legislation will become reality. To become part of the SPC legislative phone network (in cooperation with the Safe Energy Coalition of NYS--SECONYS) call Shelley Couture, 446-6491.

By the way... SECONYS's entire 1979 budget: \$7,000. Niagara Mohawk's, Orange & Rockland's and National Fuel Gas' lobbying expenses for the first quarter of 1980:

\$210,403.

Contributions: SECONYS, P.O. Box 2029, Albany, N.Y. 12220.

WORDS TO REMEMBER

"I wouldn't really consider a fire at Nine Mile Point any more significant than a fire anyplace else. A fire is a fire".

- Bob Burtch, NiMo p.r. man.

PUBLIC POWER LEAFLETING DELAY

The city-wide public power leafletting that SPC was organizing for the month of May has been delayed until further notice. As other groups and individuals have jumped on the public power bandwagon, we have found the need to talk strategy among ourselves before launching our education campaign. The leafletting will be happening in the near future though, so give us a call if you'd like to leaflet. We need lots of help.

The May 2 benefit concert with 'Out of the Blue' to raise money for the leaflet was a smashing success, making over \$600. Thanks to all of you who helped!

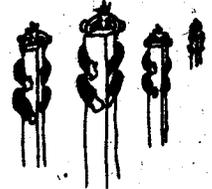


BUFFALO BLACK HILLS EVENT

On June 28, there will be a "Save the Black Hills" celebration in the Delaware Parks Rose Gardens in Buffalo, N.Y. The event, organized by the Buffalo chapter of the Black Hills Alliance, will also be commemorating the Battle of the Little Big Horn. The event is being organized to draw attention to the DOE's imminent attempt to turn the Black Hills of North Dakota into a "national sacrifice area" for energy resources. (See May PNL Currents.)

The rally will begin mid-day and will feature Native American, environmentalist and anti-nuclear speakers. There will be a benefit concert in the evening. Contact SPC for more information at 472-5478.

PNL Reader Pole



This readers poll is the result of the new Editorial Committee's desire and dedication to improving the Peace Newsletter in every way we can. We are very interested in feedback from our readers on the content and format of the PNL. This survey is not being counted by computer, so don't worry about using a No. 2 pencil or marking outside the box. Please feel free to write comments or answer questions on a separate sheet. There will be a report in the August PNL. (Deadline: July 4)

Reader Profile

- 1 Age (OPTIONAL) _____
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PNL Content & Format

- 7 Do our articles give enough background to make the issues comprehensible??
 Local articles: _____ yes (OK to read) _____ no (hard reading)
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 Int'l articles: _____ yes (OK to read) _____ no (hard reading)
- 8 Which articles in the past year have been very good? Which have been very disappointing? (Please answer on separate sheet)
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- 14 What specific articles and interest areas would you like to see the PNL cover?? (Please answer on separate sheet)
- 15 Would reading be easier if the PNL had clearly defined sections (local, national, int'l)? _____ yes _____ no

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DEADLINE: JULY 4

Update on Nuclear Waste Shipments

Illusions of security are dying fast in New York State, particularly that one can live in an unspoiled region free from the dangers of nuclear contamination. You may not live near Oswego, West Valley, Indian Point, Griffiss AirForce Base or the Knowles Nuclear Lab. But on any interstate or state highway in NY, chances are that nuclear waste has been and will be trucked through your town.

During 1980 at least fourteen shipments of highly radioactive spent fuel rods are being shipped through NYS (see Feb. PNL) from Ontario, Canada to South Carolina. And much more is to come. At this moment spent fuel rods are sitting in storage at nuclear sites. Utilities will ship them to "Away From Reactor" sites as soon as the federal government approves a facility, and West Valley is one of three sites being considered. By 1985 the number of shipments of this high level waste will be over 1500/year.

At least four shipments of the Canadian spent fuel have traversed

the length of NYS since early April. The carrier, Tri-State Motor Transit Company, has the worst accident record of all carriers of nuclear materials in the country. In a five year period their trucks were involved in 152 accidents.

What roads have been taken? The exact routes are a closely guarded secret. It is very possible that the trucks are actually following Route 81 through Syracuse, or barely skirting metropolitan limits. As for preparedness, how can the lethal effects of an accident be minimized much less prevented, without proper notification? By late March, when the statewide Public Interest Research Group sent questionnaires to public officials of 13 counties and municipalities along the routes, five out of eight civil defense agencies had not been notified in any way. Evacuation plans in all those counties are barely on paper, and no simulations have been done.

Proposed regulations of nuclear transport by the Dept. of Transportation only legitimize this negli-

gence. They actually ban pre-notification, as well as nullify local permit systems and bans.

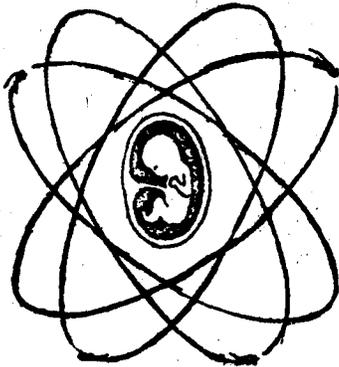
On May 22nd over 30 citizens and public officials attended a citizens' hearing sponsored by SPC, the Sierra Club and NYPIRG, on these proposed rules. Over and over again they testified to the lack of preparedness and the obligation of local governments to protect the citizenry.

On two Saturdays in May the Lake shore Alliance drove a mock waste transport through a dozen towns on Routes 104 & 31, leafletting and conversing. The message was dramatically conveyed - some people thought it was the real thing!

We can't wait for an accident to happen. We must spread the word about these shipments, their toxicity, and the government's irresponsible attitudes. If you would like to work in any way to stop the transport of nuclear waste, give SPC a call at 472-5478.

Don't Wait for an Accident

FitzPatrick Radioactive Iodine Release — What Happened?



On May 14, the State Power Authority (PASNY) released an amount of gaseous radioactive iodine (I-131) from its FitzPatrick nuclear plant that was 4 times the amount released from the plant in the last 3 months of 1979. PASNY and the State Health Dep't were quick to assure us the event was no cause for worry.

Similar reassurances were given by utility and health officials after the release of I-131 from Three Mile Island in March 1979. In both cases it was noted that, although the re-

lease was comparatively large, it was an infinitesimal fraction of levels which would be cause for concern. The NY Health Dep't said that the FitzPatrick release would have had to be 100,000 times larger before "protective actions" would be put into effect.

On Feb. 8, 1980, the Pennsylvania Health Dep't announced an upsurge in the incidence of hypothyroidism in the area downwind from TMI since the accident. Hypothyroidism is a disease of the thyroid gland which manifests itself in retardation in infants, weight gain and benign tumors. Thyroid problems, including hypothyroidism, are known to be associated with exposure to I-131.

In the nine months preceding the accident, there were 9 new cases of hypothyroidism in 3 counties downwind from the plant. In the nine months after, there were 21 cases in the same area. Officials claimed that other reasons than the I-131

release could account for the upsurge, but they noted that the timing was "peculiar and curious." One estimate claims that the odds of the upsurge happening by chance was one in ten thousand.

While the FitzPatrick I-131 release was "officially" significantly smaller than the TMI one, "official" estimates of radioactive releases can vary considerably. Different estimates of the TMI I-131 release, for instance, vary by a factor of 10.

As it becomes increasingly clear that the old equations relating radiation dose to effect are wrong, it is alarming to witness the contempt of people in power for public health. Ironically, the day after the FitzPatrick release, the Dep't of Environmental Conservation lost half its radiation monitoring staff due to budget cuts. Two weeks after the incident, PASNY is balking at installing filters on the vents through which the I-131 escaped, for cost reasons.

Chemical Time-Bomb in Oswego County

by Sue Reinert

Four years ago, one of the most fervent desires of Oswego citizens was to shut down a chemical waste disposal company called Pollution Abatement Services, which was doing the opposite of what its name implied.

Their wish has come true. PAS is closed forever, but Oswego County residents are beginning to realize that their problems are far from over.

In the county dump in the town of Volney, 8000 drums from PAS are buried. Benzene, a carcinogen was found in a well next to the landfill; arsenic, mercury, trichloroethylene, and PCBs have been detected in other wells and in groundwater.

A large tank beneath a warehouse in the village of Mexico, used for PAS waste, is half full of liquid that contains PCBs. The Department of Environmental Conservation says it assumes the tank hasn't leaked because it still has liquid in it.

Beside a swamp flowing into a tributary to the Oswego River in Granby, PAS drums are heaped on the ground. PCBs have been found in the soil. The owner of the dump says he burned out the inside of the waste drums and used them to store animal feed, which he sold to anyone who wanted it.

Approximately 15,000 drums of waste are sitting in the open at the main PAS site in Oswego. Rivulets of black, blue, and orange decorate the ground; a sump hole oozing oil is in the creek bank. From here, it is about a mile to the center of Oswego and less than that to Lake Ontario.

So far, the U.S. Government has spent about \$2 million to destroy three lagoons full of waste at PAS in Oswego. The state has contributed \$750,000 to remove about 4,500 barrels from the Mexico



Chemical waste barrels at the main Pollution Abatement Services site in Oswego.

Photo by Sue Reinert.

warehouse. It is uncertain whether any more work will be done in the county.

The beginning of this environmental disaster was accomplished with an investment of about \$19,000 by four local businessmen: an insurance agent, two engineers, and an attorney. The company received a gift of land from the county's industrial development agency (the insurance agent sat on the board of the agency at the time). They got a loan from the Small Business Administration, and, later, a bank loan. Pollution Abatement Services was welcomed as a new business and a service that would make the county attractive to industry.

PAS was also welcomed by the DEC, because it intended to incinerate waste, not dump it in the ground. But almost immediately, the firm had air pollution problems, putting a white, oily effluent out its stubby incinerator stack. It could not meet DEC air quality standards. Liquids it had accepted from one of its biggest customers, Inland Chemical Co., destroyed the plastic liner in a waste lagoon and ruined the lagoon.

During the six years that PAS operated, the company failed air pollution tests and spilled waste into the creek on its border (that flows into the lake) on many

occasions. But it continued to run, with variances from the DEC, and to accept waste from places like General Electric Co. of Schenectady, Monsanto, Alcan, Bristol Labs, DuPont, and Schenectady Chemical.

Many of the drums PAS took contained solids, which could not be burned in the incinerator. And so when drums piled up too high in Oswego, they were taken to Volney, Mexico, Parish, Granby. The Volney burial of 8,000 drums was done in 1974 with DEC permission; the state knew about other sites, but not until after the barrels had been transported there.

In 1977, when it seemed that waste lagoons at PAS would overflow to the creek, a DEC attorney wrote to some of the large firms that had used PAS and asked them to help pay for a cleanup. The universal reply was a protest; the companies said they were not responsible.

Similarly, the county wants the state and Federal government to clean up the sites. The state is looking to Washington, and Washington wants a commitment from the state. PAS owners, meanwhile, still owe money to the Small Business Administration and the bank, but who wants to foreclose on a property with 15,000 barrels of waste on it?

You Are Cordially Invited...To Survive

SURVIVAL SUMMER: a national campaign initiated by the Mobilization for Survival

LOCAL ACTIVITIES:

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Some of our ideas: Door-to-door canvassing, neighborhood forums, referendum campaigns, presentations, films, slide shows, leafletting, teach-ins, local festivals, media work, and more!! More ideas are welcome!

But we need people to participate!!!!

1980 MUST BE A TURNING POINT IN HUMAN SURVIVAL!!



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Most media coverage of Iran has focused on the hostage situation to such an extent that the internal dynamics of the revolution have been largely ignored. We felt that, with all the confusion surrounding Iran, it was important that supporters of true Iranian independence understand more of the significance of the internal political struggle. To help us we turned to an Iranian friend, Soroush. His analysis, which follows, should help us to develop a critical perspective for our work in solidarity with the struggling people of Iran.

Many Iranians view the revolution as having three stages. The character of the first was anti-dictatorial the second, anti-imperialist, and the third, which is yet to come, is the social revolution, the change in the basic economic and political structures.

For Iranians the overthrow of the Shah was only the initial phase of the revolution. Anger against the Shah and his system based on repression, corruption, and US support, was the force that united people from diverse sectors of society in opposition. In this first phase the goals were rather simple: "Freedom!" - from the dictatorship, and "Independence!" - from US domination.

Political groups of the left, repressed by the SAVAK and the military, joined in the cry of the masses who had been so long denied any involvement in politics or access to political literature. Widespread experience of suffering taught the people that the Shah's system must go, even though their understanding of the causes of their problems was not clear.

Into this political vacuum, religious leaders stepped in to channel the anger of the people. Islam accelerated the revolutionary process, providing a means of communication with the masses, awakening a sense of social responsibility, giving moral justification for and even lending a vocabulary to the struggle. The Islamic concepts of martyrdom and Jihad (holy war against an oppressor) moved the faithful to express their need for social change.

The revolution succeeded. The question then became - which groups would determine the ideological base of the new nation? Quickly, religious leaders stepped forward to occupy positions of leadership, in the process making religion an end, rather than a means, of the revolution. Based on their popularity, credibility,

Soroush is a graduate student at SU. Thanks to Ed Griffin for assistance in writing this article.

Iran: Inside The Revolution by Soroush



Photo: Eva Cockcroft/LNS

In February, millions celebrated the anniversary of Khomeini's return. Today, many progressives in Iran are seeing the rule of the clerics as an obstacle to needed social changes.

and respect gained in the struggle, the clerics easily won a referendum proclaiming the Islamic Republic. The vote was largely an expression of faith in Khomeini since the details of this Islamic Republic were never clearly explained.

Problems began to surface within a few months. The clerics looked to monopolize power and began to brand democrats, liberals, and leftists as traitors. They discounted the role of other political groups, such as the Fedayn and Majahedin, in the overthrow of the Shah, and excluded them from power.

Even the Democratic Front, representatives of the liberal opposition, were attacked during public demonstrations for press freedom and women's rights. Many publications were banned. Mullahs began to use the term "intellectuals" as an insult meaning pro-West and "leftist" to refer to an agent of the Soviet Union.

Anti-Imperialism

The second phase of Iran's revolution has an apparent anti-imperialist focus, a reaction to Iran's history of domination in this century, by the British and later by the US. The ultimate result of this domination was the imposition of the dictatorship of Shah Reza Pahlevi, but it also included the "mismanagement" of Iranian resources to suit foreign

interests. While millions of Iranians lived in poverty, billions of oil dollars were being spent for US arms to make Iran a bastion against the Soviets.

Economic dependence turned Iran into a consumer society whose industrial base depended on the West for technology, personnel, markets, and even spare parts. This dependency bred a resentment which manifested itself most strongly in the anti-imperialist movement in the leftist parties.

The religious leadership now claims to be at the forefront of the anti-imperialist campaign. Their support of the takeover of the US embassy is the showcase of this claim.

However, many Iranians are now questioning the validity of the cleric's posturing. The clerics support the continuance of capitalism in Iran while mouthing fierce anti-imperialist slogans. The takeover is being manipulated by right wing clerics to substantiate their own credentials. This campaign is more moral and verbal than real and does not include the sweeping changes that a clear economic and political understanding of imperialism would dictate.

Thus they are not moving Iran on a course towards true liberation from outside domination.

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Social Revolution

The social revolution is the real and final goal of the Iranian revolution. As Iranians became aware that the religious leadership, so important in the first phase, is now impeding the process, they will become more and more disenchanted.

In recent months the religious leaders have tried to stabilize their power and to repress those who would carry the revolution further. They claim that the ascension of Islam to power is the ultimate goal and thus the revolution is already consolidated. Anyone with a different conception is a "counter-revolutionary" and "anti-Islam". Freedoms are extended only to those who do not contradict the dominant assumptions about the future of the revolution.

The truth is that Iran still has a long way to go to complete its revolution. Many Iranians are being disillusioned by the current leadership and believe that the present course is a deviation from the even-

* For good background see two articles by Fred Halliday in THESE TIMES: "Khomeini works to build a unified political authority", on March 26, and "Right wing clerics escalate attacks on Iranian left", on May 21.

tual direction of events. Thousands have experienced firsthand the greed, brutality, and dishonesty of many clerics.

Repression

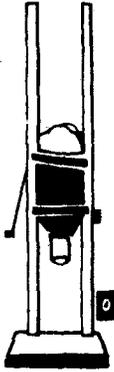
Hundreds have died in the past months at the hands of the Islamic guard, the Iranian army, and right wing thugs known as Hizballhis (Party of God's People), simply because of their opposition to the policies of the Khomeini's regime.* University student political groups have been assaulted and their offices closed down under the government's "Islamicization" program. Offices of the Fedaiyn and Majahedin were destroyed by mobs on orders of the clerics. Many leftist candidates were excluded from elections for a Constitutional Assembly, parliament, and president. Movements for regional autonomy have been crushed in Kurdistan, Khozistan, and Turkaman provinces, and people in those areas have not been allowed to vote. In Kurdistan the army has been bombing urban centers to quell the resistance.

Political protests are severely repressed. Censorship has been imposed on the press and the mass media expresses only the government line.

Khomeini has already lost political credibility among many of the progressives who once allied themselves with him. But he is still influential and popular among the masses. Their religious faith and trust in him as a holy man and "father of the revolution" gives him the stature of guardian of Iran's destiny.

Although Khomeini's autocracy may still survive for a time due to its religious appeal, the need for a true revolution is still great. Revolutionary groups cast aside by the clerics have become more distrustful as their hopes are dashed by the unyielding power of the regime, and they are moving into positions of direct opposition. Many are realizing that the recent oppression has already destroyed any chance of compromise with the religious leaders or possibilities of working within the present governmental structure. It is no surprise that many Iranians are beginning to think that in order to save the revolution there is a need to re-evaluate the legitimacy of religious autonomy and to confront a regime which has become an obstacle in the way of the success of Iran's social revolution.





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IRAN: Initiatives for Peace

In the past month, the Peace Council has become aware of a number of initiatives for reconciliation between the US and Iran, organized spontaneously on a people-to-people basis by peace groups in the US. The one we liked best appears below.

The following statement was prepared by the Committee for American-Iranian Crisis Resolution, in Lawrence, Kansas, and has been modified to some extent by the Syracuse Peace Council. The Committee was formed in mid-1976 (under a different name) to work on issues having to do with human rights in Iran. One of their principal organizers, Norman Forer, has been to Iran on human rights missions, and is acquainted with Iranian President Abol Hassan Bani Sadr and Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh. The Committee was the group that arranged for clergy to visit the American hostages this past Easter and Christmas, and at the invitation of the militant students holding the hostages, they led a group of 49 Americans to visit Iran in February this year. Because of the credibility this group has developed through their long work on Iran, we decided to circulate their statement on reconciliation, rather than several others we received.

If you wish your name to be signed to the following Message of Reconciliation, please cut out the coupon at the end, fill it out, and mail it back to SPC. We will take the signatures we gather and forward them to the Kansas group, who will send them to Iran. It is important to accomplish this work quickly, so while the Committee has set no deadline, we're self-imposing one of June 25th. Please let us hear from you by then, and earlier if at all possible.

A Message of Reconciliation

We are citizens of the United States who are concerned and dismayed by the dangerous degree of hostility and misunderstanding in existing relations between our government and Iran. We are convinced that a mutual acknowledgment of grievances, by both peoples, can effect the resolution to this crisis which has so far eluded formal diplomacy. To this end, and so that we may begin again in a new political and psychological climate, we address the following to the Iranian people:

We acknowledge your obvious and just grievances: the illegal role of the US government, CIA and corporate entities in the 1953 overthrow of your republic; the imposition and 25-year support of the Shah; the organization and training of the secret police (SAVAK); the assault on your natural resources, economy and culture; and the implication in policies and events which enriched the few, impoverished the many, and led to the torture, maiming, imprisonment and death of hundreds of thousands of innocent Iranian people. We believe the Iranian people are owed an apology for these injustices.

We ask the Iranian people to acknowledge our obvious and just grievances: the illegal seizure of our embassy; the violation of diplomatic immunity;

We also helped to organize a vigil and town meeting in downtown Syracuse (see photo), and formed the nucleus of a committee to do continuing work on Iran. We welcome the involvement and participation of all interested people (see coupon).

the victimization of our fellow citizens by holding them hostages to a foreign policy not of their making; their continuing confinement; the anxiety of their loved ones; and the concern and outrage of our people. We ask that you return the hostages to their rightful home.

Rather than the dangerous and confrontational tactics which have been pursued by the Carter Administration in handling the hostage issue, which have only served to delay the hostages' release and create an international climate of anxiety and fear of war, we call on the US government to take the following steps toward reconciliation with Iran and a peaceful conclusion to this crisis:

--A Congressional investigation into the history of US-Iranian relations since 1953;

—Our government's acknowledgment of the right of the Iranian people to place the Shah on trial, consistent with the principles underlying our country's past support for the extradition and trial of Nazi mass-murderers;

--The non-interference of our government in the investigation and return of any funds illegally expropriated by the Shah and lodged in this country.



Photo by Jeff Schwartz

SPC activist Angus MacDonald speaks at the vigil and town meeting on Iran, May 11th in Columbus Circle.

We urge our government to acknowledge past injustices and to repudiate any attempt, now or in the future, to interfere in the affairs of the sovereign Iranian nation. Further, we pledge ourselves, as citizens, actively to oppose any such intervention.

We salute the Iranian people's struggle for self-determination, as we support all such struggles around the world. We send this message to the Iranian people as an expression of our friendship.

Yes, I'll sign the Message of Reconciliation from the people of the US to the people of Iran. *

Yes, I'll write a letter (to Congress or to the Editor) suggesting that the US work toward reconciliation with Iran.

Yes, contact me. I'd like to help out with the newly-forming committee on Iran.

Name (print, please) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

* Deadline: June 25th.

Mail to: SPC, 924 Burnet Ave., Syracuse, NY 13203. Thanks.

Speakers Available

If your church, school, labor or civic organization would like someone to come address your group on Iran, please contact SPC. There are several speakers available and interested in this kind of work.

Nuke Iran?

Which Iran will you Nuke?
 The Iran where a child
 takes its first breath
 where another child discovers
 that flowers
 smell of life
 where a woman
 breast-feeds a child?

Can you nuke the man
 you see on television
 shaking his fist
 in defiance?

or

can you only nuke Iran
 chose the Iran you want to nuke

and, having chosen
 look down the bombsite
 and realize that to nuke a country
 is to nuke a people
 a people that lives
 breathes works
 hates hopes
 thinks and loves *

and realize
 that a nuclear weapon
 by design
 cannot distinguish
 cannot distinguish
 cannot distinguish
 can
 not
 distinguish

the shades of Iran
 or any other country

so
 as we clamor
 to push the button
 and solve the problem
 with a flash
 that lasts for seconds
 leaving
 tons of brain, bone, blood and flesh
 in a state
 that would make us gag
 and retch
 in primal revulsion

before this image fades

just for a moment

let us attempt to close
 the gap in our minds
 between the push button act
 and the human act

a citizen of the world



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 We appreciate all of the poems submitted for this
 issue. We are sorry there was not room to print them all.

Draft Registration

You ask
 Me to sign.
 How can
 I sign
 My death
 Certificate
 Or symbolically
 Another's death
 The enemy?
 A pen
 My name
 To kill
 My Conscience?
 No, please.

Dan Lawton

A Symbol of a Symbol of...

reality or illusion
 ... economics
 we starve for want of it
 should it be green
 like the living mantle
 or golden autumn
 or even black or brown as the soil
 if it were purple would the violets take offense

Mike Selender

Anxiety

A so fine thread
 Little more than no clear cut line
 Dividing the suffering and the laughing
 Mixing the suffering and laughing

L.B.

the war that would not end forever (for tim, danang, 1969-70)

the 10 yearyoung
 boy in pale black pajamas
 turned as if to run . . .
 or hide . . . ; stumbled instead.

doesn't matter now . . .
 anyway he went there
 was none to be found
 except to this:

the range & fire
 of our c-47ships' cruising
 at superhomicidal speed
 3 gatling guns

,18000 bullets per minute
 300 per second
 18 per square inch

of his too penetrably
 sleek & 10 yearyoung
 now ageless
 bloodied booty of a once body.

his full house
 of unplayed cards &
 unspent seed came
 tumbling down truncated
 at his 10 yearyoung
 wasted waist.

no time to ask his
 name . . .
 no time to(sic) check his
 identification papers . . .
 no time for him to even say his
 last prayers, or cry for his
 mothers tears . . .
 no time ; no time

all this
 in less than one moment
 that negated all of
 history

my poem
 concerns the death of
 humanity

—JohnMichaelMayo

The Clock

It seems the chimes have rung
And the endless lamentum persisting
Has held the course of the dying hour;
Each struggling minute
stretches its way toward oblivion —
Each tired hour
winces its mournful hands
into the eternal tranquil.

Yet there are those who would not stir
from the mother's breast
Who would not but hoard
the o'erflowing fluid
Who would not but vomit
the dying postulate;
Do they not hear the noisy silence emitted?
Do they not see the bedraggled hand move?

Ah Yes, but they do!
For they raise their withering hands
to smite the grimacing face
They tear at the shielding arms
to stop the unyielding pace.

They would stop the clock . . . And they do!
But somewhere in the vast stillness
There surges the impending doom —
And be it tho' the stopped clock,
there is heard the MARCHE FATAL:
TICK!
TICK!
TICK!
TICK!
TICK!
TICK!

Nicholas F. Pinto

Main Mall, Albany

the blue bottom of an empty pool
is covered with puddles
across its rectangular presence
as flood-lights on stiff black pipes
hover like cybernetic water lilies
a hollow between two stone blocks
holds a skating rink in the windswept
concrete plateau bounded
by massive towers that strike at the sky
we enter from below
into the pyramids of the billionaire king
where elevators go to their assigned floors
on their own schedules
small yellow go-carts sitting in passageways
are marked— capital police

Mike Selender

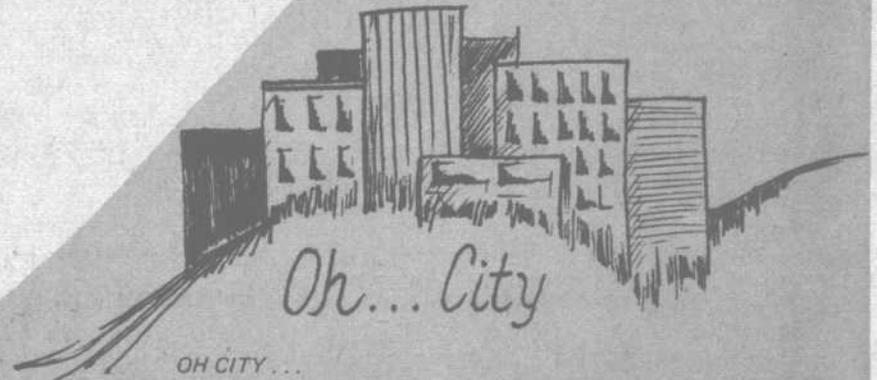
november one

The burning orange sun
pure spherical torch in supreme implosion,
a fierce hole in the horizon
that has warmed our globe
and given us breath
from oceanic protoplasm
to transcontinental protohuman
in an endless and continuous cellular spawning,
melts, dissolves beyond its twenty billionth sunset.

Meanwhile, i belong to a species
in brief appearance between the ice ages,
outgrowing ourselves in mad vacillation
between pigs and angels.
Our holy steeples, our divine incredible temples
would not save us.

Black sister, compassionate mama; your cadillac won't save you.
Three piece suit costume buffoon won't save you.
Crisp dollar lipstick and fucking won't save you.
Magazine schoolroom wife kids vacation won't save you here,
between the ice ages . . .
for between the ages of glaciers
we've sown the seeds for forests of hellfire mushrooms.

Gary Weinstein



OH CITY . . .

WHEN WILL YOUR SHADOWS FALL AWAY
LEAVING DARK STREETS OF DEEPER SLUMBER?
YOUR LIGHTS BLIND ME AND
REMINDE ME OF FALSE FACES
BURNT ABOUT HARDENED SOUL STRAINS.

OH, MY CITY, MY DEAR HOPESTREWN CITY,
THE TIME TO ESCAPE YOU PASSES
AND MY FULLNESS NOW IS CONCORD WITH
YOUR PEOPLE'S RIGHTEOUSNESS.

OH, MY LONESOME CITY,
LET ME BRUSH AWAY
ALL OF YOUR TEARS
AS THEY FLOW EASIER NOW.

OH, MY FULLSOME CITY,
LET (me) WAIT TO EMBRACE YOUR SHADOWS
AS THE SILENCE DWELLS 'NEATH
A GENTLE MOURNING DOVES' LOOSE WING.

TOM LAW

Loss

All awoke to a robin
 In the ancient, gnarled oak
 Children hurry by, soft whispers
 Quiet laughter penetrates
 Solitude.
 Neighbors conversing in the midst of
 Daily routine;
 Planning barbecues
 Side street games
 Before the arrival of
 The first bulldozer.

Light upon change.
 Deafening noise, laughter of
 Construction crews and consternation
 Of architects.
 Half-eaten sandwiches
 Broken contact between flower and roots
 Friends wading in a pool of tears
 Children unaware of traffic, smile
 Innocently into the camera's cunning eye.

Silence, save for newsboys
 Tiptoeing door to door
 Suddenly the street gasps for air
 Crowds of robots ramble toward iron gates
 Megaphones broadcast every action; cars line
 Each side street;
 Sirens blare, separating mother from child
 Then all stand solemnly for patriotism's sake.
 And with a single stroke of technological lightning
 The ancient, gnarled oak draws its final breath.

Kelly Pettit

On Responsibility

Ignorance is bliss.
 But knowledge is power.
 If we're to learn from this,
 Then now is the hour
 to educate ourselves in the ways of the world.
 And, if we find them lacking,
 Then our flag should be unfurled,
 And the enemy sent packing!

If there is strength in numbers
 Then those on top are weak.
 Responsibility encumbers,
 But we must give up being meek.

The work is never done,
 And yes, this cuts into our leisure.
 But what's happened to the time
 When work itself provided pleasure?

Eva Marmorstein

A Time To Heal

I wish I could draw in pen or pencil
 That I could sketch
 A huge nuclear Missile
 With eyes of fire
 And long teeth of steel
 Eating all the tiny Chicks
 And baby Calves
 And little Lambs.

I wish I could paint in water colors
 That I could depict
 Slick nuclear Submarines
 With radioactive beams
 Paralyzing and gobbling up
 All the fish in the Ocean
 And a Child's puzzled, gaunt little face
 With starved bony hands
 Lifting an empty fishing line.

I wish I could sketch in charcoal
 That I may portray strange Animals
 Of all sizes and shapes
 Aiming deadly quills

And sharpest claws
 And wide mouths spitting venom
 At little children
 Bending over their dead and dying
 Parents.

I wish I could paint in oils
 A modern Hercules
 Rebuilding the missing arms
 Of Venus de Milo
 That she could heal the Child's strength
 To cleanse the earth of Missiles
 The sky of Bombers
 The Ocean of nuclear Submarines
 The air of vapours of death
 And renew all life
 With clarion sounds of happiness
 And ringing, joyous laughter
 Of Victory
 For our plentiful
 And beautiful
 Planet Earth.

Sylvia Pertz

TML

Your face on the news
 your tears over my radio
 your government lying
 your neighborhood poisoned
 your local nuke has burst
 your front door melting
 your family on fire
 you are lonely informed victims
 of the end of the world

Gary Weinstein

I once knew two Oswego lads
 who had very normal gonads.
 Then in went a nuke,
 Now it might be a fluke,
 But by these two no kids will be had.

can you hear the crying

i know a woman struggling to be
beaten as a child by a frustrated father
left without a helping hand
to survive in a world
that only takes
and i cried, hoped, and screamed why with her...

i've seen parents work their lives away
to provide a better life for their children
drained by the hours of labor
and meaninglessness of their toil
sweating, their opportunity to become
swallowed by their struggle to survive
thinking life will give us a better chance...

empty-handed people of many nations
the wealth of their land stolen
to produce the affluence of this country
stare, their souls wanting to
know why they're treated this way
i weep ...

if you expect this poem to be one of the
usual enlightened perception type
hang it up up up!

see what i'm going to say
is how much i miss

late nite conversations topped with
abe's donuts and z's in laundromats
homemade black raisin bread and spontaniety
sensitive mind passages
and sharing

all the many times

i wanted to hug you and didn't
so when the day comes
that we enjoy each others company
again

i hope i'll reach out from myself
and share that closeness ...
touching the oneness one more time

dave wendt

* abridged.

A MEETING

Today I saw
A compatriot of mine walk by me.

And I asked,
"Where are you going,
Where have you been?"

And she said,
"I've been half out in the world
and now I'm whole."

I told her it was cold.
She said her friends had built fires in her heart.

L.B.

ON WORK

The work is never done.
But the work itself is beautiful.
Like a fire that must be tended,
We must tend to the earth,
Lest it burn out from under us.

To watch a fire fall to embers,
Only to feel it flare back to life
With the placement of one, well put log,
Is an experience that brings satisfaction
As well as heat.

Today we work in offices,
Or at factories, hospitals, shops or schools,
To make the money,
To buy the oil,
To heat our houses,
In furnaces we rarely see,
(If we can help it!).
Tis a pity that this
Is considered progress...

Eva Marmorstein

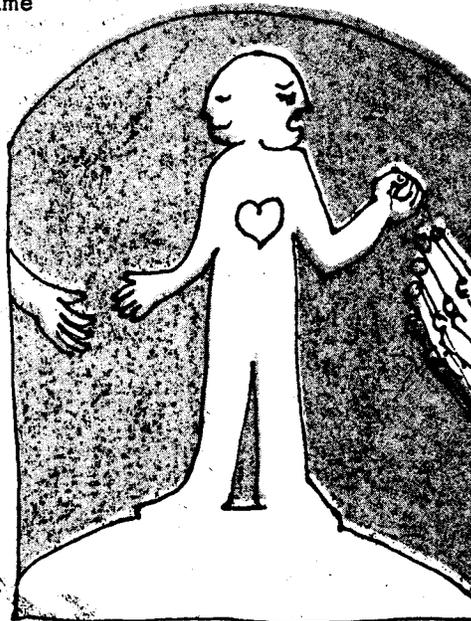
post - nuclear repose

a desperate need for the post-nuclear moment of repose
when the collective sigh may throw us out of orbit

as beauty becomes joyful that others after us
will perceive it

while the unthinkable is forgotten
and unrestrained imagination meets no dark caves
fearful of entry

Rinny Davern



Squash the Rebellion

They are killing decided objectors
In prisons, streets, corners
In day to day El Salvador.
Yesterday they too
Killed rebels dead
Gunfire through the head
Through the thought
Of individual dissent that
Bathed in resembling clusters
That lay the body in a cloister
And remember death,
Reminded their discontent
And struggle to prolong meeting
Their eventual and equal respite
Burrowed by a bullet.

Dan Lawton

to begin wit

to begin wit she gotta smile
 for listen heah don't come by me this mornin
 my brea'f nasteh
 and you know she chucklin steada what? no hot water?
 then she got to entertain this man's fool brother
 you can put money on her practised lips
 pullin back stealin one more pout
 when he say
 hey! bitch when you gonna reap a lil that
 in-god-we-trust whatsamattah
 witchu girl aint you got no tricks
 or she's laughin out loud
 when some dumb move she makes
 (watch her make the most of this)
 just goes to show the fellas
 that mos girls ain't worth the time it takes
 to wipe they butts
 one thing she can do
 (and this is no small matter)
 is laugh and smile
 she got the grins for every possible occasion
 foul or pleasin
 can even send a rapeman off
 wit a nod and a ha ha
 and she ain't even started yet
 witta wifey/motherly numbah.

Enid Edwards

*punk rocker
 to MJL*

(hotcha)
 corneas behind glass
 sneering flames, gunfire
 she dances (hotcha)
 like an atom unharnessed
 by the chains on her wrist.
 She's the anarchist incarnate
 with blood on her fists
 twisting, her hips
 are broken electrons
 bopping inside a reactor
 tripping (hotcha) onto sabotage
 plastic at the penetration point
 speeding like energy and matter
 she blows up the entire (hotcha) universe
 with her dance

RUSH TATTERED

Prison Woman

It would only be a pleasure right now
 that the only way I am related to these
 prison women
 I had, can I possibly give them that would
 rectify their past their present
 "one death for a girl" - you'd only have
 to trust her for way into their gut
 and feel boundly with your fingers
 a whole year before you'd reach
 anything -
 How do you give somebody back a life
 they don't own anyway
 I'll pray for you sister
 Fat Lavin

Someday, I will pause

Someday, I will pause
 at the bookshelf or,
 plucking from the line an old
 bandana - scrubbed, dimmed in the sun's glare and slightly stiff -
 I will pause.
 And one moment unlike the others
 simple, devoid of motion or personal investment,
 will herald the heart's victory.
 Their victory. Their dust.
 One breath so slight as to pass unnoticed by
 the t-shirts and sheets hanging
 still as the world around me
 unnoticed by the long solitary spider-strand from shelf to shelf
 before the books, unnoticed by the dust -
 One slip of an almost breath will say, unsaying,
 the boys, those boys I loved
 are men.
 Generous, vulnerable, tender
 all that I, juggling losses and gains
 (theirs and mine)
 had once declined to spend myself
 evoking.

Enid Edwards



"Peace to you" in Arabic

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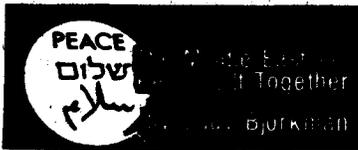
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The Palestinians and Changing U.S. Policy

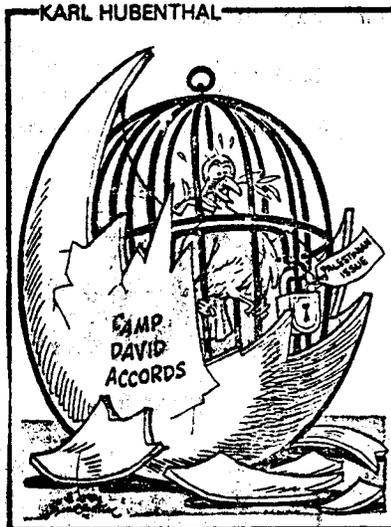


About a year ago, a group of concerned people in Rochester began planning a conference with the above title, which took place this past May 18. The conference was predicated on the need for US citizens to get to know the Palestinians better as a people and to examine issues in a context of work for a future of peaceful coexistence in the area.

Nimr Ibrahim, a Rochester Palestinian born and educated in Jerusalem, opened the conference by reminding us that, for Palestinians, the "Palestine problem" is not an academic situation but a very personal one--a chronic, daily experience of statelessness and homelessness. The relevance of our knowing about the Palestinians is that the West has played such a significant role in the formation and continuation of this Middle East conflict.

Nimr suggested four premises for an understanding of the Palestine problem: (1) the Palestinians are a nation; (2) the core of the conflict is Palestinian rights; (3) the Palestinians must be part of any negotiations relating to their future; (4) in the land of Palestine there is enough room for Jews and Arabs to live together.

Fleshing out these premises, Nimr pointed to attempts by the West and Israel to reduce the Palestine problem to one of refugees--omitting any mention of national rights. Times are changing, but there still needs to be



an admission by the West and Israel that the nature of the Palestine problem is political; the Camp David Accords ignore the need for Palestinians to participate as a nation-party.

Nimr proposed that the Israelis and the Palestinians need to discuss together issues of security for both peoples (since the total "security" of one group implies the insecurity of the other).

The conference's second speaker was Allan Solomonow, a Jewish pacifist who is Director of the Middle East Peace Project, based in NYC.

In reviewing US policy in the M.E., Allan offered some frank opinions on various issues. Does the US government support the state of Israel?--no, it only wishes to preserve support of the Jewish constituency.

Israel may one day find that it has been "Taiwanized" in the M.E., replaced by a US judgment that we no longer need her. Does the US government want a stable and lasting peace? Apparently not; Camp David was only meant to buy time, our arms sales continue as long as there is some instability.

What can Palestinians and Israelis do? They need to talk to each other and join together to combat their manipulation by the superpowers. Additionally, the Israeli government and the PLO could declare their will-ingness to recognize the other, if the other will recognize them, to get beyond the stalemate of "who is first."

What ought US policy for peace to be? Allan suggested the following. (1) Since the next step toward peaceful coexistence will be the two-state solution, the US should facilitate this as making possible further steps (such as eventual federation). (2) We as a nation need to hear the moderate and dovish voices from within Israel and the PLO. (3) The incredible flow of arms to a region which is not (yet) at war, arms which are often trans-shipped to South Africa and other places, must stop.

Our role in this is not to write the peace treaty, but to keep making suggestions to Washington on what a M.E. peace could be.

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Ten Million Cubans Decide To Stay

by Jan Kallet

The three major questions put to me since my return from Cuba in early May have been: 1) "What happened in the Peruvian Embassy?," 2) "If Cuba is so great, why is everybody leaving?," and 3) "Is Cuba undergoing a counter-revolution; is Castro's power declining? ". These questions may be answered by careful analysis of what is happening in Cuba today combined with some knowledge of post-revolutionary Cuba. Unfortunately, if you live in the US, analysis (in the scientific sense) is impossible if one's only sources of information are the newspapers and TV.

For example, at the outset of the Peruvian Embassy affair, the US press labeled the refugees "professionals, technicians, and ex-political prisoners fearing for their lives". Two weeks later the same people became "convicts, psychopaths, and terminally ill". The Cubans have maintained throughout that they are lumpen (Marx's term for the anti-social, non-productive elements in all societies) and working people discontent with the standard of living Cuba offers.

Peruvian Embassy

The embassy crashing which killed a Cuban guard is a direct result of the Peruvian and Venezuelan immigration policies regarding Cubans. The Cuban government has always had a policy of free immigration for those who wish to leave. The emigrants had to obtain a visa allowing them to legally enter the country of their choice. The visa is obtained by simply entering the embassy and applying. In recent months the Peruvian and Venezuelan governments had been refusing to grant visas, thus encouraging acts of violence like boat hijacking and gate crashing; acts that "coincidentally" make it appear that the Cubans have no alternatives. When a Cuban guard was killed the government withdrew its protection of the embassy and left it open to anyone who wanted to leave.

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photo by Jan Kallet

A poster displayed at Fidel's May Day address attended by 2,000,000 Cubans. The poster has Jimmy Carter saying: "So many people in the plaza! Fidel's trying to make trouble for me."

And who entered the embassy? Why are they called anti-socials? Those described as criminals are simply that. They are black market traders, pimps, prostitutes, thieves, and other people who do not want to work. Approximately 30% were Cuban workers and their families, most with relatives in the US. While a few of these were highly trained and skilled, the majority were literate but unskilled workers holding the lower paying, less desirable jobs.

Cuban society is based on the ethics of hard work and continuous education. Work or school is compulsory for men over 18. There is no welfare and no unemployment. There is equal opportunity for advancement as long as a person demonstrates a willingness and ability to perform well and attends school. The worker-students receive special considerations. But, in Cuba, as everywhere, there are people who want more but are unwilling to do more to obtain it.

The influx of Cuban-Americans returning to visit the island has had a major impact on some Cubans. They hear the stories of a consumer heaven and see the clothing and possessions obtained here. Cuba is a poor country lacking in many luxury items which we take for granted (this is partly a result of the US trade embargo). Because these people feel no particular ties to their own country the streets of Miami appear

"paved in gold". They are not willing to stay in Cuba when all that glitters is a mere 90 miles away. To them the overwhelming majority of Cubans say "Que se Vayan" - "Get Out of Cuba!".

Revolutionary Loyalty

The answer to the question of counter-revolution in Cuba is NO!! The embassy affair and ensuing events have polarized the Cuban people. I saw countless spontaneous demonstrations where thousands of people gathered and chanted "Que se Vayan!" or "Cuba es para los trabajadores"- "Cuba is for those who work". Because of the emotional intensity of the issue there have been sporadic acts of violence. This violence is deplored by the government and most of the people. There is a campaign against it and Fidel specifically called for an end to such acts in his May Day speech. An example of the emotions involved was apparent in a woman I spoke with in Santiago. Her husband was dragged from his bed by Batista's troops (Fulgencio Batista was the military dictator who ruled Cuba before the revolution). Later that morning his head was displayed on a pole - the eyes had been gouged out. These stories are not uncommon. Rarely can you enter a house in Oriente Province (where the revolution was

born) and not see a memorial to the sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, and parents killed during the revolution or at the Bay of Pigs. These Cubans will never forget the miserable quality of life before 1959 nor will they forget the interference of the US in their country since the 1890's. To these revolutionary Cubans it is an act of treason to show support for the US. The vast majority of Cubans love Cuba for they have seen it change and grow rapidly in the past 21 years.

With the advent of excellent rural medical care, no longer do 40% of all children die before the age of 10. The life expectancy has risen from 40 to 68 years. People who live in the countryside (more than half the population) now drink milk, are employed year round, and go to school - all of these things were unheard of before the revolution.

They are not starving! The basis of the Cuban diet is beans and rice supplemented with fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy products, and very little meat. Each citizen is rationed one pound of meat per week. Each child under 17 and pregnant and lactating women drink one liter of milk per day.

In 21 years the Cubans have become the healthiest and most literate people in Latin America, with a lower infant mortality rate than the US.

Housing, food, medical care, total literacy, and agrarian reform were the original goals of the revolution. They have been met to a large extent. Although Cuba is hardly affluent it supports other peoples involved in liberation struggles with food, medical supplies, and voluntary personnel by the thousands.

On May Day Castro spoke of as many as 350,000 people who would probably leave Cuba - less than 3.5% of the population. One question which all of us should ask is why the Cubans are being allowed into the US as political refugees while thousands of Haitians and Mexicans are hassled and deported daily? By their own admission the Cubans are economic refugees, not political. Economically speaking the standard of living in Cuba is the best (for all the people) of any Latin American country. It is certainly better than Haiti. But then, the Haitians are not fleeing "Communism", merely starvation (and a pro-US dictatorship).

The majority of Cubans have

rallied behind their country, behind Fidel, and each other to show the world that the revolution is strong. The Cubans have taken to the streets of Havana, two million strong, on three separate occasions since the embassy affair. They are willing to fight and die for Cuba. The cry of "Patria o Muerte - Venceremos" (Homeland or Death - We Will Conquer) is in the hearts and on the lips of the Cuban people.

¡QUE SE VAYAN!



("Get out of Cuba")

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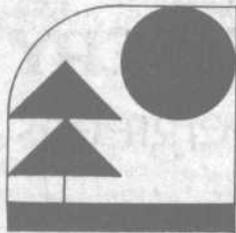
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SPORTS FOR THE PEOPLE!

by Carl Mellor

A number of groups have criticized President Carter's enforcement of a U.S. boycott of the 1980 Summer Olympics which are going to be held in Moscow, but one of the most vociferous voices of opposition has been Sports for the People (SFP), a City-based group that has worked for democratization of sports for five years.

Their opposition has been based not only on an analysis of the boycott as a Cold War strategem but also on a critique of the way the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) made its decision to approve Carter's boycott policy. "Our athletes didn't decide not to go to Moscow," said Carey Goodman, Executive Director of SFP, during a May 1 Syracuse appearance. "They don't have adequate representation on the USOC's governing board. Instead, a group of bankers and corporate representatives made the decision."

Although SFP has spent a lot of time opposing the Olympic boycott, they are not a one-issue group; they have also opposed the after-use of the Lake Placid Olympic Village as a federal prison, the staging of important boxing matches in South Africa, and cutbacks in state funding for Parks and Recreation Departments throughout New York State.

And their work is not limited to advocacy and education. With the assistance of state and foundation funding, SFP has maintained a sports center for elderly citizens in the South Bronx and a similar facility for teen-

agers.

There are several fundamental assumptions that constitute SFP's philosophy of athletics. One is that all people, regardless of age, color, income or disability, have an inherent right to participate in sports. Another is that participation, not spectatorship, is the essence of athletics. A third holds that even though sports have an element of competition, their overall purpose is to promote cooperation and perspective of athletics as physical culture, an institution meant to be used for the good of the greatest number of people.

The programs and positions of SFP are based on these assumptions. For example, they have sponsored a sports festival for elderly people. "It's good for their physical and mental health," Goodman said. "This helps counteract the devaluation of their bodies by our culture."

SFP takes a similar position on the allocation of funds for athletic programs for college women. "Less than 10% of collegiate athletic budgets go to women," Goodman noted. "We feel that's preposterous in addition to being illegal."

SFP also believes it's possible to hold sports activities that minimize rather than accentuate ethnic differences. Rather than bemoan the fact that participants in certain sports tend to belong to one group, Goodman and his co-workers have sponsored activities that emphasized the commonality of sport. In one instance, a black boxer, a white marathon runner, a dancer, and a 73-year-old yoga teacher got together to discuss

and demonstrate their approaches to exercise.

In addition, there has been a questioning of the flow of public dollars toward private sports corporations. SFP has argued that since the City

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of New York built a home stadium for the New York Mets baseball team, the city should consider a claim for ownership of the Mets. "Why not," Goodman asks. "Green Bay, Wisconsin owns the Packers."

In the interest of dissemination of its views and promotion of its goals, Sports for the People plans to become a broad-based group with chapters throughout the U.S. As yet, there is no impetus toward formation of an upstate chapter, but interested people can obtain information either at the Peace Council, from myself at 561 Westmoreland Avenue or from Sports for the People: 834 E. 156th St., Bronx, New York 10455 (212) 665-6813.

Carl Mellor is a Syracuse freelance writer who often writes about sports.



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THE SITUATION AT AKWESASNE

by Ed Dubinsky

On May 22, 1979 Loran Thompson, a Longhouse Chief of the Ganienkeh Nation, stopped a (federally funded) YACC (Youth Action Conservation Corps) crew from cutting trees on Ganienkeh territory. This took place at Akwesasne, a location within the nation's territory. The ramifications of this small but crucial act continue to be felt as this issue joins with others to draw the attention of the County Legislature, the U.S. Congress and the United Nations. Now a year has passed, and the situation continues to grow more complex--especially in the last two months.

At this point there is an encampment at Racquette Point within Akwesasne which is a stronghold where the NY State Police have no authority; a dissident movement on the BIA-controlled Akwesasne Reservation; a move by Congressman Robert McEwen to "settle" Mohawk land claims; an inquiry by the United Nations Human Rights Commission; and attempts to transport nuclear waste material through Ganienkeh territory.

As disparate as these may seem, they are all aspects of the same issue-- the sovereignty of the Ganienkeh Nation. This nation has existed since before the beginning of recorded history. It bears a sacred responsibility to defend the land against such desecrations as chemical pollution, power lines and nuclear contamination.

In this article I will describe recent events at Akwesasne and explore

Ed Dubinsky's regular PNL column on Native American activities related to Akwesasne has been expanded this month due to the number of important events taking place.

Terms Used In This Article

An important step in the termination of oppressed culture by a dominant society is to ignore the original language and make up its own words with ambiguous meanings due to cultural differences always resolved in favor of the dominant society. To help counteract this, it is important to try to understand the original words and use them correctly. Beginning with this issue of PNL I will attempt to

their connection with Ganienkehaga sovereignty.

The Camp at Racquette Point

The events of May 1979 led to the indictment of Chief Thompson and 22 other Indians. The Ganienkehaga and Indian supporters set up the camp with military defenses and so far no foreign nation has violated Ganienkeh sovereignty in the camp. Leaving the camp, however, seven



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Thelbert Bigtree (L) and Eddie Gray appearing at the May 13, 1980 hearing and demonstration in the Syracuse Federal Building. They are two of the newly-elected chiefs at Akwesasne.

of the indictees were arrested and in November the Ganienkeh Nation went into court requesting dismissal of all charges because: NY state courts have no jurisdiction over Ganienkehaga; selective and persecutorial prosecution; insufficient evidence.

It took Judge Plumadore over six months to render a decision. In his written opinion he claimed that US

do this. To help the reader I offer the following as my understanding of some Indian words.

Ganienkeh: the land of the Ganienkehaga. It also refers to the nation in such phrases as: Ganienkeh Territory, Ganienkeh Nation, Ganienkeh Sovereignty. It is not to be confused with the "repossessed area of Ganienkeh territory (sometimes called Ganienkeh for short), the traditional Indian community whose sixth anniversary was commemorated in the May PNL.

Courts could decide the international question of sovereignty. Relying on treaties signed by people who were not duly constituted representatives of the Rotinonsonnionwe, he states that Congress has "criminal jurisdiction" over these nations and delegated it to NY state in 1948. Moreover he offers the shocking opinion that the Akwesasne reservation is not part of the sovereign territory of the Ganienkeh Nation! Thus Plumadore concludes that his court has jurisdiction. He agrees to drop many charges including all felonies. The only remaining charge is ominous, "conspiracy".

The judge's opinion includes a lengthy historical analysis. But it must be remembered that his history is written in English by White men. It has little to do with the oral tradition of the Rotinonsonnionwe. It is the dominant culture's version and were it not backed up by the potential use of military force, no one would consider it the basis for resolving the sovereignty question. As the strength of the Ganienkehaga grows, this resolution will be decided on a different battleground.

For now, the court case continues. No appeals of the judge's decisions can be made unless someone is convicted. The trial is tentatively scheduled for July 21 in Malone, NY.

Dissidents on the Reservation

The camp at Racquette Point is geographically contained within the Akwesasne Reservation, home of 5,000 Indians. The US government, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) controls an elective system including a council of seven "chiefs" and a small group of "Indian" policemen called

Ganienkehaga: should be used instead of Mohawk (a derogatory term) to refer to the people of this nation, individually or as a whole.

Akwesasne: a place-name referring to one of the reservations on which Ganienkehaga live today. There are other reservations at places such as Caughnawaga and Kanesatke.

Rotinonsonnionwe: people of the Longhouse. This refers to the entire Six Nation Iroquois Confederacy.

Haudenosauce: means the same as Rotinonsonnionwe.

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the Akwesasne Police. Traditional Indians boycott the elections because it is in violation of the Ganiienkehaga system of chiefs selected by the Clan Mothers. Only about 700 people vote and since the elected "chiefs" administer all funds on the reservation it is easy for the BIA to control the council. It is an old technique, not very different from the Jewish Council set up by the Nazis to administer the Warsaw Ghetto.

But the system is not working. Since last March (see April and May PNL for background) a growing group of dissidents has been challenging the rule of the elective "chiefs". They have demanded reinstatement of a fired Ganiienkehaga formerly employed by the reservation; they have voted to impeach six of the seven "chiefs"; and on May 13 (see pictures with this article) they went into Federal Court in Syracuse to request the ouster of the "chiefs" claiming misuse of federal funds, physical assault, and threats of job loss. Ironically, this judge, Neal McCurn reserved decision because he is not sure the Federal Court has jurisdiction over Indian matters.

The dissidents on the reservation are working closely with the defend-

ers at the camp. There has been a march of over 500 people in support of the camp, a petition signed by over 1,000 Indians on the reservation asking that all charges be dropped. There is almost daily consultation on strategies between the two groups.

McEwen's Land Deal

In addition to the Ganiienkehaga at Racquette Point, the wakening Indians



Dr. Solomon Cook in Syracuse May 13. He is chairman of the Indian Health Services Board and a leader of the successful impeachment effort.

on the reservation and the politically conscious non-Indian supporters, a new group--white people who live in nearby communities--is becoming involved and experiencing some new awarenesses.

Even an old Nixon die-hard like Rep. McEwen knows that Indians have some claims that would be supported by US courts. The way this has been handled with Cayuga, Passamaquody, Penobscot and other nations is by a land deal. A small amount of land and perhaps some money is given to the Indians in "settlement". Of course tax laws and other devices are often used to cheat them out of it, but most important, the Indians must accept full jurisdiction of State and Federal law. Thus the US tries to purchase Indian sovereignty--illegal under Rotinonsonnionwe law.

So on April 9, McEwen met in secret with County, State and Federal officials to discuss exactly such a plan--with full knowledge of two of the impeached "chiefs" from the Akwesasne reservation. The land would come from the towns of Bombay and Brasher which would then lose some state funds.



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A citizen's group was formed to oppose this move and representatives from Racquette Point spoke at their meeting on April 17. After this contact and their own observations, the group's news releases have referred to "violations of the rights of Native Americans." Even the Franklin County Legislature has adopted a resolution opposing the deal. Local residents are beginning to understand that when the US oppresses Indians, all people suffer.

Nuclear Waste Shipments

There is a history of cooperation between Indians and environmental activists in the struggles against nuclear plants, power lines and chemical pollution. Now there is an attempt to truck nuclear waste from Chalk River, Ontario to a reprocessing plant in South Carolina. With many communities passing bans against the shipments, the route was shifted to pass through Ganienkeh Territory.

On May 15, the Ganienkeh Council of Chiefs formerly announced its opposition to "...the passage of nuclear materials, waste or otherwise, through any of our territory." The

Council stated that the nation is "... prepared to take whatever action necessary to prevent passage."

A representative of the Ganienkeh Nation attended the May 22 hearing (see p.9) on this issue, co-sponsored by the Sierra Club and the Syracuse Peace Council.

A Violent Atmosphere

This analysis of the situation at Akwesasne would not be complete without mention of the potential for violence. There have been beatings and complaints of Police brutality. A truck was shot up and a Police car chased off the reservation. On two occasions the Police attempted to arrest an indictee (one was Chief Thompson himself) and both times they were prevented by the appearance of dozens of Indians who surrounded the potential victim and prevented the arrest. The Akwesasne Police force has been increased from 5 to 19 and newspaper reports suggest that police action is imminent.

The issue is sovereignty and the Indians are prepared to die for it. If the US is ready to kill in order to protect its past thefts of land and its present policy of termination of Indi-

an culture then there will be much bloodshed at Akwesasne.

But it will not go unnoticed. The European Parliament has the Akwesasne issue on its agenda. The United Nations Human Rights Commission has received the complaint (with full documentation) of the Haudenosaunee and will discuss it during its August session. And people all over the world are learning about this struggle, supporting it and most of all, becoming aware of what is happening.



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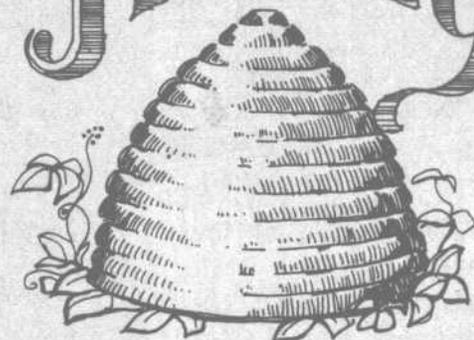
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Meanwhile, The New York Times speaks of the Korean "economic miracle"... the South African Kruggerand sells over the counter on the US market... US banks (including Marine Midland) make loans to the Pinochet government... and the US government sends more military aid and advisors to the ruling junta in El Salvador.

"DEATH OF A PRINCESS"

The prelude was diversion. A furor of letters to the editor and phone calls decrying the PBS telecast was fueled by Saudi Arabia, Mobil Oil, and governmental debate. Thus, less attention was focused on the original subject matter of "Death of a Princess."

Instead, seemingly more important interests and issues prevailed prior to the telecast: 1) fearful protectiveness of our oil-based way of life, and 2) responsible exercise of Constitutional rights of freedom of speech and of the press.

Later, the death of a princess served as an appetizer for cultured and open-minded redress of media stereotyping of the Arab world.

The mechanisms that encourage dismissal of women's issues were rampant. As Mary Daly, feminist scholar points out, in such trivialization "It is possible to universalize, particularize, and spiritualize away the conflict between women's becoming and... [idolatry of the male] precisely because female aspirations to humanity are not being taken seriously."

GAYLIGHT SUSPENDS PUBLICATION

Since 1976 the "Gay Light" has been a major source of news and energy in CNY. With the April 1980 issue, Earl Colvin and Joel Rinne have indefinitely suspended publication. The paper will be missed. We at SPC have felt a special affinity with the Gay Light Collective and their efforts to publish an alternative paper. (We know how much work it is!) The Gay Light has always been supportive of SPC activities and the PNL.

The Collective feels that their finite energies will be better spent developing a statewide gay/lesbian rights organization. To quote their farewell: "Gay Light consistently receives calls from people in rural New York who want to get involved. The isolation is overwhelming, the deception is tiring. Sure they want sex, but they also want real friendship not based on lies and half truth. They want to put the fear and self-hate behind them and build a positive lesbian/gay identity. They want to join with people who will reinforce their good feelings and channel their anger and dismay at anti-gay oppression into useful energy to change society."

Consistent with their vision, on May 17, 1980, leaders of the lesbian and gay communities of NYS gathered in Syracuse to form the NYS Gay/Lesbian Conference, which will hold its first statewide membership meeting on October 19, in Syracuse. For more information, write the State Conference, 385 W. Onondaga St., Syracuse, N.Y. 13202 or call (315) 475-6857.



DENNIS COLLINS CHARGED AGAIN

On March 25, 1979 Dennis Collins, a young black photographer in Syracuse, was brutally beaten by members of the Syracuse Police Dept. (4/80 PNL)

Dennis was attempting to photograph the excessive force used by the police in making the arrests of three people, and as a result, he himself became a victim of police brutality.

As usual, the victim of police brutality, not the police, had criminal charges lodged against him, but on November 21 the charges were dismissed.

Then, on March 21, 1980, Dennis filed a Civil Rights Action in Federal Court seeking vindication for violation of his civil and constitutional rights. The claim is against several members of the Syracuse Police Department, Chief Thomas Sardino, and the City of Syracuse. The suit seeks damages in the amount of \$500,000.

In an obvious, but not unexpected attempt to intimidate Dennis into dropping his suit, the D.A. announced on April 3, 1980, his intention to seek a second indictment. The DA's office has already spent \$15-20,000 persecuting Dennis. This is, by the way, the same DA who has been bemoaning the monies for Andreolli's probes against local politicians. An interesting - and telling - contradiction.

DRAFT RESISTANCE DEEPENS

As draft registration seems almost certain of passing the Senate (Javits + Moynihan are the ones to contact) opposition has turned to direct action and counselor training. A national action conference is scheduled for May 31 in Washington and an upstate network meeting will be held June 2. Also the Ithaca Peace Council is hosting a regional conference on noncooperation and other alternatives on June 28 (IPC, 140 W. State St. Ithaca, NY 14850). Call AFSC for more info 475-9469. The Syracuse area parents group (Louise Mullen 682-9336) is also planning activities.

During May counselor training workshops were held in Buffalo, Rochester, Geneseo and Syracuse. Clearly draft opposition is growing and getting better organized.

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 in the returning sun,
 And bring our goodness to enormous, fertile and perpetual harvest,
 toward zeniths of noon.
 Toward total expansions in crops of brotherhood and sisterhood.

Let us await each other in the village field,
 In the new year, risen in ancestral dust, from the furrow,
 From the loom of the people where, amid lamentations
 We have loomed our life in pollen;
 Where the leaves forgive the root
 and our children rise in perpetual sunrise, in immense
 globular light.
 We await each other!

The light returns on no enemy faces,
 but upon the communal chorus,
 Roused in villages of the earth, to cry salute and sing,
 Shout in choruses of millions,
 Rising toward communications, toward extremities of nadirs
 Of total expansions, in the entire solar light, on all flesh,
 On all fields and all villages
 Roused from sleep, rouse us,
 Let us seek each other and move from the violent, the broken,
 the predatory,
 to the enormous and myriad fertile and impregnated harvest,
 the global village
 We sing with you in choruses of millions.

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4 HAROLD AND MAUDE

Wednesdays
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Maggie Kuhn: Wrinkled Radical

Maggie Kuhn is the dynamic leader of the Gray Panthers. This inspiring profile, directed by Studs Terkel, is engaging for both young and old.

11 THE CHINA SYNDROME

This scary, powerful work, released shortly after the Three Mile Island accident, is uncomfortably realistic. It features excellent performances by Jane Fonda, Jack Lemmon and Michael Douglas. The title refers to the possibility of a nuclear plant meltdown blowing through to China--macabre scientific humor. James Bridges, 1979.

Women's Films

18 MERIDEL LESUEUR: MY PEOPLE ARE MY HOME
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25 THE NAKED CIVIL SERVANT

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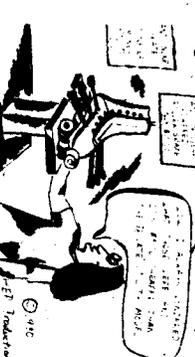
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| 9 | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | Live music at farmers market every other Tues. beginning today, 12-2 Weekly \$2.50 dinner by T.L.S. at Westcott Café every Tues. | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | THE CHINA SYNDROME Most prophetic film of late '70's. 7 & 9:30 pm, Gifford \$1.50 N.V.S. Films (see p. 31) | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | Write on your cheques: "STOP LOANS TO CHILE" esp. Marine Midland 10:30am-4pm Airport Inn - 8yr. 473-8374 | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | "Human Rights in Latin America" Fri. - Sun. Seminar sponsored by Mutualidad in Mission Watson Homestead Call Ed Griffin for details 423-4932 Fri night Presentation on Multinational Banks Chile | | | | | | | | |
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| 16 | CNY Now Chapter m 7-7:30 Community Room of Lincoln Bk. Nk, Dewitt Susan B. Anthony, Women's suffrage activist, goes on trial for voting illegally Rochester, NY 1873 | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | Women's Films: "Meridel Lesneuer" 7 + 9:30 pm, Gifford | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | Full employment Committee mtg (Product of Big Business Day) to deal with Problem of runaway shops. "Controlling Interest" shown first. 7:30 Teamsters Hall, 566 Spencer St. 471-4164 | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | PSC hearing on Nimo rate hike - Come tell them what you think Sessions 1-7pm County Court House | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | PNL Copy deadline Crêpe Breakfast at Westcott Café every Friday 7-11am | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | Storytelling at Thornden Park rose garden 11 am every Saturday beginning today | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | There will be a protest against draft registration this week if it passes 475-4822 Live music, Dana Simpson, Westcott Café 9 pm | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | July PNL production day + evening call for rides 472-5478 | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | PNL Production all day & night come and join us! | | | | | | | | |
| 25 | SPC Roller skating party see below | | | | | | | | |
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| 27 | Live music at Columbus circle Lunch hour open while after scheduled performer | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | Stonewall Riot 1969 (see 29th) | | | | | | | | |
| 29 | Christopher St. Gay Pride March Begins at noon, 475-6857 * Sheridan Sq Commemorates 1969 Stonewall Riot, Original Internat'l Gay Pride Day Live music, Westcott Café Kurt Egert+ Dennis Friscla 9 pm | | | | | | | | |
| 30 | DO YOUR PUNTING with the SPC PRESS! | | | | | | | | |
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Mohawk Nation Holds Off Armed Police Invasion

By Ed Dubinsky

On June 13 at 10 AM, the encampment at Racquette Point on the Akwesasne reservation faced an attack by the armed forces of NY State. State Police, Akwesasne Police, Franklin County deputy sheriffs, and vigilantes of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) organized elective system joined forces in a desperate attempt to destroy the Ganienkeh (Mohawk) stronghold on the St. Lawrence River.

In preparation for the invasion, automobile access to the camp was cut off by a roadblock, telephone wires were cut, boats on the river were harassed by vigilante patrols, men and material were landed by sea plane, and ultimatums were issued. Reports were circulated that the National Guard would soon be called in.

The Police invasion was set for 7 PM and as the hour approached, the Ganienkehaga (Mohawk people) faced the choice of giving up their chiefs and other indictees who had been protected by the nation for over a year and thereby losing a crucial battle in the struggle for Ganienkeh sovereignty or dying in a bloodbath that could kill hundreds on both sides. The people decided that the life of their nation and the hopes of their children were more important than their own individual lives and so they prepared to face the final test. (continued on page 12)



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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 these 2 separate but complementary functions. We welcome suggestions, articles, cultural work & production assistance.

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The Cover This magnificent graphic by Kahonhas illustrates the crisis of Native American culture and much more. The Two-Row Wampum (mat with parallel lines) symbolizes the possibility of Native American and other cultures following separate, parallel and peaceful paths. (See May PNL) The letters on the shirt represent organizations that undermine Native American solidarity.

The 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 feelin 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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"If you are not careful, the newspapers will have you hating the people who are being oppressed, and loving the people who are doing the oppressing."

-Malcolm X

How it is with us...



Paste-up for the PNL is being done in 85° heat (our layout room lacks ventilation) and it seems that it was just weeks ago that a cold spell struck that had us in our overcoats. As the thermometer goes, so goes things at the Peace Council... up and down.

Generally, our spirits have been good with our sense of doing good and vital work, and contributions have been coming in at a steady pace. We're still riding the tide of the generous fund appeal response in April.

We've had several events in June though that are putting our financial stability and our stamina to the test. The IRS seized the Front Room Bookstore account once again (see Oct. '79 PNL) -- this time for \$1,500 in back Social (In)security taxes. And they want more -- about \$600. We're sure you can understand that on a \$25,000/year budget, this hit has us reeling.

Another crisis had us suddenly reflecting on the 1971 Attica mas-

sacre and working to help prevent a new one. We felt good about mobilizing local attention on the Akwesasne confrontation, and about visiting the site of the stand-off to offer what support we could (see p.13).

In a work situation where the hours are so demanding, pacing is very important for our psychic health, but surprises such as the above which take us from our normal routine seem to be the order of the day. It seems that with the war machine gearing up and a growing right wing trend in the U.S., we are going to have to brace ourselves for more of the same. The fact that Dik Cool is on a month's leave adds to this anxiety; we miss him already.

You can help us. If you have been meaning to send a contribution, please do so now; a friendly note would be appreciated too.

In these worrisome times, you need us and we need you.

IN THIS ISSUE

As this Peace Newsletter is put "to bed," we are feeling proud (we hope rightfully) of its contents and design. Articles such as Marjorie White's "Being Black in Syracuse" (p 14) and Toni Taverone's on the cold war mentality and economics (p7) feel extremely important and timely. So does "Fighting the Draft" on page 5. Sad but honest realities.

As is the fact that this PNL saw fit to once again expand its regular article of Akwesasne, to relate the latest news of events up north. We hope our continued coverage yields clarity to the life or death struggle facing Native Americans, indeed facing us all. We chose the art work for the cover because it is so overwhelmingly appropriate.

Each month our lay out room fills with SPC people teaching and learning the skills of putting out the PNL. Several people are becoming "old faithfuls" at it; this month Wendy Sunlight couldn't keep herself away, and actually worked two full time jobs in order to work with us. Her dedication and skills are appreciated.

UPCOMING IN THE PNL

AUGUST

- *The Cruise Missile Arrives in Central New York
- *It Can Get Worse - An Overview of the Arms Race and the Preparations for War.
- *Report on Prison Conditions
- *Update on Dennis Collins' Case

SOMETIME SOON

- *History of Iran Under the Shah

SEPTEMBER

- *The Special Section on Latin America is moving along very well. We will include overviews as well as in-depth articles on specific countries, maps, resource guide, and poetry. Let us know if you would like extra copies. Contact Ed Griffen at 422-2887 or 423-4932.



The Syracuse daily papers continue to date the Iran crisis from the day of the taking of the hostages.

We find it is more meaningful to date the Iran crisis beginning with the CIA engineered overthrow of Mohammad Mossadegh in August, 1953, and the installation of the Shah.

A sound and just resolution of the Iran crisis won't happen until American people understand the history of brutal repression under the Shah and U.S. imperialism.



New Salt City Press

Syracuse, N.Y.

With characteristic clearness and lack of flourish, the women of the New Salt City Press (NSCP) explained that the June issue would be their last until mid-winter. They expressed their appreciation of readers, supporters and subscribers, and modestly took their leave. As a reader and occasional helper, I'm not at all content to let the NSCP and the women who created it leave unsung.

I really believe that the NSCP, and (what I saw as) its reason for being was unique, perhaps in the entire country, certainly in the readership's area. NSCP brought a thoughtful class analysis of social problems, particularly those directly affecting the lives of women. What touched off its uniqueness was that this class analysis flowed from a carefully developed feminist understanding of those problems.

Much of this was captured in NSCP's treatment of the themes which highlighted each issue's front page: themes of housework, madness, childbirth and the medical profession, prostitution, the plight of elderly women. Clearly and simply, and without rhetoric, these problems which are known to women in a real, everyday way, were untwined for the reader and their political roots exposed.

I don't know how many realized that the NSCP was the endeavor of just six women--women who work full-time plus in their own fields, but who have the commitment to their political beliefs to write, produce, distribute and personally fund this paper.

Politically and graphically, the New Salt City Press began at a point where most Movement papers take years to get to, and many never get to. It's hard to just say thank you for the super-human energy I know it took to publish the paper this past

year; to just say thanks for this wonderful political contribution to our community and our Movement. So I'll say, What can some of us do to bring back the New Salt City Press as soon as possible?

Chris Murray

Outraged by OUTRAGEOUS!

Syracuse, N.Y.

Last year I saw OUTRAGEOUS! (a film about drag queen Craig Russell, who impersonates Judy Garland, Carol Channing, Mae West and others) at NVS Films. My gut reaction was strong: I felt robbed, raped, NVS has recently shown OUTRAGEOUS! again, and I AM OUTRAGED! I am a woman who has been hurt, and I speak out for the hurt this film inflicts on all women.

On the surface, OUTRAGEOUS! appears to question sex roles and sexuality. Craig Russell appears to advance the cause of gay rights and male sensitivity by demonstrating that men too can be "feminine." But it is all a mirage. And we are still left thirsting for that natural state of sexuality which gay, lesbian and women's liberation are really about.

To defend Craig Russell on the premise that he has rejected his male role is a farce. The "femininity" he portrays is itself a male construct--one that does great damage to women. Drag queens exercise their male privileges. They have the option of donning or rejecting "feminine" garb. What is important to our male culture is that the patriarchal stereotypes of women not be challenged. And the drag queens comply. They mimic the roles which typecast women and confine us, which hold us powerless in victim clothes, meat before lusting men's eyes. They are to women what the "black face" vaudeville acts are to Blacks, painful personifications by and of the dominant culture. Should women reject these male-dictated feminine images, we are called "men haters," "lesbians." But when men adopt them, it's called "gay liberation."

To defend OUTRAGEOUS! on the basis of gay liberation reveals a lack of understanding of the cause of gay and lesbian oppression; that is, male domination of women and disrespect for those traits identified as "female." To laud OUTRAGEOUS!

and drag displays, in effect, hurts the cause of gay liberation precisely because it reinforces heterosexually-defined sex roles.

I reject Craig Russell's and his drag queen brothers' sexist interpretations of femaleness. And I call on my gay brothers to do the same. Explore your sensitivity. Explore your emotions, your creativity, your passion. But please--don't do it over women's bodies! And I call on the Peace Council: Practice feminism! Don't hurt women in this way. Don't show OUTRAGEOUS! any more! Yours for revolutionary sexual liberation,
Donna Warnock

Fatty acids of success?

Syracuse, N.Y.

I chewed on Linda DeStefano's ear yesterday about some of my concerns about SPC's perpetual state of crisis. Actually, given the state of my own finances (perpetual crisis), I'm surprised to see myself taking on even another \$10 a month. But I guess we're comparing chronic privation with imminent extinction. Since SPC is the only collective conscience in Syracuse, and because you and others have devoted so much, there isn't an alternative to pledging a few dollars. The lights would really go out in the 'cuse without you.

It would do credit to an effort that was budgeted at many times your shoe-string finances. The question is, how hungry do you need to be to do your best work, and at what point do the fatty acids of success dull the spirit? We can save the latter half of the question for later, but I think the friends of SPC need to look at the effects of chronic poverty on creative capacity, and whether the same people who are responsible for programs and publications should also be directly responsible for finances. It seems to me that a division of labor is indicated here. SPC staffer: function in the anomalous role of vocational odd-jobbers who can't afford their creative avocations. Garage sales and potluck suppers are cool--and more, but how much of a juggling act should be required of people?

Delbert Bullock

Fighting the Draft: The Next Phase

by Bill Harley

When the Senate finally voted on whether or not to fund Selective Service for draft registration, there was not great surprise at the outcome. Despite a massive outpouring of protest against draft registration, the Senate was in a hawkish mood and voted to burden young men with the obligation to register for the draft.

As it looks now, a draft registration for those men born in 1960 and 1961, will take place over a two week period, probably at the end of July. During that time, those people will be required to go down to a local post office and fill out a card with their name, address, and social security number. There will be an optional box to check if the person doesn't mind being contacted by a military recruiter. There is no provision on the card for registering as a conscientious objector. From that point on, the person will be required to notify the government of any change of address. The penalty for breaking a Selective Service law is a maximum of 5 years in prison and/or \$10,000.

So now the real work begins. While the legislative battle is over, people working against the draft have a lot to do. The foremost task is to make sure there is no draft. It is likely that next year there will be a move by some in Congress to bring back at least classification of registrants, and possibly induction. By protesting now against registration and showing the great opposition to military escalation, we can work to stop the draft.

Local Action

There are a number of projects going on in the Syracuse area, and any interested people are encouraged to plug into the work.

1.) A draft counseling center will be open in the near future. The center will offer services to any draft-age youth, free of charge. The purpose of draft counseling is to help the person come to clear understanding of their position regarding the draft

Bill Harley has been an anti-draft organizer with AFSC in Syracuse for several years. He will be moving to Rhode Island soon and will be sorely missed by his friends at SPC.



Syracuse activists leading a march against the draft in Syracuse on June 13. Over 75 people participated in the event.

and the military. If you are interested in being a draft counselor or helping at the center, call AFSC, 475-4822.

2.) A group of people are planning protests at the post offices for the two weeks of registration. To help in the planning or for more information on the protests, call AFSC.

3.) Parents Concerned About the Draft, a local parents' group, has decided to set up tables at different places around Syracuse to reach draft age youth and their parents with information about the draft and draft counseling. They welcome anybody to join them in their project (not only parents!) and encourage you to call Louise Mullen at 682-9336.

4.) Some interest has been shown in forming a group to support young men who publicly refuse to register for the draft. If you're interested in being part of such a group, give AFSC a call.

Options for Draft Age Men

As mentioned before, a draft counseling center is opening in Syracuse and wants to help all draft age youth reach the best decision for themselves about the draft. There are a number of positions that can be taken. Briefly, they include:

1.) Register--by filling out the form at the post office. The registrant's name will go into a computer, and he will be required to keep the Selective Service up to date about his whereabouts. If Congress calls for a draft, he could be called for induction into the Army.

2.) Register with a peace organization or your church as a conscientious objector. Whether a person

registers for the draft or not, he may feel that he can't kill. At this time, he will not be able to claim he is a conscientious objector (CO) with the Selective Service, but it is important to document beliefs now, before there is a move for induction.

3.) Stay home and don't register. During the Viet Nam War an estimated 250,000 young men didn't register and were never identified. If a person is identified, he may be treated as a "late registrant" and given another chance to register, or he could be arrested and prosecuted since non-registration is illegal.

4.) Resist by publicly refusing to register. A person might submit a letter in advance or simply appear and state his refusal to register. Nothing may happen right away, but he would be subject to arrest and prosecution; they are much more likely to go after those people who publicly refuse to register.

With the beginning of draft registration, we will see the start of a new movement. Thousands of people who never thought seriously about the position of the military in our society will be forced to think about it because it will affect their lives. Draft age men, their parents, brothers, sisters, neighbors and friends will all have to deal with the draft.

We are in a time of crisis. The Chinese symbol for crisis is made of two other symbols, one being danger and the other opportunity. At this time, we need to recognize the danger of the draft, but not pass up the opportunity that presents itself to address the increasing militarization of our society.

The Cold War Mentality: In Defense of a Failing System

by Toni Tavarone

I wasn't really paying attention to the TV until the ad blared out: "The Soviet Union has more missiles, tanks, rockets and nuclear weapons than the United States because the Democrats keep cutting the defense budget -- VOTE REPUBLICAN -- for a change." I sat up in disbelief. The Democrats keep cutting the defense budget???

Meanwhile in Europe, Carter tells the NATO that "Soviet aggression" must be stopped. To that end, draft registration may begin as soon as next month. Contrary to the complaints in the Republicans' TV ad, the defense budget has jumped 63% since Carter took office, and is still growing.

What's going on here? After several attempts at detente, we have in the past year or so been faced with a growing Cold War mentality, which at several points in the last six months has threatened to get hot. Suddenly the "Soviet Threat" is looming large again and must be combatted at all costs. To hear the president speak, the Soviets are on their way to NY harbor to seize the Statue of Liberty

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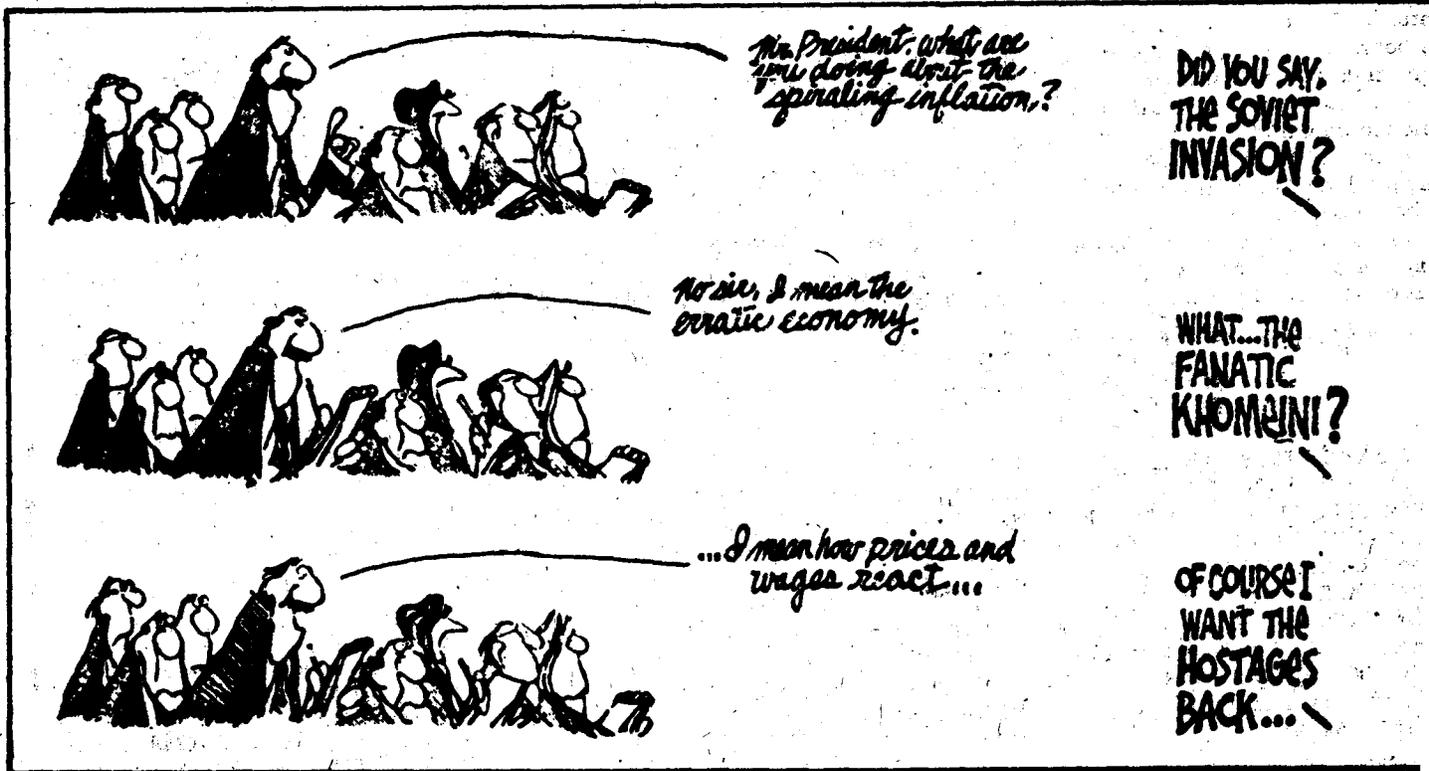
herself, and while all eyes are eastward, they will sneak across the Golden Gate Bridge. So of course we need to increase the defense budget.

The Needs for Arms at Home

There are, in fact, a number of reasons why a big defense budget is needed, and the Soviet Union isn't one of them. This economy is going through a very rough time. It is stagnating, but in a very peculiar way. Corporations are making huge profits. But the more money they make, the more they must invest in other capital projects to keep the economy going. The military industry is a perfect place for that capital to be invested. The arms market is the capitalist's dream. It creates its own demand. Most arms become obsolete after a short period of time, creating even more demand. Tax dollars pay for most research and development, even marketing costs, minimizing risk to the arms manufacturer. Arms contracting usually involves non-competitive bidding, so companies get inflated prices for their contracts. The arms industry currently returns the highest rate of profit of any industry,

according to the General Accounting Office.

Of course, there is a group which does not profit from the manufacture and sale of arms -- the US people. Oh, the arms industry creates jobs, indeed, but according to the Michigan Public Interest Research Group, the Defense Department creates the fewest number of jobs per billion dollars spent of any government program except the space program. And there are other "hidden costs" in the defense budget. The military industry is the largest user of all types of energy sources. It also consumes a huge amount of other natural resources: minerals, water, land, steel and other metals. We spend more on the military than on social services, environmental conservation, and occupational health and safety combined. But if this economy is to survive, capital must find an outlet for investment which returns a high rate of profit. Because the arms industry is so lucrative, it is estimated to be responsible for as much as 1/5 of the total economic activity in the US. The domestic economy is now dependent on the military industry. In light of this, all arguments against mili-



Peters, Dayton Daily News

tary spending becomes irrelevant. Military spending is the perfect solution for an economy where profit is key and provision for human needs is a by-product.

The recent resurgence of the Cold War mentality now takes on new meaning. By this mentality I mean the created feelings of hatred and fear which are manipulated to justify these expenditures for arms when funding for human needs is continually being cut. The Soviet Union becomes a perfect object for the focus of that hate and fear. After all, didn't they just invade Afghanistan? As a matter of fact, Carter's fat military budget for fiscal year 1981 was already written up and at the printers before the Soviets took their action in Afghanistan. Soviet aggression conveniently upstages inflation, unemployment, urban decay, etc. In an election year, this is a particularly useful turn of events.

The Needs for Arms Abroad

Besides the fact that our economy is dependent on the military industry at home, there are other reasons why we need all those arms. These reasons also trace themselves back to our economic system. Capitalism needs continued growth to survive. Companies need to get the highest return for every dollar invested or they will go under. US corporations have spread out all over the world seeking this high rate of return. Since World War II they have been able to enjoy the "long end of the stick", in their international business dealings, especially in underdeveloped countries. They have been able to do this because they have had the might of the US military and intelligence backing them up. These arms, which make so much money for their manufacturers at home, are pressed into service around the world, forc-

bly creating favorable conditions for other corporations. In this way, underdeveloped countries continue under developing because their labor power and resources are used to enrich US companies instead of the countries themselves.

Every time an underdeveloped country struggles to gain control of its own labor and resources, that struggle is perceived as a threat to US "interests." Indeed, it is a threat to our warped economic system, which thrives on taking advantage of the underdeveloped world. In 1951, President Mossadegh of Iran wanted to nationalize the oil industry so that the profits could be used to develop Iran. The CIA engendered a coup, threw out Mossadegh, and installed the Shah - the worse for the Iranian people, the better for Gulf, Texaco, and Standard Oil (now Exxon.) This was one of the earliest in a long list of instances where US military action has not only created good business opportunity for US companies in an underdeveloped country, but also created a ruling class in that country whose job it is to protect the US interests in that part of the world. It was not only fear of losing control of oil that upset the US ruling class when the Shah was overthrown. The Shah also served as US policeman in the Middle East. Similar scenarios have happened with Thieu in Viet Nam, Marcos in the Philippines, Pinochet in Chile, Somoza in Nicaragua. The list goes on. And every time one of these countries is successful at resisting this process, such as in Viet Nam and more recently in Nicaragua, their liberation struggle weakens the US economic system because it restricts the areas US companies can exploit. It is the threat of that success, and not that of Soviet tanks rolling down Madison Ave.,

which is motivating the conduct of today's cold warriors.

What kind of system is this which depends on arms manufacture at home to beef up the economy, and the power of those arms abroad to forcibly create favorable business conditions? What kind of system is threatened when people successfully struggle to gain control of their own labor and resources? It is a system which survives through profit. It is not a human system, or even a rational one, for it will almost always end up on the wrong side, as more liberation struggles succeed. It is a situation which demands not merely "less defense spending," but a more fundamental change so that the system will not be dependent on defense spending for its economic survival.

What can we do?

First, we can be willing to speak out against the Cold War mentality and expose it for what it is. This is hard to do because it means expressing an unpopular viewpoint. Second, we can be willing to work to deepen our understanding of this crisis. This is more difficult of the two tasks, because it requires sifting through distorted media messages, searching for valid information, analyzing, and hard thought. The two tasks together require courage, patience, and more than a little drudge work. It isn't easy to explain to someone just why the Republicans are wrong about the Democrats cutting the defense budget.

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For more information on specific activities or to volunteer, call: Syracuse Peace Council at 472-5478 or Bob Staley Mays at AFSC at 475-4822

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Groups from all over the country have come to the Pentagon to act as they see fit: leafletting, performing street theater, talking to employees, participating in civil disobedience.

The 1980 Year of Witness at the Pentagon is co-ordinated by the Jonah House of the Atlantic Life Community in Baltimore. Syracusans will meet with them, plan their unique week of activities, and live together while carrying them out.

If you would like to participate in providing a physical alternative presence for the 26,000 workers at the Pentagon, please join! There is a planning meeting on Wednesday, July 2, 1980 at 7:30 pm For more information call Carol Berrigan at 492-9060 or Marianne Simmons at 475-2811

Black Hills International Survival Gathering

Friday, July 18 - Sunday, July 27, 1980

For ten days in July 1980 people from many parts of the world will gather in the Black Hills to document and diagnose the threats to survival so that we may determine and practice the best methods of assuring a future for our children. Three simultaneous events will happen in the Black Hills of South Dakota:

- I. A Citizens' Review Commission on Energy Development Corporations;
- II. An Alternative Technology/Land Self-Sufficiency Project;
- III. A Forum on Indian Genocide and the Planned Extinction of the Family Ranch and Farm.

Upstate New York Support:

In Rochester on Sat. July 12, an evening in support of the Survival Gathering will include speakers Keith Reitz of the Oneida Nation, Harold Ironshield of the Lakota Nation, and the slideshow on the effects of energy and mining on Native Americans of the Southwest. For detail details call Rick Schramm at 716/288-7907

The Blue Bus:

Ithaca people are organizing a bus to leave Ithaca on Wed. July 16 and return Tues., July 29. Seats cost \$80 roundtrip. Deposits are needed immediately to secure adequate insurance for the trip, so call Rick at 607/564-9317 or Emma at 607/277-0356.



HAVE YOUR YELLOW CAKE AND EAT IT TOO

On June 19, Pres. Carter authorized the sale of 38 tons of nuclear fuel to India for the Tarapur reactor in Bombay. This decision (subject to congressional review in 60 days) makes a mockery of the nuclear weapons nonproliferation policy that Carter inaugurated with great fanfare in 1977.

Under the terms of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT), countries wishing to purchase nuclear fuel must become signatories of the treaty, thereby promising not to develop nuclear weapons and opening all their nuclear facilities to international inspection.

Not only has India refused to sign the NPT, but it has also shown an interest in developing a nuclear weapons program. In 1974, India detonated a nuclear device using nuclear fuel that it had bought from Canada.

Carter says that he favors the sale in order to enlist Indian support for U.S. diplomatic policy in the Middle East. Deputy Sec. of State Warren Christopher alluded to another reason: "The Soviets would undoubtedly exploit a refusal by us to supply fuel to India, and they may very well supplant us as the source of Tarapur fuel."

Are these reasons enough to junk U.S. nonproliferation policy??

Whatever the reasons, the consequences are grave and the message is clear -- Countries that have signed the NPT feel like

suckers and countries that have refused to sign (Pakistan, Israel, South Africa, Taiwan...) must be wondering if their stubbornness won't win them an arsenal.

FROM THE GENEROUS CONSUMERS OF NIAGARA MOHAWK

A review of Niagara Mohawk's finances finds that the corporation paid out more than \$400,000 of ratepayer money in 1979 to ninety colleges, hospitals and other charitable and not-so-charitable institutions in upstate NY.

Among the recipients of ratepayer generosity were the "grassroots" pro-nuclear citizens' group 'New York State Committee for Jobs and Energy Independence' (\$15,000), the Rensselaer Polytechnical Institute (heavy on the nuclear engineering -- \$10,000), WMHT-TV (objective reporting? -- \$1,000), and Temple Adath Yeshurun (sponsor of Henry Kissinger's infamous visit to Syracuse September 8th, 1977-- \$1,000).

The largest donation by a wide margin was \$64,000 to the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County. Buffalo is the largest city in NIMO's service territory and the one most vulnerable to a public power takeover. The City Council of Buffalo set aside money last year to investigate the feasibility of municipalizing the city's gas service. NIMO could benefit from the appearance of generosity when the issue of corporate insensitivity to the poor is raised in a public power referendum.

NIMO's second largest donation was to the United Way of Central New York (\$55,000). Syracuse is right behind Buffalo in public power momentum.

You didn't know you were contributing to these great causes? You're upset about it?? Give SPC a call and we can organize!

PROGRESSIVE LABOR AT FITZ

Workers at the Fitzpatrick nuclear plant near Oswego filed a complaint with the NRC in early June about discrepancies in the readings of radiation monitoring badges ("dosimeters") worn by workers, and about overlong assignments in radiation areas.

A recent study done by the University of Michigan for the NRC found that only one-fifth of the types of dosimeters that were checked came within 50% of the correct reading.

A union official at the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers in Oswego said of the alleged differences between dosimeter readings at Fitzpatrick: "that would never happen". He continued: "It really isn't any of our concern. They (the workers) will bitch about anything. If it isn't the weather, then it'd be radiation or foremen or something like that."

(adapted from Oswego Valley News)

SISTERHOOD IS POWERFUL

Women from New York and New England states gathered in Amherst, Massachusetts, on June 14 to follow up the Women and Life on Earth Conference held there in March. The result: they set the wheels in motion to start a regional eco-feminist network! Contact them through Feminist Resources on Energy & Ecology, Box 6098, Teall Station, Syracuse, NY 13217.

(In a separate (but connected!) action, the American Friends Service Committee is organizing folks to spend the afternoon (2:30-4:00) of July 20 (the 132nd anniversary of the 1st Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls) at the Memorial Park in Rome, NY, to protest bringing the Cruise Missile to the Griffiss Air Force Base there this fall. The program will be "Women and the Nuclear Weapons Mentality." For

more info and childcare details, call the Cruise Control Action Project at (315) 475-4822, or write to AFSC, 821 Euclid Ave., Syracuse, NY 13210. See you there!



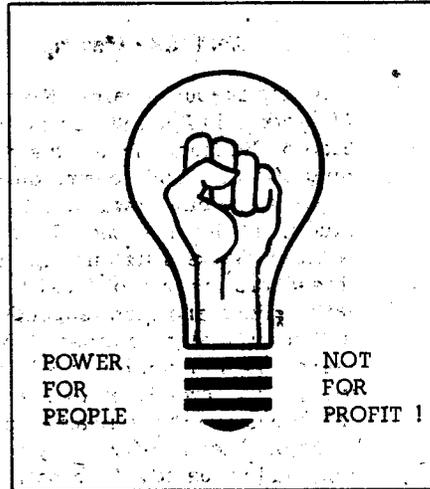
SPC Public Power Task Force Statement

The following is the founding statement of the Syracuse Peace Council's Public Power Task Force. It was written in January 1980 to give coherence to SPC's role in the public power movement. We have found that it has helped to promote clarity and solidarity in the Task Force's work, as well as serve to acquaint new people with our ideas and aims. Please consider joining if you are stimulated!

The Public Power Task Force is a committee of the Syracuse Peace Council (SPC)-- a community-based, grassroots, anti-war/ social justice organization in existence since 1936.

Through educating and organizing, SPC aims to assist people in gaining control over the political and economic decisions which affect their lives. SPC is involved in the energy issue because it sees control of natural resources (among them energy resources) as being deeply tied to the conditions of war and peace. SPC sees dependence on non-renewable resources, and especially the United States' role in exploiting these resources, as a threat to global peace.

Furthermore, we see that this dependence allows the energy industry to reap enormous profits at the expense of people's economic well-being and health. SPC sees the profit motive as incompatible with and contradictory to the creation of an equitable energy economy based on safe and renewable resources. This goal can only be achieved by redistributing to the many the political and economic power that has been concentrated in the hands of the few.



The Task Force sees itself as an educating and organizing body dedicated to the creation of a municipally controlled, public power system in Syracuse. A public power take-over of Niagara Mohawk's energy distribution facilities in Syracuse would be a beginning in giving the city's residents control of their energy future. Energy costs would be less burdensome because (among other reasons) the profit component in present Niagara Mohawk energy costs would be eliminated. People would have political control over local energy decisions, provided that the campaign was successful in creating a system of public accountability.

The public power take-over would be a beginning rather than an ultimate goal of the Syracuse community because the city would still find itself dependent on the monopolistic energy supply infrastructure

and on dangerous and non-renewable energy technologies. The campaign is a necessary stepping-stone toward more far-reaching goals. It provides a vehicle for public understanding of the energy system. In the course of public debate on the municipal power issue, Syracuse citizens will become aware that centralized, non-renewable energy technologies (fossil and nuclear) lend themselves to massive profit-making by utilities and especially the supplying corporations. People will learn that decentralized and renewable energy technologies (solar, wind, hydro, biomass) are logistically resistant to monopoly control and massive profit-making.

A public power campaign will help create a knowledgeable and politicized community which, aiming toward regional self-sufficiency, could create its own energy economy based on indigenous and renewable resources.

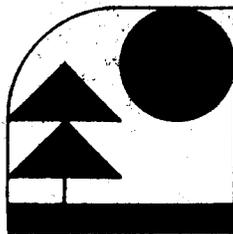
The Task Force envisions the use of community education drives, organizing of sympathetic constituencies (such as senior citizens, consumer groups, neighborhood associations, minority coalitions and labor organizations) and public demonstrations as strategies in the building of the campaign. The goal of a citywide leafletting, community outreach and organizing, and demonstrations would be to have Syracuse citizens mandate a feasibility study on the benefits of public power and then an appropriation by the city of

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Niagara Mohawk's local transmission and distribution operations. The latter would be achieved through a public referendum.

The goal before the Task Force is large. It is of the magnitude needed to achieve a heightened political consciousness on the energy issue, to empower a largely unempowered people, to establish democratic control where there is none, and to attain the more tangible redistribution of power from the private investors of Niagara Mohawk to the citizen of Syracuse. For these reasons, the campaign will require the sustained commitment of as many people as are willing and able to participate.

Members of the Task Force will be people who agree to the principles contained in this statement and who see themselves taking part in Task Force meetings and activism on an ongoing basis.

People would join the Task Force as individuals rather than as representatives of other groups.

Decisions in the Task Force will be made by consensus, as they are in all SPC committees. We see consensus as a process which asks for conscientious and responsible participation from all people involved. It encourages revealing problems in process or substance. We see that voting sacrifices solidarity for expediency and allows the thought and actions of one group of people to dominate those of another. Care for the thoughts and feelings of everyone in our midst defines our commitment to genuine participatory democracy.

SPC sees the means as important as the ends, how we get there just as important as where we are going.

The public power movement is building!!

North Side Meeting

A "speak-out" against Niagara Mohawk held April 9th on the North Side of Syracuse marked the beginning of a city-wide campaign to demand a public power feasibility study. At that meeting, 80 irate NiMo consumers listened to the threadbare rhetoric of local legislative aides and then responded enthusiastically to a public power presentation given by an SPC activist. The North Side organizers of the "speak-out" then gathered signatures on a feasibility-study petition they had prepared. This petition has since collected hundreds of signatures throughout the city.

Syracuse Public Power Coalition

In the months since the North Side event, SPC's Public Power Task Force did a lot of soul-searching on what its role should be in the budding public power movement -- ie: how much visibility should a left-identified organiza-

tion have in this kind of campaign? While coming to grips with this question, the Task Force worked with other groups and individuals to form the Syracuse Public Power Coalition (SPPC). Groups presently represented in the coalition include SPC, the People's Power Coalition of NY, and PEACE, Inc. SPPC is organizing the following events.

July 2 Forum

On July 2, there will be a forum to acquaint people with the public power issue and explain how to get involved. The forum will begin at 7:30 at the North Side center of PEACE, Inc., 229 Wolf St.

July 18-19: Public Power Days

July 18 & 19 have been declared "public power days" by the Syracuse Public Power Coalition. On those days we will be blitzing the city with signature gatherers for the feasibility-study petition.

This effort is going to require a lot of person-power, so if you'd like to work for a few hours on the 18th or 19th, Call Ann: 478-0367.

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Mohawk Nation Holds Off Armed Police Invasion

(continued from cover)

How did we come so close to a rerun of Wounded Knee and Attica - and what prevented (up to this writing) the final disaster?

In past issues of the PNL I have described the last 13 months at Akwesasne in which the sovereign Ganienkeh Nation has been preventing NY State from exercising police powers in Ganienkeh territory by establishing a camp at Racquette Point and defending it militarily. Recently, tensions have increased as support for the Nation has grown. Dissidents on the Akwesasne reservation are challenging the BIA controlled elective system; non-Indians in the area are questioning a proposed land deal which attempts to destroy the legal basis for Ganienkeh sovereignty and also to protect Alcoa, Reynolds, and GM factories in the area; alliances are forming with anti-nuke groups to prevent shipment of nuclear waste through Ganienkeh Territory. Obviously the State decided it was time to take serious steps.

The basic strategy of the State was to use elective system Indians as the cutting edge of military action. As depicted on the cover, US uses various federal programs to corrupt a small number of Indians who will follow orders and help to create the false impression that the basic problem is a dispute between "rival Indian factions". Thus the Akwesasne police force (consisting of elective system Indians) was expanded from five to nineteen; elective system Indians met with the Franklin County legislature on June 12; and finally on Friday the 13th, Indian vigilantes set up a blockade on the road leading to Racquette Point and threatened to invade the encampment.



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Police Orchestration

Not many people were fooled for very long by the subterfuge that the attacking force was mainly elective system Indians acting independently. They blocked a State highway (Route 37) and for several hours, the State Police were somehow not in sight; eyewitnesses observed that some of the guns were supplied by State Police; CB radios picked up trooper comments indicating full involvement. For days, Major Schneeman, Troop B Commander, had been making threats of invasion, and finally, State Police Superintendent William Connelie openly admitted that all military actions scheduled for that day were planned by the police - and in fact it was the police that decided to call them off! It was not long before reporters were writing that troopers seemed to know more about vigilante plans than individual vigilantes and that "the whole affair seems to be orchestrated by the State Police".

What Stopped the Invasion

The invasion never came. Franklin County's formal request for the National Guard was never answered. Why? The key lies in

Connelie's use of the phrase "tactical decision" in countermanding the local commander's orders. It means that he decided the invasion would not succeed - or the casualties would be too high.

The camp at Racquette Point is bounded on one side by the St. Lawrence River and on the other side by deep woods. There is one, dead-end road leading from Rt. 37 (the vigilante blockade) to the camp. The woods are full of Ganienkeh warriors and warriors from other Indian nations, heavily backed by fortified bunkers. The road is a straight line easily covered by rifles and other weapons.

The river is international water which the State Police cannot use. (A vigilante boat did try to stop the supply access by river to the camp, but one shot was fired in the air and the boat disappeared permanently.) Thus, a land attack would probably be a bloody failure, and no water invasion is possible. The police could try helicopters, but they are easy to shoot down. It is not hard to conclude that an invasion would have to involve heavy artillery and could not avoid serious losses on both sides.



Spreading Conflict

The State had other things to worry about because it would be impossible to keep the conflict from spreading. On Friday afternoon the Indians at Ganienkeh Repossessed Territory (see May PNL) announced that if there was an invasion at Racquette Point, they would counter attack in the Plattsburg area (this same group, two weeks earlier, had stopped Federal spraying of chemicals. At the same time the Onondaga Nation announced it would retaliate by closing Rt. 81 (passing through their territory) and shutting down a power line. The Ganienkeh Nation was acting like a

nation and the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois Confederacy) was strong in its support. NY State was facing an increasingly united people as Indians came from all over North America to help defend Ganienkeh sovereignty. It was this unity and strength that stopped the invasion.



The Present Situation

So what is the situation now, ten days after the cancelled invasion? Outside the camp, tensions remain high. At the roadblock, State Police have replaced vigilantes who harassed and beat reporters. Seven police snipers with telescopic lenses on their rifles sit on top of the GM factory overlooking the camp. Access is only by boat. Negotiations are taking place but the State only talks about serving warrants on the indictees. Vigilantes continue to make verbal threats. Everyone wonders when the next crisis will come.

Inside the camp it is completely different. All is calm and the pervasive atmosphere is the serenity of people who have made their decision. They laugh and play games and talk quietly about many subjects. The Ganienkehaga and their supporters know why they are there and what they must do. Their spiritual strength comes from their harmony- with each other, with nature and with the situation they are in. They know that dying is part of life.

What to do

Much help is desperately needed right now - food, clothing, money- are all in short supply. If you can help out, please call SPC or Ed Dubinsky at 315/265-2966.

July 21 is the tentative date for the next court appearance of the seven captured indictees (see April PNL). Supporters are strongly urged to attend the session in Judge Plumadore's court in Malone, NY. A support demonstration is tentatively planned. For last minute details and confirmation, call Ed Dubinsky at the number listed above.

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Supporting the Ganienkehaga

by Dik Cool

The CBs crackled almost constantly. "Mudhut to base, come in. Check the shore - one." Smokie's coming from the bridge? We'll check it out."

"Nuke 1 to Nuke 2, can you put up a fast dock over there? We heard mud needs penicillin and food too."

An angry voice: "Get that god-damned helicopter off our roof or we'll blow it away!" A steady, cold response: "Go ahead fella, that's all we need." A cop, monitoring the CBs can not let the challenge pass. Quickly, calmer heads prevail at "mud", the besieged traditional encampment at Akwesasne (see June PNL).

It was Saturday, June 14 and we (Glenda Neff, Jeff Schwartz, Linda Wallace, William Sunderlin and myself) were in Ganienkeh territory (Cornwall Island, Canada in US terminology) across the St. Lawrence from the encampment.

Our location had become the supply point for "mud" since the roadblock on the access road was thrown up on Friday morning. A young boy crossing the river on Friday had been rammed and sunk by vigilantes, but survived the ordeal.

We had first learned of the armed confrontation at the Friday antidraft rally in downtown Syracuse. We returned to the SPC office to seek more information and to alert the media. We also called the governor's office. At 4:30 we held a press conference to describe the crisis and its background, and to restate our support for Ganienkeh sovereignty.

Through discussion, we realized that the only way to accurately assess the situation was to make the 3 1/2 hour trip up to Akwesasne. The decision to go strengthened and unified us. Lilian Reiner graciously offered her car, and Andrea and Ed Dubinsky opened their home in

Potsdam to us, so we set out.

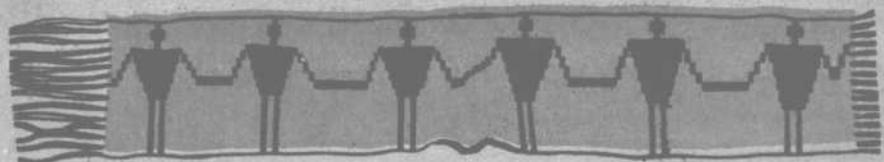
I wasn't fearful until Saturday morning when we cautiously approached the barricade on Rt. 37. A flatbed truck blocked one side of the highway and cars and clusters of armed men lined the road. At the encampment entrance a knot of troopers and vigilantes mingled. The potential for violence seemed very real.

After crossing the river, we decided to stay on the island rather than deal with the suspicious Canadian customs officials. Our day was alternately confusing, draining, shadelessly hot, tense, and quietly buoying. To our surprise there were few outsiders. Many of the 30-40 Ganienkehaga there were heartened that Syracusans had felt their struggle important enough to travel so far.

Understandably, some Ganienkehaga distrusted us. I hadn't experienced such a strong feeling of having to prove my trustworthiness since pulling prison time. This dynamic can make supporting oppressed people a difficult task. Another obstacle was coping with the irony that many Ganienkehaga supporting the traditionals are more trapped in the consumer society than we are. It is a contradiction that hurts deeply but which will hurt even more if not recognized and worked on.

I have also realized that our role was much more than just supporters. We were interpreters, advocates, and media - but perhaps most importantly - a liaison between our nation and a sovereign people, the Ganienkehaga, which the US doesn't recognize as such. So thorough a propaganda job has been done on us that the concept of Native American sovereignty seems "foreign" to us.

Going to Akwesasne helped me to realize that it is high time the real "foreigners" faced up to the only lasting solution to the ongoing genocide against Native Americans - the recognition of sovereignty.



Being Black in Syracuse: The Long Hot Summer

by Marjorie R. White

*As some of my generation were unaware of much that influenced our development, so there will be future generations unaware of all the forces of resistance that have determined their actions. **

On May 17, Liberty City, a predominantly black community in Miami, Florida, erupted in the worst hate-inspired, bloody racial rioting in the US since the 1960's. Watts, Newark, Detroit, New York, and several other cities with large black populations had riot outbreaks during the '60s. Those riots occurred because the "white power" structure promoted conditions in society that repressed black people economically, politically, and educationally.

However, many who participated in the sixties riots were not cognizant of all the forces of resistance that permeated their actions. Thus to some extent the above quote is true. The people of Liberty City, on the other hand, are well aware of the forces that motivated them.

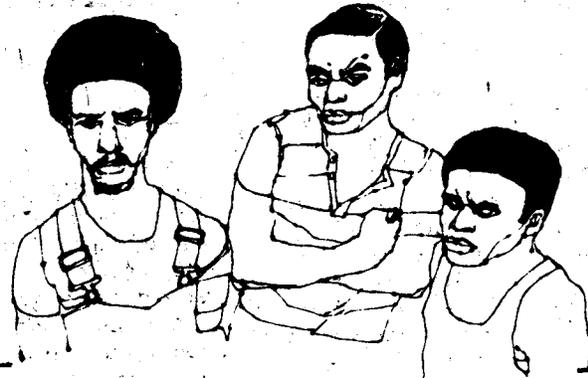
The uprising of the Liberty City people was a result of the same oppressions suffered by blacks in 1965 or 1968 because their living standards are dictated by society's elite. Symptoms of black oppression are: more unemployment among blacks than whites, insufficient cost of living raises for those on social security or public assistance,

demoralizing living conditions (food housing, etc.), politically inspired policies and practices in educational institutions that suggest that people of color are inferior, infiltration of drugs into black communities, police brutality, and the deliberate manipulation of the judicial system to further oppress blacks. Since the same oppressive and explosive conditions exist for the majority of blacks in Syracuse, a persistent question arises - Can a riot breakout here like it did in Miami?

Here in Syracuse as well, it is evident that the seeds of hate have been planted. It would be unwise

not to acknowledge the growing hatred of blacks towards the local white power structure. In fact, it must be acknowledged, because the storm that could result may be just a few clouds away.

Metropolitan Syracuse has a population of approximately 180,000, and 30,000 of these people are black or non-white. However, in Syracuse and Onondaga County, unemployment for whites is 7.8%, while for blacks and non-whites it is 21%. And, according to the US Department of Labor unemployment among black or non-white youth is nearly 30%, the highest for any group. **



Miami 1980: "We're not dealing with the 60's. These rioters were different. [In the past] white people got hurt because they got in the way or provoked a confrontation. In this riot, the purpose was to kill white people." *Washington Post* 25 May 80

TO PERPETUATE THE FEAR THAT THE SOME ARE MENACING THE OTHERS IS TO KEEP THE SOME AS OTHERS, BREEDING HATRED, SELLING ARMS & NEWSPAPERS.

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Coping

The April 9, 1978 Syracuse Herald American published an article entitled, "How they cope with high prices". The following is an excerpt from that article:

"Most families cope with inflation and recession in familiar ways. They cut down and/or cut out purchases of non-essentials. They work overtime and/or look for second jobs. The poor and retirees on fixed incomes often must choose between paying their rent and going hungry. Some people find illegal alternatives.

One survey recently released quotes one New Yorker as saying he augmented his \$14,000-a-year income by fencing stolen goods.

A young Puerto Rican mother on welfare said she shared her medical insurance card with a girlfriend because it covered private hospitals and private doctors."

Since then, times have gotten even worse. Time magazine reports (March 17, 1980) that inflation has hit 18% per year, meaning that the inflation rate has climbed 36% since 1978. In addition, according to Time (June 16, 1980), black gains in education have not translated into improvements in income. By the end of the '70's, 31.5% of black high school graduates were going to college, but during the same decade, black family income fell relative to that of whites, from 60% of the white level to 57% in 1979. The reason was an increase in white families with multiple income earners, from 53.6% to 55.4%. At the same time, black families with more than one income earner fell from 57.2% to 46.2%. In addition, unemployment among black women who

head their households rose from 5.2% in 1969 to 12.9% in 1979. Women now head 30% of all black households.

Further, in regard to education, to be sure, some of the best educated blacks have broken into higher income brackets; some make over \$25,000. But, only 13.4% of all black families earn that much, compared with 29.5% for whites.

Educational institutions, on the other hand, have systematically redefined the word "integration", because the applied definition of the words "segregation" and "desegregation" have changed significantly. At one time there was a clear

"Yes, I do think it can happen here again"

understanding of the definitions and the applications of these two words. Segregation was defined as a state imposed policy which separated people solely on the basis of race; desegregation, on the other hand, was defined as the elimination of state-imposed racial distinctions. Today however, the word segregation is interchangeable, as it applies both to discrimination against blacks and to racial concentrations of blacks (with the help of redlining) in neighborhoods, and in schools (with the help of school re-zoning); and desegregation now means "racial balance". Moreover, racial balance is justified by defining it as "integration".

By closing schools in predominantly black neighborhoods, re-zoning neighborhood schools, and scattering the racial minorities in the predominantly white neighborhood schools an illusion of integration is obtained. But there has never been any doubt about which race would remain dominant and which would be submerged. This ideology is real in most school districts in the US and Syracuse is no exception.

Community Response

Several months ago a new local organization, the Civic Coordinating Caucus of Syracuse, (CCC) was formed by a group of black ministers, civic leaders, and other black individuals concerned about the worsening employment picture for blacks in Syracuse. CCC's goals are to get local officials to open-up jobs for the large numbers of blacks who are unemployed. The goals and objectives of CCC, however, also include elimination of:

1. On the job discrimination against blacks regarding salary and promotions;
2. School policies and practices which negatively affect black students, administrators, and teachers;
3. Disenfranchisement of blacks from the local political arenas; and;
4. Police brutality.

In short, CCC's commitment and effort is to equality in all areas of life for blacks in our area. Under the leadership of Al McGilberry, the CCC membership is growing. Further, the members of CCC know that there exists a subtle, but dangerous "political power-play" between the

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major local political parties, which promotes, for blacks, a state of confusion about local political activities and /or alienation from the local political arena. Thus, CCC's planned activities include marches and rallies (2 of each held so far), on-going voter registration drives, and voter education programs.

CCC's last rally was held on Monday, May 26th, and there McGilberry said: "We're going to turn this town around." At the same rally, NAACP President, Tommie Blunt said: "We don't want what happened in Miami to happen here, but community leaders may not be able to keep residents calm." On June 13, I interviewed an unemployed 26-yr-old father of three, who asked to be anonymous because he fears harassment not only from his peers but also from local authorities. When I asked him if he thought a riot could occur in Syracuse like the one in Miami, he said: "In 1968 the people rioted on South Salina Street and other nearby streets; and in 1969, 1970 and 1971, there was riots at various times in all of the high

schools and Roosevelt Jr. High School. 'Yes, I do think it can happen here again.' Black people are tired of being put-down. There is lots of drugs and guns in the street and most blacks are frustrated. They are frustrated because they don't have no place to go and nothing to do; so they get high; then they get depressed, but they never stop thinking about how much they hate the 'white power' that keeps them down."

Adding Injury to Insult

Besides the above, the Director of the Human Rights Commission of Onandaga County, Luis Clark, told me that approximately 24 cases of police brutality are reported per year to the Commission. Police brutality, a result of racism and discrimination is as much part of black peoples' plight in Syracuse as poverty and inflation. (Most victims of police brutality are black.)

Taking everything into account, black people clearly see that blacks as a race have not in over 300 years acquired holistic equality, but instead, forms of superficial progress.

Syracuse, in many ways has the symptoms of a large southern plantation during the days of slavery. There are those who believe, that although the seeds of hatred are deeply instilled in the hearts of many blacks, this hatred can be overcome or at least subdued through polite reasoning. This is strongly akin to the thinking of the house slave opposed to the actions of the "field slave." Nevertheless, it also appears that the question in the minds of most blacks is: "How does one reason with a society or people that throughout history has not utilized logical reasoning in the application of black peoples' basic human rights?"

Miami is calm as I write this. However, Miami is now faced with the task of reconstructing its war-torn interior as well as the delicate task of rekindling "faith in the American dream" in its black communities. It would be wise for Syracuseans to take what happened in Miami as a warning.

*From The Making of Black Revolutionaries: Letter to my Sisters and Brother, Macmillan, New York (1972) By James Foreman.

**Syracuse Post Standard, May 27, 1980.

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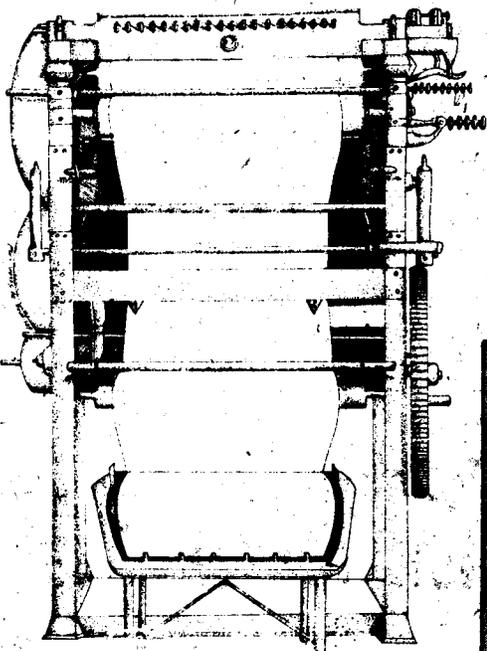
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Ramsey Clark in Iran

Another courageous group of US citizens has traveled to Iran, determined to maintain an honest dialog with the Iranians in spite of a presidential order which threatens to silence them by prosecution. In an effort at people to people diplomacy, ten representatives of religious, human rights, and peace groups as well as academics attended a conference on US intervention in Iran.

Their role was to express solidarity with the Iranian struggle and to speak with Iranian leaders on the matter of the embassy hostages, something which President Carter refuses to do.

Three members of the group, Mary Anderson of the American Friends Service Committee, theologian Charles Kimball, and anti-nuke biologist George Wald, came home with a message from the slums of South Teheran saying that the poor of Iran bear no ill feelings towards the people of the US.

Former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, who earlier had been sent to Iran by Carter, attended the conference and had sharp criticisms of the Administration's handling of Iran. In a statement published in The Nation upon his return (June 16) Clark called the helicopter rescue attempt "terribly dangerous and absolutely lawless", and offered the following proposals as the basis of a new US policy towards Iran:

The US should:

- renounce intervention by all nations in the affairs of others.
- assure Iran and all nations of US support for the cause of international justice and of their right to

extradite "wrongdoers" and to recover stolen property.

- enact a charter for the CIA which would make it accountable to the US people.

- begin a Congressional investigation into US intervention in Iran.

- express "humane sorrow" for the atrocities of the Shah and "honestly acknowledge" the complicity of our government.

- end the harassment of Iranians now in the US.

- lift all economic sanctions against Iran, which are both counter-productive and ineffective.

- give thanks that throughout the course of the Iranian Revolution not one US citizen has been hurt or killed.

- pray for the safety of the hostages and for peace - "The Iranians, a deeply religious people, will respond generously".

We Apologize

In the June issue of the PNL, we published a Message of Reconciliation to Iran, an effort to achieve on a people-to-people basis the resolution to the crisis in relations between the US and Iran "which has so far eluded formal diplomacy." We're still gathering signatures; please call Lisa Johns at 475-3279 if you'd like to sign, and please don't wait! President Carter has begun dropping hints about new "actions" against Iran. Let's be sure he does the right thing: apologize! Please call with your signature today.

Books on the Middle East

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Even when the Camp David accords were signed by Israel, Egypt, and the U.S. in mid-1978, it was clear that the sticking point would be the issue of Palestinian autonomy. Between Israel and Egypt, the toughest nut had already been cracked--viz., eventual total Israeli withdrawal from Sinai, including the Jewish settlements there.

But there is a notable lack of Israeli willingness to withdraw from the West Bank and Gaza, which Prime Minister Begin regards as an integral part of the land of Israel. Not only the issue of continuing settlements but also the Israeli government's exceptionally narrow concept of Palestinian "autonomy" have made Palestinians and other Arabs unwilling to join the peace talks. Obviously, lack of Palestinian participation is a crucial shortcoming in any quest for a comprehensive Middle East peace. The Arabs, including Egypt, believe that only the U.S., with its economic leverage over Israel, can encourage the Israeli government to be more flexible. They see, however, that with Mr. Carter's need for "the Jewish vote" in November, nothing substantive is likely to happen be-

fore then.

Into this mix came, in mid-June, a European initiative which seeks to breathe more life into the peace negotiations. The nine members of the European Community (EC) are concerned that a comprehensive peace settlement which would include the Palestinians be gotten, so as to promote stability in the area (i.e., continuing access to the oil on which they are so dependent).

The EC statement, toned down from early rumors about its content, endorses Israel's right to existence and security, calls for the Palestinian right of self-determination (originally it had said, "national self-determination"), and criticizes the building of settlements on the occupied territories. It calls for the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to be "associated with" peace negotiations. A further EC compromise was an agreement not to present the initiative to the UN Security Council in this election year, where it would predictably get a U.S. veto.

Reactions to the EC declaration ran the gamut -- Israel's Begin condemned it as a "second Munich surrender." Because the statement does not mention a Palestinian state, the PLO called it a "product of U.S. blackmail." Arab reaction in general has been muted. The U.S., at first critical of the whole idea, now seems to be saying that it will not undermine the Camp David talks. The EC has stressed that it is a supplement, not an alternative, to Camp David.

All of this adds up to more overt international support for Palestinian rights and makes clearer Israel's isolation on the settlements issue. But Mr. Begin's government seems undeterred, as it plans for more settlements. Mr. Begin also announced recently that more government offices will be moved into East (Arab) Jerusalem. These things, along with right-wing Israeli extremists' attempts to drive out the West Bank Palestinians by terrorist tactics, have led to terrorist responses from some Palestinians, and a destructive cycle is underway.

The prognosis for the future is not good. Reagan, Kennedy, and Anderson are, if anything, more slavish than Carter in trying to please the Israeli lobby. Our former ambassador to Saudi Arabia says that without significant movement toward peace, we may look forward to cuts in Arab oil production next year, overtures to the USSR from states like Saudi Arabia (including exchange of diplomatic missions), and a gradual phasing out of Saudi funds from U.S. banks and institutions. A modest proposal to reduce the \$2.2 billion in foreign aid for FY 1981 to Israel by a symbolic \$150 million (the estimated amount that Israel plans to spend in the upcoming year on its West Bank settlements) was defeated 85-7 in the Senate; a similar measure in the House was withdrawn.

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- THEY SHOULD HAVE SERVED THAT CUP OF COFFEE: 7 Radicals Remember the 60's. ed. Cluster, 1979. \$5.
- TO SERVE THE DEVIL: A Documentary Analysis of America's Racial History & Why It Has Been Kept Hidden. Jacobs, Landau & Pell, 1971. \$2.95.
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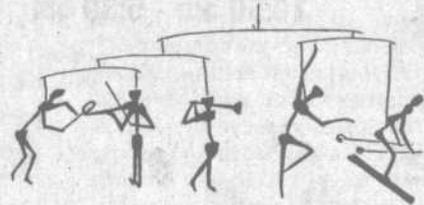
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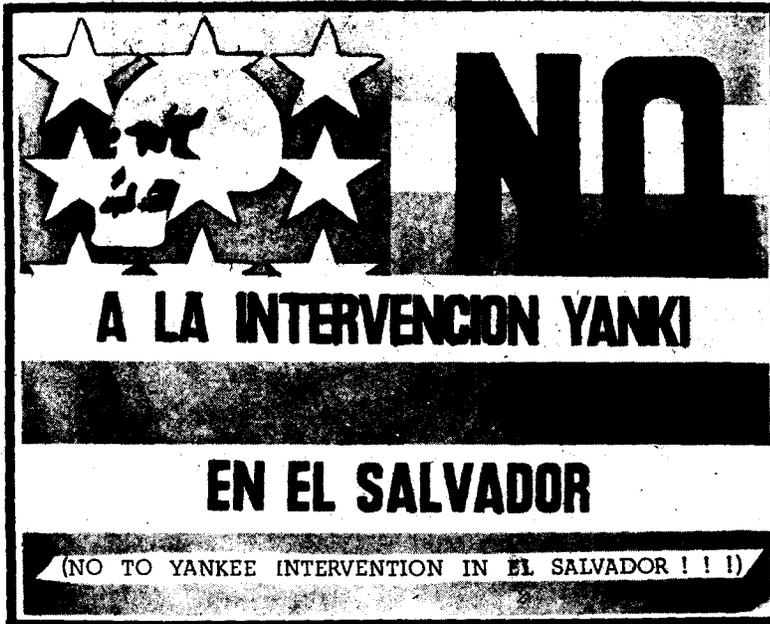


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Last summer it was Nicaragua. Now it is El Salvador. A people fighting for their liberty in the hot Central American summer. Fighting for their lives, fighting because they have nothing else left to lose. They have been kept poor and hungry long enough to know that change will not come unless they make it happen.

The pictures seem almost the same. Determined faces - pained expressions - mass demonstrations. An unabating repression by the military and rightist groups. The hope of liberation tinged with the knowledge that more arms or even troops from the North could postpone the dream even longer. Rumors prevail of a vigilante force of ex-Somoza National Guardsmen amassing in Honduras for an invasion of El Salvador.

Just like last year when the US threatened to invade Nicaragua, supporters of Latin American independence in this country are speaking out, calling for an end to all forms of intervention. On June 28 in New York City, thousands of people, including a dozen Syracusans, marched in solidarity with the Salvadorean people, sending a message to Washington - HANDS OFF!!! Their voice echoes the cry of the Salvadoreans - "El Pueblo Unido Jamás Será Vencido" (The People, In Unity, Will Never Be Defeated).

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END U.S. SUPPORT OF MARTIAL LAW

We received an account of the violence and bloodshed in South Korea under Chun Du-Hwan from David Easter. In his letter he states: "We feel a deep anger toward the almost total support that the U.S. has been giving to General Chun in his horrible clampdown in South Korea--campuses and National Assembly closed, strengthened press censorship, tightened grip on workers, politicians and at least 2,000 others imprisoned over the past several weeks, 40,000 troops in Seoul and incredible violence used against those in the popularly held Province of South Cholla. . . . The smoke has settled in Kwangju, but the need to protest will stay with us for many months to come. We are urging that groups concentrate their efforts on pressuring the U.S. government to change its policies toward Korea." **ACTIONS:** Call, cable or write to Congress, and/or the President to call for a freeze on all U.S. aid to the South Korean government; including foreign military sales, economic aid, export-import bank loans and credits. Pressure for an end to Martial Law in S. Korea.

COMMEMORATING GAY PRIDE WEEK

On June 29, 1980 there will be a Gay Pride march in major U.S. cities. This march is held on the anniversary of the Stonewall riots which took place on June 27, 1969. On that day, the NY City police raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in Greenwich Village. Instead of dispersing quietly as expected, the frightened homosexuals and their sympathizers reacted in anger. With the arrival of other officers and a few arrests and beatings, the crowd finally dispersed. The next night, however, crowds of gays and their supporters gathered in the vicinity of Sheridan Square to protest the police action. Confrontations with the police continued in the area for 4 more nights.

Gay liberation basically has the following major goals: To inform gays and straights about the nature of homosexuality, and consequently to counter biased and misleading anti-gay information and attitudes. The final goal of gay liberation is to work toward a situation in which a human being should not fear to be alienated and excluded from the society for his/her personal sexual preferences.

COURT OK'S LEAFLETING

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that a California shopping center did not have the right to prohibit petitioning on its premises by a group of high school students. The unanimous decision stated: "The shopping center by choice of its owner is . . . a business establishment that is open to the public to come and go as they please. The views expressed by members of the public in passing out pamphlets or seeking signatures for a petition thus will not likely be identified with those of the owner."

"ONLY" A FALSE ALARM

What do November 9, June 3, and June 6 have in common? They are all days when the world came especially close to being blown up. These 3 days each featured a false alarm signal of a Soviet missile attack on the U.S., which put in motion the steps of U.S. retaliation. After about 3 minutes the mistake was detected, and on the last occasions, the fault was found to be a faulty 46 cent integrated circuit.

Air Force General David Jones--Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, believes that these nuclear false alarms keep everyone on their toes and let Moscow know that the U.S. is always ready to fire nuclear missiles. "Because of the short time involved in any attack on the U.S., we had better be ready and the Soviets had better know we are ready and can respond in a very few minutes." In response to a question about the possibility of the Soviets detecting our activity and firing first themselves, Thomas Ross, Pentagon spokesman, said, "I'm going to duck that question."

FOR THE CHILDREN OF KAMPUCHEA

A childrens concert for the children of Syracuse to benefit the children of Kampuchea will be held at Sumner School on Saturday, July 19, at 3:00. The concert will feature first class area musicians and magicians, and will be entertaining for all those young at heart. Tickets may be purchased at the Peace Council, American Friends Service Committee, and other locations soon to be announced. Prices are \$1.50 for each child, \$3.00 for adults, and \$6.00 for a family. If you are interested in helping, contact Bill Harley at 471-6923.



GROWING U.S. MILITARISM

- Here is a list of projects in the works of increasing U.S. militarism:
- A call for Draft registration.
 - A military budget proposal for FY'81 of \$161 billion.
 - A Rapid Deployment Force (RDF)- a highly trained combat force of at least 100,000 troops.
 - 294.5 million \$\$ for new transport planes and ships for the RDF.
 - 1.1 billion \$\$ for the new cruise missiles.
 - 1.5 billion \$\$ in 1981 for development of the M-X; expected total costs after inflation- \$\$56 billion!
 - 3.4 billion \$\$ to DOE for more nuclear weapons.

QUOTES FROM RONALD REAGAN

"Once we clearly demonstrate to the Soviet leadership that we are determined to compete, arms control negotiations will again have a chance."

"The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan indicates that the Soviet Union does not share American expectations for a future in which the role of military power is diminished; We must therefore be prepared to take arms procurement measures best suited to U.S. National security interests."



"This proves that the Russians are bloodthirsty imperialists bent on conquering the world--and I still say that we should have done in Iran what they're doing in Afghanistan"

FREE CLASSIFIEDS

Deadline for August Classifieds is Monday, July 21, 5pm. Your listing should be typed or printed and mailed to PNL Classifieds, 924 Burnet Ave., Syr., NY 13203. Ads are free but when you think of how little we cost and how much Those Other Ads cost you might find a bit of spare change down with the lint in your pockets and send it along.

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THE PEOPLES' YELLOW PAGES is available for \$4.95 plus .75 for mail orders. Send to: Vocations for Social Change, PO Box 211, Essex Station, Boston, MA 02112.

WANTED- NY Times Book Reviews, for the Front Room Bookstore. Do you get the Times on Sunday, and discard the book review when you're done? We'd like to read it regularly, but it's a luxury we can't afford. Can we work something out? Call Carol Baum, 472-5478.

A LABOR OUTREACH GUIDE to help anti-nuclear activists do outreach to labor unions. \$1. Available from Abalone Alliance Labor Task Force, 944 Market St. Room 307, San Francisco, CA 94102.

HUMAN RELATIONS SKILLS a summer intensive workshop. For people working with: Human Services, Drug and Alcohol, C.E.T.A., Education, Youth Work, Training and Supervision. July 6-11, 1980. Write to: Sagamore Institute, 110 Spring Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

6th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ALTERNATIVE STATE AND LOCAL POLICIES. July 18-20, 1980. For info, write to: 2000 Florida Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

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CO-OPS AND COMMUNITIES: PEOPLE IN MOTION. Institute 8/12-8/16, Howard Univ. Law School, Wash., DC. Info and Regs.: CCA Institute '80, 1828 L St., NW, Washington, DC 20036

WAR RESISTERS LEAGUE ORGANIZER'S TRAINING PROGRAM. 8-12 to 27, Deerfield, Mass and NYC. Info: WRL, 339 Lafayette St., NY NY 10012 Deadline 7/4/80

RURAL SPIRITUAL GATHERING FOR GENTLE GAY MEN, July 4th Weekend. Write: Blue Heron Farm, Box 144, Dekalb Jct., NY 13630

ASSOCIATES FOR HUMANISTIC ADOPTION A fellowship and advocacy group which meets to discuss and share personal and professional views on the humanization of the adoption system, provides speakers and publications. More info and applications: Assoc. for Hum. Adpt., SIHLS, P.O. Box 229, Syracuse, NY 13208

WORDS OF CONSCIENCE, A collection of all of the official statements on conscientious objection by religious bodies. The Front Room Bookstore

SOCIAL CONCERNS PROGRAM--GRINDSTONE ISLAND CENTRE. Summer programs--Music and Social Change, Alternative Children's Camps, Futures Dialogue, Social Change and Working People, Arms vs. Development, Canadian-US Safe Energy Conf. plus much more. Info and dates: Grindstone Co-op, PO Box 564, Station P, Toronto, Ont, M5S 2T1, Cana.

THE INDEPENDENCE OF ZIMBABWE: A RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL OF US. An eyewitness report of the Quebec delegation to Zimbabwe to the Quebec Human Rights League. Focus on conduct of election and tasks ahead. 75¢ to Africa Research & Pub. Proj./B, Box 1892, Trenton, NJ 08618

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July

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This is the film that will bring you face to face with McCarthyism. Master film maker Emile de Antonio created this chilling work from the televised 1954 Army-McCarthy Hearings--a courtroom drama that changed the history of the US. "The greatest sustained drama, with frequent comic interludes, ever put on display."

-World Telegram

Wednesdays

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MILHOUSE: A WHITE COMEDY

For an election year a movie in the tradition of the Marx Bros. Philip Roth: "Nothing so comically grotesque as Nixon's transformation into a President has happened since Kafka's hero turned into a cockroach..." Directed by Emile de Antonio in 1971.

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THE WAR AT HOME

Madison, WI, as the microcosm of a 1960's community caught in the throes of antiwar resistance. A Syracuse premiere!

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WEATHER UNDERGROUND

This controversial documentary on the Weather Underground Organization and its roots in 60's political activism is a film the FBI didn't want anyone to see. "One of the most important political documents of the 70's [made in 1976]... people familiar with the antiwar movement or the New Left will find the movie riveting... others may find it curiously seductive, historically fascinating and downright subversive (all of which it is)." -Boston Globe

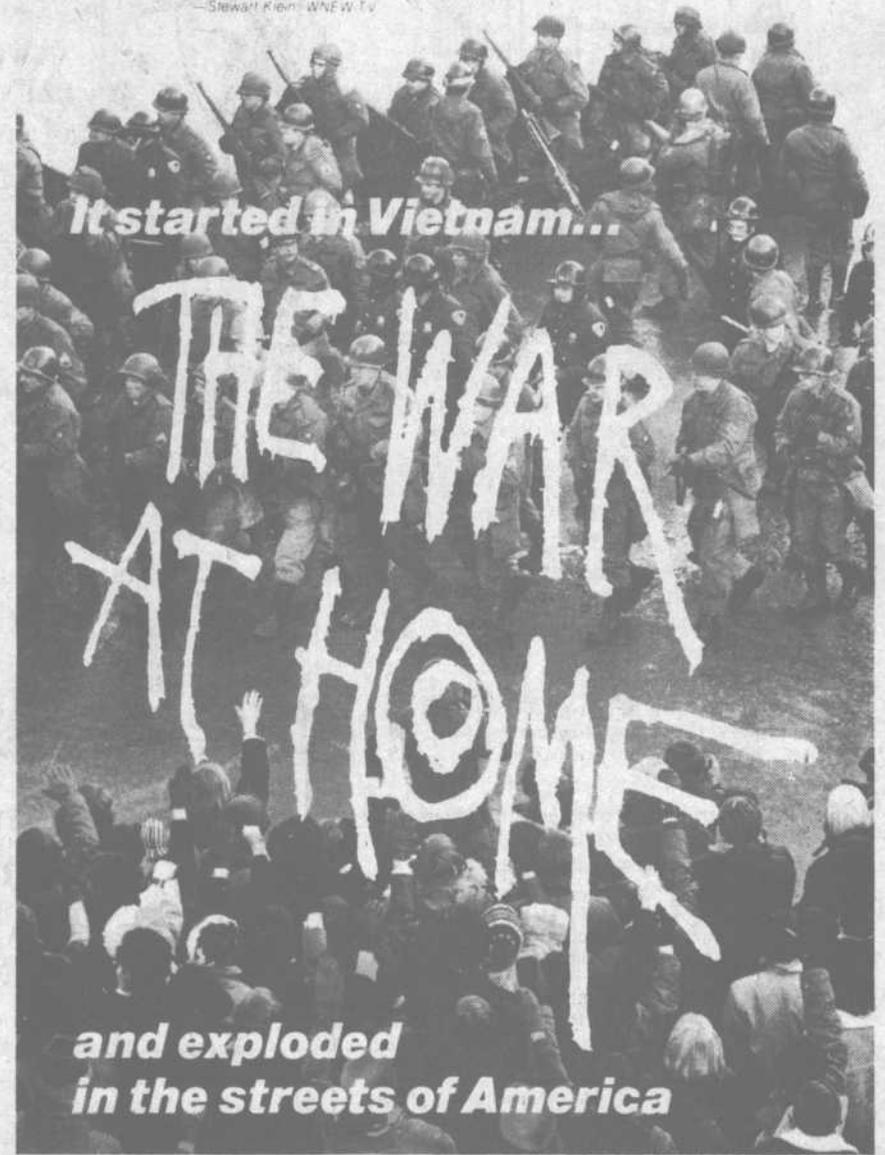
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JULY 1980 PNL Calendar

Peace Newsletter Deadline is the 20th of July. send info of your events to PNL 924 Burnet Ave. Syracuse, NY 13203.

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| <p>Children's Movies: Pettit Branch Library, Every Tues. in July 10:30am, 473-2636 info Rainbow Family Healing Gathering 1980. July 1-7 in the Appalachian Mts. Info: (301) 699-9438</p> | <p>Public Power 2 Forum Basic info on public power. 7:30 at 229 Wolf St. Open to public (see pg. 10)</p> | <p>Public Power 2 Forum Basic info on public power. 7:30 at 229 Wolf St. Open to public (see pg. 10)</p> | <p>Public Power 2 Forum Basic info on public power. 7:30 at 229 Wolf St. Open to public (see pg. 10)</p> | <p>Public Power 2 Forum Basic info on public power. 7:30 at 229 Wolf St. Open to public (see pg. 10)</p> | <p>Public Power 2 Forum Basic info on public power. 7:30 at 229 Wolf St. Open to public (see pg. 10)</p> | <p>Public Power 2 Forum Basic info on public power. 7:30 at 229 Wolf St. Open to public (see pg. 10)</p> |
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Poetry Night at Westcott Cafe 9 pm-bring your poetry to share!



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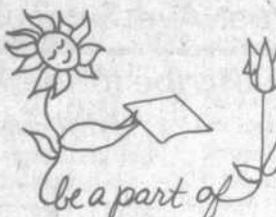
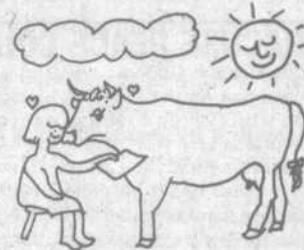
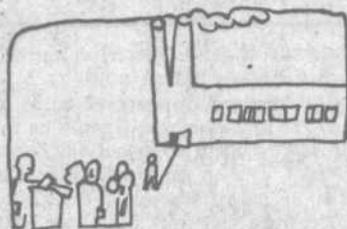
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The PEACE NEWSLETTER

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: \$6 or more/year; free or donation to prisoners and low income people; institutions, \$10/year. PNL circulation is 5,000; 3,000 by direct mail, & 2,000 thru 95 outlets in CNY. We have very reasonable ad rates.

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The Cover

Syracuse artist Judy Lieblein demonstrates how many ways one can give away the enclosed Survival Summer leaflet.

The 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 feelin 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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"If you are not careful, the newspapers will have you hating the people who are being oppressed, and loving the people who are doing the oppressing."

-Malcolm X

How it is with us...

The SPC house collective is going through changes, not so much the fast moving kind, but dealing with new realities. William Sunderlin and Glenda Neff make up the present staff, with the help of Jeff Schwartz, a Colgate University student who has contributed his energy full time since February. We are sad that he will be leaving us in mid-August to reenter the academic life. A new printer, Yolanda (Yogi) Fundora, has joined Gary Weinstein at the SPC Press.

Discussion has floated amongst staff, steering committee and editorial committee members, Front Room Bookstore people and past staff, about where the Peace Council is headed, how we can establish a stable financial base, how SPC "works" (or sometimes doesn't work). There are no easy answers to find, but the soul-searching is healthy and certain to bring needed clarity and improvements. We welcome thoughts

from those of you who may not be in close contact with the office but have a history with SPC, or have observations based on involvement with other peace and social change groups or want to contribute ideas because you care about SPC.

In recent months a committee has formed to figure out how to close the gap between SPC expenses and income. They've come up with an idea which sounds good. During September we will contact by phone or letter almost every person on our mailing list with a special appeal: "Can you spare a dime a day for the Peace Council's work?" Just \$3.00 per month in pledges from 300 people would pay off back debts and set SPC on the path to financial stability! This phone-athon needs a couple dozen helpers. Please consider putting in a few hours work on it. Call SPC (472-5478) and leave your name and phone number.

Where Credit is Due...

Many times we have been pleased to see reprints of Peace Newsletter articles or graphics, or artwork from People's Energy 1980, or SPC posters. We are dismayed to see, often as not, no credit given to the cultural worker or to SPC. Thus these few words about "credit consciousness."

Within the movement for progressive social change, ideas and information, artwork and music are freely shared. Wide distribution means our values and ideas can reach more people. By using each other's materials, we are also supporting each other, linking the issues and broadening the movement.

Crucial to mutual support is acknowledging the source. Due respect requires crediting the author/artist whenever possible. Our movement's cultural workers deserve recognition and a livelihood. Artwork may be part of an organization's fundraising effort. A consciousness of mutual support would consider including that kind of info, too.

So, please continue to use anything and everything you may find in SPC's work, and please give credit. Such consciousness will strengthen us all.

IN THIS ISSUE

In case you haven't yet noticed, there is a leaflet inside this Peace Newsletter. And if you haven't noticed the artwork on the cover, take a closer look. Each tableau shows a simple action--one being giving a leaflet to another being. Read the leaflet, (fold it in half to create a "front" and "back") and pass it on to whomever you choose--a neighbor, a relative, a class mate, a co-worker, your minister or librarian or babysitter or.... By passing on one leaflet you help communicate the Survival Summer message, that we must put the crucial issues of survival on the agenda of this country.

THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST PEACE NEWSLETTER!! Did you recently receive a letter to the effect that we haven't heard from you in the last 3 years? Many of you from out of town have responded; we appreciate the affirmations. If you have yet to respond, think it over; can you rely on the dailies for the news and analysis? We need your \$6.00 subscription, but if you can't afford it, just let us know.

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It has been 325 months since the Shah was installed into power by the CIA. The terror that the Shah brought to thousands is not eliminated by his death. People of the US must strive for an understanding of the Iranian peoples' grievances. See CURRENTS, the article on page 14, and PEACES. SPC has formed an Iran Committee, and anyone interested in joining should call William.



'Anonymous' was a friend

Syracuse, N.Y.
 Friends, Syracusans, Countrypersons!
 I used to be very precise about reporting my income to the nearest 10 dollars. I paid the IRS as precisely as I could. I thought it the honest thing to do, the most correct action I could take as far as the law was concerned.

Somewhere along the line I realized that the money I was putting into the government was being used for things that I have never liked or chosen. And even though once in a great while I was being asked to give my opinion of what should be done with it (thru voting? I), I realized that it was really only lip service and that "my" government had separated itself from me and was going to do what it damn well pleased with my (and everyone else's) money.

Well, not enjoying the victim role and having been somewhat agitated as well as more educated in my choices for spending, this year I denied the good ole IRS part of its quota. I'm happy to say they got very little from me.

To make a long story short, I thought it only fitting that the money that might have gone to the Pentagon is now going to you (to us!). It feels empowering to help organize. Use it well.

If, by some chance, you were to print this letter, don't add my name. Even the government reads the PNL!! Besides, now that I'm becoming enlightened, I'm PARANOID!! Love,
 [Name Withheld]

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,500 which we are sending as a contribution to support the Peace Council's work. We feel that this is a crucial time not only to maintain SPC's work for peace and justice, but also to expand that work. We

thought that your plan to put the paying of staff salaries at the head of the list was a very good idea. SPC staff have enough to worry about without having to wonder where the next meal is coming from. Also it should help the fundraising effort. When the electricity or water is shut off or the Peace Newsletter can't be printed we will all have to pitch in. The Pentagon knows it costs money to wage war. We know it costs money to wage peace.

For personal reasons we would like to make this contribution anonymously.
 [Names Withheld]

[From the staff: Hugs, kisses and a hearty THANKS!!]

Anderson an alternative?

Syracuse, N.Y.
 An Open Letter to John Anderson of Illinois:

Time is in torturously, anxiety-producing short supply. The way you use it is therefore crucial. Getting on the ballot in enough states is important but secondary. The single most important question is, in the presidential race, are you an alternative?

Carter and Reagan are competing in rushing our country towards war and death. Will you make a clear, strong statement calling for conciliation with Iran and Russia instead of confrontation?

Carter and our Congress have agreed on an MX missile which will cost billions, ruin two entire states and accomplish nothing but to poison American people and American land without ever being fired. Will you come out unequivocally for using our resources for life--jobs, environmental clean-up, health facilities, day care centers--and against using them for war?

If you do this, ways will be found to give you a chance at the presidency. And very possibly a win.

But win or lose, you could make the greatest contribution to the American people of any presidential candidate since George Washington.

Angus MacDonald

More on Akwesasne

Syracuse, N.Y.
 Several people have commented to me about points in my brief 7/80 PNL piece, "Supporting the Ganienkehaga." Unavoidable space constraints contributed to unclarity, I think.

First, I said: "Another obstacle [to supporting the Ganienkehaga] was coping with the irony that many Ganienkehaga supporting the traditionals are more trapped in the consumer society than we are." This was not a criticism of the Ganienkehaga. Rather, I intended it as an open admission of what I think is a troubling reality for many (primarily white) progressive people. I went on to say that acknowledging this reality is probably the best way to deal with it. An implicit assumption in all this was my feeling that most PNL readers realized that the Ganienkehaga--because of our white, patriarchal capitalism--were struggling for their very existence as a people: and that frequently this struggle precludes grappling with "popular" cultural garbage (TV, junk food, fast cars, etc.) as a major priority.

Second, I said that the mistrust of outsiders by the Ganienkehaga was "understandable" but made support a "difficult task." Once again not a criticism. If the roles were reversed I'm not sure I'd be comfortable seeing any reminders of my oppressor around me. In this context, the Ganienkehaga's reception of us was gracious to say the least.

One current thought: the recent media stories (7/29) about Akwesasne contain so little new news that it made me think I was reading a month and a half old paper. The most significant effect of the stories seemed to be to legitimize the presence of an armed, encamped faction opposing the traditionals. When another outbreak occurs (as it inevitably will)* the state police, et al. will not so obviously be orchestrating the whole operation. The media picked up on this last time, undoubtedly causing some embarrassment. In joyful liberation,

Dik Cool

* See page 19.

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*-John Dowling,
physicist*

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All Roads Leave From Rome

by Bob Staley-Mays

Plans for the Cruise Missile to be deployed at Griffiss AFB in Rome, NY have sparked many doubts about the safety of Central New York. Not only does the Cruise make Griffiss an even more important target, but the very presence of the Cruise endangers local communities. Dangers of accidents, crashes, and other possible crises increase with test flights over the area, transportation of nuclear materials, and other "maneuvers". Syracuse, Utica, and countless smaller communities lie within a dangerous radius of Rome. This article provides some background about the Cruise and informs people about how they can get involved in opposing it.

-eds.

The cruise missile is a small, pilotless missile carrying a nuclear warhead. The cruise flies at low altitudes, less than 250 feet, tracing a meandering and deceptive course to elude enemy radar and penetrate their defenses. It has an on-board guidance system designed to keep it on its course, much like the V-1 "buzz bombs" used against Britain by the Germans near the end of World War II. Because it will replace some of the traditional, manned penetrators, the cruise missile revives all the horrors of the automated air war during the closing days of American involvement in Viet Nam. The cruise's size makes it cheap (by military standards) to produce and so, even though it is vulnerable to surface-to-air missiles, military reasoning is that the cruise can overwhelm defense by sheer numbers.

Each Cruise: 15 Hiroshimas

There are some real problems in this rosy picture presented by the Air Force and Boeing, the contractor for the cruise. With its allegedly highly accurate targeting system, a cruise which gets through will have a better than fifty percent chance of striking within one hundred feet of its target. All of this accuracy is an important factor to consider when we realize that a major difference between the cruise missile and its predecessors is that, unlike the Nazi "buzz bombs", or the unmanned automated bombers of the secret air war in Indochina, the

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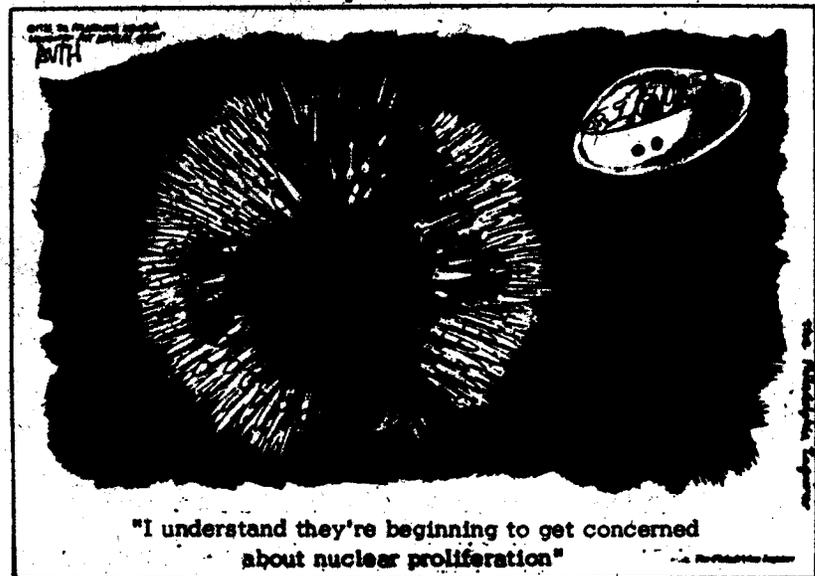
cruise carries a bomb fifteen times more powerful than the one dropped on Hiroshima. Furthermore, all the accuracy of the on-board guidance system is more a matter of theory than of practice. And below that level, even simple operation is pretty theoretical. Seven of sixteen test flights for the cruise have ended in unexpected crashes (see the Christian Science Monitor, Jan. 3, 1980). Also, the mechanical equipment and warhead have to be specifically treated by a process called "nuclear hardening" to prevent a chain reaction of explosions when more than one warhead has to pass through the nuclear debris and particles from previous on-target explosions to reach another target.

Automated Destruction

It is clear that Jimmy Carter intended to fall back on the cruise missile to justify his cancellation of the B-1 bomber program to the Pentagon. In July of 1977, the Carter Administration asked Congress for an extra \$449 million for cruise missile development. This was in addition to \$358 million already requested for cruise missile development for the next year. President Carter had the enthusiastic response of Secretary of Defense Harold Brown who said, "The U.S. will turn out cruise missiles like Fords and use them to saturate

Soviet defense if we are attacked." However, many people believe that the accuracy of the cruise is a sign that the U.S. government may be contemplating its use as an offensive rather than a defensive weapon. In addition, because the cruise is so small (only about 20 feet long) it can be easily hidden, and testing can be easily concealed. This is a destabilizing factor in any arms control agreement that we may hope to negotiate: verification is nearly impossible.

On May 10, 1979, a press release from the Air Force's Office of Information at Griffiss announced proudly that Griffiss Air Force Base had been selected by the U.S. Air Force to receive the first Air Launched Cruise Missile (ALCM). The first cruise missile is expected to be delivered to Griffiss A.F.B. in October, 1980. It is expected that approximately 200 ALCM's will be deployed at Griffiss at an average production cost of slightly less than \$1 million each. Griffiss Air Force Base was selected as the first operational base for the ALCM since it is a desirable geographic location to support the ALCM concept of mixing cruise missiles with bombers. It was selected as the first base because it is a B-52G base. Approximately seven other B-52G bases in the United States will eventually receive the ALCM and at least two in Great Britain. By the time of



"I understand they're beginning to get concerned about nuclear proliferation"

the 1979 statement, costs of the production were sky-rocketing to \$2.5 billion for modification of the B-52G and \$14 million for construction of maintenance facilities at Griffiss. And on March 25, 1980, the Pentagon announced that Boeing Aerospace Company had been selected as the prime contractor in a \$4 billion program to build 3,400 cruise missiles over the next seven years.

"Like a Big Cannon"

It is significant to note that the contract was awarded after an experimental test flight crashed near Lompoc, California on December 27, 1979. Lompoc Mayor Chuck Ward said, "It is like a big cannon sitting off the coast pointed at Lompoc. It is a scary situation." On January 23, 1980, a letter to the Upstate New York American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) from the Santa Barbara County Fire Department confirmed the story that there was no prior notification by the Air Force to the local fire department. It further stated that the fire department was not notified of the test flight crash or trained on how to handle a cruise missile crash. Indeed, a non-nuclear test flight crash on the previous December 6th near

Ojai, California, led to a two-acre brush fire. So, on February 14, 1980, AFSC sent a letter to Rome area fire departments. The letter informed them of the dangers of crashes involving nuclear materials.

The first public event held by the Upstate New York American Friends Service Committee and the Fig Tree Fellowship to oppose deployment of the cruise missile was held on July 1, 1979 at Griffiss Air Force Base. AFSC, along with an increasing number of other groups under the Cruise Control Action Project (CCAP), continues to sponsor monthly vigils to publicize the dangers of the cruise missile. The first prayer vigil was held "to encourage our political leaders to suspend the deployment of the cruise missile" and to "favor U.S. government peace initiatives which seek a reciprocal response from other nuclear powers, particularly Russia." In a March 14, 1980 article in the Rome Sentinel, Lt. Gen. Edgar S. Harris, Jr. called AFSC's concerns "petty" and its planned rally a "distraction" in which the "harmony among the American people" might be disrupted. AFSC and the Cruise Control Action Project responded with an "open letter" to Lt. Gen. Harris, calling for

"greater understanding and dialogue between military leaders and the American people." Opposition to the cruise is now spreading to the British deployment sites where the Labour party has already sponsored a march and demonstration.

The vigils at Griffiss have varying themes: June 1, 1980 was International Children's Day and commemorated the United Nations' Declaration of the Rights of the Child. July 20, 1980 was "Women and the Nuclear Weapons Mentality" and commemorated the 132nd Anniversary of the First Women's Rights Convention. On August 10, 1980 at 2:30 p.m. at the Mohawk Gate of Griffiss Air Force Base there will be a Hiroshima-Nagasaki memorial vigil (see p. 5). Call AFSC at (315) 475-4822 for directions.

The Cruise Control Action Project has a slide show and script about the cruise missile for you to present to family, friends, and church and community groups. CCAP also has a packet of background material on the history of opposition to the cruise missile, both here and abroad, for \$2.00 postage paid. For further information, contact AFSC at the above number.

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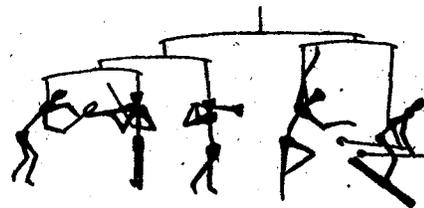
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Reagan Candidacy: Hokum and Polyester Brownshirts

by Jack Manno

Somewhat prematurely Ronald Reagan collaborated with a ghost writer 15 years ago to write his autobiography. The title, Where Is the Rest of Me, is curiously adapted from a line in the movie King's Row - the character played by Reagan awakens in a hospital bed to find that both his legs have been amputated; painfully he asks, "Where is the rest of me?", a question which was destined to become the strange theme of the actor's life.

In the writing style of a screenplay the autobiography begins with Ronnie being delivered upon the world: "The opening shot is of a bottom", he writes. Then comes the most bizarre bit of patriotic nonsense ever written: "My face was blue, my bottom was red and my father was white. Ever since... I have been particularly fond of the colors that were exhibited - red, white and blue."

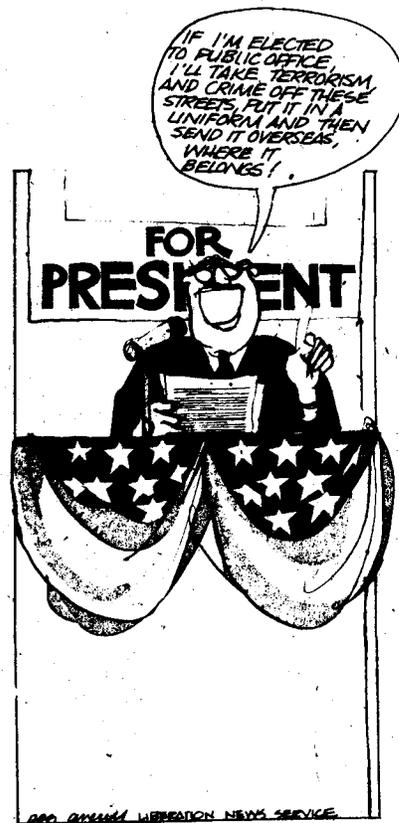
Ronnie grew up to become a sportscaster and eventually a film actor. His political career began as President of the Screen Actors Guild. In that role he testified against his colleagues to the House Un-American Activities Committee during the McCarthy-era purges of the film industry. In Where Is the Rest of Me, Reagan claims that at this time he learned that the "communist plan for Hollywood was remarkably simple. It was merely to take over the motion picture business for a grand worldwide propaganda base."

After leaving films he joined General Electric as their propaganda mouthpiece giving anti-communist, free enterprise speeches to GE workers as well as hosting TV's GE Theater. Reagan's standard speech, a variant of which he delivered to the convention, was first developed for GE. Ronald Reagan, the politician, it has been said, is as much a product of General Electric as Ken is of Mattel.

Gore Vidal aptly said, "Reagan's whole political career has been spent reading little speeches about how welfare chiselers are going to join the country club and play golf."

Jack is a local writer who has written many articles for the PNL.

Reagan first became a national figure while TV fundraising for Barry Goldwater in 1964. He parlayed his successes and became governor of California at a time students were militantly agitating against the war and for student rights. Reagan fired the Chancellor of the State University whom he contended was too concili-



atory toward the students. Afterward Reagan attempted to run the university as a police state. In reference to the unrest at Berkeley he once stated, "If it takes a bloodbath, let's get it over with" and later the police shot at students protesting the blacktopping of 'People's Park'. One student was killed. Through out this period Reagan maintained that, "Experience has shown that prompt dealings with disturbances leads to peace", a notion, however false, which has ominous meaning to those who might disturb an America led by Reagan.

Candidate Reagan chose as his running mate the so-called moderate

George Bush. Moderate Bush, as a member of congress, voted against the Civil Rights Act and opposed the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. He campaigned for president with promises to cut food stamps and CETA. Bush was closely connected to Nixon and once received \$106,000 from the Nixon slush fund. Only recently Bush was quoted talking the madman statistical game of survivability in the event of a nuclear exchange.

Reagan would be a comical character if he wasn't so frightening; but he is, Bush too, and all the American rightwing. I'm afraid of fascism; it's too possible. If fascism is to flourish in this country it will probably come in a wave of Christian revivalism led, not a preacher in a musty tent but by a conniver graced in the ways of telecommunications. Ole Ronnie Reagan, the voice of General Electric, Mr. Media Cool, could be just the man. Sen. Jesse Helms, a man who doesn't hide his rightwing fanaticism, said of Reagan's candidacy, "The Lord is giving us one more chance to save the country". Reagan said of Goldwater, "He was possibly a little ahead of his time. He was John the Baptist." If Goldwater, in this scenario, is John the Baptist that makes Reagan the Savior himself. And he's the one running around calling his campaign a crusade.

The claim to divine right is potentially more dangerous than all the programs for increased militarization; the technology of slaughter is firmly in place. All it lacks is a moral justification for its use and the will to use it. Far from being alien to American politics, modern fascism was tested here. This is the country which invented the strategies of modern genocide. Hitler, the architect of the Final Solution, was inspired by the US government's methods for resettling its aboriginal peoples on reservations - the forerunners of the concentration camps. An American fascism, murderous and self-righteous, is not merely a paranoid nightmare.

I listened to Reagan's acceptance speech the other night and I was unnerved by his militant nostalgia.

and his volkische, " shared community of values: family, neighborhood, work, peace and freedom." Every fascist leader from Mussolini to Pinochet has cloaked his regime in the ideology of anti-communism, nationalism, paternalism and in the myth of the hard-working-man.

Ideas such as manifest destiny, Christian mission and the white man's burden have long been used as noble justifications for imperialism. Reagan referred to the United States as the last bastion of freedom in a menacing world. Henry Kissinger (oh spare us, not him again) speaking at the convention outlined a new imperial foreign policy and referred to the US president's role as " the leader of free peoples everywhere" thereby defining "free peoples" as those who acquiesce to being led by the president of the US. " We have many true friends in the developing world..." Kissinger added, "...they wait for our leadership, they require our protection..." and one thinks of "our" true friends: the Shah of Iran, Pinochet in Chile, Marcos of the Phillipines etc etc.

One of the obnoxious obsessions of the Republicans at their convention was the repetitive use of the third person singular, "we, us, our". By the magic of television we are drawn together into this mystical American "We". When they said "We" they assumed to be speaking for all Americans but this Republican "we" consists of white men and their passive wives who make on the average, \$50,000 yearly, who are afraid of a future that would be better off without them and who long for the golden days of old when Mom took care of them. The conventioners sang "This Land Is Your Land". Poor Woodie Guthrie. His spirit must be restless with vengeance. One of the first jobs of anti-facism has to be to emphatically disassociate the American self-identity from the suburban republicans who peopled the convention and sang "God Bless America" with Donnie and Marie Osmond.

There must be psycho-political significance to the fact that Ronald calls Nancy, "mommy" and she calls him "ronnie". The closed and loving nuclear family is the ideal and the symbol of the New Right much the way that the "Volkeschegemeinschaft", the spirit of the German folk, was the

ideal and the symbol of the Nazis. The idea of the family serves as a fetish on which those of the New Right hang their anxieties about life. However the number of Americans who actually live in the traditional family of working father, domestic mother and dependant children amounts to less than 15% of the population. Still this traditional family is pointed to as the essence of the American Way, the national identity, Family, as promoted by the New Right, has nothing to do with the real lives of real people, rather it is a codeword for sexism and anti-gay hatred. The Moral Majority, a rightwing organization which sponsored the 200,000 strong Washington for Jesus rally, registered 2 million new voters during their registration drive and they support the Reagan candidacy. A leader of the Moral Majority speaking of the ERA said, "It's all in Genesis. God created Adam whose rib provided the spare parts for the first loud speaker (i. e. Eve)." This comment is merely representative. In America, where most of the people are multibreeds of European and African races, the family ideal serves the same purpose as the myth of the superior Aryan race; both notions are morally neutral until conscripted to serve fascist ends.

But if American fascism is on the upswing, is Reagan really the great white fuhrer who will lead his crucifix waving polyester brownshirts on to Washington? He's been called just another pious boyhood pauper in whom God has confided the friendship of suntanned millionaires. "Where is the Rest of Me?" and its incredible hokum may not be intellectually equal to the autobiography of Simone DeBeauvoir but neither is it filled with hatred equal to Mein Kampf. It is probable that the the majority of people, those who do not belong to the country clubs will see through the muddle of Ronald Reagan and the Moral Majority Crusade: but it would serve us all well to learn about the history and the tactics of the struggles against fascism. Being caught unaware can have a disastrous consequences for us all.

Resources on Militarism and the Arms Race

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- THE CAPTAIN AMERICA COMPLEX The Dilemma of Zealous Nationalism. Jewett, 1973. \$3.50.
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Three Movements: Strategies for the 1980's

by Geoffrey Navias

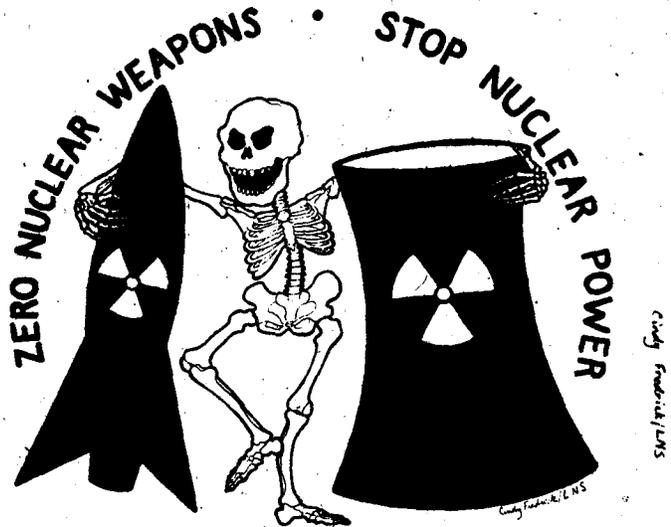
The curtains open and it's Election Year--1980. As the year unfolds we see people scurrying around trying to replace one president with another, hoping beyond hope that this president will make everything (or at least something) work out. It is somewhat reminiscent of replacing blown batteries in a mechanical device which is structurally unsound (and dangerous) because of faulty design, poor concepts and bad construction. People standing around arguing about which brand of batteries to stick in this time; it seems we need to replace them more often than before and still the damn machine won't work. President after president. Our social system and institutions are not working. People's needs are not being met and their lives are being threatened with pollution, war, and resulting diseases such as cancer. Centralized multinational capitalism is not democracy and is not working. The U.S. government and military are integral parts in this unsound structure. A very tiny group of people are unilaterally making major world decisions which effect our lives and survival. The blueprint for this structure came from stereotypically masculine styles of domination, materialism and competition.

With all of this in mind, it's Wednesday morning at the breakfast table--

The telephone rings; it's Glenda of the SPC calling, asking if I would quickly write an article about the anti-nuclear power movement, disarmament, and the draft: the problems these movements are facing their interconnectedness, and how they can better work together to create a better world--in 1200 work words or less. ("Why me?" I said, addressing my now cold breakfast.)

So I borrowed and built upon information and thinking from other people. I included specific strategies which people can think about and perhaps disagree with.

An activist in many issues, Geoff Navias works for a non-violent revolution.



Central to this article is the understanding that the roots of the strategies we use in building our non-violent revolution must deal with the roots of the systemic problem (ie: capitalism, patriarchy, and imperialism). It is the structure itself, through which nuclear power, armaments, and war become manifest, which must be changed.

A successful movement needs a strategy, a plan for getting from where we are today to where we want to be. It helps us decide what to do next and then it serves as a guide for evaluating our actions and redirecting our energies. It helps us recognize short-term victories along the road to ultimate success, thus reducing discouragement, frustration and burnout when the long-term goal is not achieved immediately.

Why Now Strategies?

Nationally and locally the anti-nuclear power movement is floundering. Both the April 26th rally in Washington DC and the May 1980 occupation attempt at Seabrook failed to achieve their objectives. Many people have shifted their work from anti-nuclear power to stopping the draft. Yet if after the initial weeks of registration, no draft is forthcoming, let's say, for one and a half years, it will be hard to maintain the active anti-draft networks. Organizing against the draft when there is

"no draft" is difficult work. And the preparations for war become ever more real. The US has moved from a strategy of Mutually Assured Destruction (we all get blown up in the cross-fire) to "First Strike." The cruise missile being first introduced to the Rome NY Airforce Base is designed to be used for first strike (we strike first, blow up the enemy's bombs and "win" a nuclear war.)

Why Share Strategies?

Now it seems more obvious than ever that all three movements would be in a much stronger political position if the issues had not been split into three camps. Anti-nuclear power groups particularly have balked at pointing the finger at nuclear weapons and the military/corporate economy. Now such separatism comes back to haunt us. It is clearly counter-productive to have movements compete with each other. The root causes are the same, the solutions are intertwined. The US economy has been constructed with a dependence on military spending and centralized energy generation using non-renewable fuels. Draft registration is being reactivated in part to demonstrate US resolve to protect these corporate interests abroad and to maintain the Hard Energy path.

What Are Some Strategies?

Without viable alternatives, nuclear power and wars over the diminishing fossil fuels cannot be stopped. The movement must fight for real alternatives as strongly as it has fought against nuclear power. Some of the essential qualities of a new soft energy path are: (1) A great reduction in all centralized production of electricity; no nuclear power, and reduced use of other non-renewable sources (oil, coal, gas, synfuels as well); (2) Massive conservation efforts and greater efficiency in the use of energy; (3) The use of flexible and decentralized appropriate technology, with increased reliance on local renewable energy sources such as wind, solar bio-mass, and water; (4) An emphasis on direct democracy--a shift from utility and corporate control to citizens' control over energy policy planning and decision-making at the local and regional levels; (5) A focus on self-reliance, which both reduces dependency on fuels from outside the area (whether the individual shelter unit, the community or the nation) and increased decision-

making control within that area.

The choice between hard and soft energy paths is not technical, but political. The decision will be made not according to which path makes most sense, in the long run, but which has the political power to win.

In a paper entitled FROM "NO NUKES" TO A PEOPLES' ENERGY MOVEMENT-A Strategy for the 1980's, Pamela Haines and William Moyer articulate a well developed 6-point plan:

- 1) Continue direct efforts to end nuclear power;
- 2) Develop local soft energy paths;
- 3) Capture State Public Utility Commissions (in NY this is the Public Service Commission) through non-violent action cam-

- aigns. (The main goal of the direct action campaign would be: a) to make the Commission serve the interests of the people rather than the energy industry; b) to have the Commission adopt a soft energy path as its guiding framework; and c) as the action campaign process built the anti-nuclear movement in the 1970's to educate the public and build a strong consensus in support of a soft energy path.)
- 4) De-emphasize actions at nuclear plant sites. (It may be necessary to have nonviolent demonstrations at plant sites as long as there is one left. However, it is now time to shift the major target of demonstrations away from sites, since there are more timely targets.)
- 5) Build support for public power;



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- INTRODUCTION TO APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY: Towards a Simpler Life Style. Congdon, \$6.95,

With the hawks having grabbed greater power over the last couple of years, war-planning has run amok. The latest provocative act in a whole string that has included deploying the Cruise Missile and planting tactical nukes in West Germany, is the ordering of men to register for the military. This, however, has been met head on by the antiwar Left, old and new.

Now, we of the antiwar movement didn't die, as the media would have it. We dispersed ourselves throughout society with the result that the whole country is apparently filled with pockets of antidraft resistance.

Again, the media would describe this latest surge of antiwar activism as 'vaguely reminiscent of the sixties'. But mind you, only very vaguely. This time around, I sense, we're picking up well beyond where we left off.

Don't Even Register

We are more aware and more knowledgeable (and more comfortable with that knowledge) in our anti-imperialist stance. (Of course, the US has piled up a few more cases of imperialist ventures for us to study since Indochina.) And this time, our government's need for an imperialist army (Rapid Deployment Force, if you will) is laid bare. And because draft registration is one more element of our wanton foreign policy, we must resist it unequivocally. For all these reasons, the movement seems to be more clear and more upfront about saying Don't Go! Don't Even Register.

The understanding that the Viet Nam War provided us with -- the understanding that the draft is horribly unjust and that the burden of fighting falls on the poor, the Blacks and Hispanics, has also contributed, I think, to a stronger commitment to resistance and non-compliance. We seem to be setting out to stop the draft, not conscientiously object to it.

Feminist Dare the Draft

The Feminist perspective on registration and the draft puts today's protest on another continuum altogether. Feminism connects war with sexual violence; it connects exploitation of women by men with exploitation of one nation by another. Feminism

US Registers for War



says that supporting men's wars is supporting male domination and male rule and historically, this has always amounted to selling out feminist ideals.

Draft Center Opens

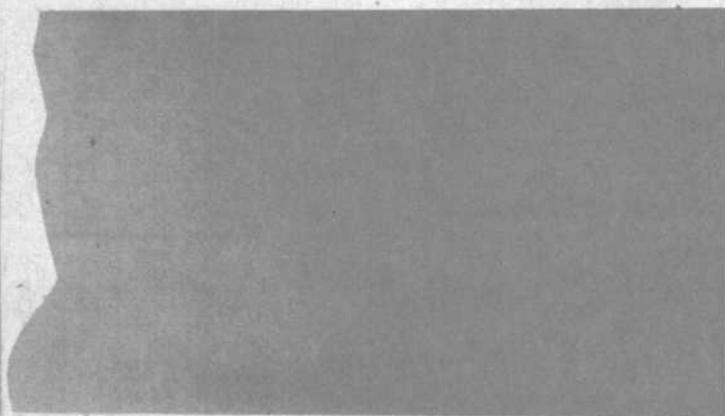
In Syracuse and environs, the level of activism was heart-lifting. Within a matter of weeks, people organized the Registration & Draft Counseling Center (call 471-6677), trained themselves and others as counselors, set up a self-perpetuating structure for the Center, created leaflets and posters, and did extensive promotional work, both with the media and 'hand-to-hand'.

A march and rally, held the first Monday of registration, kicked off two weeks of leafletting and (hope-

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Debbie Diamond staffing one of the information tables outside local Post Offices during registration.



Anti-registration, resistance posters found on the empty walls of downtown Syracuse.

SPC presence at the Columbus Circle Rally.

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fully) dialoguing at 10 post offices. All these activities were done under the aegis of the Syracuse Coalition for Peace, an umbrella group that includes the Peace Council as well as many Peace Council members.

Other SPC activists in nearby cities of Oswego, Cortland and Oneida report intense weeks of demonstrations, leafletting and media work. In general, during the two weeks of registration, central New York was apparently a hot bed of antiregistration activity.

We're going to use this lull after August 2nd to develop a registration and draft resistance program for SPC. The program will combine education and activism with some agitation thrown in for good measure. Taking

a stand of advocating resistance, the Peace Council will complement the undertakings of the Coalition for Peace. We also, given the imperialist context of registration and the draft, anticipate our antidraft work to dovetail with the Peace Council's Third World programs, particularly those around Iran and Latin America.

If you are interested in brainstorming project ideas or their implementation, call SPC 472-5478 and leave a message for Chris Murray. We're also revamping our contact lists. Let us know if you want to be notified about our continuing antiwar activities.

--Chris Murray

Anti-Registration Materials Available

We urge you to drop in the office to pick up some antiregistration and

antidraft materials. For starters:

- * Don't Go -- The Case for Draft Registration Resistance; 12-page brochure from War Resisters League
 - * Don't Even Register; new leaflet produced by SPC, with comments by local resisters.
 - * registration forms for registering against the draft.
- Paraphernalia:
- Stop the Draft buttons.
 - Don't Even Register stickers.

The Front Room Bookstore offers a fine selection of writings on resistance, as well as an extensive array of materials on militarism and US foreign policy.

Iran Under The Shah

by Lisa Johns

In the year and a half which have passed since the Iranian revolution forced Mohammed Reza Pahlavi from the Peacock Throne, Americans have become conscious, in varying degrees, of persistent charges of torture and other human rights violations during his twenty-five year rule. Many in this country have also heard (though many still aren't sure if they believe it) of the CIA-supported coup that installed the Shah in power in 1953. But at the same time, one continues to hear praise for the former Shah's program of modernization of a backward, feudal nation--advances made in education, women's rights, etc. Few have been able to assemble a coherent sense of Iran's recent history from the often sensationalist and superficial news coverage that attended the taking of the Embassy hostages.

Keeping in mind that the most basic message the Iranian people have been sending to the US is that what happened under the Shah must never happen again, we truly need to understand the history and why it was that a whole nation of people finally convulsed in revolt against him. The purpose of this article is to try to answer that question, necessarily, because of space limitations, in a very basic way. References are of-

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ferred at the end for anyone wishing to pursue additional reading, and the sources are highly recommended.



Maquerade of Development

If the Shah has any defenders left at all, and indeed he has quite a few, it is usually the development argument they use. From the early 1960s, Iran committed itself to a program of rapid capitalist development, and it is certainly true that the country has undergone a remarkable transformation in the last 20 years. Indeed, Iran has had one of the highest sustained growth rates of any third-world country, capitalist or communist. And it was the astounding revenues from oil, particularly in the period of 1973 and

after, which provided the real basis for this remarkable period of growth.

Like many of the other Middle East oil producers whose only real national resource is oil, Iran faces unique and serious development problems, however. Consider, first, that the oil resource is a finite one: by some estimates, Iran's reserves (among the smallest in the Middle East) will be exhausted by the end of this century, if they continue to be exploited at present rates. Therefore, Iran's economy must develop in such a way as to make itself self-sustaining and independent of oil in a very, very short period of time.

The other unique thing about oil is that, by itself, it brings about no development whatsoever. (Auto production, for instance, benefits steel benefits rubber makes roads, etc.) Oil is simply pumped up out of the ground and shipped out of the country. Whatever development occurs, occurs because of conscious and directed planning on the part of the nation's political and economic leaders, who take the oil revenues and decide how they should be apportioned--what projects to encourage, where, how big, and so on. It can be appreciated that, for balanced and sustained growth, it is vitally important that their decisions be good ones.

In Iran, the person making those decisions was the Shah. Japan was the economic model he had in mind: he wished to turn Iran into "one of the five industrial powers before the end of the century." But the Shah was no economic planner. As one French commentator observed, "In a complete break with former modes of production, he has imported the outward appearances of development. By juxtaposing outposts of modern-

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ism (such as agribusiness installations, supermarkets or steel plants), the government imagines that it is gradually creating the organic links that make up the framework of an industrial-type economy. But all these outposts have remained unconnected to each other, each one completely dependent on foreign sources for its creation, maintenance and supply. They in no way constitute 'poles of development,' but financial abysses into which the government pours vast amounts of money in order to give its gigantic projects the appearance of economic viability." (Nobari, 47)

The same commentator adds, "Iran is buying development like a 'kit,' a kit enormous enough to fit the Shah's ambitions...nothing is too fine nor too expensive to help Iran take its place among the industrialized nations. And it's never hard to find multinationals and research centers with ultra-sophisticated development plans, ready to encourage this orgy of domestic spending." (Nobari, 46)

Far from the balanced and organic development model Iran needed, this masquerade of development was for a privileged few. Eighty percent of Iran's wealth found its way into the hands of less than 1% of the people. In the cities, merchants and artisans found their traditional ways of work disrupted, as factories replaced workshops, imports wiped out the market for craftwork, and new supermarkets drained off an ever larger share of economic activity from the bazaars.

No account of development would be complete without a mention of agriculture, where Iran went from being a self-sufficient food producer in the early 1960s to a nation dependent on foreign imports for 80% of its food needs by 1978. Under the

Shah's much-publicized land reform, only 10% of the peasants benefited, while millions of agricultural workers were not included in the land reform. In one province, Khuzistan, some 17,000 peasants were driven off their land by 1974, resettled in new shantytowns, and their old villages bulldozed.

Political Repression

Not surprisingly, government policies that wrought this degree of disruption in the lives of its citizens also created their share of political unrest. As we know, or should know by now, dissent was met with brutality. In 1975, Amnesty International stated it bluntly: "No country in the world has a worse record in human rights than Iran." No independent political activity was permitted by the government, and dissent in any form was routinely punished by jailing, torture and death. Between 1953 and 1973, about 125,000 Iranians are thought to have been imprisoned and tortured; thousands died or were executed in these conditions.

Language almost fails one in trying to express the extent of the repression and its appalling impact. And the mind numbs, in reading through the recent literature on Iran, at the stories which repeat themselves over and over: So-and-So imprisoned for making comments criticizing the government. Tortured, interrogated, tortured some more. It goes on for a year or more. She or he dies or is released--there seems to be no logic in who survives and who doesn't. And these stories, I repeat, are the routine ones. Occasionally, one still comes across something that has the capacity to stun: the nine-year-old child whose arms are cut off, in the presence of

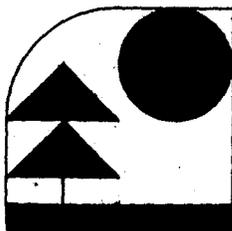
his father, to extract information from the man. And the four-month-old baby, born in prison and tortured before his parents. In a nation where 50,000 persons were estimated to be fulltime employees of SAVAK, the secret police, and where millions were forced into the role of informers, no citizen was secure.

The US Role

Kermit Roosevelt, a grandson of Theodore and the CIA agent who managed the 1953 coup referred to earlier, obligingly wrote a book about his exploits, so that no doubt should remain as to US complicity in the affair. Belatedly, as the book was coming off the press last fall, the CIA thought the better of it and copies were hastily recalled. Fortunately, we have a pre-publication excerpt (arranged, no doubt, by some proud publicist at McGraw-Hill) which appeared in the *Washington Post* of May 6, 1979. It is titled, unequivocally, "How the CIA Brought the Shah to Power" --by Kermit Roosevelt.

But the US involvement with the regime of the Shah does not end (nor indeed begin) with that most-well-known event. Military support for the Shah's regime ranged from the US-supplied Sherman tanks, used to crush opposition to the 1953 coup, to the estimated 45,000 Americans in Iran under defense-related contracts in the late 1970s. In the fiscal year 1976-77, half of Iran's budget was devoted to defense; Iran became the largest purchaser of US weapons in the world. No one bothered to pretend all these armaments were necessary to protect Iran from external aggression. Hubert Humphrey gave it away in 1960, saying, "Do you know what the head of the Iranian army told one of our people?

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He said the army was in good shape, thanks to US aid--it was now capable of coping with the civilian population."

For the same purpose, SAVAK was created in 1957, under US supervision and with aid provided both by the CIA and FBI. Former CIA director Richard Helms was US Ambassador to Iran between 1973-76, another suggestion of the close ties which existed between the CIA and the Iranian state apparatus.

This is by no means an exhaustive catalog of the connections of support

and mutual profit which existed between Iran and the US government and private American corporations, but it should be enough to establish that, if nothing else, an apology is called for. Even more meaningfully, we should pledge, to Iran and to ourselves, that these things must never happen again. And finally we must remember our responsibilities to the people of Korea, the Philippines, Chile and elsewhere, countries which have yet to throw off the shackles of US-supported dictatorships.

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All available from The Front Room Bookstore.

Books on Iran

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This book was written before the overthrow of the Shah, but has proven prophetic. It includes chapters on the historical origins, characteristics and repressiveness of twentieth century Iran; Iran's economic policies; and the opposition to the Shah, his foreign policy, and predictions for the future.

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first Iran book - Halliday published it in January 1979 when the regime of the Shah had collapsed. He writes about what was behind the crisis and describes various opposition groups. It is brief (13 pages long) but extremely informative.

Tell the American People: Perspectives on the Iranian Revolution., ed. Albert, 1980. \$3.80.

The idea for this book was initiated when the Committee for an American - Iranian Crisis Resolution sent 49 Americans to Iran to talk with the students holding the U.S. Embassy. The

book is a collection of essays by delegation members, human rights activists and others. Topics covered include women in Iran, U.S. foreign policy, history of the Iranian resistance, and more. Authors range from a Native American activist to a radical Christian to a Fellow of the Institute for Policy Studies. This is surely a book not to be missed!

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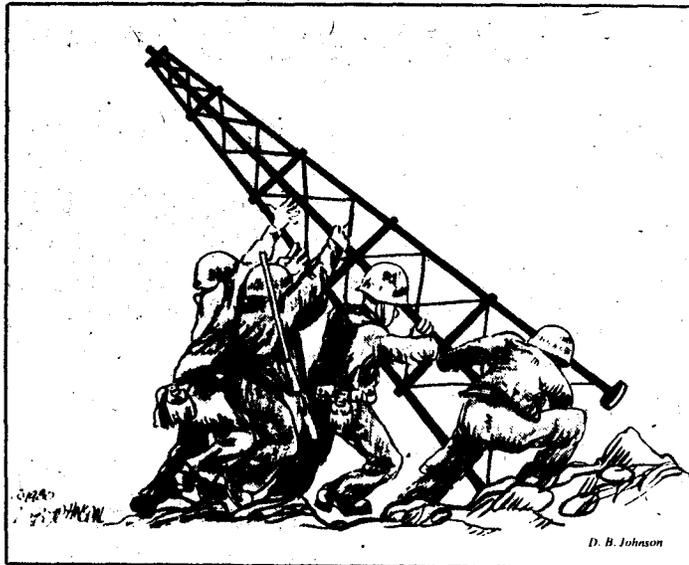


IRAN AND U.S. INTERESTS

The New York Times discovered earlier this year that in January and February 1979, the U.S. tried to stage a coup in Iran to thwart the Iranian revolution. Air Force General Robert Huyser laid plans for the coup with senior members of the Shah's army; the plans were scuttled shortly after the Shah fled Iran--the army had deserted. (This happened just weeks after Cyrus Vance declared to the world, "The decision on Iran's future must be made by Iranians themselves. No outside government should seek to interfere.")

Plans for the coup made sense, in terms of our foreign policy and they still do. The Iranian people have legitimate grounds for seeking ways to guarantee non-interference from the U.S. They know that the April 25, 1980 helicopter raid (presumably to free the hostages) could well have been the pretext for re-establishing control over Iran. As foreign affairs analyst David Albert puts it: "Iran was the linchpin of U.S. control of the Persian Gulf and its hedge against a Middle Eastern oil cutoff... (Iran was the) largest buyer of U.S. military goods... and a testing ground U.S. military and para-military operations for use elsewhere around the globe." Or as Henry Kissinger put it, the loss of Iran was "the greatest single blow to U.S. foreign policy interests since World War II."

Our dependence on Middle East oil is the pivotal factor in U.S. relations with Iran. The U.S.'s imperial foreign policy, marshalled by multinational corporate interests, means continued U.S. control of the Middle East. If necessary, the U.S. government will wage war to maintain this control. The energy and anti-imperialist movements must work together to avert this threat.



READING, WRITING & REACTORS

Energy education in America's classrooms has long been the domain of government and industry. Armed with an endless barrage of pamphlets and brochures, they have swooped down on the nation's schools eager to make converts to their point of view.

In an attempt to rectify this imbalance, the Education Exploration Center (EEC) has announced the forthcoming release of Teaching Controversial Issues: A Nuclear Reaction. It is designed as a resource for parents, teachers, and students alike. Advance orders are now being taken at a discount rate of \$6.00 per workbook. For more information, the Center can be reached at P.O. Box 7339, Powderhorn Station, Minneapolis, MN 55407, (612) 722-6613, ext. 6.

—Groundswell

FREE ENTERPRISE AT WORK

Thousands of Long Island and New York City residents who have insulated their homes, installed wood-burning stoves or lowered thermostats to reduce fuel oil consumption are finding that conservation and sacrifice are not universally appreciated. According to a survey by Long Island Consumer Action last week, many oil dealers are penalizing those who save too much energy.

Four of the 45 dealers surveyed on Long Island and in the city's five boroughs said they were can-

celing customers who plan to cut consumption this winter by 500 gallons or more from the amounts used by previous owners. And several dealers said they may charge a service fee if clients end up using less than a predetermined amount.

—New York Times

PUBLIC POWER & SOLAR

They all sound like grand ideas--electricity from small-scale hydro power, from waste heat, from garbage, wind and the sun. But according to most private utilities in the country, these renewable sources of power are ineffective, inefficient, or just plain impossible.

The nation's public power systems, however, are responding to the call for energy from renewable sources with multi-million dollar investments and positive results.

Among many examples is the following.--The Los Angeles municipal power system is recovering natural gas from an abandoned landfill, and using the gas to provide 28 million kilowatt hours of electricity a year--enough to service about 8,000 of its residential customers.

Private utilities are increasing our dependence on nonrenewable fuels because they can make higher profits on ever scarcer fuels. Public power systems have an incentive to develop renewable resources--their principal goal is community service, not to maximize profits.

For a solar future, support public power!

(adapted from Rochester Patriot)

Educomics: Giving People the Facts

by Moria Wright Peters

Remember comic books? They were always fun to read, and somehow those stories with all the pictures seemed to stick in your mind better than your school books. But looking back, we can see that the lessons we learned from Uncle Scrooge, Superman, and Conan the Barbarian were the lessons of a capitalistic, militaristic, patriarchal society. Look who owns the comic book companies! Now, at last, we have an alternative, Educomics! The brain-child of cartoonist Leonard Rifas, Educomics is a publishing and distributing company for educational and political comic books. To quote their catalogue: "The political values most clearly represented in these alternative comics are those which support popular control and local autonomy. This puts these comics in conflict not only with other comic books, but with the Big Business system itself."

It is my great honor and joy to know Leonard as a close friend, and to be able to attest to his sincerity and dedication. In 1974 we traveled to Mexico together, and there Leonard met Riuz, the author of the popular revolutionary comic books Los Agochados. Though he had been drawing comics for some time before, this meeting had an important effect on Leonard's direction. After we returned, he published his first political comic book, An Army of Principles, for the Bicentennial. He read over 100 books to research this historical work, and was dismayed when an old high school civics teacher expressed disappointment at his moderate stance. Although he was always one to want to show both sides of an issue, since that time his books have become increasingly radical, in an effort to counter the immense weight of propaganda from powers that be.

Moria Wright Peters is an artist who lives lightly on the land.



Leonard Rifas/ All Atomic Comics

An exhaustive researcher, Leonard's greatest challenge is compressing thousands of pages of information into a few succinct word balloons. For those desiring more information, he always includes complete bibliographies.

Besides writing and illustrating his own books, Leonard also edits comics which include the works of other artists, publishes outstanding comic books, and distributes all these as well as appropriate comics from other publishers and other nations. One project he is particularly involved in is the reprinting of Gen of Hiroshima in its original comic book format. He puts in countless hours in relettering and shading this masterwork of Keiji Nakazawa, who was a child in Hiroshima when the city was bombed. In Leonard's words: "The Gen comics explain the nature of nuclear war in concrete, personal terms, and inspire our will to resist current preparations for war." This book brought me to tears.

All the books Educomics distributes are informative, entertaining (though not always light), and real. Even fantasies like Class War Comics from England show us a potential future from which we can learn. Mama Dramas is a comic edited by Trina Robbins and written and drawn by, for and about mothers. It deals in depth with the problems of single mothers and gives helpful solutions. The Corporate Crime series offers us a taste of the seamy side of Big Business, with documentaries on subjects like Karen Silkwood, the Nestle's Infant Formula scandal, the Dalkon Shield, dioxin, and many more. Issue #1 of Energy Comics has stories on hard vs soft strategies, jobs and energy, a wood heat story (by yours truly) and more.

There are several anti-nuclear comics from all around the world. Leonard updates his All-Atomic Comics periodically to include new information. It is packed with useful, easily understood facts to help educate people about nukes. Other titles include The Anti-Nuclear Handbook from Sweden, Nuclear Dragons Attack from Canada, Atomic Horror Comic from Australia, and the aforementioned Gen of Hiroshima, which is a series. There are also several other interesting and worthwhile titles, such as Anarchy, Auto-be Recycled, Comanche Moon, The Cartoon History of the Universe, (an ambitious series!) and more. The Front Room Bookstore carries many of these comics. How long has it been since you treated yourself to a comic book?

With this article, book reviews are being reinstated as a regular feature. This could be expanded into a cultural review page. A sampling of ideas for topics include reviewing records and magazines; reviewing cultural events such as concerts, art exhibits, plays; examining how culture objects are produced and distributed (the politics of book publishing); analyzing a current popular book from a leftist perspective. If you have any ideas or want to help, call the Peace Council at 472-5478.

Negotiations at Akwesasne

by Ed Dubinsky

The explosive situation at Racquette Point on the Akwesasne Reservation (7/79 PNL) has calmed down--at least for the time being. The willingness of the Ganienkehagas (Mohawks), and supporters from other Indian Nations to fight to preserve their ancient culture and their sovereignty convinced the State and its vigilantes that an armed, violent invasion would only produce a bloodbath and that these issues must be resolved at the negotiating table.

Negotiations are never quick and easy and with police blockades still up the tension remains. The main issue concerns the 23 indictments handed down in connection with the events of last May (see PNL 9/79). A meeting of the three parties involved (Ganienkeh Nation and the tribal councils from the US and Canadian sides of the reservation) resulted in the tribal councils appealing to the DA to drop the indictments.

This positive step has been overshadowed by recent moves by vigilantes to force an armed confrontation (see box). Nevertheless, all parties to the talks, while calling the vigilantes a threat to peace, have pledged to continue meeting.

If the DA should drop the indictments, which is still a possibility, the next agenda item would be the Akwesasne Police. The Ganienkeh Nation proposes that the force be disbanded and replaced by a volunteer, unarmed peace-keeping force supervised by a community relations and review board. The tribal trustees are only willing to have civilian monitoring of the Akwesasne Police. The State seems to be moving towards acceptance of Mohawk sovereignty on the reservation.

The Ganienkeh Nation wants every Indian accused of a crime on the reservation to have the option of being tried under the Great Law of Peace and not by U.S. Courts. The tribal trustees and the State agree--but only for "minor" crimes.

The trustees want all negotiations to take place without participation of N.Y. State or the Haudenosaunee (Six Nation Confederacy) but the Ganienkeh Nation points out that this violates both U.S. law and the Great Law of Peace.

The Ganienkeh Nation proposes that all outside funding programs on the reservation be submitted to popular referendums with a 3/4 vote required for approval. The Nation also calls for a ban on the sale of alcohol on the reservation.

All parties agree that, as part of the general agreement, the

chainsaws will be returned, the confiscated guns will be publicly destroyed, all fortifications at Racquette Point will be dismantled and all roadblocks removed.

The negotiations may succeed in returning peace to the Akwesasne with Ganienkeh sovereignty strengthened. But in the meantime, the struggle continues. The entrance to Racquette Point is still blockaded and the only access is by boat across the St. Lawrence. On July 9, the telephone lines at Racquette Point were cut. A delegation from Haudenosaunee will address a United Nations subcommission. There will be lobbying in Albany against the N.Y. State "Indian Law." A trial date is scheduled for August 25 in Malone. And somehow the people under siege at Racquette Point feed themselves and find clothing and educate their children... It has been a long struggle and the Ganienkehaga are preparing themselves to continue it.

Vigilantes Threaten Talks

As the PNL went to press, new vigilante actions threatened the negotiations and the tenuous peace at Akwesasne. Armed men moved within close range of the Racquette Point encampment and fired automatic weapons at groups of unarmed Mohawk people. This action comes at a critical point in the negotiations, but the three groups at the bargaining table joined together to repudiate the actions of the vigilantes, in a statement released on July 28.

The big question is how these men, who call themselves "Concerned Citizens" managed to cross police barriers with such heavy weaponry. A spokesperson for the encampment said that the troopers have told them that they cannot do anything and have turned a deaf ear to their complaints about harassment and even the shooting incidents. In the minds of those in the encampment, there is no doubt that the troopers are with the vigilantes, even in such an obvious act of aggression.

Sticky Questions for Supporters

A letter from Tom Schmitz (see 6/80 PNL) on our commitment to non-violence and the SPC's role in support for liberation struggles raises a number of issues and has opened a healthy internal discussion which we would like to encourage. Here are some thoughts which have come out thus far which we offer as part of the continuing dialog:

- To what extent should our support of such struggles be dependent on the tactics employed? (remembering our distance from the actual circumstances in which tactical decisions must be made).
- In defining our commitment to non-violence we recognize the institutionalized violence which is often the root of confrontation. Exposing and neutralizing that violence is the aim of our ongoing support work. Only by persistence in this work do we gain legitimacy for entering into decisions on tactics.
- Our commitment to peace based on justice has in the past led to support of movements which used the tactic of armed struggle (e.g. Vietnam-era support of the NLF). At times integrity demands this. For example to call ourselves anti-Somoza in 1979 and withhold support from the Sandinistas would have been in effect a pro-Somoza position.

Police Brutality: Victim Speaks Out

by Ed Griffin

The killing of Arthur McDuffie and the acquittal of the police officers accused of his murder was the spark that ignited the Liberty City uprising. The incident dramatized the fact that the police are often the point of contact when underlying class and racial tensions reveal themselves, as they have in this recession summer.

The police are at once the front line of defense for the status quo and the visible presence of an oppressive system. They are at the same time violators and victims in a struggle that goes beyond street encounters and extends to the very heart of our economic system.

The exposure of police brutality is important because of the impact it has on individuals as well as for what it reveals about our society. For insight into both of these aspects, we spoke to Dennis Collins, who was assaulted by police in March, 1979 while photographing police maltreatment of a group of people whom they were evicting from a party.

Dennis' actions earned him six days in the hospital and prosecution for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. The charges were dropped last November but a second grand jury re-indicted Dennis after he filed a civil suit connected with the case. Dennis and his family, with the support of Citizens United Against Police Brutality (CUAPB) have vowed to fight the case to the end.

PNL: Why do you keep at it? What keeps you going?

I got to. Those of us that are living have to be out there fightin' for those that got blown away. Like Jeremiah Mitchell--shot in the back about ten years ago. I think God chose me for this fight--for those who can't fight anymore.

And the people are aware--and awake. That's what's really helped me a lot. The committee (CUAPB) is the backbone. Those people have their heart in it--we're tired of what's happenin' and we want to change it.

Y'know sometimes I just want to get far away. Take some more courses, do some photography stuff. Get my life started again. But for right now this is my battle. I'm staying here 'til it's done.

Ed Griffin is very grateful for the chance to have met Dennis Collins.

PNL: Why is the DA being so persistent in prosecuting you, spending so much on two misdemeanor counts? (The prosecution has spent more than \$15,000 on Dennis' case.)

They've got to silence me. The DA's gonna demand a jail sentence. He's out for blood. It's a misdemeanor--and I don't even have a record! I know why--y'see it's ruining their reputation. They don't want people t'know this is happenin' every day.

When they jumped me they thought I was just some poor black kid with a record--they thought it'd be over real quick. But now they see different--they got to go all out to get me. And I got to play it their way--it's all their rules. Even if I win it don't mean the system is just--I got to beat them at their own game--it's their system.

The DA, the police chief, the cops--they all work together. And they got all the time and money they want.

PNL: You say it's happening every day...

Yeah. Like just a few days ago they threw a guy over a fence--broke his fingers. They wanted to do a number on him. You hear of it all the time. I knew Jamie Moody--they set on him and for a year he didn't even come outta his house, and he still won't talk to no one. Everyone knows what happened--they just about put this man out of his mind.

It's not all the cops that are doin' it. But those that are doing their job just keep quiet. They're the ones, though, that'll be in trouble if they just go on lettin' the tension build.

These guys that are doin' it figure "I got a gun, a stick, a



Photo: Dave Berman/Suracuse New Times

Dennis Collins.

car, a badge." Like they're real big shots. They can do what they want and no one can do nothin'. Y'know they're talkin' about drafting people for the war. I say SEND THOSE CLOWNS OUT THERE FIRST!! DRAFT THEM FIRST!! They like blood. They like to beat up 15-year-olds and little girls--send them off to fight if they wanna fight.

PNL: What about some of the solutions that are being proposed, for example getting more black officers on the force?

Gettin' more blacks is not gonna change much, cause they have to do what their partners do, or else just keep their mouths shut. The people at the top know what's goin' on--and they can stop it, today, right now--if they wanted to.

Support Dennis Collins

Next Court Date:

August 11 9:30 am County Court (motion day)

Come to Court to Show Your Concern

PEACES

WOMEN'S SPACE FORMING IN SYRACUSE

Early in June, a group of women came together to create a space for women to relax, renew and enjoy themselves. We envision a supportive cultural center where visual and performing women artists can share their work with women and men.

We shared our dream with over fifty women at our first celebration/fundraiser June 27th at INFO. Thank you to all who attended that night and who continue to support us. Since then we've had several meetings at which we discussed our ideas concerning various policies for our future operation: location, size, and philosophy, to name a few. We have focused on fundraising as an essential part of making this place a reality.

We seek your suggestions and ask for your flexibility and understanding as we evolve. If you would like to contribute ideas, energy, money, or would like to be added to our mailing list, call Barb at 475-5461 or Cheli at 673-4027- or come to our next bash, which is open to everybody:

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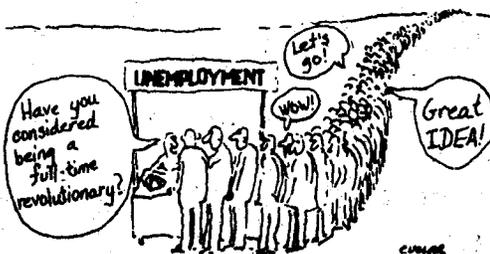
Including displays by local women artists.

533 Allen St. Syracuse
on Sunday, August 10 from 2-5 PM.

NOW WAIT A MINUTE...

J.E. Davis, president of Wynn-Dixie grocery chain, extolling the virtues of unemployment, said "We cannot run good stores when unemployment by government standard is below 5%.... Productivity, even for you and me, is better when 2 or 3 people are waiting at the door for our jobs."

-The Progressive



S.U. WORKERS VOTE TO STRIKE

Syracuse University has operated at a profit for the last seven years, but the Administration claims it can only afford to increase workers' wages by 10, 8, and 7% over the next three years. Although to some this offer seemed generous, elected negotiators warned union members that percentages would shrink as inflation grew. The pension plan offered would pay a pittance of \$32.00 a week to a retired employee of 20 years service. Union members ask for cost of living protection and are handed mere subsistence salary and pension increases.

On July 20, Syracuse University employees rejected the administration's grossly inadequate offer and voted to strike for a decent contract.

UNION STRIKE SUDDENLY AVERTED

Library Workers Still Lowest Paid by Far

Wed 30 July -- A scant two hours before the scheduled start of the S.U. Workers' strike, union negotiators decided to settle for a contract. This settlement offered one percent more of a raise in the second year, and a wage "re-opener" in the third year. To some of the negotiators, it seemed barely more generous than the contract which on July 20 union rank-and-file had voted to reject.

The union negotiating team comprised representatives from the Physical Plant, Food Service, and Library divisions of Syracuse University. Library negotiators were dismayed at the settlement, which left the 130 library workers, mostly women, by far the lowest paid. One library negotiator, who wishes to remain anonymous, told the SPC at press time, "Back in June, the union's first proposal to the S.U. Administration contained a demand for one dollar an hour raise over three years, across the board, for library workers. This was an attempt to bring the bottom-level library wages up to the bottom-level Physical Plant, Food Service, and Custodial wages. We didn't expect to get all of that raise. But we at least hoped for recognition that the library workers are incredibly underpaid. In the contract we just settled for, that dollar an hour to library workers has been whittled down to 13¢."

The wage raises proposed in the settlement are 10% and 9% the first two years, with a "re-opener" the third year. Percentage raises were another cause for the library workers' disappointment. Another of them noted, "10% sounds great when you earn over five bucks an hour. But nobody in the library earns that much. 10% of \$3.14 is 31¢. That will push take-home pay for some up to about \$100 a week. Thanks a lot."

The final disappointment with the proposed contract settlement is that library workers will lose their independently-unionized status and be absorbed into the larger group of unionized S.U. workers. As one of the workers in the predominantly-female unit put it, "It's like being raped by a man, and then being forced to marry him."

FORUM ON IRAN

The Syracuse Peace Council is sponsoring a forum on the crimes of the Shah, with an 80 year-old mother from Iran whose son was tortured under the Shah for 10 years and eventually killed. She was a member of a group called "Mothers of Martyrs and Political Prisoners", and is very outspoken for the victims of the Shah's dictatorship and the situation of political prisoners in Iran. The forum will be held on August 14 (Thursday) in the Noble Room of Hendricks Chapel (on the SU Campus) from 7:00 to 10:30 pm.

CLIP & MAIL

Pat Derian
Humanitarian Affairs
State Department, Washington, DC
Dear Ms. Derian:

During the month of July in Chile General Pinochet's police have been arresting scores of people daily, and torturing many of them. At least four of these people are feared to have "disappeared". Help us to save their lives!! Pressure Pinochet to reveal the whereabouts of:

-Jose Benado Medvinski
-Guillermo Gaisse
-Oriana Valenzuela

-Violeta Reyes Bustamante, mother of one of the 2500 political prisoners who have disappeared in Chilean prisons and concentration camps since 1973.

If you are serious about human rights, then STOP BANK LOANS TO CHILE!
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Radioactive Smoke Detectors Public Citizen's Health Res. Group reports that ionization smoke detectors contain the highly toxic radioactive americium and pose serious potential health hazards. They note photo-electric smoke detectors as safe, effective option. Info: call Linda 475-0062.

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SPC needs volunteers in late August/early September to help retype the mailing list. Large job needs lots of people's energy. Food and fun definitely included!

SPC wants/needs: firewood for the coming winter! Can you help us? Also: unneeded cinder blocks and/or bricks. SPC can use them to build a heat sink to help us warm the basement during this winter.

ARMS BAZAAR, 386 pages that expose the merchants of death. Send \$3.95 (includes handling) to RECON, P.O. Box 14602, Phila., PA 19134

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Winter is already on our minds. SPC house needs heavy curtains and/or quilt bathing and drapery fabric to cover some drafty windows. Also need a person to adapt or make such curtains! Call Glenda at SPC 472-5478 if you can help in any way.

Put A Draft Resister in the White House. David McReynolds for President; Diane Drufenbrock for Vice-President; Socialist Party USA Put Survival on the Ballot. For more info: McReynolds-Drufenbrock Campaign Committee, 339 Lafayette St., NYC 10012.

1980 Residential Retrofit Solar Design and Build Competition in New York State. Deadline 10/1/80. Write: James J. Barron, NYSERDA Solar Project Manager, Agency Building #2, Rockefeller Plaza, Albany, NY 12223.

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CO-OPS AND COMMUNITIES: PEOPLE IN MOTION. Institute 8/12-8/16, Howard Univ. Law School, Wash., DC. Info and Regs.: CCA Institute '80, 1828 L St., NW, Washington, DC 20036.

WAR RESISTERS LEAGUE ORGANIZER'S TRAINING PROGRAM, 8/12-8/27, Deerfield, Mass and NYC. Info: WRL, 339 Lafayette St., NY 10012 Deadline 7/4/80.

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Strategies for the 1980's... continued

6) Broaden the base of the people's energy movement.

The grass roots movement against draft registration has grown rapidly. Along with organizing people against draft registration and the wars designed to protect the oil industries profits, productive work must be made available for young people. There is little point in struggling against the draft and then working for corporate interests which make the draft inevitable. The movement needs to develop active training and apprenticeship programs for young people in movement organizing and the soft energy field.

The number and variety of jobs possible in actively transforming local communities from hard energy paths is great. Beginning strategies might include: a) organizing community members as sponsors for young people in training programs; b) starting war tax refusal campaigns which will be used to fund draft age people to work on soft energy; c) develop active summer programs in soft energy and movement organizing.

Disarmament is not possible until

the powers which benefit and depend on wars and military dominance are disempowered - at which point it will take an equivalent commitment of time, resources and money to disarm as it has taken to arm.

The military maintains its hold on us by promoting fear of and competition with other peoples, using military contracts and jobs as an economic blackmail, and by promoting the myth of defending democracy when in truth the military is defending big corporate interests and supporting dictators. Immediate short term goals in Upstate NY include resisting the cruise missile (see pp 6-7) and working with anti-nuclear power groups on issues of the nuclear fuel cycle and West Valley.

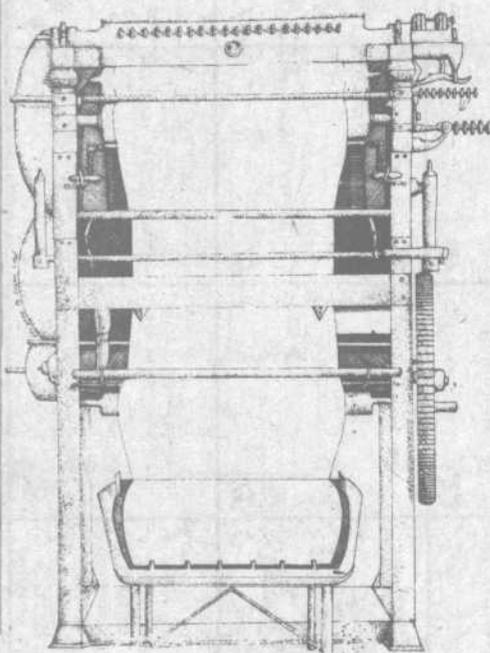
Longer range strategies must challenge the war economy and psychology maintained by the US since World War II. The economic blackmail must be challenged through peace conversion strategies and through actively opening the soft energy path which can create massive employment.

Conclusions

In the 1980's, with emerging citizens' movements, we can move beyond protests against nuclear energy the draft, and armaments, to a winning strategy for viable, people-oriented alternatives. But even this is only a beginning. It is just one piece of a much larger transition: from the old industrial era of maximized production in giant corporations and centralized inequitable political, social and economic systems, to a new saner and more human era, grounded in principles of ecology, decentralization, and justice. This will also involve a transition from stereotypical masculine styles of domination, materialism, and competition to a new integration of initiative with cooperation, self-reliance with support, ideas with feelings and intuition, and leadership with nurturance.

This article to a large part is a digest of a paper entitled From "No Nukes" to a People's Energy Movement - A Strategy for the 1980's, by Pamela Haines and William Moyer, issued by Movement for a New Society. To order: 25¢, William Moyer, 4713 Windsor Ave., Phila. PA 19143

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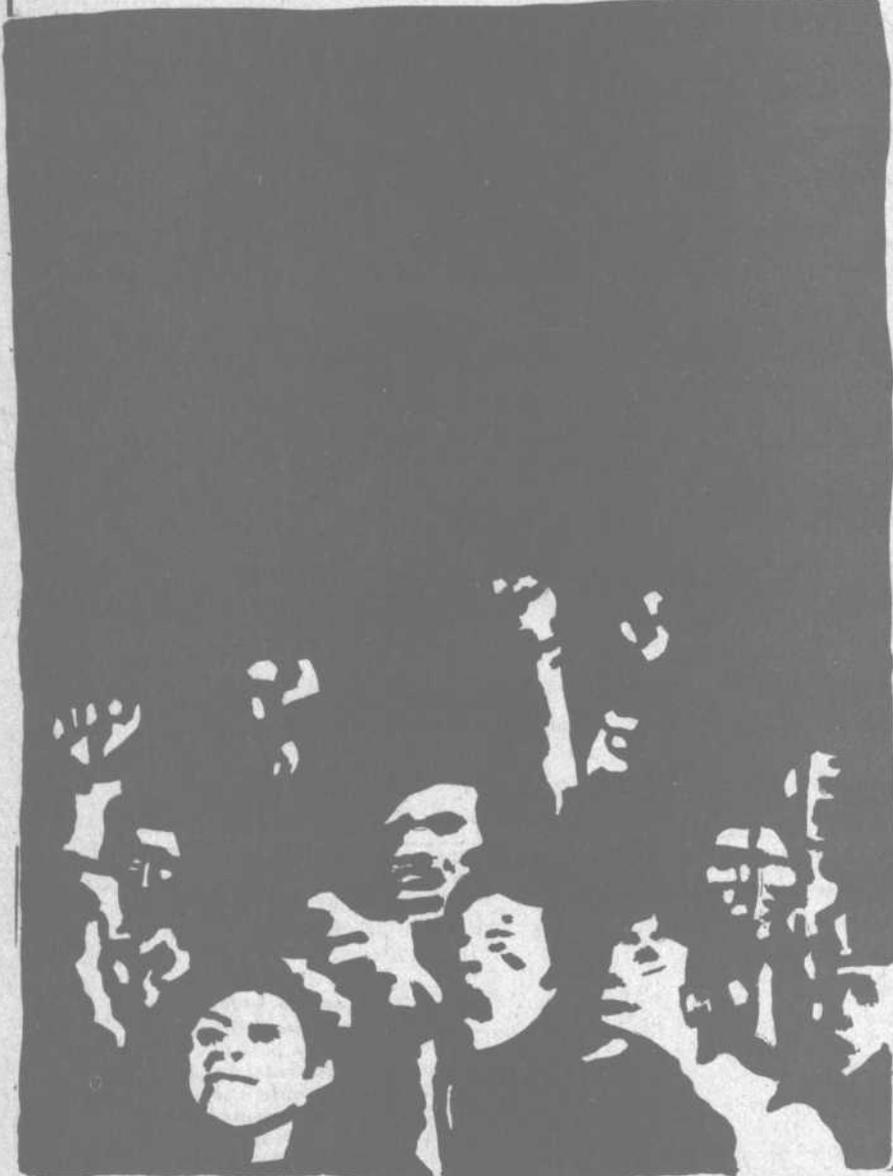
The fall of 1973.

Watergate is consuming the attention of the US public. The first 'gas crunch' is on and many people are just learning the price a consumer society must pay to the world's oil producers. Hank Aaron is pursuing home run number 715 and Henry Kissinger is laying claim to the crown he has sought all his life -- the office of Secretary of State. Federal Courts are deciding what to do with the White House tapes, and Spiro Agnew is steadfastly denying that he will resign.

Meanwhile, on the Pacific shores of the Southern Cone of South America, time is running

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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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SLAUGHTERHOUSE 5
George Roy Hill, 1972
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12 7,9,11pm

Kurt Vonnegut's best selling novel is a highly entertaining satirical fantasy. Billy Pilgrim is an indifferent "everyman" in a world that demands much more if it is to survive. The direction of Hill ("The Sting") is superb. It won the Cannes Festival Jury Award--the only US film so honored.

THE BATTLE OF CHILE parts 1 & 2
Patricio Guzman, 1973 (Spanish & Eng. subt)
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18 8pm only

This film would be extraordinary even if it were fiction, but it is not--it is all real! Filmmaker Guzman and his crew actually captured the events leading up to the September 11, 1973, right wing coup against the socialist government of Salvador Allende. After the coup (sponsored in large part by the CIA & ITT) the film was smuggled out of Chile bit-by-bit, then edited from 1973-6. "The major political film of our times... a magnificent achievement." -Tom Allen, Village Voice.

THE BATTLE OF CHILE part 3
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19 7 & 9pm

This is the Syracuse area premiere of the long-awaited final part of the film that the NY Times called an "epic". In actual chronology this part precedes 1&2. It deals with the gradual changes instituted in Chile (1970-3) as it moved towards a socialist system. People power becomes much more than a slogan in this portrait of a revolutionary society.

DEATH IN VENICE (Italy)
Luchino Visconti
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26 7 & 9:30 pm

This visually beautiful adaptation of Thomas Mann's novel is the story of an artist who becomes infatuated with an exquisite young boy. The artist helplessly tries to comprehend his desire by his values concerning art, beauty, and morality. A powerful performance by Dirk Bogard. (I.S.A.)

WEST SIDE STORY
Robert Wise and Jerome Robbins, 1961
FRIDAY OCTOBER 3 7 & 9:30pm

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LENNY
Bob Fosse, 1972
FRIDAY OCTOBER 17 7,9,11pm

Dustin Hoffman gives a remarkable performance as Lenny Bruce--a man who has become a modern folk hero because of his commitment to free speech. Also featured is Valerie Perrine and a musical score by Jazz great Miles Davis. Bruce's (1925-66) involvement with obscenity charges is handled with reasonable integrity.

CEDDO (Senegal)
Ousmane Sembene, 1977
FRIDAY OCTOBER 24 7 & 9:30 pm

Ceddo is perhaps the most important film about black Africa. This exciting political thriller uses the kidnapping of a beautiful princess to examine the confrontation between opposing forces in the face of colonial expansion. Ceddo is not strictly a historical film. It ranges far and wide to include philosophy, fantasy and militant politics. (ISA)

Halloween Horror Night!
Ronald Reagan in SANTA FE TRAIL
Michael Curtiz, 1940
THURSDAY OCTOBER 30 7 & 9:30pm

Unfortunately Halloween and Election Day complement each other this year. In honor of this occasion NVS has dug up a chilling classic "starring" Ronnie ("Give me a bloodbath") Reagan, swashbuckler Errol Flynn. Come and laugh and cry. Our 2nd horror film features the biggest ghoul of them all--old Adolf. It's a compilation of little-seen footage showing fascism's fantasies realized and the world's biggest nightmare. Could fascism come to US?!

THE NIGHT OF COUNTING
THE YEARS (Egypt)
Shadi Abdelsalam, 1969
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7 7 & 9:30 pm

A symbolic political film about the Arab world. The discovery of a Royal Cache near Thebes compels a young tribesman to face the conflict of saving his people's past treasures from local thieves and antique dealers vs. losing them to foreign archeologists. Either choice will destroy his people's heritage. (ISA)

THE CHESSPLAYER (India)
Satyajit Ray, 1978
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 14 7 & 9:30 pm

Set in Oudh in 1856, this is the story of a poet-king bowing before the irresistible advance of imperialism. Two noble men play chess while the East Indian Company plays power politics. Ray's film, alive with humor, is a beautifully shaded study of notions about power, responsibility, and decadence. Hindi/English subt. (ISA)

THE PROMISED LAND (Poland)
Andrzej Wajda, 1975
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21 7 & 10 pm

This controversial spectacular deals with the harsh industrialization of 19th century Poland. A trio of young partners join in a textile mill venture jettisoning old values in the rush to wealth. A powerful picture with exceptionally good acting. Grand prizes Moscow & Chicago festivals. (ISA)

THE CEREMONY (Japan)
Nagisa Oshima, 1971
FRIDAY DECEMBER 5 7 & 9:30 pm

Oshima (In the Realm of the Senses) is well known for his political views and his excellent direction. This film is a condemnation of modern Japan as chronicled in a family saga of Jacobean violence. (I.S.A.)

Marx Bros. ANIMAL CRACKERS
Victor Heerman, 1931
W.C. Fields FATAL GLASS OF BEER
FRIDAY DECEMBER 12 7,9,11pm

Whether it's a little holiday merriment or a break from studying for exams these two hilarious comedies will fill the bill. Animal Crackers is one of the Brothers best while the Fields short (1933) contains several of his most inventive and funniest scenes. "Anyone who hates dogs and children can't be all bad."

It takes more than two to tangle...

It takes more than two staff people to tangle with the issues and problems that currently face the Peace Council, but currently there are just two of us -- Glenda and William. Chris left staff in February of this year and Dik in August (see next page); Jeff Schwartz, our student intern from Colgate U. and invaluable cohort, left in mid-August.

There has been conscious retrenchment to deal with this new situation -- less staff time devoted to program areas such as energy; "winging it" on Hiroshima Day organizing; less effort put into the State Fair (the first year we haven't had a booth in at least 15 years); etc. The retrenchment, in combination with the increased attention to the quality of the PNL, has the staff doing barely more than putting out the PNL, fundraising and maintaining the office. This in itself, we can assure you, is a phenomenal task.

Until we can hire another staff person (pending improved finances -- see message at right), we desperately need more help in the office. We're looking for people who can contribute regular time for doing office tasks, like sorting and answering mail, answering phones (see page 4 for listing). No amount of time contributed would be too small. The important thing is that it be regular and sustained so that staff can be freed up to fulfill its basic responsibilities and do more activism.



A DIME A DAY HELPS KEEP WAR AWAY...

...AND HELPS SUPPORT THE MANY, ESSENTIAL KINDS OF PROGRESSIVE WORK BEING DONE BY THE SYRACUSE PEACE COUNCIL

When we thought about it, it seemed that 10¢ a day isn't too much to ask to help keep the Peace Council alive and healthy.

That's why in October, we're going to try to phone everyone on our metro-area mailing list (that's about 1,000 people) to ask if they'll pledge \$3 a month to SPC.

We've come to realize that pledges are a steady, dependable source of income that we really need. They relieve the anxiety of not knowing where our next dollars are coming from, and they relieve staff of the crushing burden of constant fund-raising (see left).

Right now they provide a quarter of our yearly income (\$6,000+). We hope we'll have at least half our income come from pledges after the "phone-a-thon".



The "phone-a-thon" is going to be lots of work. You can help by being an organizer or a caller. Contact William if you would like to help: 472-5478.

Remember that we count on you, the many people concerned about peace and social justice, to keep us going. Please, save us a phone call...

START A PLEDGE TO SPC - TODAY!

IN THIS ISSUE

When you picked up this copy of the PNL it felt thicker than the old one, right? Well there's a good reason for that -- You'll find our special 16 page PNL supplement on Latin America in the centerfold.

Organized and created by Latin America activists statewide and three months in the planning, this project was produced in true grassroots fashion. Twenty activists came together to collectively plan, write, edit, type, and paste-up this wonderful achievement. Read it and enjoy. Tell us what you think about it.

And oh yes. Extra copies are available separate from the PNL in a sturdy and artistic cover: 60¢ for an individual copy postpaid; \$4 for ten and \$6.50 for twenty copies postpaid.

Among the regular PNL pieces you'll find a provocative "back to school" polemic by Wendy Kohl on the "back to basics" movement. (The classroom of Ronnie's dreams is our nightmare.)

Is there any reason to doubt that Carter would invade Iran to gain re-election? We don't think so. Read the evidence on page 7.

The article by Carl Mellor (pages 14 & 15) on the North East Hawley Development Association is, we hope, the first in a series of profiles of community organizations.

We love to hear from you. Please write a letter of praise or condemnation if something stirs you!

UPCOMING IN OCTOBER

- * Left politics in the presidential elections -
Article I: Why you should bother
Article II: Don't bother!
- * Labor movement in the US -
analysis by a local union activist
- * East Timor: International Conference
- * Iran (have we invaded yet?)

JOB!

Now that we are down to two staff people, the contribution of time and energy by volunteers is crucial. Consider putting SPC into your autumn schedule, e.g. giving two hours/week or four hours/month to one of the following jobs:

- working an office shift: answering the phone, greeting people who walk in, responding to mail, filing;
- co-ordinating PNL mailing parties every other month or every two months.
- updating (typing) address labels for the mailing list each month;
- helping with one of various facets to redoing the mailing list - varying lengths of time required for each job;
- helping with the phone-athon (see page 3);
- contributing your skills of carpentry, plumbing or masonry to upkeep of the SPC house.

Call the office at 472-5478 to let us know how you can help!

also: Come to the
SPC OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, Sept. 16th 7:30 - 9:30 pm
for talk, tours, and refreshments

Wanted:

Do these traits describe you, or someone you know?

- a close identity with the goals and values of the Peace Council;
- a participant in SPC events or projects;
- one who has thoughts about SPC's programs and an interest in hammering them out with others;
- a sense of responsibility to the continuation and growth of SPC;
- a willingness to face the challenge of maintaining an organization with grassroots fundraising efforts;
- a commitment to political awareness and growth; a desire to engage in critical exchange with others.

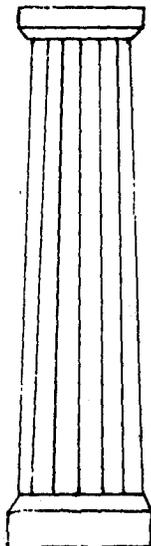
Would you, or someone you know, like to hear more about the joys and obligations of being a member of the Syracuse Peace Council's steering committee? The current Recruitment

Nominations for 1981 Steering Committee

and Orientation Committee will give you written descriptions of steering committee functions and set up a meeting so we can talk to each other. (So we have a common understanding of what being a member of steering committee is about.)

There is no longer a process of nominees being voted for in an election. As we initiated last year, after prospective steering committee members are interviewed, a new steering committee is introduced at the Annual Dinner (to take place this year in mid or late October.) The first meeting of the new steering committee will be Tuesday, November 11th. We have at least five openings. Please give thought to playing this important role in the Syracuse Peace Council. Call Glenda at SPC, 472-5478.

Chris Murray and Dik Cool Pillars of SPC



A proper acknowledgement of the work Dik Cool and Chris Murray gave to the Peace Council is near to impossible. There's a collage of memories from all of us who have had working, living and loving relationships with them. A myriad of accomplishments comes to mind: the production of Newsletters, leaflets, posters, calendars, Communities; the forums, speak-outs, picket lines vigils and marches; the fairs, concerts, Flowshares, etc., etc. Not to imply they are credited with (or responsible for) all that SPC has done in the last decade. But as staff people they have been at the core, facilitating, communicating, co-ordinating, organizing. They have facilitated the work of many a group so that "empowerment" and "collective action" took on real meaning and inspiration.

With that said I continue with my own appreciations. I can relate best what I have learned from each of them. From our first meeting I

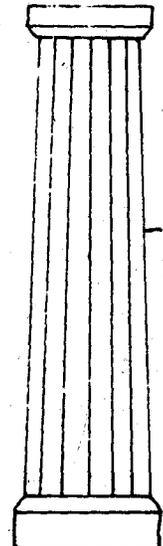
know Chris as a caring, listening person. She can hear the voice behind the words. To every task she adds a fine touch of beauty and feeling. To say the Peace Council embraces feminism is to acknowledge Chris' contribution to SPC process and values.

In Dik Cool I recognize the gift of being a good teacher. His is the ability to share the skills of producing exciting and artful propaganda. Beyond that, he instills an appreciation and respect for a real "people's culture." From Dik I have gained an understanding of "cultural worker" and "people's history."

I don't know how to end this gracefully. To Chris and Dik, from myself and many, many others, a simple "thank you" will have to do.

(p. s. Neither Chris nor Dik have left the movement: Chris is active in the renewed anti-draft networking; Dik is still involved in the NVS Film Series and The Front Room Bookstore.)

--Glenda Neff



Timely Speakers & Resources Available Through SPC...

Give us a call to set up an event: 315/472-5478

Speakers:

Lisa Johns:
the Iranian Crisis

Ollie Clubb:
the nuclear arms race and disarmament, Iran & Afghanistan, Cambodia.

Donna Warnock:
feminism, feminism & ecology, nuclear power & weapons, nukes & civil liberties, the Karen Silkwood case.

Ed Griffin:
Latin America (Chile, Nicaragua, El Salvador), human rights & foreign policy

Sue Madsen:
public power

William Sunderlin:
nuclear power & weapons, alternative energy, confronting our values & capitalism towards change.

Mike Chamberlain:
genocide in East Timor

Films:

"Controlling Interest"- documents with great clarity the role of U.S. multinationals in undermining the U.S. economy (unemployment & runaway shops) and the brutally repressive role of these corporations in third world countries.

"War Without Winners"- no-one wins in a nuclear war, and the time is now to stop nuclear madness.

"Lovejoy's Nuclear War"- Sam Lovejoy topples a weather-tower on a proposed nuclear plant site and is vindicated in court for acting in self-defense. This documentary is invaluable for understanding non-violent civil disobedience.

"To The People of The World"- story of the "disappeared" (people abducted by the military junta & unaccounted for) in Chile.

"The Price of Peace" & "Village by Village"- two films useful for teaching a progressive viewpoint on history of Viet Nam war.

slide shows:

"Sharing Global Resources"- depiction of the role of multinationals in Chile, Jamaica, & Appalachia.

"Public Power for Syracuse"- new SPC slide show on why we should disconnect from Niagara Mohawk and how we can do it.

"Nicaragua: A People in Struggle"- story of the overthrow of Somoza and the beginning of reconstruction

"Chile: Four Women's Stories"- four women tell of life in Chile under Pinochet regime.

MOVIE

"Controlling Interests"

"Controlling Interests" is a 45-minute color documentary which looks at the impact of giant conglomerates on international economic & social development. Case studies are taken from several Third World countries & from a New England factory town, drawing connections between economic development, runaway shops, world hunger, human rights violations, US foreign policy & the ever-growing influence of multinational corporations.

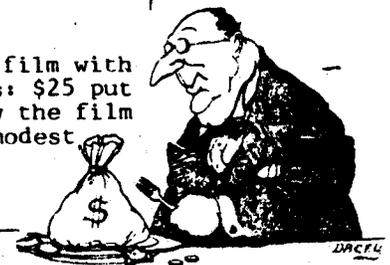
"Controlling Interests" indicts the economic system whose only motivation is profit. Virtually everyone who has seen this film locally raves about it. It is a very powerful teaching tool suitable for a wide range of audiences from public school & college students to religious groups, unions, community groups & Movement activists

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The Syracuse Peace Council is purchasing this film with contributions from individuals & organizations: \$25 put toward the purchase price entitles you to show the film twice. Other rental fees will be based on a modest sliding scale.

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Free Preview Showing

Monday September 15, 7:30pm at the Service Employees International Union, 3060 Erie Blvd. E. (next to Liquor Square). Open to all people who are thinking of helping us to buy the film, to people who may want to organize a showing of the film, & to all others as well.



PNL Writer. Protests Changes

Potsdam, N.Y.

I would like to inform the readers of this newsletter that last month's article on Akwesasne which appeared over my name was very different from what I had submitted.

As I understand it, the article was changed in order to include information about events that occurred after I had submitted it and was out of town. These revisions were made without consulting me and in violation of an explicit agreement I had with the editorial committee.

Aside from the incredible editorial decision to give the false impression that this was the article I had written, much more serious mistakes were made. Unfortunately, the changes in the article were made by people who have had no direct contact with the situation at Akwesasne, and there were several errors and misunderstandings. Here is a list of the more important points in the article which I believe are wrong.

- 1) The tribal councils of the US and Canada have not (as claimed in the article) appealed to the DA to drop the indictments. Moreover, the article suggests that they, along with the Ganienekh Nation, are the only parties involved in the dispute. This ignores the political issue that I have tried to stress: that the US has a policy of termination of Indian culture, and the Ganienekh Nation is fighting the US to establish its sovereignty.
- 2) I wrote (and I firmly believe) that the Ganienekhaga (Mohawks) are willing to die in this struggle. This was deleted as an "exaggeration."
- 3) The article suggests that the DA may drop the indictments. At this writings there is no indication that he has changed in the slightest his original position that the indictments must stand until the indictees are arraigned.
- 4) It is my analysis that the state police cancelled their planned invasion of June 13 because of a military

decision that, due to the strength of the Ganienekh Nation, the invasion would not succeed. This was changed to the opinion that it was called off for fear of a bloodbath.

I think that the treatment of my article comes close to editorial dishonesty. The minor inaccuracies (which I have not listed here) are inexcusable in a monthly publication, and the political errors are a detriment to the PNL role as a movement newsletter.

Ed Dubinsky

[Editorial note: The editorial committee wishes to express its apologies to Ed Dubinsky, and to the people of the Ganienekh Nation, for the changes referred to in Ed's letter. For interested readers, what happened was this. After Ed submitted his article for the August PNL, news stories appeared in the Syracuse media that a violent confrontation was imminent because of vigilante actions. Two editorial committee members phoned Chief Porter of the Tribal Band Council (the Canadian elective system of Akwesasne). Both took notes on what was reported. One then authored the "Vigilantes Threaten Talks" piece, and added the updated information to Ed's article.

The Peace Newsletter certainly does have a policy of not altering the wording of any article without first checking with the author. Our lapse in this instance is explainable (if not excused) by pressures of time, Ed's being out of the country, difficulties in understanding a dynamic and complex situation, and also a simple failure to communicate clearly what our policy was to workers who had not been part of earlier discussions and decisions. Once again we apologize, and fervently hope nothing like it will happen again.]

Letters from Peace Newsletter readers are welcome on any aspect of SPC programming, or specifically in response to articles in the PNL. Suggested length: 250 words. (Anything longer risks getting cut!) Deadline: the 20th of each month. Write: To the Editors, Peace Newsletter, SPC, 924 Burnet Avenue, Syracuse, N.Y. 13203.

US Supports Pol Pot for UN

Syracuse, N.Y.
Each September, the delegates to the United Nations General Assembly vote to accept or reject the credentials of delegations seeking disputed UN seats. This year, as last, there will be two rival delegations seeking to be recognized as the legitimate government of Kampuchea (Cambodia).

Early last year, the murderous four-year rule of Pol Pot was ended when Viet Nam invaded Cambodia and installed a new government headed by Heng Samrin. During its years in power, the Pol Pot government was responsible for the deaths of about one million Cambodians, out of a total population of only about six million. US policy-makers called Pol Pot "the worst human rights violator in the world." This is no small statement, considering some of the other dictators, such as Uganda's Idi Amin, who were in power at the same time.

When Tanzania invaded Uganda and overthrew Amin, the United States did not vote to seat Amin at the United Nations. But, incredibly, the United States did vote to seat Pol Pot at the United Nations last September, and the Administration has announced that it plans to do so again this year.

Even by Administration estimates, Pol Pot controls a population of about 100,000, or 2% of the total population. He controls only a few small pockets of territory along the border with Thailand. But his continued presence, supplied by China and encouraged by UN recognition, prolongs the stay of Vietnamese troops in Cambodia, and keeps the Heng Samrin government dependent on its Vietnamese allies despite traditional Cambodian-Vietnamese hostility. UN recognition of Pol Pot also makes it more difficult to provide international relief aid to the remaining 98% of the Cambodian people, who are still suffering from a decade of war, oppression and starvation.

I visited Cambodia briefly in 1967, and found the people to be friendly, kind and peaceful. On their behalf, I urge everyone to write President Carter, asking him to end US support for Pol Pot at the United Nations. Rather than prolong the conflict, it is time for our government to work for peace in a land which, for the past decade, has known only war and suffering.

John Maddaus

Jack Anderson disclosure

Evidence Supports Invasion Charge

by Lisa Johns & William Sunderlin

During the week of August 18-22, syndicated columnist Jack Anderson published a series of articles (carried locally by the Syracuse Post-Standard) charging that President Jimmy Carter was secretly preparing a limited invasion of Iran in mid-October. According to Anderson, the President's ostensible purpose would be to effect a rescue of the American hostages, but the strongest consideration for Carter, claimed the columnist, was to enhance his re-election chances in November. The White House, not surprisingly, issued prompt and vigorous denials of the existence of invasion plans. Jack Anderson, interviewed by National Public Radio on Monday, August 18, responded drily: "You didn't think they'd confirm the story, did you?"

We at the Peace Council find Anderson's story to be distressingly plausible, for reasons which follow, and we are acting accordingly (see boxes). We have been aware for some time that Election Day 1980 falls on November 4th, the first anniversary of the taking of the hostages, and we have felt that President Carter can't afford to have Americans held captive in Iran on that day if he seriously hopes to be re-elected. Since Carter has been unwilling to give Iran what it has been asking--

Lisa and William are members of SPC's Iran committee and the PNL editorial committee.

Vigil on Iran

Monday,

September 8, 1980

See Calendar, p. 24, for details.

at minimum an apology, and a pledge of future nonintervention--the only remaining route to a settlement of the hostage stalemate, in American terms, would seem to be a military one.

Carter Administration protests that nothing could be farther from their minds seem all the less credible when one recalls last spring's catastrophic raid, and also the revelation (New York Times, 4/20/80) that the Administration was prepared to intervene militarily in February, 1979, to prevent the Ayatollah Khomeini from assuming an important part in a post-Shah government.

As early as June of this year, peace community activists who met with Carter Administration officials warned that even then government officials

At the moment, SPC's work on Iran is carried out by a committee of four: William Sunderlin, Saviz Shafaie, Lisa Johns, and Ed Griffin. We really need more interested people to make our work effective. And don't worry if you don't know much about the issue; we're all learning too (except maybe Saviz...). If you're interested, please call William at SPC: 472-5478.

were speaking of a possible military action against Iran in the fall, if economic sanctions and pressures through diplomatic channels proved unproductive in releasing the hostages. The clear implication, according to participants in the meeting, was that one determinant of Administration action would be President Carter's standing in pre-election polls.

Those at the meeting also noted the Administration's unwillingness to look into the past history of US relations with Iran: "...Administration representatives emphasized that what is past is past, and US-Iranian relations should move on without rehashing what is, in their view, so much ancient history."

To our mind, the real significance of the Administration's refusal to apologize is that it does not, in fact, have any intention of swearing off of future interventions, either in Iran or elsewhere in the Middle East, if it suits our strategic interests and can be managed politically. Keep in mind that Henry Kissinger called the "loss" of Iran the "greatest single blow to US foreign policy interests since World War II." Past history suggests that US economic and military interests have very little stake in establishing a peaceful accommodation with an independent Iran. Even if no pre-election invasion ever materializes, we can by no means assume the US won't try again.

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An interview with 'Mother' S. Hekmatjou

IRAN: Eyewitness to Repression

Editing and translating by Soroush

S. Hekmatjou, mother of an Iranian political prisoner under the Shah's regime, spoke at a forum on Iran sponsored by SPC and the Iranian Student Association on Aug. 14. Bill Griffen (of the SPC) began the evening by discussing U.S. policy towards Iran. Mrs. Hekmatjou then talked about her only son "Parviz Hekmatjou", who was murdered after 10 years of torture by SAVAK.

After 1953 C.I.A. coup in Iran, over 700 Iranian officers were marked for arrest as members of the Tudeh Party. Many were captured and many executed. Parviz, one of these officers, was able to escape from Iran, but few years later clandestinely returned to organize the opposition. However, in 1962 he was arrested. Refusing to cooperate with SAVAK, he eventually received a life sentence, after two courts had ordered his death. However, his resistance to giving up his ideology and his continuous struggle for the basic rights of political prisoners cost him a never ending torture. In 1973 he was murdered by SAVAK while undergoing torture.

His 67 year old mother, S. Hekmatjou, always stood behind her son. She worked extensively with other mothers to form the Committee of

Mothers of Martyrs and Political Prisoners. At times she, too, was beaten, insulted, and tortured by SAVAK. The following is part of what she shared with us in an intimate talk concerning her son, Parviz, the activity of the mother's committee and her beliefs:

Photo by John Berry/Post Standard



"They (the prisoners) used to help each other. To be friends and brothers. No matter if they were from Fadaie, Mojahed, or Tudeh. Their final goal was one (and that was fight against the Shah's dictatorship). They went on hunger strikes at the same time, and always helped each other inside the prison. It was the same between us mothers. If one mother was facing a problem, she had hundreds of us behind her. We went to prisons, to administration offices, to SAVAK offices. As soon as they kicked us out from one door, we were climbing the staircase to another office.

"If a Mother kept quiet, SAVAK

did not hurt her, but if one was outspoken, they made life very difficult for her. They denied her permission to meet the prisoners, to bring in food, to bring in money, etc. They often beat us, insulted us and even tortured us.

"We mothers would meet to find out about our children, to get to know about each other and help each other. This was the only way we could communicate and hear of our children's conditions. Who is being tortured, who is transferred to another city, or if there was a message for one of us. However, our other important job was to inform the common people about the condition of political prisoners under the Shah's regime.

We would march in groups of hundreds in the streets. Shouting, crying, and telling people what SAVAK was doing to our children.

"I was wearing black mourning clothes for seven years (after they murdered Parviz). My goal was not to mourn but, whenever in taxis, in bus, in shops, and in streets, I was asked why I was wearing that, and I had the chance to tell them of our children, and of the torture, and murder that was going on. Besides, I was not wearing black solely for the death of Parviz. They were all my children each day SAVAK was murdering one of our sons and daughters.

"We also used to collect money to help the needier prisoner families.

When SAVAK murdered Parviz, other political prisoners asked their families to come and visit me. SAVAK also

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prohibited all mosques (also used as funeral homes) from holding a funeral for Parviz. Any sympathy for our family was illegal, and they never even gave us his dead body. After three years, I finally got a fake death certificate, and after the revolution, I found out where he was buried. However, I was never left alone by other mothers. Over 250 other mothers and families of political prisoners came to visit me. But SAVAK stormed my house. Over 40 armed SAVAK agents broke into the house and arrested everybody. For 6 hours they were there, taking mothers in groups of 5 or 6 to SAVAK headquarters. They told the neighbors that I was a heroin smuggler and that they were arresting my cohorts. On that night, many of the mothers were tortured and then forced to sign a paper saying that they wouldn't see me again. Their homes were searched and wherever SAVAK found any political book they arrested the whole family. Some were kept for weeks and some were sentenced up to five years in prison. A torturer told us, "We killed your sons - we will kill you damned mothers, too."

"Once Parviz told me that he is not alone in the world, there are people who care, there are humans, they will find him, and he will find them. He said that I should feel the same, that I am a mother from here to Viet Nam. If I lose him, history will bear me thousands of sons, all of whom will make me proud.

"I only lost my one son, there are mothers who witnessed three or four of their children being killed by the Shah's regime.

"I bow in respect to all martyrs in any country, any religion, any race. I bow to all of their mothers.

Today I can see fruits of our sacrifice. If Parviz was still in exile I would be a rusted old lady. But today, despite the fact that I lost my son, life is sweet for me. I can hear the young spreading their voice to the whole world. I will also speak out to the world. We want justice, we struggle for that, we shall overcome. My son gave his life for his cause, he is dead now. I will also follow his way. I will die, too. I won't give up, and I won't be alone. There are thousands of my other Parvizs, his friends, his brothers and sisters. There

are also thousands of mothers like me and we are on our way to the very last breath.

"Parviz told me that under torture his dedication become stronger, and his broken, weakened body didn't worry him. He said that he did not like to see my tears in front of enemy, because torture wounds will heal but my tears are wounds to his soul.

"I am stronger now. Parviz's death was the turning point in my activity. SAVAK told me I should forget I ever had a son. We never will!! Never!! When Parviz was alive, I was afraid that they might torture him more because of what I was doing outside the prison. After his death, I became more outspoken. I have nothing else to lose. When my son has been killed, why shouldn't I help others? Maybe they will survive and take up his banner.

Many mothers are alike. We mothers have become braver, stronger and more stubborn. Our hope was and is to struggle side-by-side with our children, and for our children, so that others will remain."

MUTUALITY IN MISSION

Churches of Upstate New York in dialogue with Latin American Churches.

Three components:

- 1) Exchanges of pastors. Latin American pastors come here to share with local churches, and vice versa.
- 2) Student Interns. North American students go to Latin America to work and study for one year and then to come back to work with area churches and students.
- 3) Lay person mission team.

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US Setting Stage for Wars in Middle East



The Mideast is the area of the globe where a US-USSR military clash is most likely, and the Carter administration seems bent on making it more so, with their search for military bases and their continuing high level of arms sales to the region. The fall of the Shah of Iran left a big hole in our leftover Nixon doctrine of using local surrogates rather than US troops to play policeman in the area. No other Mideastern nation is either willing or able to do so.

Our efforts for military bases have not been overwhelmingly successful. Saudi Arabia refused outright. Oman, weak, poor, but in a key geographic position at the mouth of the Persian Gulf, may let us use an offshore island. Somalia, in East Africa, also weak and poor and presently hosting 1.3 million refugees from fighting in the Ogaden region of Ethiopia, has been granted by the US Senate easy repayment terms for future arms loans, presumably as preparation for placing a US military base there. Egypt and Israel have both expressed willingness to allow US troops to use their bases but not to have a base of our own on their territory.

What are these proposed US bases for? There are several depressing scenarios for their use: (1) as staging

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areas for our RDF (Rapid Deployment Forces); (2) to protect our access to the region's oil supplies; (3) to warn the Russians that further invasions, such as Afghanistan, or meddling in the internal affairs of Mideastern countries is not tolerable; (4) to use in an attack on Iran, either as punishment for the hostage-taking or to try to bring a pro-US government to power.

Unfortunately, many of the basic assumptions behind these scenarios are either wrong or seriously questionable. For instance --
 --The extreme vulnerability of the large Mideast oil fields and their associated systems (pipelines, pumping stations, refineries, tankers, etc.) has long been known. Even in the highly unlikely event that US troops took them over undamaged, it would be no guarantee that any oil would continue to reach us, given the likelihood of sabotage in the many sensitive segments of the system. The largest oil producer, Saudi Arabia, has warned that they would destroy their own oil fields before surrendering them to any invading power--presumably that could mean us, as well.

--What the RDF would be "useful" for is not clear. They could not stop a Soviet invasion (which is not likely in any case); they could not secure the Saudi oil fields, they could not rescue the hostages in Iran. At "best" they might serve to replace the Shah's troops in putting down guerilla warfare in Oman, but that is hardly a clear defense of our vital interests.

--The Soviet Union, surrounded as it is by our missile systems in Europe and Turkey, by our erstwhile



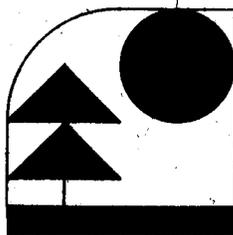
allies such as China, can hardly feel chastened by US military bases in Oman and Somalia. The USSR's meddling in the internal affairs of Mideast countries has been notably unsuccessful--they have been expelled from Egypt, Sudan, and Somalia, and have suffered significant loss of influence in Syria and Iraq.

--As to the issue of our hostages in Iran, see Lisa Johns' article (p. 7) on Jack Anderson's recent columns. Surely it is repulsive to the vast majority of Americans that attempts to "rescue" the hostages or "punish" the Iranians--attempts which are more likely than anything else to jeopardize the hostages' lives--would be used to improve President Carter's standing in the polls.

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Education and Ideology in America: Getting "Back to Basics"

by Wendy Kohli

As the school bell rings—in another year, it seems appropriate to reflect on the role of education in our society and its dialectical relationship with the political-economic climate. It is clear that schooling both affects and is affected by the state of affairs in government and economics. In all societies, schools provide a means for socializing the younger generation into the values and mores of the dominant culture. Certainly the history of American education reminds us of how our society and the needs of capitalist production shape the schooling-experience of many Americans—especially those who attend public schools (1). At the peak of the "cold war", for example, the schools were given the task of whipping the Russians at their own technological game after the success of Sputnik. American students were exposed to the 'new math' and the 'new' science, and entire curricula were redesigned with the money and expertise of leading research universities. Then came the "Great Society" era of the liberal democrats who stressed the need for 'equal educational opportunity', racial integration and the 'opening' up of classrooms for more 'affective' education. Much tax money was fed into the schools for these reform efforts. Federal and state educational bureaucracies ballooned and governmental involvement in school-making policy was on the rise. With the victory of Viet Nam and the economic crisis at home, there began an erosion of the legitimacy of government and of the authority of those in power. The schools began to reflect the disenchantment and crises of the larger society as: drop-out rates increased; vandalism and violence in schools rose at alarming rates; standardized test scores took an apparent plunge; illiteracy among

high school graduates increased; and racial confrontations erupted.

Concurrently, the political mood at-large moved to the right as the economic crisis forced more people to feel the contradictions of capitalism without the analysis or confidence to deal with them. Hence, the ascendancy of the 'new conservatism' and the resurgence of the old one. Whether it's the polished chauvinism of a Moynihan or the 'hokum' of a Reagan, (see Manno, PNL 8/80) the ideology and practice of an active right is present in America today. And as the left prepares to fight a militaristic mood that incorporates the themes of patriotism, religion and family in insidious ways, it is important to be aware of the role schools have in reinforcing this mood and its subtle forms of fascism.²

A Progressive Look at the Basics

There is an educational movement, of sorts, under the banner "Back to the Basics", that echoes much of the tenor and content of the political right. This movement, in its extreme form, parallels the fundamentalist wing of the conservative right—exemplified by the Moral Majority. Although the movement includes many concerned and reasonable parents and educators, it is heavily influenced by a fringe element who prey on the legitimate fears and concerns many of us have over the quality of life/education in today's schools. It manipulates the emotions of scared parents and offers simplistic solutions to complex socio-economic problems. The impact of this extreme right has been felt in both the public and non-public schools. Some estimate that there are 5,000 fundamentalist schools in the country now, outside the public system;³ and hundreds of 'basic' or fundamental 'alternative' schools and programs within the public system.

Advocates for this movement seek more emphasis on the 3 R's... (righteousness, regimentation and rote

learning of racism, repression and reaction), corporal punishment, dress codes, patriotism, more discipline, and more respect for authority. They also seek to eliminate the "frills" in the curriculum such as music, art, sex education, field trips and virtually anything new or innovative. It is not that basics are unimportant or inherently evil, it is just that the ideology behind some of the cries for a return to them is often racist, sexist, anti-gay, militaristic and repressive. It supports textbook censorship in its worst form and even has rejuvenated the evolution debate; as witnessed by National Public Radio when they taped some school children in a fundamentalist school in Tennessee singing an end-of-the-day song called "We're No Kin to the Monkey".

The Republicans on Education

Though space doesn't permit a thorough analysis of this tendency in educational policy and practice, it does suffice to alert the reader to the presence of reactionary ideology and its increasing following as it plays on the legitimate fears and concerns of parents and teachers. Just as the general population is manipulated by the rhetoric of the right in its calls for military supremacy, so too are they manipulated by the educational right in its calls for discipline and grammar. The Reagan-Republican education plank of the Republican Party's platform, for example, is a perfect synthesis of the two. It is a plank that is politically reactionary and reflects much that is advocated by the "Back to Basics" movement. It reads, for example,

"Next to religious training and the home, education is the most important means by which families hand down to each generation their ideals and beliefs. It is the pillar of a free society. But today, parents are losing

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BOAT-ROCKER!
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THEY'LL HAVE
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control of their children's schooling. The Democratic Congress and its counterparts in many states have launched one fad after another, building new bureaucracies to mispend our taxes. The result has been a shocking drop in student performance, lack of basics in the classroom, forced busing, teacher strikes, manipulative and sometimes amoral indoctrination." This is part of the same platform calling for increased military spending on such "basics" as the neutron bomb, the MX-missile system and nuclear power plants. It is a sad and scary day when the "frills" of Mozart are supplanted by the "fundamentals" of death and destruction.

Consciousness and Praxis

It is time for progressives to fight these frightening directions at the political, social and economic

levels. We must answer the legitimate concerns of our neighbors who are vulnerable to simplistic answers for complex problems. We must provide thoughtful, effective criticism and practices to counteract the prevailing swing to the right. Raising consciousness and educating people about their own oppression and their potential power is one way to do this. The Brazilian educator, Paulo Freire, with his "pedagogy of the oppressed" has much to offer us in our efforts. His notions of praxis and conscientizacao--learning to perceive social, political and economic contradictions and to take action against the oppressive elements of reality--can serve as a liberating form of education for people of all ages and cultures. He is concerned with the 'basics': basic literacy that encourages and requires people to know their own history and place in the world so they may work to change it and those who have power over them. It is 'basic' knowledge

grounded in the fundamentals of one's experience as it is lived--not in empty slogans or homilies. (In a future article, Freire's work will be discussed more thoroughly.)

- 1) see the work of Revisionist Historians; including Karier, Spring, Katz, Bowles and Gintis, Lazerson and Braverman; among others.
- 2) Though I don't envision the storm-trooping version of fascism, I use the term seriously, nevertheless.
- 3) see Paul Cowan's review of The Emerging Order in "Working Papers for a New Society", Vol. VII #4, page 55.
- 4) Credit for these versions of the 3 R's goes to Charles Isaacs in Edcentric Magazine and James Harris, former President of NEA.
- 5) from an excerpt of the platform in The Chronicle of Higher Education, July 21, 1980.
- 6) see Paulo Freire, Pedagogy of the Oppressed, Herder and Herder, 1968.

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INTRODUCTION

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out on the project, the hope, the struggle that is the Popular Unity experiment in Chile. On September 11, the bombs begin to fall at noon--by evening President Allende's body is carried out of the Moneda, the presidential palace in Santiago, the capital.

The victims of the coup d'etat in Chile--the thousands of murdered, tortured, imprisoned, and exiled--become symbols of the darkness of fascism that overtook Latin America in the 1960's and 70's, snuffing out people's hopes of liberation.

To the victims of the coup in Chile and of the military regimes in all of Latin America, we dedicate this special issue. Their contribution to the construction of a free continent will not be forgotten. We join with those who continue the struggle today, knowing that the most important work for us is to examine the role of the US in maintaining the status quo.

That status quo, for most of Latin America, is a society where children go begging on the streets of cities like Lima, Peru, amidst opulence. Where more people go hungry every year, even as agricultural production rises, and where arms are stockpiled and sophisticated weapons imported as houses and schools decay. Where small groups control large amounts of a nation's wealth (such as in El Salvador where 2% of the population owns over 60% of the land), while the vast majority lives exploited and marginalized. These are all symptoms of class conflict--and it is in light of this reality that we should examine the role of the US, the most important "external" influence in the region.

UNCLE SAM AND FRIENDS

Which side is the US on? US policy is determined by relationships with those social classes which serve the economic interests of transnational banks and corporations and the political-military interests of the US

This introductory article was written and re-written many times as the issue itself evolved. It is a collective effort of many of the workers listed on the inside cover.



Your solidarity
is the bread and the water
necessary to
the heroic struggle of my people.

p. NERUDA

Credit: Kathe Kollwitz



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INTRODUCTION (cont.)

government, which are mostly defined by these same groups. (It is only "logical" that these banks and corporations would have a special hand in forming foreign policy--their profits and very existence depend on conditions in Third World countries. Let's suppose, for example, that the tin trade between the US and Bolivia was based on less exploitive arrangements--you and I might pay a few cents more for a tin can, but the corporations doing the trading might lose their privileged position entirely.)

In some cases, the relationship is very clear--e.g., in Nicaragua the US had one principal partner, General Somoza (see page 10). In Chile (see page 5) the alliance is more complex, involving a few economic "clans" and the military, and in other cases, such as Peru (see page 14) and El Salvador (see page 7) the alliances are in flux. But the common denominator in all these cases is that the US has consistently sided with groups that will ensure stability of private profits and guarantee that the capitalist system will not be disrupted. The US has shown its loyalties again and again by intervening, when push came to shove, on behalf of private profit, sacrificing freedom and national sovereignty in case after case (see centerfold).

Since 1946, the US has trained 80,000 military officers and given more than \$3 billion in weapons to Latin American armed forces. With training, ideology, and weapons made in the USA, these armies have literally gone on the warpath against their own people (under the guise of "anti-communism"), seizing power and instituting police states in over a dozen countries.

US based multinational corporations have over \$30 billion invested in Latin America, and have extracted profits perhaps five times that amount. Transnational banks literally hold countries hostage by imposing conditions on loans which widen the gap between the rich and the poor. The transnationals are tightly linked to the local governments and the US (as the CIA-ITT collaboration to bring down Allende made clear).

That these giants are the target of popular resentment should be no surprise--the very conditions that attract them to an area (low wages, unorganized labor force, high unemployment, tightly controlled political situation, ease of expatriating profits) are those which people's movements are trying to eliminate.

Twelve different US presidents have ordered the invasion or occupation of a Latin American or Caribbean country. The Marines have landed in the Caribbean and Central America more than thirty times in this century alone. From the 1914 invasion of Haiti when the task was to empty gold from the vaults of the National Bank, to the 1965 Dominican Republic invasion, to the current activity of the US military advisors in El Salvador, the pattern is clear--the Marines are the last resort of the oppressors. In addition,



as the map in the centerfold points out, the US intelligence agencies have been constantly used to control public unrest and to "destabilize" progressive regimes, as is the case in Jamaica today (see page 4).

When Latin Americans are forced by economic pressures to migrate to this country, they typically find themselves at the lowest rung of the ladder. The migrant worker is only the most visible reminder that Hispanic people are used to do the work that others will not do.

These are just examples--pieces of the history which is in the blood of all oppres-

sed Latin Americans, the victims of an exploitative economic system which the Latin American Conference of Catholic Bishops says functions to make "rich people every day richer at the expense of poor people every day poorer."*

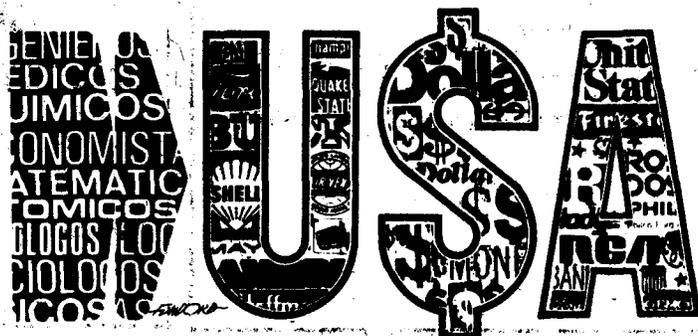
VOICES OF LIBERATION

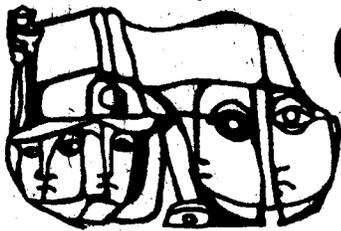
Liberation, the other side of the coin, is the hope, the historical project which emerges dialectically from this oppression. It certainly encompasses an anti-US attitude, but it goes beyond that--it means freedom from the system (capitalism) that is the present form of foreign domination which Latin America has suffered since the arrival of the Spanish conquistadores.

Latin Americans themselves must and will be the agents of their own liberation. We as North Americans can share in their hope and stand in solidarity with them by questioning and challenging the political and economic structures which have contributed so much to their suffering.

The first step is becoming aware. This supplement can be a primer or discussion starter for creating interest in Latin American issues, as well as an organizing tool. Going beyond that, make use of the literature, audio-visual materials, resources, and organizations listed on page 16 and in our ads. Get in touch with the groups listed in the CUSLAR ad on page 3. As the following pages reveal, there is a struggle going on, a struggle for justice and, in many cases, for life itself. Pablo Neruda, poetic victim of Pinochet's cruelty, put it well--"Your solidarity is the bread and water necessary to the heroic struggle of my people." What he didn't say was how much we ourselves have to gain from that struggle.

*Puebla Document, #30, 1979





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Jacobo Timerman

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THE CARIBBEAN: SHIFTING WINDS

by Mark Hansen

The Caribbean has been exploited by outside powers for centuries. Since Columbus arrived in 1492, Spanish, British, Dutch, French, and American colonizers have all come to take the resources and leave their imprint on the culture of the region. Today, military and political considerations, as well as such industries as bauxite mining and petroleum refining, attract US corporate and government involvement in the Caribbean.

The US is heavily dependent on bauxite imports for its aluminum industry. At least 85% of the bauxite used in this country is imported; 50% of this comes from Jamaica. Four North American multinational companies completely dominate bauxite production on the island.

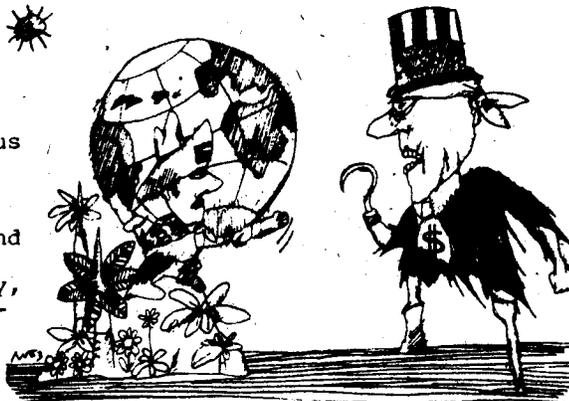
The Caribbean plays a crucial role in the US oil industry. The US mainland does not have the port facilities to handle today's oil "super-tankers." Consequently, over 50% of refined oil imports and over 25% of US crude oil imports arrive via Caribbean refineries and ports. Of the eight refineries in the region, six are owned by US companies.

ECONOMIC IMPERIALISM: 3 CASES

The effect of U.S. economic interests on the various countries of the Caribbean varies with the different stages of political development. Puerto Rico, as an actual colony of the US, is most directly affected; the Dominican Republic is typical of the more common form of neo-colonialism; and Cuba is a model of revolutionary change.

The US has pillaged the economy and society of Puerto Rico for the past eighty years. The island's economy has been restructured to meet the needs of US corporations. Tax incentives have brought in

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capital-intensive industries, such as oil refining, chemicals, and pharmaceuticals. These have damaged the traditional agricultural base of the island, increased unemployment, removed raw materials, and sent profits back to the US.

The social costs of this development are staggering. The official unemployment rate is 20%, driving 20% of the population to the US in search of jobs. 50% of the island's population is on food stamps. 40% of all housing is unfit for occupancy. Part of the US government's response to this situation has been a sterilization program. 35% of Puerto Rican women have been sterilized without their consent, the highest such rate in the world. While the US points to the Puerto Rican economic "miracle"; the extent of human suffering exposes the lie.

The Dominican Republic, on the other hand, is an "independent" nation. However, it is dominated by one US multinational corporation, Gulf & Western. This company is the largest employer and land owner in the country. Total government revenues in the Dominican Republic in 1974 were \$323 million, while exports from G&W sugar operations alone amounted to \$200 million. G&W investments also predominate in tourism, cattle raising, and cement production. When the Dominican people sought to overthrow a

right-wing dictatorship and reinstate democratic rule in 1965, President Johnson sent in 20,000 marines "to protect American lives."

In 1959, a popular uprising led by Fidel Castro in Cuba overthrew the dictatorship of Fulgencio Batista. At the time, 60% of the Cuban economy was controlled by the US and the island was completely dependent on US imports. 20% of the population was unemployed, 43% was illiterate, and 83% lived in huts without running water, electricity, or sewers. These social conditions were very similar to those of Puerto Rico today.

In its first year, the new regime carried out reforms, including land redistribution, construction of housing, schools, and hospitals; and put price controls on rent, medicine, and transportation. The new government also nationalized important industries and announced its commitment to build a socialist society. The US response was to place an embargo on exports to the island, which is still in effect today.

DANGEROUS TIMES AHEAD

Multinationals and our government are now threatened by progressive governments in Jamaica, Grenada, Dominica and St. Lucia, by the Nicaraguan Revolution, and by growing liberation struggles in Central America, Guyana, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic. The US government's response is military build-up, in the Caribbean and elsewhere--the draft is a part of this. Vieques Island, part of Puerto Rico, is a target training base for the US Navy, forcing the population onto one third of the land they previously lived on. The maneuvers at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba last October were another example of US muscle flexing. The people of the US must oppose the potential use of the Caribbean as a military base against the popular struggles now being waged. We must show our support of the people of the Caribbean in the various stages of their struggle.

CHILE'S HOPE LIVES ON

by Ed Griffin

Chile is long and thin--its people are a European and indigenous mixture. The country is famous for several things, of which its people are proud--its wine, product of the central valley's Mediterranean climate, and its poetry, epitomized by Pablo Neruda, whose *Memoirs* is a guide to 70 years of Chilean history.

Then there is the fame which Chile never sought--the infamy brought by General Pinochet, the dictator whose rule has made Chile a target of international condemnation for human rights violations and a symbol to the rest of Latin American of what all who struggle for liberation risk.

Last year, on the eve of the sixth anniversary of the Pinochet takeover, I stayed up late with a Chilean friend exiled in Peru. We composed a poem about the painful contrast between Chile's natural beauty and its current tragic political-economic landscape. The poem ended "Chile--you never deserved this blow; a thousand times never." Not only in a poetic sense does this speak the truth, but also in a very concrete political sense.

Chileans are the most politically conscious and aware people I have ever met. They were among the most progressive societies in this hemisphere throughout the 20th century. Nudged along by an organized working class, Chilean governments since the 1930's had been forced to grant more concessions to improve the social welfare of the people and attempt to gain economic independence from outside interference.

The movement had its gains and losses, but the long term trend was undeniable. Social security and minimum wage legislation in the 40's. National health service in 1952. Nutrition programs for school children. In the 1960's, land reform (although not very far-reaching) under the Christian

Democrats and President Eduardo Frei. Slowly, at great cost, some progress was made. Most Chilean workers will tell you the story of this process with a real sense of personal involvement and participation.

But these reforms did not go far enough. In the late 1960's, Violeta Parra still sang in her campesina voice that "Chile borders on the center of injustice." Babies still died of hunger. Migrant workers still lived from hand to mouth. Everytime it looked like the workforce might reach full employment or real wages would rise, inflation would choke off that hope. The problem was not just a particular president or policy--the problem was (and still is) with the system itself.

UNIDAD POPULAR - A HOPE CRUSHED

So the people in 1970 chose a more radical course. The election of Salvador Allende signified the working class realization that their needs would never be met until they controlled the state and the major industries and mines (especially the copper, Chile's chief export). They



set about to win power by parliamentary means, playing the game by rules set by the adversary.

These electoral tactics proved to be insufficient to meet the wave of opposition. The Allende government (a six-party coalition called the Unidad Popular--UP) at times underestimated the power of

"The poor of Chile have nothing to contribute but their hunger."

--Fernando Leniz,
Former Pinochet
Minister of Finance

its enemies and at times was incapable of responding effectively. Those enemies included the highest officials of the US government and several multinational corporations, as a Senate investigation later showed. Within ten days of Allende's election, Richard Nixon approved \$10 million for CIA director Richard Helms to employ in a plot to "de-stabilize" Chile. The US ambassador promised that "not one nut or bolt will reach Chile" under Allende, and Dow ITT and the copper companies and banks joined in an economic blockade (crippling an economy dependent on imported spare parts). US and multilateral aid dried up, except for military aid, which skyrocketed. The CIA funded opposition political parties, newspapers, industrialist's organizations and a right wing terrorist group.

This pressure was too great for the UP, and Allende became the first victim of the military coup of September 11, 1973. That evening the usurpers of power, the military junta, announced that all the workers had gained in decades of struggle would be respected. Most of the workers did not resist, believing this claim--they have since come to regret it.

Since then the military government has killed, tor-

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LET ME SPEAK: A BOLIVIAN WOMAN'S STRUGGLE

by Nemir Mates

Let me Speak is a disturbing document of the struggle for liberation of the Bolivian people as experienced by a courageous woman who shares with her husband and children, her village, and the workers of Bolivia, the hardships of life in the mining town of Siglo XX.

Her testimony is more than personal history. She clearly expresses that she speaks of her people: "I want to testify to the enormous experience we have attained throughout so many years of struggle in Bolivia, so that our experience will be useful to younger generations, for the new people of Latin America."

In this light, the pillage of human and natural resources, malnutrition, sub-human living conditions, and torture is only half of the experience of Domitila. Against this background we find the process of radicalization of the miners culminating in the formation of several miner's unions and Domitila's participation as a leader who organized the women for political action. It is precisely her



outstanding work that won her an invitation as the only working class woman to speak at the United Nations Conference in celebration of the International Year of Women in 1976.

Perhaps one of the clearest points we find dramatized in her testimony is how the process of liberation for working class and third world women is inevitably interconnected with socio-economic, political and cultural liberation.

In this journal of the Bolivian struggle, clear and simple, we become aware of the causes and mechanisms which generated and today support this situation.

The economic, political,

and military intervention of the United States in Bolivia; the pillages exporting of metals by multinationals; the covert presence of the CIA; the US military training of the Bolivian Army and police; the class struggle between the working class and the bourgeoisie (allied with foreign capital); the depletion of the economy caused by the privileged classes who invest their monies outside of Bolivia, leaving the vast majority progressively poorer in one of the most resource-rich countries of the world; all these form the context in which the miners and the poor people of Bolivia fight their battles. Domitila allows us to see this web of oppression through her testimony.

LIFE IN SIGLO XX

Siglo XX, a mining town which ironically means twentieth century, is a trip into the past. As in medieval times, shelter and food are controlled by the new lords: the mining company. A family of seven gets one room and a kitchen. For a village of 500, there is no running water, all share 10 communal baths and one public water faucet. Foodstuffs are rationed and very expensive. A pound of meat costs 28 pesos, more than the daily wage for a miner.

Domitila explains how, in exploiting the miner, women and children are also exploited. Since salaries are less than a US dollar a day, she supplements her income by selling meat pies. To do this she needs help from her children, who help out in the house and run errands. Children often stand in day-long food lines and Domitila tells of children crushed to death on the lines.

Being aware of her own labor led Domitila to become a feminist. She decided to organize the women in the village to fight for better living conditions since they



were directly affected by the exploitation of their husbands.

STRIKES

When the miners go on strike, the company halts food distribution. The town is surrounded by the US-trained Bolivian army, who invade homes in search of leaders. People are massacred and others disappear into torture chambers.

CIA

This is how Domitila discovered the US connection with the Bolivian military force. After the massacre of San Juan, the 24th of July of 1967, she was arrested for the first time and taken blindfolded into a room. When unbound, the first thing she saw was a North American flag and a painting of two hands holding the motto "Alliance for Progress."

DOMITILA'S PLEA

At this very moment, Domitila's testimony becomes even more disturbing since the massacres continue. Domitila's plea for solidarity took her to Denmark this past July. There, she organized a demonstration of 1,500 people, as part of her participation in the 1980's International Conference for Women. Her testimony is a true revolutionary document since it moves us to action.

EL SALVADOR: INTERVENTION OR LIBERATION?

by Marty Daniels

The Ongoing Repression

El Salvador is the smallest mainland country in Latin America. It is also one of the most densely populated. Politically and economically, it is dominated by a tiny elite known as the "fourteen families". In the 1930's, unemployment, lack of land, and political discontent led to a popular uprising. The military staged a coup and quelled the uprising, killing 30,000 people. The country has been ruled by the military ever since.

From 1960 through 1979, the government was controlled by a single political party. In October of 1979, there was a coup led by supposedly more moderate members of the military, who then formed a junta with civilians. The new government, however, proved to be even more repressive than the previous one. The following January, most of the civilian members of the junta resigned,

aware that the government was continuing the brutal policies of the past, despite their rhetoric about reform. According to church records in San Salvador, more than 5,000 Salvadoreans have been killed since January in what amounts to a civil war. The majority died in the countryside at the hands of the army, in precisely the areas where the much publicized "agrarian reform" is supposed to be taking place. This reform has, in fact, proved to be another way for the junta to buy time, while not truly meeting the needs of the landless peasantry nor threatening the interests of the elite.

The Threat of Intervention

Yet the US government considers the new junta as a "moderate" alternative, and continues to pour in aid, particularly military aid. This is done despite the warnings of many observers, including

Amnesty International and El Salvador's Archbishop Oscar Romero, that such aid will only increase the number of deaths, and will not solve the political crisis.

On March 24 of this year, Archbishop Romero was assassinated for his outspoken views on human rights in El Salvador and the repression by the government. He had urged President Carter not to send any more aid to the junta. He had also devoted much of his energy to urging the popular

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GUATEMALA: THE FIRE KEEPS BURNING

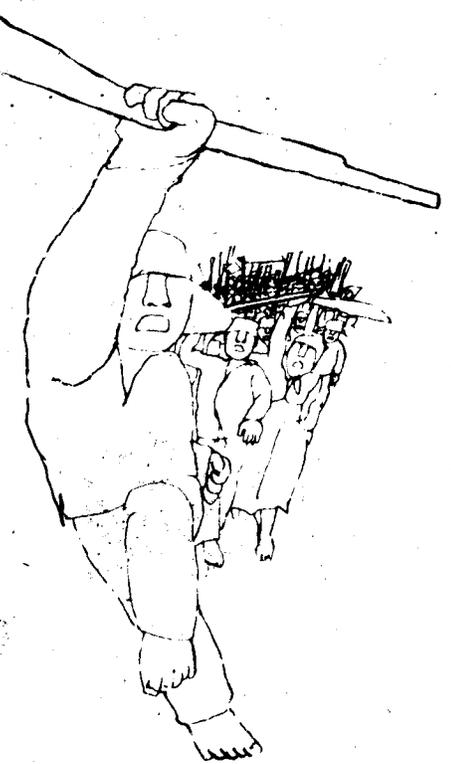
by Marty Daniels

Guatemala has been ruled by the military, with one exception, since the US-backed coup of 1954 that overthrew the democratically-elected president Jacobo Arbenz. Today, the government and the tiny elite (2% of the population controls 70% of the land and resources) maintain the status quo through government repression and the activities of clandestine and semi-legal right-wing terrorist groups. These groups, frequently composed of off-duty policemen and army officers, account for ten to fifteen deaths each day. They release "death lists" of individuals considered subversive, which include all who attempt to organize for their rights or protest the repression. People on the lists, and many who are not on the lists, are kidnapped and killed, or simply "disappear". The workers at the Coca Cola bottling

plant for example, who are trying to organize a union, have been victims of this kind of repression. Four Secretary Generals of the union have been killed in the last year and a half. Students at the university are also frequent targets. The last three presidents of the Student Union have either been killed or have "disappeared". Lawyers who take on political cases face death threats and potential assassination. The moderate political parties have had their leadership virtually eliminated this way since 1978.

The Flame of Resistance Flames of Destruction

Government forces are openly involved in the repression, particularly in the countryside, where nearly one third of the national territory is militarily occupied. Napalm is being used, as it was in



the 1960s, to destroy entire villages thought to be sympathetic to the three guerrilla groups. The Archdiocese

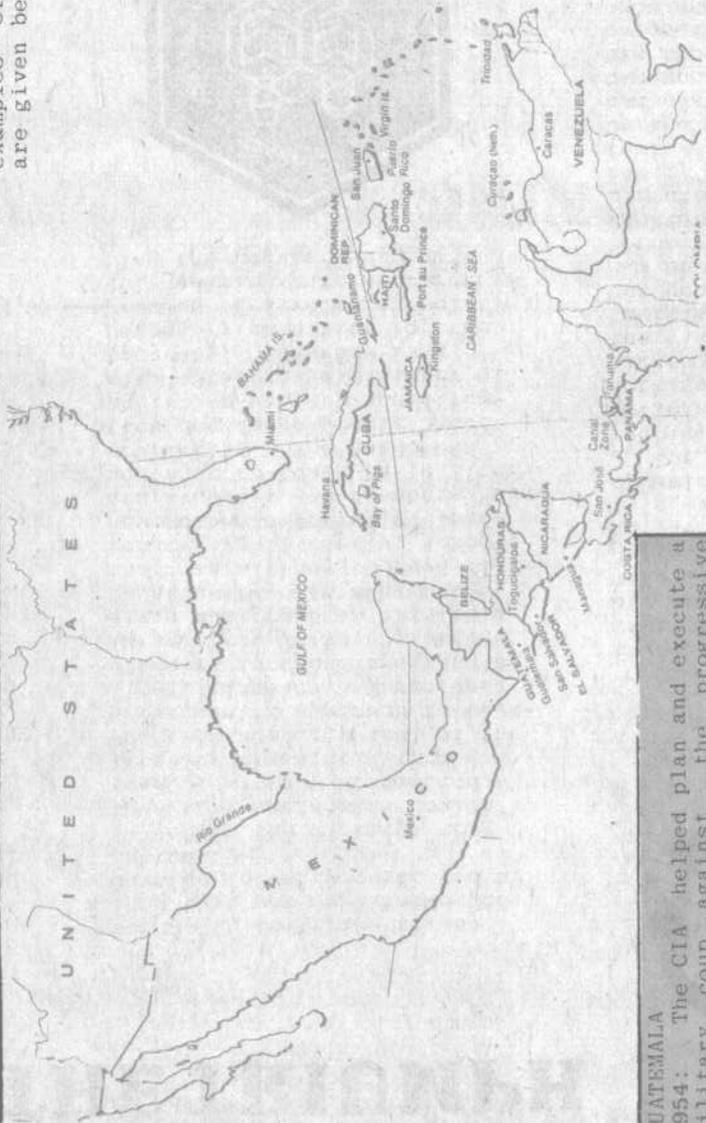
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Marty is the coordinator of the Committee on US-Latin American Relations.

*Rum**Fruit pastes and pulps**Fresh flowers**Strawberries**pecans**Peas**Eggplant**Asparagus**Turnips**Grapes**Castor oil**Chemical and fertilizer minerals**Orange juice**Pineapple juice**Bauxite**Cauliflower**Okra**Corn oil**Ca

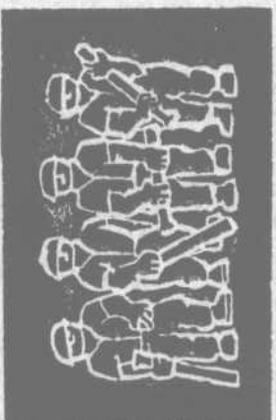
THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK

Latin America and the Caribbean provide at least 40% of US imports of each of the raw materials listed on the borders of this centfold. Our industrial economy and comfortable way-of-life depend on these cheap commodities, which are largely controlled by multi-national corporations. The US has used military force and destabilization by the CIA at least 38 times in the 20th century, in order to defeat overseas investments and insure the uninterrupted flow of raw materials. The dates of interventions are listed below. Occasions of diplomatic and economic coercion aren't included. Two specific examples of how the US Empire strikes back are given below.



THE US EMPIRE INTERVENES:
 Mexico: 1913, 1914-1917, 1918-19
 Guatemala: 1920, 1954
 Honduras: 1903, 1907, 1911, 1912, 1919, 1924, 1925
 Nicaragua: 1910, 1912-26, 1927-33, 1953
 Costa Rica: 1921
 Panama: 1901-14, 1918-20, 1921, 1925, 1964
 Cuba: 1906-09, 1912, 1917-22, 1933, 1959-62
 Dominican Republic: 1904, 1914, 1916-24, 1965
 Haiti: 1914, 1915-34
 Colombia: 1901, 1902
 Bolivia: 1967
 Brazil: 1964
 Chile: 1970-73

GUATEMALA The CIA helped plan and execute a military coup against the progressive Arbenz government. United Fruit Co.'s interests were protected. This year opposition has intensified against Guatemala's dictatorship. Ronald Reagan wishes to repeat the pattern of 1954 by calling all who shout anti-Communist slogans our "friends." Exports were 25% of Guatemala's 1977 GNP and the US was its major trading partner. Less than half the population is literate, and per capita income in 1978 was \$880, while the poorest earn much less than that. See the Guatemala article for more details.

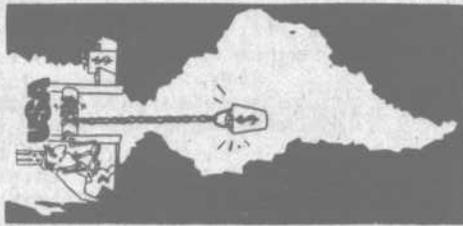
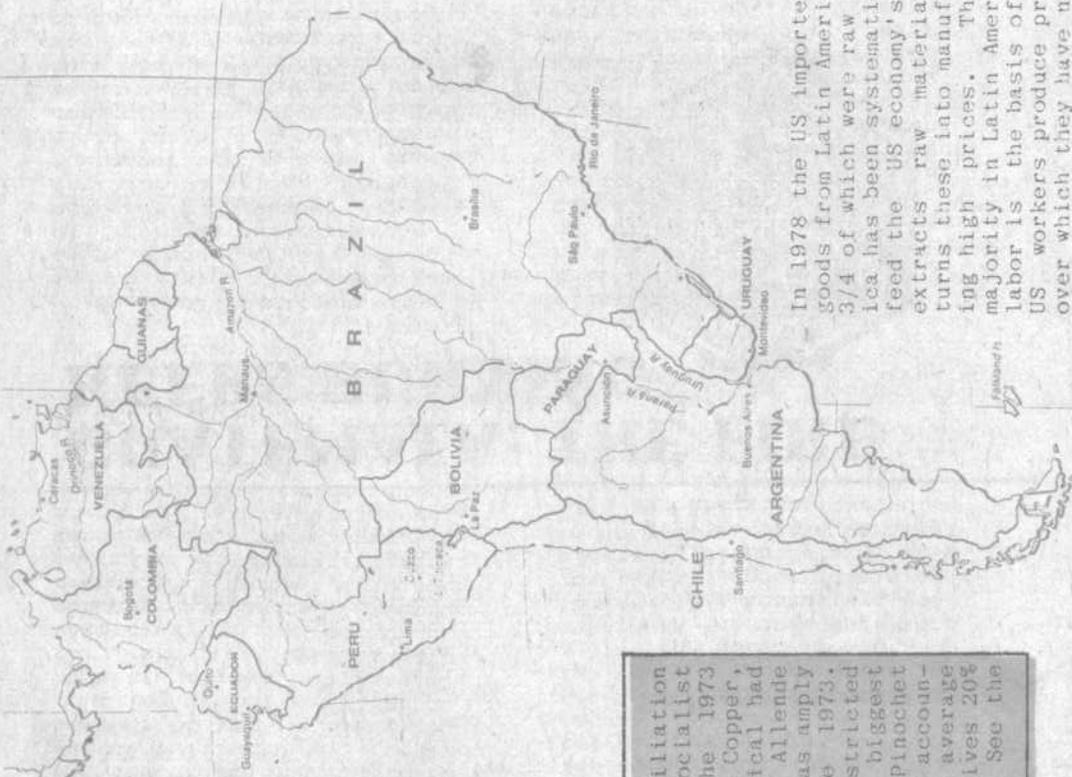


*Whiting**Shrimp**Bananas**Plaintains**Cattle**Alpaca wool**Sulfur**Tomato paste**Broccoli**Tung oil**Yams

Nearly half the children under 5 in Latin America are mildly malnourished. Nearly 20% are moderately or severely malnourished. In the US, about 5% of the deaths of children under 5 result partly from malnutrition. About 35% of such deaths in Latin America have malnutrition as an underlying or associated cause; in rural El Salvador the figure is nearly 50%.

CHILE
 1970-73: The CIA financed destabilization efforts against the freely-elected, socialist Allende government, resulting in the 1973 coup and Allende's death. Anaconda Copper, Kennecott Copper, ITT, and Dow Chemical had massive interests in Chile, which Allende nationalized. The Pinochet regime has amply compensated these companies since 1973. Multi-nationals are now allowed unrestricted repatriation of profits. Among the biggest beneficiaries of the repressive Pinochet policies have been US banks. Exports accounted for 22% of Chile's 1978 GNP; the average wage is \$80 per month. The US receives 20% of its copper imports from Chile. See the Chile article for more details.

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In 1978 the US imported almost \$23 billion of goods from Latin America and the Caribbean, 3/4 of which were raw materials. Latin America has been systematically underdeveloped to feed the US economy's prosperity. The US extracts raw materials at low prices and turns these into manufactured products bearing high prices. The poor are the vast majority in Latin America and their ill-paid labor is the basis of our comforts, even as US workers produce profits for corporations over which they have no control.

Tomatoes**Cucumbers**Watermelons**Cantaloupes**Melons**Garlic**Fluorpar**Sodium Nitrate**Yellowfin Cur
 Heneguen* Abaca* Lead ore* Corn* Chocolate* Beans* Soda ash* Tin ore* Antimony ore* Gold from ores*
 sugar**Beet sugar**Coffee**Cocoa beans**Oranges**Limes**Peaches**Pineapples**Mangoes**Silver from ores*

NICARAGUA: ONE YEAR AFTER THE TRIUMPH

by Ann Florini and Mindy Fried

It was an awesome experience, one year after the triumph of the revolution, standing in the vast "Plaza of July 19th" with our banner proclaiming US solidarity with the Nicaraguan people. We watched tens of thousands of jubilant Nicaraguans streaming in from all over the country, waving the red and black flag of the Sandinistas and the blue and white of Nicaragua, shouting slogans of unity, victory, and freedom. Over and over, we heard the half-million around us proclaim "Sandino lives! Sandino yesterday, Sandino today, Sandino always!" General Augusto Sandino, the national hero, was the first to challenge US intervention in this Central American nation of 2 1/2 million people, ultimately forcing the withdrawal of US Marines in 1933. But in 1934, Sandino was murdered through the treachery of the first of the US-sponsored Somoza dynasty. It would be nearly half a century before the Sandinista Front of National Liberation (FSLN) would finally drive the last of the dictators out, bringing freedom to Nicaragua and new hope to the liberation movements in El Salvador, Guatemala, and much of the rest of oppressed Latin America.

RECONSTRUCTING

There is a dynamic tension now in Nicaragua which gives life and energy to the reconstruction process. The triumph brought both euphoria and a sober realization that the more difficult tasks lay ahead. The war took a heavy toll on the people: 40,000 dead, 100,000 wounded, 200,000 people left homeless.

In this year following the victory, the tasks are painfully clear. The Government of National Reconstruction is trying to create jobs for the more than one third of the labor force that was out of

work. It is trying to use land that was devastated and develop industry destroyed by the war.

Before the victory, more than half the adults couldn't read or write. We visited a literacy class held in a worker's home, typical of the government's approach to tackling illiteracy. There were 4 students in the class ranging in age from 30 to 60, struggling but proud to have this opportunity. In a campaign that has already reduced illiteracy significantly, schools have been temporarily closed and students and teachers have gone out to teach basic literacy skills. The handbooks they use teach people about their own history and struggle. States the Ministry of Literacy, "Literacy is a necessary condition for the process of developing political consciousness and organizing the popular masses."



In every barrio, on the streets, in the workplace, everyone is discussing the future of Nicaragua. People are organizing into block committees (CDS's), political parties, and organizations such as unions, the Women's Association, the Association of Rural Workers, and many more. All these organizations have seats on the Council of State and participate actively in the Programmatic Coordinating Committees of the governmental ministries.



A MODEL REVOLUTION?

The Nicaraguans see their revolution as a model for the rest of Latin America. They are proud and determined to make it succeed. But the definition of success depends on one's social class, and this is what creates the dynamic tension.

For poor and working-class people, there is a sense of optimism. Walking through a working-class barrio with some Nicaraguan friends, we heard the history of the war in their sector. They pointed out houses where combatants had been hidden, and we saw monuments to children and fighters who had died, placed directly in front of their family's home. We met a family who had been attacked by the Guard in their home and had nearly lost their 3-year-old son when the Guard slashed his stomach open with a bayonet. They too had been shot and were physically disabled. Repeatedly, people described the Guard as "animals, nothing was too horrible, too brutal for them." Now the people are liberated from this powerful fear. We saw children playing war games on the streets, as one Nicaraguan told us, "This process helps them forget about the Guard's atrocities. I think it is healthy for them."

For the middle class, the situation is somewhat tenuous. Right now, the economy needs the capital provided by the local bourgeoisie and foreign aid. After an earthquake and a prolonged war, it would be impossible not to incorporate the monied classes into the revolutionary process. But this creates many conflicts

HISTORY

- 1912: First US Marine occupation. (Nicaragua of concern to US due to nearby Panama Canal and US commercial interests in Nicaragua.)
- 1926-27: Civil war breaks out during brief absence of US Marines. US military returns, imposes "peace." Sandino rebels, begins six-year guerilla war.
- 1927-33: Nicaraguan National Guard established, trained, and equipped under Anastasio Somoza Garcia by US Marines.
- 1933: Marines withdrawn in response to Sandino's successes and public pressure within the US.
- 1934: Sandino assassinated and his army wiped out by order of Somoza.
- 1936: Somoza takes power in a coup, beginning the longest and most corrupt dictatorship in Latin American history, backed by the US and made possible by the brutality of the National Guard.
- 1961: Formation of the Sandinista Front of National Liberation (FSLN).
- 1972: Earthquake destroys central Managua, 10,000 dead. Somoza Debayle channels most international relief aid to himself and his cronies. Public opposition to the regime intensifies dramatically.
- 1974: Democratic Union of Liberation (UDEL) formed, headed by Pedro Joaquin Chamorro, opposition bourgeois leader.
- 1978: Chamorro assassinated. National outrage begins final decline of Somoza. Brutal repression by National Guard of uprising in Monimbo unites Nicaragua in angry opposition to Somocismo.
- 1979: July 17--Somoza flees Nicaragua. July 19--FSLN marches into Managua, final triumph of the Revolution.

WORLD-WIDE RESPONSE

Immediately after the triumph, Latin American and European countries responded generously with economic aid. In addition, the US has appropriated \$75 million in aid for reconstruction. Nicaragua has cautiously accepted the conditions attached to this aid requiring, among other things, that 60% go to the private sector and that no money be spent in any schools where Cubans are employed. At this stage the government feels it has enough control over the country's political and economic direction to accept this aid without risk. The motivations of the US are clear: to encourage the role of private enterprise and discourage Nicaragua from seeking help from Cuba or the Soviet Union.

And so it is...one year after the fighting has stopped. Politically, the cards are stacked on the side of the people, who have mobilized on a grassroots level and are strongly represented in the government (at the same time, two of the five members of the ruling junta represent the liberal bourgeoisie). Economically, the deck is scrambled.

SOLIDARITY

It is this balance that attracts US aid, both official and unofficial. \$100,000 has already been privately raised in the US in support of the Literacy Crusade, but now other help is needed. Representatives of the Women's Association asked us to earmark our contributions for day-care centers for children in the rural areas who have nowhere to go while their parents work in the fields. The administrator of Nicaragua's only psychiatric hospital requested medicines to help overcome the blockade imposed by North American drug companies.

The support of the international solidarity movement is crucial to the reconstruction of Nicaragua. If you want to help, contact the National Network in Solidarity with the Nicaraguan People (see Solidarity article on page 16).

Mindy and Ann recently returned from three weeks in Nicaragua.

and contradictions.

As the FSLN ensures more profit-sharing and increased workers' rights, the middle class is squirming, fearing loss of power. 70% of the working population is still employed by the private sector. Workers are now being unionized with the support of the Sandinistas, who periodically review the administration of private businesses.

In an interview with a clothing-store accountant, he complained about the government because "they keep coming back to check my books." Before the revolution the store was connected to a factory outlet which sold all its goods to the store. At that time there was one tax on both businesses, one of the many loopholes available to the private sector under Somocismo. Now, the accountant complains, he pays two taxes, cutting the overall profits. Not only that, but the workers just presented him with a list of demands. As he handed the thick document to us he said in disbelief, "Can you believe what they're asking for?" Next to most of the demands, which were only the most basic such as health and safety regulations, he had written "no." That battle remains to

be fought, with the FSLN behind the workers.

According to the Sandinista director of a large bank, the FSLN has control of the core of the economy because they have nationalized the banks and all foreign trade. In the industrial sector, 35% is controlled by the state; in agriculture, 30% of all arable land, most of which had belonged to Somoza, now belongs to the state. With a whimsical smile, the banker stated, "We are attempting market socialism combined with state capitalism. Some say it is necessary." As part of this approach, material incentives are being provided for small and mid-sized producers.



Rosa L., maid in middle-class home (Fried, Sussman)

SEPTEMBER, 1980

NERUDA

Stoic in death, like the mystics, but determined not to see his death as devoid of metaphysical meaning, he willed to his compañeros his poetry, house, books, and art works.

The months go by and the days and hours are counted. Prostrate in Isla Negra, Neruda works intensely. The sea bristles and irritates, his winter headquarters are quickly transformed into battle headquarters. A fascist conspiracy wraps itself arounds Chile's airtight and elastic body like a boa. Everyone knows what is soon to happen--life is lived in tense expectation. The people look at one another, untrusting. Well-known conspirators pass in the streets, smiling and confident.

Neruda writes to the intellectuals of the world, to friends in Europe, America, and Africa, to come to the aid of Chile, to come to save the small socialist nation on the verge of being made a sacrifice.

Tuesday, Sept. 11, the Armed Forces' insurrection explodes. Neruda is at Isla Negra, his condition grave. Hawk-Hunter planes bombard the Moneda, the palace of the presidents of Chile. President Salvador Allende falls, riddled with bullets. Workers are machine-gunned the length of the country. Military trials and executions take place in Santiago and other cities. Neruda, with eyes wide open, his beard grown, gets half out of bed to see this death and finds himself, at last, "face to face with the truth."

The world he made verse by verse, step by step, the country that rose up from the sand and the stones; country of coal, of copper and nitrates, of grains and of snow, falls upon him with the dust and crashing of the old roofs and cracked walls of adobe huts. Only silence remains, the sea at his feet, a seabank far away. Seeing his fever, Matilde calls an ambulance to take him to Santiago. Along the way, soldiers stop them several times. They arrive at

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the clinic. Neruda dies of a heart attack on Sept. 23. His funeral and many commemorations become impassioned political demonstrations. A mob, meanwhile, overwhelms Neruda's house on San Cristobal Hill in Santiago.

The serenity of Neruda, the vigor and purity of his creative impulse, never showed as much as in his last message, which reflects the essence of his humanistic thinking. It remains as a light pointing to the only way to save humanity in this century of violence. In Neruda's own words:

"I want to live in a world where the beings would be only human, without any more titles than that, without putting themselves at the head by some rule, some word, some etiquette. I want the doors open to all the churches, to all the printers. I want the great majority, the only majority, everyone, to be able to speak, to read, to listen, to flower.

"I have taken a road be-

cause I believe that this road will bring all of us to that mutual and lasting love and friendship. I struggle for this great and inexhaustible goodness. From many encounters between my poetry and the police, from all these episodes and others that I won't repeat here, and from others that didn't happen to me but to many that now cannot tell them, I remain nonetheless a believer in a human destiny. I have a conviction growing from an awareness that we are drawing closer to a great tenderness. I write knowing that over our heads, over all heads, exists the danger of the bomb, of the nuclear catastrophe that wouldn't leave anyone or anything on Earth. Well, this does not alter my hope. In this critical moment, in this agonizing blink of an eyelid, we know that the definitive light will enter our half-open eyes. We will all understand one another. We will progress together. And this hope is irrevocable."

-Fernando Alegria

A SONG FOR LIFE

VICTOR JARA

by Fernando Alegria

Victor Jara died at age 27, one of several thousand tortured and murdered in Chile's National Stadium after the coup. He was one of Chile's most popular songwriters and singers, and was a full supporter of the Popular Unity government.

Imprisoned in the stadium, he was recognized by one of the officer guards and singled out for special treatment. With two blows of an axe, the fingers that had played guitar since his childhood were chopped off. "Now sing, guitarist," taunted the guard. Jara rose to his feet as his life's blood oozed from his hands. He faced the crowd of prisoners and shouted, "Okay, now let's do the commander the favor." The thousands of condemned men and women joined in singing the hymn of the Popular Unity. The astonished military could not comprehend those who could sing even in the midst of a defeat; they responded the only way they knew, with machine guns.

Victor Jara's body was dumped on the side of the railroad tracks in Santiago, his songs are banned throughout Chile. Albums of artists who have performed his songs, like Pete Seeger, are illegal. The attempt to erase him from the



national memory goes on.

But it will not succeed--be assured of that. For in a thousand tiny rooms, on a thousand aging cassette players, Victor Jara's voice lives in Chile. His mark has been left on the next generation of musicians whose songs are forming a culture of resistance.

And every year, at the anniversary of his death, the dawn finds freshly picked flowers on the spot where he was left--where the fascists mistakenly believed they had buried Victor Jara.

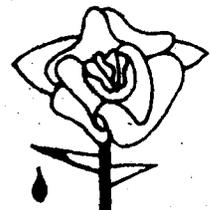
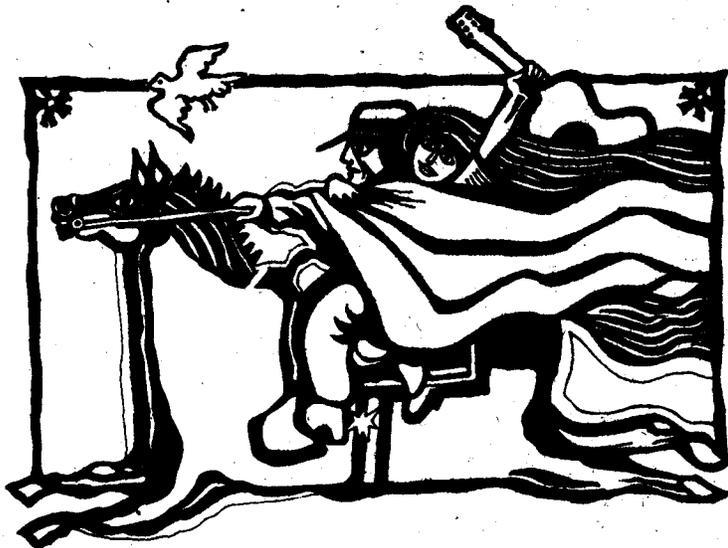
-Ed Griffin

I come to call attention with the voice of a singer of the mountains to the man who wanders without hands in the skies of my nation, not unaware in all his trouble that the flowers have been blown out and the rivers dried up, deprived of spring by the vile machinations of the tigers that killed him.

His guitar goes flying alone among red banners burning the atmosphere with his voice roughened by the wind, wind that takes out the claws searching in the dark and bloody plaza for the tainted mark of the blade that cut your strings and left your bravery to us forever.

Fly and sing, compañero above snowy plains don't leave your frozen hand between the rocks of the stream, because it is a gift of the good worker to make nights of mornings meanwhile open your window to the one chosen to die by a law of life of a people against the warmaker.

I hear you, brother, singing in the empty stadium voice of stones in a river that no one will be able to quiet, and it makes me wonder why they cut short your flight If they had known what a mistake they were committing- I don't mean bad aim. Rather this--that the people received life when they killed you.



DEMOCRACY AND POVERTY IN THE ANDES

by Paul Weichselbaum

Democracy is a positive word for most of us. We take it to mean government of, by, and for the people. In recent months Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia underwent a process of democratization, joining the other two Andean nations, Colombia and Venezuela, in freely electing governments. Democratization has been hailed as great progress on a continent often ruled by corrupt military dictators. Only the Bolivian military's July ouster of President Lydia Gueiler darkens what is, according to mainstream news media, a rosy picture.

However heartening the trend to elected government appears, democratization is largely a formal affair. Andean democracy is electoral but not truly representative; elections don't fully involve the vast majority of people. Major presidential candidates are generally white and wealthy. Illiterates have only recently been enfranchised. All Andean governments are highly centralized; ordinary people lack an effective voice in local matters affecting them. Elected officials tread lightly, fearing that impatient, ambitious armed forces will stage coups. Although Colombia, for example, has held elections for twenty-odd years, the Colombian military makes key decisions while two political parties divide the powers and spoils of governance, wary of more representative parties.

At heart, Andean democracy is a facade over the institutionalized poverty of the majority. Elected officials are less likely than dictators to use torture and censorship against opponents. We must ask, however, whom these governments represent. The answer is clear: landowners, businesspeople, professionals, organized workers, state and

corporate bureaucrats. The more land, wealth, and status one has the better one is represented. This situation may sound suspiciously like our own political system, but the Andean division between haves and have-nots is far more lop-sided.

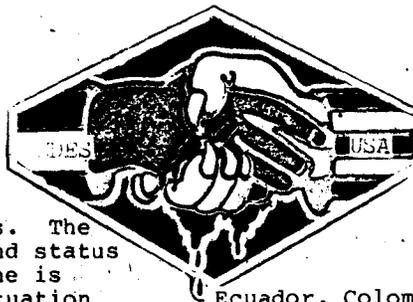
Who are the unrepresented? The landless, the unemployed and underemployed, Native Americans, women, illiterates, the poor. But poverty is no accident. The unfulfilled promise of electoral democracy has historical roots. Andean nations are not truly Latin American; they are Indoamerican. Indoamerica's majority is of Native American or mixed heritage, and they have suffered many conquests, both



political and economic. First Spain, then Britain, and now the US. Since 1533, Indoamericans haven't had the chance to develop an indigenous political system and haven't been adequately represented in the "democracy" imposed on them. During a year I spent in Peru people frequently expressed deep distrust of political solutions. Such pessimism is interrupted only briefly when elections are held.

THE "TRICKLE-DOWN" THEORY

Since the Andes are undeniably resource-rich, poverty is created, not "natural". The presidents of Peru,



Ecuador, Colombia, and Venezuela promise to raise living-standards by exploiting natural resources. They theorize that enough wealth will be produced for some to "trickle down" to the poorest. They oppose wealth-redistribution and public control of vital resources. Democratization is a trend that favors foreign capital and the local agents of multinationals, at the expense of the poor, unrepresented majority. The "democracies" are eager to follow Chile's economic path, while cosmetically avoiding Chile's visibly bloody repression.

The trouble with the trickle-down theory is that wealth flows to a few wealthy families in the Andean countries, or out of the region altogether. The rich get richer and the poor bear the burden of repaying enormous capital debts accumulated by their governments.

Peru is a classic case of the poor bearing the burden. From 1968 through 1974 Peru's military regime attempted impressive reforms. They borrowed from international banks to fund reforms, buy arms, and finance exports. A combination of ecological difficulties, commodity prices' drops, and recession almost produced bankruptcy. Peru was forced to renegotiate its debt through the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The IMF instituted harsh policies; Peru cut government spending, especially subsidies for basic foodstuffs. Real income was reduced; wages have risen six-fold only to be cruelly undercut by a tenfold increase in prices. Only 40% of Peru's adult population works full-time. Infant mortality rose 35% between 1977 and 1979 as milk prices soared beyond the

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organizations of his country to unite. Two months before his death, this desire was partially realized in the formation of the Revolutionary Coordinating Council (Coordinadora), which includes the five popular organizations formed to date. The individual membership of these organizations includes trade unions, peasant unions, the teachers union, and student organizations. Following Romero's death, on April 18, the Coordinadora joined with the Democratic Front, which is a coalition of democratic groups who had tried to voice their opposition to the government through the traditional electoral and bureaucratic channels, with no success. The two groups formed the Revolutionary Democratic Front (FDR), which is an important step towards unifying the opposition to the government.

In addition to the urban based, non-violent opposition groups, there are four guerrilla groups in the countryside. Each of these groups is connected to one of the popular mass organizations, and these links help coordinate

the activities of the Front with those of the armed resistance.

At this moment, the struggle in El Salvador is at a crucial stage. Fifteen to thirty people are dying each day at the hands of the government security forces and of right-wing terrorist groups affiliated with them. But the government has been assured by the military regime in Guatemala that the Guatemalan army will intervene if requested to do so. Ex-National Guard members from Somoza's regime in Nicaragua as well as other foreign mercenaries are already training in Guatemala and Honduras. In addition, the US has promised \$10 million in aid to El Salvador, \$5.7 million of which has already been sent. Efforts on the part of North Americans to stop the aid to El Salvador are essential. Moreover, the Guatemalan military will not act unless it feels sure of having the support of the U.S. government. Therefore, we must work here to prevent their military intervention in the country, and to prevent all forms of US-backed intervention in the months to come.

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poor's reach. The "Peru Solidarity" group states, **"Books are being balanced at the cost of empty bellies and infant burials."**

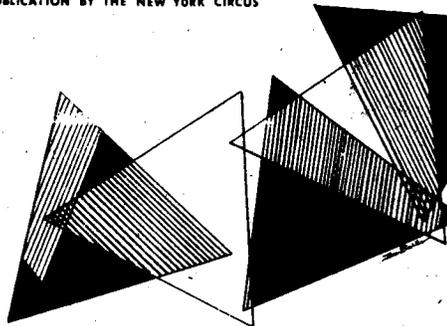
REPRESSION IN BOLIVIA

The Bolivian poor have also suffered under IMF strictures, but Bolivia's current crisis is more political than economic. The July coup installed a dictatorship closely allied with repressive Southern Cone regimes. The coup received Argentina's military assistance. As democratization proceeds in the Andes, totalitarianism strengthens its hold on the rest of South America. If the Bolivian military succeeds, its people will suffer under an illegitimate dictatorship that intends to crush all resistance. The Bolivian people require that we lobby to maintain the US military aid cut-off. We must equally oppose the less visible oppression taking place in the "democratized" states.



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tured, and imprisoned tens of thousands of workers, students, professionals, and their leaders and has condemned their children to malnutrition, disease and hopelessness through an economic model which respects only the rights of people who control capital. Chile has become a paradise for foreign bankers, exporters and large scale farms and a nightmare for its own people. The junta now seeks to "institutionalize" the unjust order--to inscribe in law what they constructed in blood (through their Labor Plan, Education Plan, dictated laws and Constitution, etc.).

In doing so they seek to detain the hand of history. In doing so they are sowing the seeds of resistance, which even now are poking their heads through the thick soil of repression. That resistance will not be held back--the Chilean working class, with their sense of their own history intact, will go on until they can live in a new society where exploitation by local or foreign capitalists is a thing of the past.

National Resources for Action on Latin America

Recent events in Latin America have sparked increased concern worldwide as more people join the fight for freedom and against oppression. All of us in this work need current and accurate information and educational materials. There are many organizations in the US working on Latin American issues, and it would be impossible to list them all.

Those listed here supply info, resources, and perspective. They can also direct you to other groups working on the same issues.

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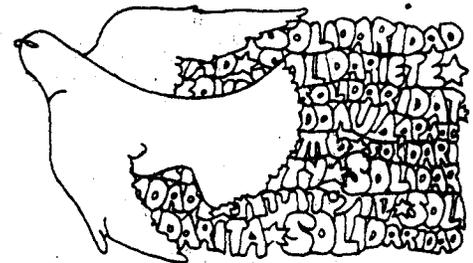
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in the small provincial capital of Santa Cruz del Quiche has been forced to close due to repeated army and right-wing attacks. In the Spring of 1978, 150 unarmed peasants were massacred by the army when they protested the seizure of land they had been living on for twenty years. On June 21 of this year, 27 trade union leaders were arrested in Guatemala City at a meeting. They are still being held incomunicado, while the government has released a list of false names and claims they have been released. The government proudly proclaims that there are no political prisoners in Guatemala. The truth is that no one detained for political reasons lives long enough to make it to prison.

But the repression has bred resistance. In the countryside, the guerrilla groups are larger and better organized than ever before. For the first time, they have a solid base in the Indian populations, who comprise roughly 80% of the rural population and 60% of the total. Much of

the membership in the groups is indigenous. When towns are taken over, public addresses are made in the indigenous languages. The guerrilla tactics of carefully selected assassinations, ambushes of army patrols, and peaceful takeovers of town have won the confidence of the people and contrast sharply with the army's indiscriminate killing.

In the urban centers, the opposition united in February 1978, in the United Front Against Repression (FUCR). This organization includes trade unions, student organizations, peasant unions, moderate political parties, journalists, and professionals. It is strongly opposed to the repressive actions of the government. While being a non-violent

organization, it has contacts with the guerrilla groups in the countryside. Both the armed and the non-violent struggles against the military regime have grown dramatically since the triumph in Nicaragua last summer.

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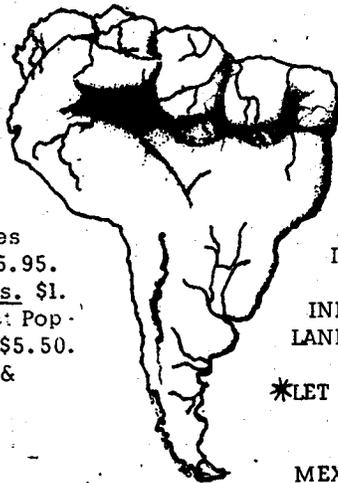
However, the ultimate conclusion to the struggle in Guatemala will depend not only on events there, but also on events in the US. Our role as North Americans is to continue to fight against the threat of military or economic intervention in the area, and to stand in firm solidarity with the people of the region in their struggle for a better society.



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Self Help on the North East Side

by Carl Mellor

When the Northeast Hawley Development Association (NEHDA) began in 1975, one of its initial objectives was improvement of the flow of social services to the North-east Syracuse neighborhood.

However, after its lobbying efforts were successful and a community center was established in Weeks elementary school, NEHDA made a philosophical shift. It was decided that the best way to meet the needs of the organization's largely blue-collar white-ethnic constituency was to concentrate on projects that could be done by NEHDA itself or by neighborhood residents.

"We wanted to have an impact in the neighborhood," said Mark Stanczyk, the group's director. "We

Carl Mellor writes free lance for several publications.

decided we wanted to do things for ourselves. It's been very difficult, but that's the approach we wanted to take."

NEHDA has operated a thrift shop, a tool library to help homeowners with repairs, a repair and painting service to assist elderly people and others in maintaining their homes, and a housing rehabilitation corporation. NEHDA's work crew has finished rehabilitation work on two vacant houses, has almost completed its work on a third dwelling and has started restoration of a fourth house.

The community group, whose three-person office staff works out of 101 Getrude St., is also looking forward to an economic development program for an area where unemployment and underemployment pose a severe problem.

"Our work has been like peeling an onion," Mark commented. "We've gone step by step. We began with the objective of getting social services and later moved into housing

rehabilitation. What we've done is peel away a few layers. Sometime in the next five years we hope to get into job development. That will be the core and it will be harder than anything else we've done."

In its present and future work, Stanczyk feels NEHDA must stay close to its neighborhood turf and to residents' bread and butter needs. NEHDA does have some links with other neighborhood groups like Syracuse United Neighbors (SUN) and the West Side Inner-City Association but, in general, it functions as an independent entity. The group doesn't have extensive ties or plans for such ties with other social change groups.

According to Stanczyk, there's much to be done in the immediate neighborhood. "Many of the people we serve are concerned with survival. They don't have much interest in national politics. There's households where both parents work and they still can't make it. There's homeowners

HUNGER TASK FORCE

SYRACUSE AREA INTERRELIGIOUS COUNCIL

The Hunger Task Force meets on the second Monday of every month at the Church Center, 3049 East Genesee Street in Syracuse, under the able direction of Rev. Steve Deckard.

The Task Force is a group of lay people and clergy of all faiths involved in hunger awareness raising and actions. We seek ways to work together and to work with our denominations and with the Syracuse Area Interreligious Council towards the elimination of hunger.

For information, call SAIC at 476-2001. To get involved in the annual Syracuse area CROP Walk on October 5th, call Doug Anderson of the New York State CROP office at 455-5256.

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who don't have the money to keep up their homes. The income level is low to moderate and a lot of people don't have much control over their lives."

Lack of money is the critical problem, but a small group like NEHDA can't change the national economy. Instead, there are long-range plans to increase employment by starting cottage industries in the neighborhood. In the meantime, NEHDA's emphasis is on preservation of an important resource, the housing stock. NEHDA puts time and energy into housing services for a variety of reasons. One is a desire to reduce the possibility that vacant houses will be burned or vandalized. Restoring the houses and selling them to people who will live in them provides an up-lift for the neighborhood as people see that someone else is interested in preservation of housing.

The housing rehabilitation work has other dividends, too. It allows NEHDA to have some influence on the dynamics of the neighborhood by encouraging home ownership. The neighborhood is bounded on the south by Route 690, on the east by Hickock Avenue, on the west by

North State Street, and on the north by James and Butternut streets, in the past, there have been fears that it might be a target for gentrification.

Gentrification is a process whereby there is a sudden flurry of renovation in a neighborhood where the quality of housing has declined. Rents are raised to cover renovation costs, and because more people are interested in living in the area, housing costs rise. The end result is that many residents are forced to move.

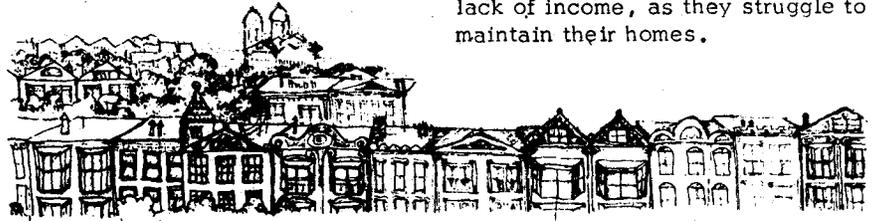
"I don't think that is going to happen here," Stanczyk said. "There is some fancy renovation going on, but I think there's enough room for everybody. I don't foresee a pattern of general displacement of tenants."

Nonetheless, NEHDA is concerned about future developments. In order to maintain its commitment to a neighborhood where people with mod-

erate incomes can still rent apartments and own homes, the group is looking into more permanent funding sources. NEHDA has received some money from Community Development (a city agency with federal funds) for capitalization of its rehabilitation program and the salaries of the work crew are paid by youth employment programs, but the majority of its funds come from the New York State Division of Housing and Urban Renewal.

"We're dependent on government funding sources," Stanczyk noted. "We regard this as a gear-up phase. As we establish an excellent record for housing rehabilitation, we hope to have a more stable funding base. That's something we have to work on."

In addition, NEHDA hopes to be able to provide even more help to people who are affected by negative factors like inflation, redlining and lack of income, as they struggle to maintain their homes.



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REPORT ON -

-THE 1980 BLACK HILLS**SURVIVAL GATHERING-**

by Jim Doherty

4000 people representing 42 countries attended the 1980 Black Hills International Survival Gathering held from July 18 - 27 outside Rapid City, South Dakota. Concerned individuals and people belonging to a variety of organizations came to share resources in the struggle against the threats to our survival. The framework for participation consisted of ongoing forums and workshops on multinational domination, Indian genocide and extinction of the family farm, appropriate technology, land self-sufficiency, holistic health, and education. In the evenings people danced, sang, and listened to music, while abiding by the ban on alcohol and drugs.

The site was ideal for two reasons: first, camping out made self-sufficiency and cooperation necessary, plus put us in touch with the earth and elements; second, behind the encampment was Ellsworth AFB, site for 150 ICBMs capable of destroying the major cities in the USSR. Likewise, by Pentagon estimate, 200 Soviet warheads were targeted at this area. The deafening B-52s overhead drove home the grim reality that we were truly gathered for survival.

The Black Hills Alliance, the sponsor, had formed to protect the land from uranium exploration and mining. Since the 1970's the corporations had already extracted eight million tons of ore, quietly leased out 350 square miles and had 2345 sq. miles under exploration. The government reported that the Hills were slated to become a "national sacrifice area" for its energy reserves. And the EPA warned of plant damage, animal extinction, and water

shortages by the year 2000.

Already nearby areas have shown a high rate of cancer and miscarriage. However, deriving broad based support, the Alliance challenged the multinationals in and out of court. The Gathering featured a Citizens Review Commission which documented evidence concerning the operations of the five worst offenders. The extent of the multinational reach and stranglehold on societies became evident. For example, Rio Tinto Zinc, which has extensive holdings in the Hills, produces 1/4 of the world's uranium. It owns a South African gold mine and has all three British political parties sitting on its board.

Opposition to these global giants is mobilizing; for example, the Black Hills Energy Coalition presented 20,000 signatures to the State Legislature calling for an initiative on popular control of energy development. The importance of the Ganienekh struggle was stressed. And abroad, Nicaragua and Zimbabwe are inspiring examples.

For the Sioux Nation the Black Hills are the spiritual center of its universe, the sacred Paha Sapa. Traditional Indians still insist the Hills are not for sale. Their goal is not to kick whites out, but to protect the land and restore it to community control. They warn that the process of expansion that began with railroads and gold prospecting, continued with agribusiness, and culminated with uranium exploration, is turning farmers, ranchers and rural citizens into the new Indians. As Russell Means reflected, "We may be brothers after all." The most often heard phrase from Indian speakers was "Mother Earth." They emphasized that recognition of our spiritual connection to the earth was the heart of our collective survival, requiring a struggle to put land and food production back in

the hands of the populace.

John Trudell stated; "They will laugh at us, they will accuse us of being unrealistic, they will throw words at us like progress. Let us look at their progress, their civilization, their lack of humanity. The human spirit is what creates and perpetuates civilization, not machines."

Two very poignant things happened on the last day. Chief Fools Crow said, "My people and I have been denied too long; in a few days I will go back to the Black Hills and no one will stop me. You are certainly welcome to share it with me." Then the host Kammerer family was brought on stage to accept gifts and gratitude from AIM organizers. Throughout the gathering, Indian leaders, in spite of residual conflicts, expressed their desire that ranchers would join them in a common struggle. Rancher Marvin Kammerer had. Perhaps it was an example of what the Hopi prophecy meant when it stated that the coming together of the Four Sacred Colors (i.e., the races) had to happen if the world was not going to continue down the path of destruction.

The Gathering was not without its conflicts and weaknesses. There was a split between the Navaho and Lakota concerning the inclusion of whites in a peacpipe ceremony. At one workshop there was a verbal clash over violence and non-violence; tears ensued, and many opinions surfaced. It seemed as if some very important feelings didn't get aired between the sexes and races, as evidenced by a classic graffiti debate in the outhouse. Black Americans and their perspective were underrepresented.

However, as many expressed, it was a good beginning. Also, for myself and others, there was a heightened sense of commitment. Images of beautiful sunsets, B-52s, and collective energy persist. The work of strategy and organizing has to continue.

Jim Doherty is a teacher and a member of the SPC steering committee.



U.S. - CANADA ANTINUCLEAR CONFERENCE

The anti-nuclear movement in the U.S. has so far focused on stopping nukes. Up to now, there has been a lack of comprehensive planning for a safe energy alternative. As we succeed in slowing down or stopping nuclear construction here, we have failed to see one of the consequences of our successes. Without alternative planning, utilities will import electricity from Canada.

On August 15th - 17th, thirty Canadian and American anti-nuclear activists met to discuss the problem of building electric generating stations for exporting electricity. The Canadian government and the utilities want to build massive nuclear projects, in spite of a 40-50% excess in installed capacity. The government and utilities try to justify these projects by saying they can be partly paid for by exporting electricity to the U.S. In reality, Canadian customers subsidize power sold at a competitive price to U.S. utilities. The burden of nuclear wastes and uranium mining is borne by the Canadian people.

Activists at the conference decided to set up an international study group to investigate many of the details lacking at the conference, including the effects of building power plants for exporting electricity on the economies of the provinces, the health effects of high voltage transmission lines, the role of U.S. state governments in the financing of Canadian power projects, and projected imports of power for the next several year. The study will be completed within the next six months and may be financed by progressive Canadian and American foundations.

There was a discussion on comprehensive community energy audits, which examine energy use by a community, and seek to deter-

Photo by Kitty Ferguson



It's the real thing: Tully residents were recently surprised to find this nuclear waste truck broken down and sitting in their gas station parking lot. Every week trucks from the Oswego plants barrel through Syracuse on Rt. 81 South.

mine how the real energy needs of the community could best be met. Comprehensive energy audits are an essential tool to the appropriate technology movement, as a first step in energy planning for a sustainable society.

- maurice belanger

NUCLEAR GARBAGE KEEPS ON TRUCKIN'

Several events this summer have served to heightened community awareness of nuclear waste trucking through Syracuse and environs.

*The Ogdensburg Bridge Authority decided to prohibit the transport of radioactive material over the bridge which spans the St. Lawrence River at the Canada border. *A truck of low level waste limped into Tully with a broken axle (see photo.)

*Barnwell, So. Carolina fined the PASNY Fitzpatrick plant \$1,000.00 and suspended receipt of their waste shipments for 30 days when radiation off the truck was measured at higher than allowable limits. *In mid-August Onondaga County Fire Control with police and fire departments from Nedrow and the Onondaga reservation, carried out a simulated auto accident involving radioactive materials.

SPC activists have met to plan our own simulation/theater. We will bring a "waste truck" through Syracuse and neighboring towns this fall. If you'd like your town to be on the tour (we promise only pretend contamination!) give Glenda a call at SPC, 472-5478.

HELP SPC'S SOLAR MAP PROJECT

A committee of five people has been meeting for three months now, under the auspices of SPC, to create an information resource on solar homes in New York State. The hope is to produce a map of New York showing visitable solar sites to enable people to discover and cross-fertilize ideas in the alternative energy field.

There are three ways that you can help out in this project:

1) join the committee (call Bill Wayson -- 315/472-6048.)

2) if you know of solar, wind, hydro or bioconversion sites that we might like to know about, please give us a call.

3) we need contributions to produce the map, to help out with postage costs, etc. If this is a project you feel especially enthusiastic about, send a check to SPC and earmark it "solar map project".

In response to the
June PNL Readers Poll:

"Political Ecology"

by Ed Kinane

What specific articles and interest areas would you like to see the PNL cover?

-PNL Reader Poll, June '80

To describe SPC as 'antiwar' is accurate, but insufficient. In addition to being antiwar, SPC has long striven to promote 'social justice'. These two phrases do a good job of describing us, but I'd like to suggest they are only part of the picture.

There's a third and even broader dimension which could usefully form part of our self-definition, and which could more effectively guide the thrust of our activism: I call it *political ecology*.

By political ecology I mean the struggle against those forces which threaten the survival of the Earth and its inhabitants, human and non-human.

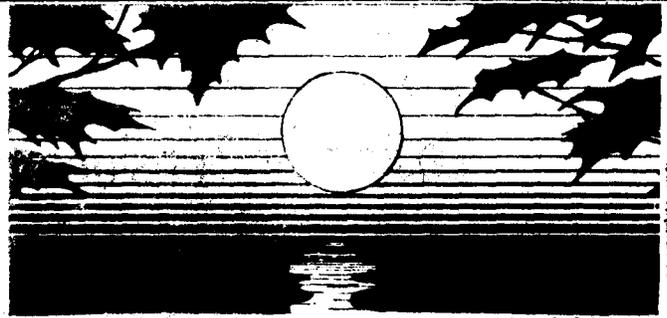
Specifically:

- overpopulation
- militarism, nuclear and otherwise
- crapulence: overconsumption in the overdeveloped world
- hunger: underconsumption in the exploited world
- industrialism.

Although each of these threats appears to exist monolithically in its own right, it's important to see that in fact they are all intricately woven together. Further, they are so immense, so all pervading, that no other significant problem on Earth can be genuinely understood without constant reference to them.

They are *mega-problems*.

Ed lives in the equatorial highlands of western Kenya, 12 miles down a dirt road from the nearest town. He says that just about the only corporate products he consumes are paper, pens, and shoe leather.



VIA MARZIAE

Each is so heinous and so intractable that our most common defense against them is to try to put them out of mind: they are the unthinkable we instinctively underperceive.

And in this we are given plenty of encouragement: for it is in the interests of the Few to obscure them.*

Take industrialism for example--

Billions of dollars are spent each year on advertising by the industrialists to teach us that industrialism is good for us. And by and large we've learned to agree. We've become so habituated to it and its products that we choose not to see that industrialism by its very nature leads to:

- malign energy: coal, oil, nuclear
- pollution
- resource depletion
- colonialism
- repression of the work force
- concentration and inequitable distribution of power, profits and products.

Industrialism is at the core of the other mega-problems. This can be illustrated by just taking one - militarism:

It was the industrial needs of the Great Powers for raw materials, markets, and urban employment that plunged the developed nations into World Wars I and II. World War III when it comes likewise will have such industrial dynamics. Further, it will be fueled for its duration by the industrial energies (coal, oil, nuclear) and will be fought largely to control their supply.

The most virulent form of industrialism is capitalism. Capitalism is embodied in the corporation: an organization mobilized solely to accumulate profit.

In general it is immensely successful in doing so since there is little accountability for the consequences of its actions. Investors

incorporate with the deliberate intention of evading liability for the uses to which their money is put. The corporation, in essence, is systematic, legally-sanctioned irresponsibility.

This analysis implies a hard truth which, try as we might, we cannot escape:

Insofar as we work for, derive our income from, and consume the products of corporations, we are directly implicated in the evil they do.

There is however an encouraging corollary:

Insofar as we refuse to work for, or invest in the corporate menace, and insofar as we boycott their products we diminish their mayhem.

We can either ride with the tide - or we can Refuse. It is a political choice we make whenever we take a new job...or continue with an old one. It's a choice we make every time we spend a dollar. Our every dollar transaction is a vote far more real than the ritual ballot of the electoral charade. The way we spend or earn our money is an acid test of our political values.

In proposing that we add political ecology to the definition of SPC, I'm urging that we try to keep Earth issues central and explicit. Politics without ecology is false consciousness. We must strive mightily to keep a holistic view of the biosphere - the Earth and its creatures. To do otherwise is to dilute and misdirect our resources, to piddle them away on triviality.

*This isn't hard to understand: the average American by the time s/he's 21 has seen a quarter of a million TV commercials. Americans begin imbibing the message shortly after infancy and long before any critical resistance can develop.

Easing of Tensions at Akwesasne

by Ed Dubinsky

The month of August has seen several developments at Akwesasne: a meeting of (almost) all parties involved; a temporary lifting of arrest warrants; and a day in Franklin County Court which provided a moving description of certain aspects of Ganienkehaga (Mohawk) life.

It is too soon to evaluate the impact of these events and no one is sure about what will happen next. The immediate threat of violence has been removed and negotiations continue so there is some cause for optimism. But the arrest warrants are back in effect and there has been no resolution of the issue of Ganienkeh sovereignty so the encampment at Racquette Pt. remains.

On August 6 the Ganienkeh Nation met with Franklin County DA Joe Ryan, Judge Jan Plumadore, trustees of the (US Government organized) Indian elective system and representatives of the NY State police. This followed 8 weeks of tension in Akwesasne including an attempt by Indian vigilantes (organized by the State police) to invade Racquette Pt., a threatened police invasion, a police blockade of Route 37, police snipers on the roof of the General Motors plant and Ganienkehaga eyeball-to-eyeball with vigilantes, both sides brandishing automatic weapons. The vigilantes were not represented at the meeting nor was the Federal government.

Of course the Indian people wanted the tensions reduced. But now, seemingly for the first time, the State was very interested. Perhaps it had something to do with the fact (reported by the press) that the State Police had spent \$662,000 on this situation since June 13 and that several other police programs would be curtailed for lack of funds. In any case, several positive steps were agreed upon at the meeting: all groups would put down their weapons; some of the

Ed Dubinsky is a long-time social justice activist who regularly reports on Akwesasne for the PNL.

Ganienkehaga bunkers would be dismantled; police barricades would come down; and all arrest warrants would be held in abeyance until August 20, 4pm.

All sides kept the agreements and for the first time since May, 1979 when the Ganienkehaga determined to protect their right of self-determination, a semblance of peace returned to Akwesasne.

On August 19, one day before the arrest warrants went back into effect, a hearing was held in Judge Plumadore's Court. This was on a defense motion to dismiss, in the interest of justice, the charges against 6 of the 21 Ganienkehaga. These 6 had been previously captured and the Nation had decided to fight their case in the courts (see 12/79 PNL). The arrest warrants refer to the other 15 whose arrest continues to be prevented by the Ganienkeh Nation.

Sixteen witnesses were called including Ganienkehaga, elective system Indians, Akwesasne police Indians hired by the State to enforce State law at Akwesasne, State police and others. Everyone agreed that the August 6 agreements had significantly reduced tensions. All but the Akwesasne Police and some of the elective system Indians favored dropping the charges. Francis Boots, War Chief of the Ganienkeh Nation testified about the Great Law of Peace and traditional Indian life. Beverly Boots talked about facing death at Racquette Pt. And Barbara Barnes, a Catholic, spoke movingly about the impact on her family.

Even DA Ryan seemed to be coming around. He was not opposed to dropping the charges and even indicated several times that NY State law did not apply to Indians living under the Great Law of Peace. But Ryan's racism (last year he referred to Indians as animals) was not totally under control, emerging when he suggested that, under the Great Law, the penalty for stealing is to cut off the thief's hands.



Photo from Akwesasne Notes.

But Judge Plumadore deferred his decision. He wants the Ganienkeh Nation and the elective system Indians to continue negotiations (see 8/80 PNL) towards an agreement that will eliminate conflicts at Akwesasne. As long as the indictments remain, Plumadore will have a lot to say about the substance of the agreement.

There are other problems. It is hard to negotiate when one side has arrest warrants on its head (although State police have "promised" not to make arrests). No one is admitting to keeping the vigilantes under control. Also there is no participation of the Federal Government - which is the ultimate obstacle to Ganienkeh sovereignty.

So the people at Racquette Pt. look down the road towards their second winter under siege and all the hardships that are now becoming familiar. They are a little surprised that a Court hearing in which there was almost no opposition to their position did not result in a favorable decision. They are learning the futility of fighting for their sovereignty in US courts. They know that only their willingness to fight and perhaps die in the struggle has prevented the State juggernaut from rolling over their homeland, destroying a sacred culture. They will continue the fight and we supporters must try to help.

A Jekyll & Hyde Case:

The Supreme Court and the Hyde Amendment

by Paul Weichselbaum

Has something gone wrong? We've always been told that under our Constitution the law is at least ideally just, even if real courts are sometimes bigoted and unfair. The lesson of Water-gate, politicians say, is that "the system works."

So, when the Supreme Court ruled in July that the Hyde Amendment (banning Medicaid abortions) is constitutional, something went wrong. Or did it? Thousands of poor women who need abortions will resort to coat-hangers or unprofessional butchers, or they will bear unwanted children. Many will die, many more will suffer. (New York and other states, however, will still fund Medicaid abortion.) The Supreme Court doesn't accept responsibility for this destruction, and denies that any woman's rights are diminished when she is denied an abortion.

Yet the Court hasn't acted blindly. The substance of the Court's ruling provides a subtle example of how the law actually works, of how tightly capitalism and the legal system are woven together. The key issue is a little-known legal concept: "minimal scrutiny." In judging whether a particular law violates the 14th Amendment's guarantee of "equal protection of the laws," the Court applies vary-

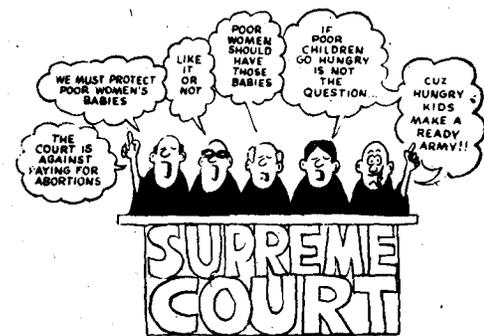
ing degrees of vigilance. Laws which deny equal protection based on race are examined with "strict scrutiny" and are generally struck down as unconstitutional. When equal protection is denied on the basis of sex the Court applies "middle-level scrutiny." The ACLU suit against draft-registration will be judged with such middling concern. "Minimal scrutiny" is applied to all other cases, most pointedly to those which claim that equal protection is denied when being poor results in the deprivation of one's rights.

Class, Corporations and the Law

The highest court in the land historically refuses to closely consider the class structure of the United States. Some things are too basic to challenge: the inequalities produced by capitalism are an explicitly accepted and protected sacred cow. Significantly, it took the Court nearly 100 years to apply the 14th Amendment to black Americans, whose rights it was specifically designed to protect. Yet in the 19th Century the Court rules that corporations were essentially persons deserving of equal protection, thus facilitating the growth of monopoly capitalism. The Hyde Amendment decision merely confirms the high court's traditionally higher regard for giant corporations than for poor women and men.

Nothing, in fact, has gone wrong. The system works for those who have

power, wealth, and status. Sometimes it works for those who have fought long and hard; the Court only applied strict scrutiny to racially discriminatory laws after many years of racist decisions. Until recently women's right to equal protection was given minimal scrutiny, since the subjugation of women was a foundation of our society: Whether cases affecting women will ever be afforded strict scrutiny is doubtful. And we must remember that "pro-family" forces want to put women's rights back into the category of minimal concern. The issues that the Court feels deserve minimal scrutiny are issues which the powers-that-be wish to make invisible, for that which is invisible isn't subject to questioning, attack, or change. The legal system assures the smooth running of our society, and whether the law is just or repressive depends on our political awareness and action.



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Polish Strikes and Press Euphoria

For moving the Newhouse press to near euphoria, there is nothing like turmoil in communist Europe. Banner headlines for better than a week make the strikes in Poland rival Three Mile Island, Watergate and the moon landing as Syracuse news stories.

The implications of the coverage are intentionally comparative. Juxtaposed to reports of shortages are advertisers and writers of "Life-Style": at the Fayetteville Mall, consumer abundance; at the P&C, beef in a cellophane mountain.

Stories of strikes against the economies of US client states in El Salvador, Puerto Rico, Korea etc., are undramatically reported in the columns of the international page.

Yet the stories from Poland also subtly revive another tradition -- that of a union of workers using their collective strength to effect change. The picture of workers meeting together in the silenced shipyards are the most powerful. It evokes a feeling of solidarity and strength, a feeling responded to by workers everywhere; in Syracuse as well as Gdansk.

As long as Russian troops don't invade and Jimmy doesn't try to trick Jack Anderson by making his election year war in Poland, the strength of collective revolt will be the message that prevails.

More Highways?

Mayor Alexander has requested the US Department of Transportation to study the impact on the City of Syracuse of the proposed I-481 extension planned for the northeastern suburbs of Syracuse between Thruway exit 34-A and Rt. 81 in N. Syracuse.

The project, costing \$48 million, would decrease by about 10 minutes the auto traveling time between the two suburbs.

The requested study is a first step in a federal program designed to allow local communities to 'trade-in' federal highway money for other, more beneficial projects, including public

transportation projects.

However, Mayor Alexander is only considering other road projects to receive the diverted money. This continues a pattern of ignoring the obvious needs for safe bikeways, pedestrian crossways and mass transport alternatives for those who can no longer afford or no longer desire personal internal combustion. In arguing against the I-481 project, the Mayor stated, "It is a further development at the expense of Syracuse." However, the mayor proposes using a large share of the diverted funds to repair Rt. 57 from Liverpool to Bayberry and Rt. 11 north of the city.

When asked, in view of Centro's financial troubles, if any mass transportation projects were being considered, the mayor's press secretary said that he was not aware of any such proposals even being mentioned.

ACTIONS: Call the mayor's office to support the diversion of funds away from the I-481 project and urge the consideration of mass transportation, bikeway and pedestrian alternatives. Write the State Transportation Department to drop their support of the highway project.

Loosestrife Journal

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by Jack Manno

AVAILABLE SOON

Strategy Conference on East Timor

While the visibility of the situation in E. Timor (PNL 2/80) has grown recently, the US and Indonesian governments have increased efforts to keep things quiet.

At the Congressional hearings in June, the US State Department tried to convince committee members that the situation in E. Timor was improving and had stabilized. Meanwhile the Indonesian government was denying reports that a large segment of the Timorese population had joined in attacks on Indonesian Occupation

Forces in four major cities. It did admit that occupation forces in Dili, the capital, had been attacked.

Presently there is a quiet movement in the State Department to cut off all US relief aid to E. Timor.

To strengthen world-wide interest an International Conference and National Strategy Day on E. Timor has been called for New York City (Oct. 19-20). The conference will attract people from five continents, and will be the first of its kind in the Americas! It will aid to educate and organize people from across the US through presentations and workshops.

Everyone is invited. For details, write ASIAN CENTER, 198 Broadway, Rm 302, NY NY 10038 or call Mike Chamberlain at SPC, 472-5478

Organizing to Stop the Next War: a Skills-sharing Conference for Central NY

Feeling energized, powerful and needed, we've planned this ambitious endeavor for Saturday, October 4th, at Plymouth Church in downtown Syracuse. The day-long conference is designed for old and new activists in central New York's communities and on its college campuses.

As planned, one set of workshops will emphasize organizing around registration and the draft: the why's and how's of resistance, setting up draft counseling centers, anti-draft strategies for the campus, getting into the high schools, etc. Another set of workshops will put US war-making into its imperialist context with information-sessions on the geopolitics of the Persian Gulf and US control of Latin America. There will also be wide-open sharing sessions of, for instance, our feelings about draft resistance as a viable Movement strategy. Finally, we'll offer a set of nuts and bolts workshops on the art of propaganda: dealing with the media, writing leaflets, promoting events. Film showings, the latest literature and paraphernalia, activities-to-rejuvenate and hearty fare will fill out the agenda.

The conference is being organized by the central New York anti-draft network, under the auspices of SPC and AFSC. Mark your calendar and contact us now: Chris Murray and Kath Buffington, c/o SPC, 924 Burnet Ave., Syracuse, NY 13203.

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Radioactive Smoke Detectors Public Citizen's Health Res. Group reports that ionization smoke detectors contain the highly toxic radioactive americium and pose serious potential health hazards. They note photoelectric smoke detectors as safe, effective option. Info: Health Research Group, 2000 P St. NW Wash DC 20036, (202) 872-0320, or call Linda 475-0062.

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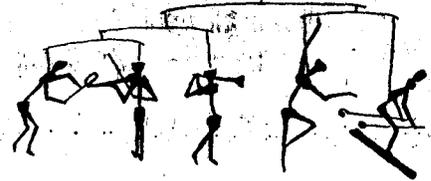
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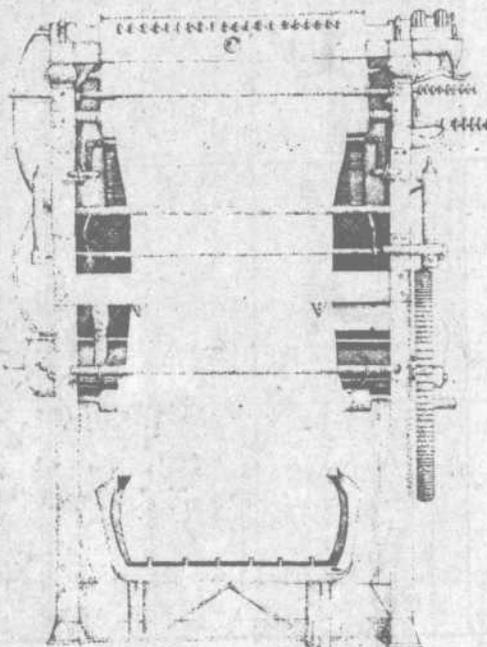
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**September 1980
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We feel that education, agitation and organization lead to social change.

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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The times are bad and getting worse. There's a right-wing surge afoot that is hastening the decline of our economy, eroding our liberties and threatening war.

No one can afford to ignore it.

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Rather than dwell on what we've accomplished, we want to impress upon you the urgency of internal, organizational challenges that we are facing.

WE'RE AT HALF-STAFF

Right now there are two of us on staff -- Glenda and William. Not so long ago there were four of us on staff struggling to raise our \$25,000/year budget. Now there are just two of us STRUGGLING to raise \$25,000/year. We have very little time left over to do the educating, agitating and organizing that MUST be done. There is no way around the fact that we need a third staff person, but we simply can't afford one unless

this fund appeal and the phone-a-thon (see below) yield a return that exceeds our expectations.

A DIME A DAY HELPS KEEP WAR AWAY

Now before you write out a check to help exceed our expectations, we'd like you to consider the following. Ten cents a day from 140 of you would go a long way toward solving our financial problems; it would amount to about \$5,000 over the next year.

10¢ per day doesn't sound like much? We don't think so either. You could start giving "a dime a day" by filling in "\$3 per month" on the pledge card (stapled here with the return envelope) and sending your first \$3 check. We'll send you the card as a reminder each month. Please pledge more if you can afford it. (Our average pledge, from 70 people, is \$7.50/month.)

Pledges are a great help to us because they relieve staff of the anxiety of knowing where the next dollars are coming from, and they potentially could alleviate the tremendous time, energy and money drain involved in crisis fund-raising and fund appeals. We've pledged to ourselves that if we get new pledges totalling \$5,000, we won't do a fund appeal next year.

If we receive a new pledge or a contribution from you before October 6, we won't be calling you. If we don't hear from you, we'll be calling you (if you live in the Syracuse local calling-distance area) to remind you of our pressing need.

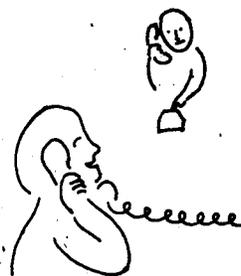
Please save us a phone call. Give generously today!

Greetings from the SPC House Collective...



Photo by Jack Nanno

Seen taking to the streets are: (left to right) William Sunderlin, Lois Levitan, Katie Levitan-Reiner, Josiah Levitan-Reiner (sitting in Dik's lap), Dik Cool, Yogi Fundora, Carol Baum, Gary Weinstein, Glenda Neff.



SPC PLEDGE PHONE-A-THON OCTOBER 6-9, 1980

From 6:45-9:30pm on these four days, forty SPC members will be trying to reach 1,000 PNL readers (the metro-area mailing list) to ask them "will you give 10¢ a day to support the Peace Council?" (see above.) If you would like to help, call Brent Bleier (479-5393 - nights) or William (472-5478 - daytime).

IN THIS ISSUE

We are always so proud of the numbers of people who work to produce each Peace Newsletter; it takes hours of work from scores of volunteers. This month, however, the core workers felt curiously alone. We haven't figured out where the people went, but it seems many people were off doing something else this week. If you have ever helped on a PNL, or want to learn, give us a call-so we can be sure to pull you in during production days. The more the merrier, and we learned this month how downright un-nemerry it can be.

In spite of all the solid information and analysis offered in these pages, we're feeling the fund appeal on the cover and page 3 deserve your most focused attention. Our analysis of the issues can take us only so far without action, and the organizing work of the Peace Council has been greatly hampered in recent months by lack of dough. In fact, for the first time since we can remember, we go to press without having paid for last month's PNL yet. We know we will catch up with your sincere response to this fund appeal/phone-a-thon.

As we pasted up this issue, we watched Iraq and Iran go into a full scale war. November's PNL will certainly try to bring some clarity to the situation, as our coverage during the past year has consistently done.

For a real upper, see the stories and announcements in the centerfold. Activism has been high, and plans for the coming months (note two state-wide conferences and the Women's Action at the Pentagon) promise more inspiration and empowerment.

p. s. CURRENTS will be back next month.

UPCOMING IN NOVEMBER

- * Why the U.S. voted to seat Pol Pot in the UN - by Don Luce
- * Statement of unity on the Nov. 16 Women's action at Pentagon
- * Political prisoners in Ireland - by Jerry Berrigan
- * What's happening with the gay movement?

In a later issue:

- * The politics of co-ops and alternative food distribution in NY

How It Is With Me....

by Dik Cool

It's been a long time. A decade of political and personal struggle and growth for me. So many good memories fill the ten years. I chuckle when I recall my first big Peace Council dinner shortly after I joined staff. I think it was January 1970. I walked in and paid Adelaide Webster (a wonderful, committed woman who is one of the founders of SPC) for my dinner. She started laughing while she returned my money and told me that the least the organization could do was provide the staff a free meal. Rather quickly I realized that this was one of the few consistent material benefits available! I remember being intrigued and captivated by the different kinds of people who were a part of SPC; all my political work had been outside organizations up to that point.

The decade almost divides in half for me with the intensity of work against the Viet Nam war blurring the first half (the war ended over five years ago?!); the second half now seems like a difficult time of consolidation--coming to grips with a shrinking mass base and trying to protect the gains in raised political consciousness we had won from the counterattack of the wounded economic/political establishment. Gradually the antinuke movement began to develop a mass base though it has yet to approach the strength or intensity of the Viet Nam war era.

Ironically, one of the hardest parts of leaving staff is not knowing how big a change I see it as or how significant I want others to treat it. One part of me sees it as only a change in how I am doing my political work. Another part of me (and this is getting stronger, I guess) sees it as a major change in my life and in the life of SPC. A time for me to reflect and savor my work and the work of all of us collectively.

Why am I leaving staff? Quite simply I very much need a change. I especially need to be free of the many administrative and organizational tasks that fall too heavily to staff. I need to be able to once again do basic, single project or-

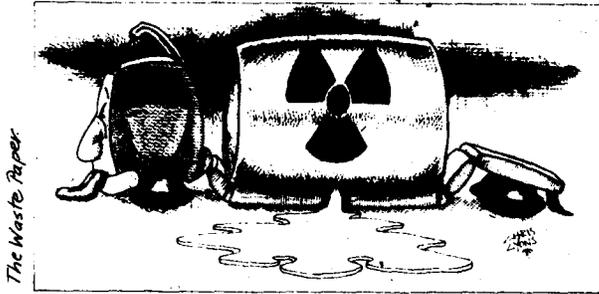
ganizing--a real luxury for the staff, which of necessity must be many things to many people. I want to be clear that I don't see my reasons for leaving as criticisms of SPC but rather conditions from which I need a change. (Though I do feel there is an imbalance in staff/member responsibility that needs to be addressed.) I've come to feel that I am only partially "burned out." Much more I am energized by the scary prospect of positive, healthy change. My decision also reflects tremendous confidence, respect, concern and affection for the remaining staff--Glenda and William.

What am I going to be doing? Spending more time with myself and with my collective family and friends; relaxing a bit more (perhaps!); doing much more solid coordination of NVS Films; continuing in The Front Room collective; cleaning up, filing and organizing 10 years of work; pondering several large SPC projects--an abbreviated 1981 (what?) calendar, a 1982 edition, Community 1981 Magazine; a direct action project; more public speaking.

I must confess to some annoyance at people (with the best of intentions) asking why I left the Peace Council. I have not left the Peace Council. I have left the staff collective. Long ago I committed my life to the struggle for social change, and as far as I can foresee the major vehicle for my work will continue to be SPC. Even with its many foibles SPC remains a vital, exciting, flexible community of people who are dedicated to living as well as advocating a revolutionary society. This synthesis of practice and theory is, unfortunately, all too rare; it is also of great importance to me personally.

The 80's look ominous. The right is resurgent. Our liberties are being eroded in such an insidious, constant fashion that it can seem pointless to resist. But resist we must! It isn't a time for progressive people to sit on their hands. Instead, it's a time to join hands with our friends, families and comrades as we creatively continue our movement's ceaseless fight for justice, freedom, liberation and peace. See you on the picket line...

Nuclear Garbage Truck Loses Wheel



On Monday, Sept. 15, 1980, a truck carrying low level radioactive waste from Nine Mile Point nuclear plant lost a tire and wheel while driving through downtown Syracuse on Rte. 81 south. The driver was able to come to a stop after skidding over 300 feet; the truck remained upright and the load intact. The Home Transport Co. truck carried a 1500 lb. load of solidified waste in the familiar round Chem-Nuclear canister (see photo in Aug. '80 PNL of similar truck which broke down this past June in Tully.)

In an SPC release to Syracuse media that evening, it was noted that almost five hundred accidents in 1971-1979 involving radioactive materials, 70% were on the highway, and 15% were termed "major" accidents by the Department of Transportation. The volume of nuclear wastes on the road has and will increase as more plants are built, as Griffiss Air Force Base acquires the cruise missile (see p. 13) and if the citizens of NYS allow the federal government to reopen West Valley as an Away-From-Reactor (AFR) storage site of spent fuel.

The issue is at least two-fold:
1.) Are local police, fire and emergency response agencies prepared for the serious accident which could happen? In particular, why isn't the county or city even working on any

evacuation plans? 2.) Are public officials concerned enough about preventing such an accident by banning shipments of radioactive materials through Syracuse, or at least requiring a permit and pre-notification of local authorities?

In a Syracuse Common Council committee meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 17th, Fire Chief Thomas Hanlon expressed grave concern over high level spent fuel shipments. "I don't want it coming through the city," he said. He wants pre-notification of any shipments of hazardous materials coming through. He believes that evacuation plans, however, are "not realistic" as part of the solution. This reflects the prevailing attitude that regulations and evacuation plans are created out of hysteria, and may cause panic. Yet what is more likely to spawn legitimate fears: a tested evacuation plan, or city residents (those who are able to) taking to the highways in a panic when a major nuclear accident occurs?

The Syracuse Common Council will be holding more meetings to discuss avenues of legislation to ban nuclear waste shipments from coming through the city. SPC's next organizing meeting on nuclear waste transport is on Thursday, Oct. 9th, 7:30 pm at the SPC house, 924 Burnet Avenue.

Resources on Health and Environment

- MEDICAL & DENTAL X-RAYS: A Consumer's Guide to Avoiding Unnecessary Radiation Exposure. Laws. Eckholm, 77. \$3.95.
- THE PICTURE OF HEALTH: Environmental Sources of Disease. Epstein, 78. \$6.15.
- POWER OVER PEOPLE. Young, 72. \$4.
- THE SOCIAL COSTS OF BUSINESS ENTERPRISE. Kaop, 50. \$7.95.
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- ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN. Environ. Action Foundation, 79. \$2.50.
- CONFUSE & DECEIVE. Indep. Cit. Research Found. for the Study of Degenerative Diseases. \$1.00.
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Defending the Shah (Anonymously)

While we don't have any firm policy against it, the Peace Newsletter doesn't usually publish the unsigned letters which arrive from time to time in the mail. Often they're quite unpleasant. One recently concluded, "I will oppose you at every opportunity. If you are in favor of something, it must, by definition, be of the most despicable nature." And it was signed, "One who desires peace, not craven capitulation." (Craven, by the way, means cowardly.) Now it doesn't seem exactly brave to pick your quarrels with the Peace Council anonymously, but we're printing portions of another unsigned letter we received this month anyway. At least this writer cared enough about the issue of Iran to write us a lengthy and thoughtful dissent. And also, because the writer describes him(we presume)self as a "retired military member," we think it's useful for readers to be reminded of the assumptions (and sheer misinformation) which seem dangerously common these days in military circles.

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Syracuse, NY

The US owes no apology for what the Shah or his SAVAK did. The Shah: was friendly to the US and its foreign interests; was not under US command or control regarding the treatment of his people; put many people (otherwise starving) to work with the US money, technology, and equipment he bought. Most importantly, he was the legally constituted and in-power government in Iran.

Withdraw foreign (US and other) experts, technology, equipment and available commodities and Iran, much of Africa, most of the Middle East, much of Asia will waver and fall into oblivion, if not into the hands of totalitarian powers or starvation. Examples: South Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Uganda, Lithuania, Cuba.

People must be brought slowly into

the 20th century by wise--even though stern sometimes--rulers.

While we aided the Shah's Iran, the people were better off than before in their history, the country and the people ate better, worked more, and were steadily but slowly entering the 20th century and the world. Now they have stopped their world, figuratively have gotten off and are steeped in militant religious intolerance and are entering the dark ages (which is a reversal of direction).

When Iran releases the innocent hostages, when they decide to climb back on the world and act with dignity and according to international law the rest of the world operates within to keep a semblance of order and humanity, then and only then are their leaders and their people fit to be recognized, aided or granted human rights....

News from a Friend

Freehold, N.J.
Well, my six months working with the Peace Council have passed, and I am whisked back to the world of Academia. But I couldn't leave Syracuse without expressing my thanks to and feeling about everyone involved in SPC. My time spent there was invaluable to me for experience and encouragement to my future. The Peace Council has so much going for it--so many caring people and supporters, yet such an overwhelming task to accomplish. It is the people who make this task tolerable and often pleasant and uplifting. Everyone I have worked with, from committees, to staff, to Steering Committee, to helpers and workers and friends and letters coming in--they all show pride in SPC, its works, and its philosophies. It has been a very special and uplifting experience working with you all. To everyone who made it possible: Thank you, keep it up, and I hope to work with you again in the future. In gratitude and peace,

Jeff Schwartz

Letters from Peace Newsletter readers are welcome on any aspect of SPC programming, or specifically in response to articles in the PNL. Suggested length: 250 words. (Anything longer risks getting cut.) Deadline: the 20th of each month. Write: To the Editors, Peace Newsletter, SPC, 924 Burnet Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13203.

Polish Strikes

Syracuse, NY

As one who has been involved with the labor movement for the past 20 years, I too join with the rest of American society in admiration of the Polish workers who have been struggling to win for themselves some of the basic rights that American workers have taken for granted. They, indeed, have won a great victory. All the working people of the world are with them.

However, in reading all the wonderful statements made by government officials, the press, and just plain folk, it is just unbelievable that the same society which has heaped such accolades upon the brave Polish workers has not seen fit to do the same where America's workers are concerned.

It was not too long ago when some 11,000 correction officers of the state of New York were involved in a 16-day strike against the state of New York. It seems that like the Polish workers, they too did not have the right to strike. In New York State, no public employee has the legal right to strike. Unfortunately, I did not see the same exuberance shown for the plight of the correction officers as there was recently shown for the Poles, not even from the labor movement itself.

There really is not much difference between the struggle of the Polish workers and the struggle of New York's public employees: both had been forbidden the right to strike. As the result of their job action, Polish workers now have this right. New York's public employees still do not--legally, that is. How much I would have liked to see the same degree of support that was given to the brave Polish workers given to those brave correction officers who had to pay back to the State of New York two days' wages for each day they were on strike.

And let us not forget the terrible fines levied against the Union itself and the possibility of the loss of the Union dues checkoff. Is it possible that our own society is not as free as we advertise? Maybe we should all take a lesson from the Poles.

Nicholas F. Pinto
Staff Rep., Security &
Law Enforcement Council
82, AFSCME AFL-CIO

SPC Is Taking a Look at Itself

WE ARE GOING TO EVALUATE OUR PROGRAM & DIRECTIONS DURING AN INTENSIVE WEEKEND RETREAT IN A PLEASANT RURAL SETTING (It will take place either the weekend of Oct. 24-26 or Nov. 7-9)

You may want to be there if you see yourself as:

- * having an ongoing commitment to SPC
- * having the "we" feeling (do you think about "our" goals & problems at SPC rather than what "they" at SPC ought to be doing
- * someone who gives thought to the Peace Council, has visions of what we could do or should do
- * having a past experience of close connection to SPC & a continuing feeling of being part of the "we" even though you may be currently inactive
- * just getting involved with SPC, but having experience with other social justice groups
- * expecting to be around to help carry out decisions that are made at the retreat

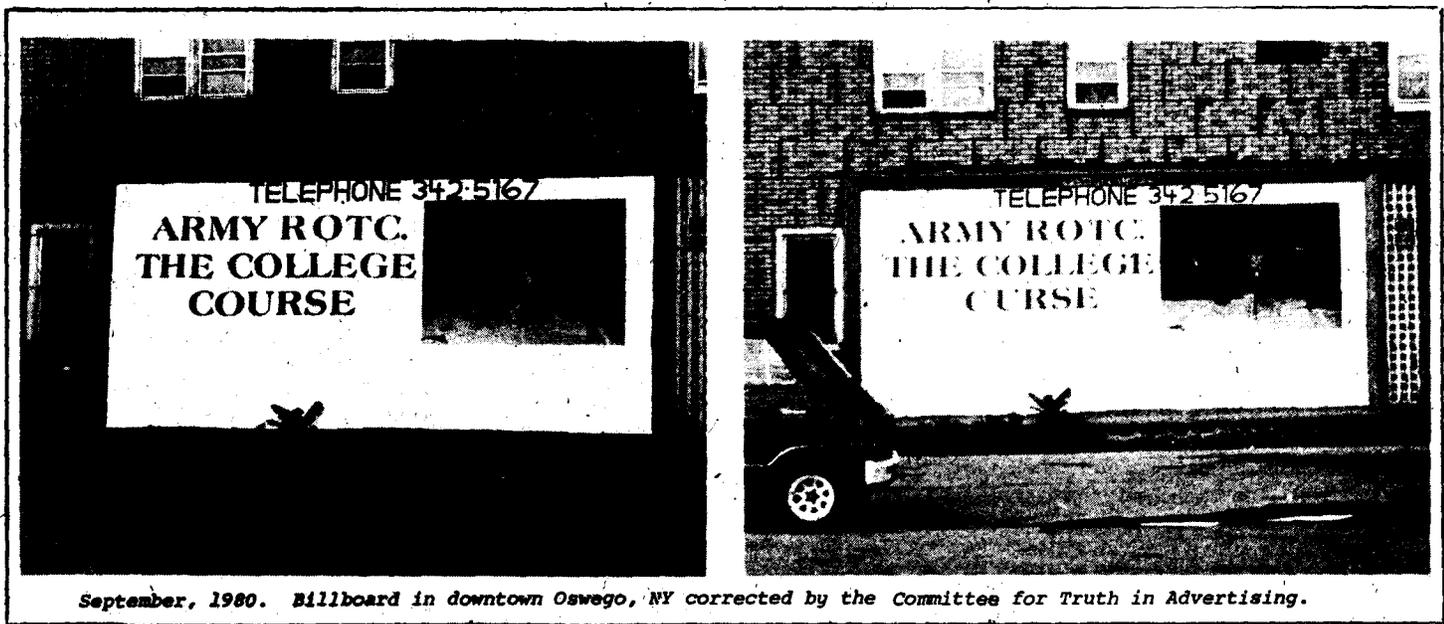
We envision this retreat as an intensive working & thinking session & expect participants to be present for the entire weekend.

As with all SPC projects, this is being done by the collective effort of volunteers, so participants should expect to help out with chores.

People who are unable to attend the retreat are still encouraged to submit their ideas, thoughts, visions and proposals.

For more information contact any of the planning committee before October 10:

- Linda DeStefano 475-0062
- Lisa Johns 475-3279
- Corinne Kinane 422-1659
- Lois Levitan 478-2998
- Glenda Neff at SPC 472-5478

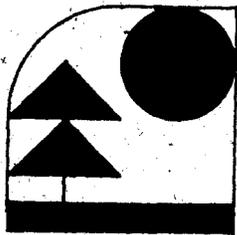


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Raul Mora:

by Mindy Fried

A Clear Case of Police Brutality

September 16. A press conference in front of the Upstate Medical Center with José Salazar and Aida Jones, brother and sister of Raul Mora, a Hispanic man who was senselessly beaten by four policemen in the hospital parking lot on September 3. In a profoundly emotional statement frequently broken by sobs, Jones stated, "We want the public to know ... (The police) should be punished for what they did."

The police charge that Mora was breaking into cars in the parking lot, that he resisted arrest and was in possession of a hypodermic needle. They have had a difficult time explaining Mora's bruised body, severe brain damage and a heart attack which nearly killed him. Right now Mora lies in a coma in the Upstate Medical Center. Verifying the brutal behavior of the police are four security guards who reportedly witnessed the beating.

According to Salazar this will become a nationwide issue, stating "this all happened because of discrimination. They didn't even give him a chance to explain himself... Now is the time to bring justice before there is another victim." Locally, the Citizens United Against Police Brutality (CUAPB) are working closely with Mora's family to lend support and draw the connection between police brutality in this case and numerous other cases.

In the past, the Syracuse Police Department has denied charges of abuse. The case of Dennis Collins,

black photojournalist for the Syracuse Gazette, is a classic example. While documenting police brutality at a party, Collins was severely beaten by the police. Now, reversing the blame, he is being charged with disorderly conduct. (see PNL s of Oct. 79 and July 80)

In Mora's case the evidence was so clearly stacked against the police that Police Chief Thomas Sardino suspended the officers following the



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opening of an investigation. A Justice Department probe is underway in conjunction with a county grand jury probe. A Federal grand jury will be hearing the case soon.

One of the major Syracuse publications, the Post Standard, has been investigating Mora's character, trying to involve the reading audience in a soap opera-like analysis of Raul-the street person, Raul-the derelict, Raul-the man who seeks psychiatric help: "If things had worked out differently, Raul Mora probably would have met with Hutchings Psychiatric Center outreach

worker Pat Ferris last Wednesday ... If Mora had not been injured in the scuffle with the police, he most certainly would have been walking the streets... the Texas native might have spent his Wednesday at Unity Kitchen where he ate some of his meals." (P. S. Sept. 16)

His family is placed in the position of having to defend their brother. Says Jones, "Raul was a good man. He helped street people, gave them his money." Her husband states the press is "trying to make him look bad to make him look like a common street person."

What the Post-Standard coverage serves to do is avoid the most basic issue: Mora is a human being. He was beaten up by the police.

Mora is not alone, although he may have been the night of his beating. Luckily he has family that cares about him and knew how to seek legal aid. Luckily his case was brought to the attention of the CUAPB. But there are unlucky people, poor and minority people, who are open to abuse by the police and do not have these channels of support.

Jones says that "(The police) should've listened to (Raul) more. He spoke broken English, but they should've listened." Now, as Mora lies in a coma, the police will have to listen.

Mindy Fried has been an activist in Syracuse for a decade and is now moving to Boston.

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East Timor and the Pacific Rim Community:

A Small Piece in a Big Puzzle

by Mike Chamberlain

Right from the beginning the US government knew that Indonesia's invasion of E. Timor was illegal, yet it was willing to support it. After years of warfare the US knew that hundreds of thousands had been killed and East Timor had been devastated (see PNL 2/80), but it defended Indonesia's policies. The reasons why the US did this go far beyond the immediate question of E. Timor's independence. In fact, it goes beyond US relations with Indonesia to the development of US relations with Asia and consequently the "stability" of the US economy.

Economic Activity Swings to the East

For years, it has been recognized that the economies of Asia would become the core of the world's economy. The US government has accepted this and has changed its conception of its policies toward Asia in order to integrate the US into the emerging economy as a dominant power.

The economy of the Asian-Pacific area has already become a major force in the world economy. 85% of all grain trade passes over the Pacific. Four of the five fastest growing economies during the 70s were Asian-Pacific nations. Over 40% of all US trade takes place with nations bordering the Pacific, more than US trade with Western Europe.

In response to the growing importance of the Pacific rim's economy the US has begun a foreign policy that considers the Asian-Pacific as more than a "fence around communism." A major outcome of this policy has been the development of a concept of an economic organization called the Pacific Rim Community

Mike Chamberlain recently interviewed East Timor refugees now living in Portugal.

(PRC) The PRC is intended to be something similar to the European Common Market. If started the PRC would be used to "coordinate, not plan," the economies of the Pacific nations. The only requirement that would be placed on the members is that they commit themselves to free economic development.

The concept sounds fairly harmless, but the consequences of such a plan could be diabolical and inhuman.

A west coast study group has begun to assess the real consequences of the PRC idea, and outlined them in a draft statement. The over-all effect of such a plan would be the structuring of the Pacific economy in a very hierarchical manner, leaving the US and Japan as dominant nations in the economy. The US would gear its businesses toward financing and information/communications fields and export the heavy and light manufacturing industries to other nations in the economy. S. Korea, Taiwan and the Philippines would take on the heavier and more technical industries, as they already have the know-how to develop them, but lack the resistance of labor unions and environmental groups to their development. The lighter and more labor intensive industries would be left to those developing nations which have large pools of relatively cheap labor to draw on. In this way the US

could control the economy as its investment and communications center.

By removing the manufacturing industries from the US economy business would be able to undercut one of its most prohibitive manufacturing costs -- labor. The inability of manufacturers to maintain profits in the face of rising labor costs has threatened the stability of the US economy by cutting out manufacturing as an industry the high cost of producing goods in the US is stopped. The one major drawback is that one fifth of the US workforce will lose their jobs in the change over to a non-manufacturing economy.

Such a plan puts human needs second to the development of a world economy that the US can dominate. In the US massive job dislocations and unemployment will happen. In Asia, oppression and pollution will be the partners of their economic development. E. Timor has already suffered from the inhumanity of these visions, as the US relations toward Indonesia and E. Timor have been shaped by these concerns.

More Than a Pawn?

In defense of its policy toward E. Timor the US State Dept. has pointed out the "significance" of Indonesia to the development of these important

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relations with the Asian-Pacific area. As a strategic member of ASEAN, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, Indonesia can swing the ASEAN group into supporting a philosophy of integrated regional economies, or it can take an independent stance. By assuring the stability of ASEAN in the face of the threat posed by Vietnam to their security, and by wooing ASEAN's support for a philosophy of mutual economic development, the US hopes to stabilize the Asian-Pacific in order to be able to develop the Pacific Rim Community.

It is this "overriding concern" that the State Dept has that keeps its support of Indonesia's actions in E. Timor. Their position is becoming increasingly difficult though, as more and more people are becoming aware of the destruction it has caused for E. Timor. Initially Indonesia and the U.S. hoped the oppression of E. Timor would be quick and quiet, but the resistance has continued and the outcry has risen sharply in the US.

So far the devastation of E. Timor has been severe yet the Timorese resistance to Indonesia's occupation continues, and is growing again.

During 1978 and 1979 the resistance fell off after Indonesia carried on a program of carpet-bombing the mountains of E. Timor in attempts to wipe out the resistance. The result was that some 300,000 people were dislocated from the villages and moved into armed "resettlement camps". From the time of Indonesia's invasion to the end of this period the death toll had risen to between 200,000-300,000 people. In spite of this the resistance survived and has recently scored new and major victories.



L.A. News Advocate

New Hopes and Fears

In June the resistance mounted the first attack in years on the capital city, Dili. The attack caught Indonesia totally by sur-

prise, and contradicted statements made by Indonesians and the US State Department about the Indonesian control. Indonesia has since responded to the attacks by sending new troops into Dili, moving new equipment into E. Timor, and increasing the repression of the local populations. The fear now is that the retaliation by Indonesia may return to the levels in 1978 and 1979 when hundreds of thousands were starved and killed.

This fear may be a reality after October 15th, the date when the International Red Cross (ICRC) is scheduled to end its program in E. Timor. The ICRC would like to keep their program going for at least another six months, but Indonesia does not seem willing to give them permission for the extension of the ICRC permit. If the ICRC were to stay another six months, it could deter Indonesia's ability to mount widespread repressive programs. It would also be able to identify the victims of chemical warfare, if the Indonesians attempted to use it again, and could start to investigate the conditions of

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the political prisoners held by Indonesia. It could also try to trace those Timorese who have "disappeared".

Assuring the continued presence of the ICRC is the first priority now, but the long range task of assuring the E. Timorese right to self-determination is a continuing struggle. To address many of the various aspects of the struggle an East Timor Conference will be held in New York City on October 19 and 20. Everyone is encouraged to attend if they have an interest in E. Timor.

East Timor Conference

The first day of the conference will be a National Strategy session which will be used to initiate wider national organizing on E. Timor through presentations and workshops. The hope is that activists from across the US will attend the conference to coordinate strategies and organizing tools with representatives of E. Timor Friendship Associations from other countries. The second day will be an International Conference which will

focus on the role of the international community in the tragedy of E. Timor, and the international attempts to help the Timorese people exercise self-determination. U.N. delegates, scholars, religious leaders, activists, and relief aid representatives will participate.

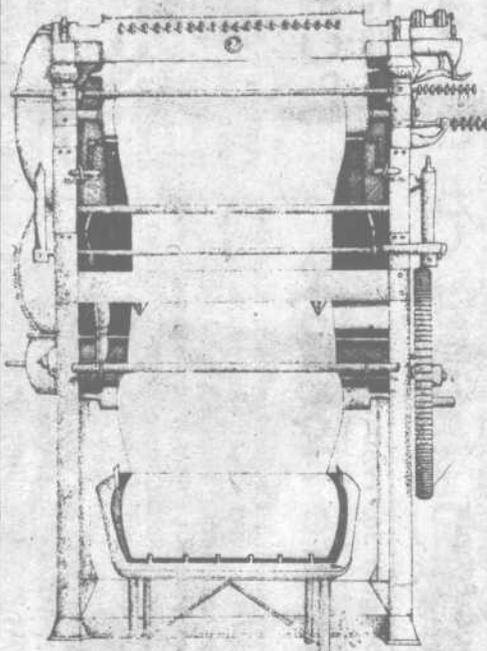
E. Timor has become tangled in a complex and far reaching aspect of US foreign policy that has distorted the significance of the issue of E. Timor's independence. The tangle and distortion is inhuman, unconscionable, and unnecessary. If the US were to change its policy on E. Timor it would not alienate Indonesia, nor would it jeopardize US security interests in the region. Neither Indonesia nor ASEAN would break relations with the US and try to get the USSR to provide economic and military aid. They fear the prospect of becoming a Soviet satellite too much to attempt that. Indonesia cannot effectively block the inevitability of the Pacific Community. It may slow the development of it, but it doesn't have the power, stability, or independence

to stand in the way of the idea.

People here in the US should recognize that the struggle in E. Timor is a struggle against the forces and policies of a Pacific community in which the human consequences of building a "stable world economy" are the last considerations. The prolonged nature of the war is putting Indonesia in a position where it may be looking for an "honorable solution". If the US would withdraw its support of Indonesia's policies in E. Timor it would go a long way toward securing the freedom. The people of E. Timor have asked for the help of the people of the US in changing those US policies in order to help them free their land.

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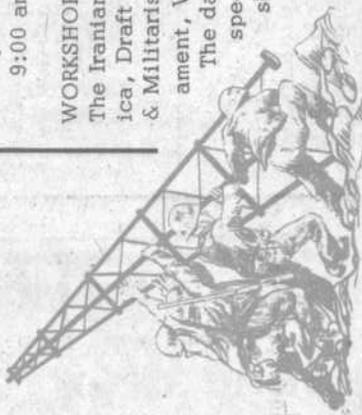
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The conference will end with a special dinner at the Westcott Cafe at 6 pm.

Call SPC (315)472-5478 or Chris Murray (315)472-6125 for reservations (encouraged but not necessary).

August 30, 1980 NY State Fair

Tanks are Not Toys

With a drum beating a solemn rhythm, a band of five white-faced SPC mimes entered the NY State Fair on Aug. 30th. They headed straight for the military exhibit where reservists were demonstrating their hardware, allowing children to climb aboard tanks and howitzers. They clapped and danced their way into the center, carrying signs "Tanks are NOT Toys" and "War is NOT a Game". As the skit began, a volley of blank shots from a machine gun exploded in their ears. The actors, thoroughly stunned, dropped to the ground. A sergeant strutted through, spitting down on them, stepping on one of them. Amidst more deafening volleys, they rose and continued the skit, a simple story of a young draftee killing another human being for the first time. The faces of the fairgoers showed disbelief at the military's violent reaction, paying serious attention to the message of the skit. Confronting militarism is NOT a game.

September 8, 1980 Syracuse, NY

SPC Vigil for Iran

On September 8, SPC staged a noon-hour vigil on Iran at the Federal Building in downtown Syracuse, to commemorate Black Friday (see Sept. PNL) and also to warn against the possibility of a pre-election invasion of Iran directed by the Carter Administration. Iran, has most people appreciate, is an extraordinarily difficult issue for the left to organize around, but the reception for this vigil--in a word, awful--has caused us to rethink the use of this vehicle for expressing SPC's concerns in a visible, public way. Under twenty people participated in the vigil, and those who came were the recipients of anger or indifference from the public. Someone tossed a lighted cigarette at one man; someone else threatened to spit in the face of another; and SPC's media spokesperson got into an on-camera argument (never aired) with the camera man from Channel 5. (Oh yes, and Ian--aged one-and-a-half--got lost.) Well, you try one thing, it doesn't work, you try another. We are still trying!

September 9, 1980 King of Prussia, PA

Plowshares at 'GE

"The prophets Isaiah and Micah summon us to beat "swords into plowshares". Therefore eight of us from the Atlantic Life Community come to King of Prussia GE Re-entry Plant to expose the criminality of nuclear weaponry and corporate piracy."
On Wednesday, Sept. 9, 1980, six men and two women entered a classified work area of a GE plant (near Philadelphia, PA.) They used hammers to smash components of an intercontinental ballistic missile cone; pints of their own blood were poured on classified plants. In their own words: "We commit civil disobedience at GE because this genocidal entity is the fifth leading producer of weaponry in the US... We wish to challenge the lethal lies done by GE through its motto "WE BRING GOOD GOOD THINGS TO LIFE." As manufacturer of the Mark 12A re-entry vehicle, GE actually prepares to bring good things to death." The eight resisters were arrested; all but one are being held under \$125,000 bail. (For more information, call SPC at 472-5478.)

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September 11, 1980 Rome, N.Y.



Sitting In the Road at Griffiss Air Force Base

At 12 noon, Thursday, September 11, after a 2-hour vigil, a chain of 12 people supported by over 60 vigilers, walked across Floyd Avenue in Rome, New York, sat down, and began a 3-hour blockade of the main entrance to Griffiss Air Force Base (GAFB). Police informed us we would be arrested immediately. However, within a few minutes it became apparent that we would be allowed to remain for some time. The base had diverted exit traffic to other gates and city police had effectively closed the street six blocks down from the action.

There were women and men from Albany, Ithaca, Syracuse, Rome, Seneca Falls, and Clinton. An important aspect of our group was the ability to set aside very disparate political and religious philosophies in order to unite for this action.

GAFB is a first-deployment base for the cruise missile, a small, pilotless, nuclear-tipped drone designed to fly below radar. The cruise represents a major escalation of the arms race.

September 11 was chosen because it is the anniversary of Gandhi's first non-violent action and it was the day of a mock nuclear attack (Civil Air Patrol war game) in which Binghamton, Buffalo, Brooklyn and Watertown were obliterated.

Our goals were to 1) denounce the coming of the cruise (now postponed from October to April); 2) affirm the group's belief that people can regain control of their lives and futures through non-violent action; 3) witness for world peace; and 4) protest the mock nuclear war.

Because the mock war was a focus of the action, we had decided that, if not arrested right away, we would leave at 3 pm—the time radiation from the Watertown attack would have reached lethal levels in Rome. At 3, we joined hands, sang and ended the blockade in solidarity and high spirits.

—Cindy Squillece and Kath Buffington
Ways to get involved:

Sunday, October 19th 2 pm: Festival to End the Arms Race
at the Mohawk Gate of Griffiss Air Force Base

If you would like more information, or to be contacted about future events, call Bob Staley-Mays at 475-4822 (Cruise Missile Project)
or Kath Buffington at 471-6923 (Direct Action)

Don't Cruise into World War III

Don't Vote - It Only Encourages Them.

by Gary Weinstein

Quadrennially we herd ourselves to the Presidential polls. There seems to be a compulsion to voting, and a sense of duty as well, akin to saluting the flag or standing for the national anthem. For those of us less enthused there is temptation. We would like to see our journey to the polls, our casting of the ballot, as our small but precious role in history-making change.

Yet with the 1980 Presidential elections there is undeniably enormous voter apathy, a boycott of the polls by growing millions. John Judis, in the Oct. *Progressive* calls this the "non-voter's party". It is now the largest 'party', for in 1976 it captured 45.6 percent of the potential electorate - 70 million voters - more than either Carter or Ford.

This burgeoning number of non-voters embodies the cynicism and the people's lack of faith in either the Republican or Democratic party's candidates. And rightly so.

The two-party system has degenerated to an abysmal point. Discussion of 'choice' between candidates brings scoff and conjures images of Orwell's *Animal Farm* in which, by the conclusion, "...one could look from man to pig and pig to man and back again and could no longer tell the difference."

The 'Republicrats' have achieved a partnership in monopoly - the result of decades of consolidating their power and influence. Convention-mania still plays to a feverish pitch, but it fools less of us each year. A candidate or party may lose a given election, but the system always wins, keeping its grip on 'democracy'.

Third Party Illusion

For this reason, third party candidates capture our imagination this year with the pledge that radical social change is possible through alternative use of the election process.

Social change promised through Presidential electoral polling never materializes. This is because the promised change is sought through the exercise of power politics (ie. 'political power') - power from above and from outside a body of people, sep-

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arate from their active participation, and channeled through an immense and oppressive hierarchy.

In contrast, the genuine social change we seek springs from within people and between people - revolutions, both major and minor, in attitudes, relationships, motives, derived from their cooperative organizing efforts and their commonly felt struggle in daily life problems.

"...an election is more a surrender than an assertion of popular power, a gathering up of empowering responses by the elites who have the resources for such periodic harvestings, an institutionalized mechanism providing for the regulated flow of power from the many to the few in order to legitimate the rule of the few in the name of the many."

(Parenti; *Power and the Powerless*)

In addition, we adhere to the feminist and nonviolent anarchist principles that the vision we hold for society is as important as how we get there. A third party candidate's strategy must be congruent with its goals.

If our vision is of an egalitarian society of active citizens, directly involved in daily life decision-making, how can this be reconciled with an electoral process that seeks people's voices only once every four years? Can this system ever come close to empowering people? No.

John Anderson, for example, is a chameleon. After losing the nomination bid to Reagan, he launched his own campaign; an undercover Republican. His success rests primarily on strategic choosing of positions that will garner response from particular segments of the electorate that are disenchanting with the dominant parties. He is patching holes in the two-party system.

The Citizen Party's attempt to gain federal financing for future bids at the Presidency and for party building have already resulted in a watering down of an earlier incisiveness in platform. The road to legitimacy is paved with compromise. Where we first heard proposals for public ownership and nationalization of corporations, we now hear of public participation instead. If the C.P.'s goals are increasingly concealed by its strategy, this is undesirable. If its goals

have changed, this is far worse.

The Socialist Party states five goals in their electoral work; a legitimate discussion of socialism, attention to the threat of nuclear war, a demonstrable link between 'politics' and direct action, a doubling of membership in Left groups and a strengthening of local Left and Socialist groups (*Progressive* 10/80).

If these are sound and good goals, do they need the 'cover' of electoral organizing? If people are not being told what candidates are really doing, then they are being as manipulative and dishonest as mainstream politicians. In the Ehrlichs' words, "If you want to talk to the people, then talk to them - don't pretend do to something else. Electoral activity seems a strangely roundabout way to present one's ideas."

Nonviolent Anarchist View: Don't Vote - Organize

The decision not to vote, from an anarchist/feminist view, is made with a consciousness of the history of voting as a means of social control (see Parenti for an eye-opening survey of the class-conscious conservatism with which voting rights have been extended 'down' to segments of the U.S. population), a refusal to collude with a system of hierarchy and dominance and a refusal to endorse the process by which power is chronically abused.

True voting occurs countless times daily with our ecological and political lifestyle choices, not once every four years. Authentic social change results from direct action organizing of schools, clinics, transportation, co-ops and businesses coupled with nonviolent confrontation and dismantling of state and corporate control of our lives.

The Wisdom of the Cabbie

by Linda DeStefano

Dick and I were in a taxi in D.C. last April; we had come to the capitol to participate in lobbying, marching and rallying for a Non-Nuclear World. The cabbie was sharing his philosophy of change with us: collect all the money individuals and organizations spend on traveling to D.C. and putting together a big demonstration and pay that money to a lobbyist to represent the views of those who believe in a non-nuclear world.

Although I don't agree with the cabbie's write-off of demonstrations as a vehicle for social change, I do think he raises important questions about the need for additional tools to bring about the conditions social change activists in the same energy, healthy environment, economic-social justice, nuclear disarmament movements are working for. One of these tools is the electoral process - voting and organizing for progressive candidates and parties. One of the reasons to do this is that grassroots electoral organizing is a process which reflects the kind of activist, empowered citizens we envision in a better world, and an important part of the revolution is the way in which we get there.

One might object by saying direct action campaigns provide this process, but there need be no exclusion of one method by the other. To paraphrase David McReynolds, presidential candidate of the Socialist Party, both Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. brilliantly and successfully shifted back and forth from political action to civil disobedience. McReynolds, who has done both civil disobedience and electoral politics, bemoans what he sees as the artificial separation of the two in much of the anti-nuclear movement today.

Not everyone we want to reach can be touched by direct action or demonstrations. Additional people can accept our message if we speak through a structure which is familiar to them, that is, electoral politics. For exam-

Linda DeStefano's comments about specific candidates reflect her own views and not those of SPC. SPC does not endorse political candidates.

ple, David McReynolds, a gay draft and war resister, can get publicity and reach new audiences as a Socialist Party candidate. Through the 3rd party structure, he is educating people about democratic socialism.

Besides serving an educational function, 3rd parties are important to develop as a viable alternative to the two-party system. Strategists for the Citizens Party, for example, know that the party's standard-bearer, Barry Commoner (environmental scientist, author and activist), won't become president in 1980 but they are aiming for 5% of the national vote, which would qualify the party for federal funds and help build it for the long haul.



A substantial percentage of votes for third parties gives a sharp signal to the Democrats and Republicans. Rather than vote for Carter "to stop Reagan," it's time to vote disaffection with both major party candidates and the system by which they were selected. Why not just stay home? Because not voting doesn't send a clear message. Did a person not vote because she/he is apathetic about anything wider than her/his own immediate interests? Or was it forgetfulness?

Or was it a conscious protest? And if the person had voted, would it have been for a Commoner or an Ellen McCormack (Right to Life candidate)? The analysts can only guess at the significance of a non-vote, but a vote for a candidate or party gives a message about where one stands.

At the same time we are using the electoral process as one of the vehicles to bring about "economic democracy" (Commoner's phrase) or "democratic socialism" (McReynold's phrase), we can also achieve more modest but nonetheless significant changes through electoral politics. For example, voting in one local judge over another might bring vital improvements in the lives of many defendants. This is also true in the state legislature and the Congress, where crucial votes on such issues as the death penalty, freedom of choice in abortion, and environmental quality are sometimes won or lost by only a few votes. Based on their records, I want Ron Dellums, George McGovern and Elizabeth Holtzman (among others) to remain in Congress, but they - along with other progressive officeholders - are threatened with defeat because they're the targets of well-financed right-wing groups. If we don't take action, there will be even fewer voices for our side in Congress.

And action can begin with enrolling in a political party so one can vote in the primary elections of that party, such as the recent four-way race for Democratic candidate to the US Senate, in which Liz Holtzman won. Holtzman now faces Alfonse D'Amato in the general election. This is an example of the dramatic difference between candidates, sometimes even within the two-party system. Holtzman has a good voting record in the House on military spending, women's rights, and unconstitutional revisions of the US criminal code (S.1 and its current versions). D'Amato is endorsed by the anti-choice advocates (which call themselves Right to Life) and is regressive on other important issues also. Six years of Liz Holtzman in the Senate is worth voting and working for.

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The all-time classic musical which swept the Academy Awards while showing that social conflict could be brilliantly portrayed in song and dance. Using the Romeo & Juliet theme two NYC street gangs vie for control of their turf.

STATE OF SIEGE

Costa-Gavras, 1973 (French/English subt.)
FRIDAY OCTOBER 10 7 & 9pm

This "superb, enthralling and unforgettable" (CBS-TV) film, based on a real event in Uruguay, sheds light on why Third World revolutionaries take US hostages. The film's rapid movement and flashback technique make what Hollywood would call a spellbinding, political thriller. Screenplay by Franco Solinas ("Battle of Algiers").

LENNY

Bob Fosse, 1972
FRIDAY OCTOBER 17 7,9,11pm

Dustin Hoffman gives a remarkable performance as Lenny Bruce--a man who has become a modern folk hero because of his commitment to free speech. Also featured is Valerie Perrine and a musical score by Jazz great Miles Davis. Bruce's (1925-66) involvement with obscenity charges is handled with reasonable integrity.

CEDDO (Senegal)

Ousmane Sembene, 1977
FRIDAY OCTOBER 24 7 & 9:30 pm

Ceddo is perhaps the most important film about black Africa. This exciting political thriller uses the kidnapping of a beautiful princess to examine the confrontation between opposing forces in the face of colonial expansion. Ceddo is not strictly a historical film. It ranges far and wide to include philosophy, fantasy and militant politics. (ISA)

Plus the Jean Cocteau short RHYTHM OF AFRICA which presents traditional crafts and dances of the Chad.

Halloween Horror Night! Ronald Reagan in SANTA FE TRAIL

Michael Curtiz, 1940
THURSDAY OCTOBER 30 7 & 9:30pm

Unfortunately Halloween and Election Day complement each other this year. In honor of this occasion NVS has dug up a chilling classic 'starring' Ronnie ("Give me a bloodbath" **) Reagan & swashbuckler Errol Flynn. Come and laugh and cry. Our 2nd horror film features the biggest ghoul of them all--old Adolf. It's a compilation of little-seen footage showing fascism's fantasies realized and the world's biggest nightmare. Could fascism come to US?!

(**While Governor of CA Reagan actively tried to suppress student protests against the Viet Nam war and in favor of student rights. He said at one point, "if it takes a bloodbath, let's get it over with.")

THE NIGHT OF COUNTING

THE YEARS (Egypt)
Shadi Abdelsalam, 1969
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7 7 & 9:30 pm

A symbolic political film about the Arab world. The discovery of a Royal Cache near Thebes compels a young tribesman to face the conflict of saving his people's past treasures from local thieves and antique dealers vs. losing them to foreign archeologists. Either choice will destroy his people's heritage. (ISA)

THE CHESSPLAYER (India)

Satyajit Ray, 1978
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 14 7 & 9:30 pm

Set in Oudh in 1856, this is the story of a poet-king bowing before the irresistible advance of imperialism. Two noble men play chess while the East Indian Company plays power politics. Ray's film, alive with humor, is a beautifully shaded study of notions about power, responsibility, and decadence. Hindi/English subt. (ISA)

Plus the NET short SATYAJIT RAY (1967) in which the film maker discusses his work.

THE PROMISED LAND (Poland)

Andrzej Wajda, 1975
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21 7 & 10 pm

This controversial spectacular deals with the harsh industrialization of 19th century Poland. A trio of young partners join in a textile mill venture jettisoning old values in the rush to wealth. A powerful picture with exceptionally good acting. Grand prizes Moscow & Chicago festivals. (ISA)

THE CEREMONY (Japan)

Nagisa Oshima, 1971
FRIDAY DECEMBER 5 7 & 9:30 pm

Oshima (In the Realm of the Senses) is well known for his political views and his excellent direction. This film is a condemnation of modern Japan as chronicled in a family saga of Jacobean violence. (I.S.A.)

Marx Bros.

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA
Sam Wood, 1935

THE GRATEFUL DEAD

W.C. Fields FATAL GLASS OF BEER
FRIDAY DECEMBER 12 7,9,11pm

Whether it's a little holiday merriment or a break from studying, for exams these two comedies and the Dead short (shown first) will fill the bill. This is perhaps the Brothers best and funniest film containing dozens of memorably hilarious moments including the fabulous stateroom scene. The Fields short ("Anyone who hates dogs and children can't be all bad.") will be shown second. The Dead short (1968) won a Brussels Film Festival award.

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SU COMPETES WITH CIA

Although Syracuse University has long been at the service of the government for assistance with counterinsurgency and economic exploitation of the Third World, (see Braintrust of the Empire available from SPC), independent entrepreneurship in this field is something new.

Michael O'Leary and William Coplin, two S.U. political science professors, both who formerly worked for the CIA, now publish " World Political Risk Forecast". However don't go looking for it on the magazine rack or even in the library. O'Leary and Coplin sell their forecasts for \$1,500/year subscriptions to GM, AT&T, GE and 170 other transnational corporations involved in the Third World.

Each report includes graphs showing the relative positions of power of the various classes and interests inside the nation concerned. They use local informants who gather the information the two professors feed into their morally neutral mathematical models.

In August this year O'Leary and Coplin held a seminar on political risk forecasting. Several corporations paid \$775 each to send a representative. Among the participants was former CIA director Colby. Needless to say, there were no participants from Third World organizations who intend to free themselves from exploitation by the corporations in attendance.

KISSINGER AGAIN



Thursday, Sept. 25, Syracuse Republicans paid \$150 each to hear a world-renowned war criminal lie.

A DOSE OF TOXINS

Some More Bad News:

- An abandoned Pollution Abatement Services of Oswego chemical dump site is 1,000 meters from the Syracuse source of Lake Ontario water.

- SCA Chemical Services is completing a 5 mile pipeline from their lagoon to the Niagara River at Lake Ontario. A million gallons a day are planned to be piped. Citizens Against Pollution of Lewiston, NY are picketing daily.

- The Chemical Manufacturers Association is lobbying hard to keep corporate liability out of the \$4 billion superfund being proposed to clean up abandoned chemical dumps. The Senate bill S. 1480 contains features intended to make chemical corporations liable for their assaults on our environment. Letter writing could be effective.

To help the work of controlling toxic wastes call the Peace Council.

PLEBISCITE PINOCHET STYLE

Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet called a plebiscite for September 11, asking Chileans to approve a new constitution and plans for a "gradual transition to democracy". The announced results (66% in favor) mean that Pinochet intends to govern Chile until 1997, when elections are scheduled under the authoritarian constitution, which was drawn up without public participation.

In the three week "campaign" preceding the vote, no opposition was allowed. Arbitrary arrests by the military rose to a total of 3,000 in 1980, including many whose only offense was to leaflet against the plebiscite. Despite these controls, (added to the banning of political parties and control of the press), 50,000 people marched in downtown Santiago to protest the Pinochet farce. The Resistance lives !!

GAY AND LESBIAN CONFERENCE

During the weekend of Oct. 25-26, the Syracuse chapter of the New York State Gay/Lesbian Conference will host the first statewide membership meeting.

The State Conference was formed

PEACES

in May 1980 in response to the often expressed need for an organization to reach out to the many lesbians and gay males living in the small cities, towns and rural areas of NY State that remain virtually untouched by the gay/lesbian movement.

The first task of the State Conference is to build a grassroots resource and communications network putting lesbians and gay males and their concerned friends and relatives in touch with the growing gay/lesbian movement. A primary goal is to ease the isolation impairing the quality of life of so many lesbians and gay males living outside the large metropolitan areas of New York State.

For complete information call, 475-6866 or write the State Conference, P.O. Box 92, Syracuse, N.Y. 13210.

QUIET REIGNS AT AKWESASNE

The conflict at Akwesasne between the Ganiienkeh (Mohawk) Nation and NY State has settled into a state of suspended animation. The Nation is negotiating with the "elective system" - a group of Indians who accept the authority of US law. Judge Plumadore is deciding whether to drop all the charges in the sovereignty dispute.

The camp at Akwesasne is not now under siege. All barricades and roadblocks have been removed. State Police have so far kept their promise not to try to enter the camp to make arrests so there is no need for armed guards.

Meanwhile the camp, in existence for 16 months is moving from defense of sovereignty to concrete steps in building a nation. The most notable is the forming of a freedom school to teach Indian children about Ganiienkeh life and the surrounding world. There are over 70 Indian children from inside and outside the camp.

El Salvador - Combatting the Myths

by Ed Griffin

Making sense out of events in Central America is not an easy task. Particularly in the case of El Salvador coverage by the major media reflects only State Department "thinking" without looking seriously into the condition of the Salvadorean people. We read AP or UPI reports of clashes between government and guerrilla forces, body counts, resignations of high officials, and insinuations of Cuban involvement- all of which gives the impression of a situation confused beyond comprehension. Most of these reports conclude with the standard phrase, which reads something like this - "The moderate civilian/military junta is struggling to implement its program of reforms and to quell the violence caused by extremists of the right and left".

CALCULATED DECEIT

This phrase, which you may have read a hundred times, is patently false. All the evidence amassed by the two human rights organizations in El Salvador (the Legal Aid Office of the Catholic Church and the Human Rights Commission) and by three different fact finding missions points to the terrorists associated with the right wing oligarchy and government troops as responsible for the violence. The information from these ignored but reliable sources makes clear that the current junta is anything but moderate and that its policies differ very little from those of the succession of

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military governments that have ruled El Salvador for 50 years.

In fact, since the junta installed itself in January, the number of daily killings by the government has more than doubled. This violence is directed primarily against the peasants and their organizations, and many of those killed have been unarmed civilians whose bodies are then mutilated and dismembered. Right wing death squads, however, operate openly without any government response, which is not surprising since the dominant figures in the junta have been long associated with the right wing.



Yet the US continues to support and supply the junta. Their contention that the junta is the only chance for a peaceful solution has lost all plausibility as the hard liners within the junta consolidate their power and more stories of government repression trickle out. The US policy is not rooted in an understanding of Central America, but rather owes its existence to the resurrection of the Cold War, nationalistic world view within the US.

Sadly, Ronald Reagan is not the only one speaking of domino theories these days. Many in the Carter administration are seeing El Salvador as the place to "draw the line" against "Soviet expansionism" and to reverse the decline of US power and influence. The most visible of these hard liners is Zbigniew Brezinski, who has been quoted as saying that the US will use "even the most reprehensible means" (including sending the Marines) to prevent "another Nicaragua" in Central America.

In this world view, Fidel Castro is behind any and all unrest in the region. This absurd argument presumes that landless peasants earning \$200/year need Fidel to inform them that they are exploited, that parents need Fidel to spark their outrage at the needless death of their newborn child, and that formerly centrist professionals, teachers, technicians, and labor leaders need Fidel to tell them that their hopes of free elections will never be realized under a military famous for its exercises in ballot box fraud. Those who propound this argument have not produced one solid shred of evidence of Cuban participation in the struggle in El Salvador.

THE US BLIND SPOT

As long as this hard line policy remains in effect, the US government will continue to be left out of and be caught unaware by the social changes that are occurring in El Salvador and Central America. If the US should attempt an invasion, either unilaterally or through the Organization of American States, the theory of the opposition being led by small groups of Castroites would

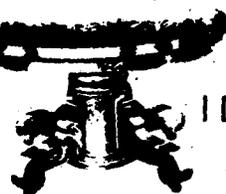
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quickly be exposed and the real nature of the organization of the Salvadorean people would become apparent.

According to Phillip Berryman, of the American Friends Service Committee Central America Staff, the core of the opposition are the "people's organizations", groups which sprung up in the 1970's as a reaction to political parties which did not go beyond electoral politics. In less than a decade, these organizations have developed into well integrated mass movements which include a political-military wing and are now a real threat to the power of the oligarchy.

Phil Berryman spoke, during a recent visit to Syracuse, of the process of unity among these organizations and of alliances with other social sectors. This process has progressed to the point where a national insurrection is now only a question of timing. The three largest organizations (People's Revolutionary Bloc-BPR, United Popular Action Front-FAPU, and 28th of February People's Leagues-LP-28) joined with an opposition party (Nationalist Democratic Union-UDN)

in January to form the Revolutionary Coordinating Council of the Masses (CRM). Then the collapse of the first Washington-inspired junta convinced many professional, labor, and even business leaders that a coalition with the people's organizations was the only viable route. This realization paved the way for the formation of the Democratic Revolutionary Front (FDR), which unites the progressives and revolutionaries behind a program of land reform, an end to repression, nationalization of vital services, and non-alignment.

In the past few months, the opposition has been seeking diplomatic support abroad as well as bolstering their organization internally. The road ahead will be difficult. During his visit, Phil Berryman made a plea to peace groups to take on the issue of El Salvador, noting that our responsibility is to work against the violence created by the US government, which has already approved over \$10 million in aid to the Salvadorean military, \$70 million in economic support for the junta, and is heavily involved in planning the junta's "land reform" which in many cases is merely a smokescreen for repression.

The Carter administration has a 24 hour crisis task force monitoring developments in El Salvador (Iran and Afghanistan are the only other countries that merit such special attention). We who do not fear, but rather would welcome "another Nicaragua" in Central America, must be equally as vigilant. See below for specific tasks and organizing efforts. For more background see PNLs Feb. '80, May '80, and Sep't. '80.

ACTION - NOW!

-Letters to the Editor, stressing the non-aligned nature of the popular forces, and calling for more in-depth coverage of the situation, specifically that attention be paid to the news releases of the Catholic diocese of San Salvador.

-Letters to the President, State Dep't., and Congressional representatives (particularly Matt McHugh, who sits on the subcommittee which has to approve any aid to El Salvador). Every letter makes it a bit more difficult for further intervention to take place.

-Organize!! An international network of solidarity with El Salvador is now forming. See box for info on organizing conference for upstate NY. Call 472-5478, ask for Ed.

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Organized Labor - Its Stake in the Upcoming Election

by Nicholas F. Pinto

Ever since that little old cigar maker, Samuel Gompers, threw down the gauntlet with his "elect your friends and defeat your enemies" dictum, there has been no question that the role played by Organized Labor in the United States has had a great impact on the American political scene. In fact, it goes without saying that had the American Labor Movement not involved itself in the political process of the country, it is highly questionable that there would have been an organized labor movement in existence at all today. Certainly, Organized Labor has had a stake in the political processes of the country -- its very life.

Many election years have gone by since that dictum was stated, but it is still imbedded in the fiber of the American Labor Movement. There is no question that the utterings of that little old cigar maker did work. Not only has the American Labor Movement survived and even prospered as the result of this philosophy, but even important pieces of legislation were enacted that were not only beneficial to its members, but to the country as well.

However, needless to say, the forces of profit and exploitation have not been exactly defeated. In fact, quite to the contrary, in recent years the opposite has taken place. As the result of these forces' constant attempts to stifle Organized Labor's gains, the American Labor Movement has found itself still fighting like hell, but just to stay even. It seems that the very system the Gompers oriented American Labor Movement was hell-bent in preserving continues to produce its counterparts, who are just as hell-bent in destroying the American Labor Movement. Considering what the American Economic System is all about, the situation is quite understandable.

To understand this phenomenon,

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one must understand the generally accepted philosophy that is expounded by the American Labor Movement itself. As a basically locally oriented adversary system, it seeks to only operate within the system that spawned it. Unlike its European counterparts, the American Labor Movement politically does not support doctrines that call for the radical change of the economic system, or does it subscribe to the idea of forming its own political party, or, for that matter, does it support the idea of a labor party. While the American Labor Movement is certainly and without a doubt a body politic, unlike its European counterparts, however, it chooses not to be separate from, but to be part of the existing political establishment, where one cannot tell the players without the scorecards. As the result of its

overwhelming desire not to alter either the political or economic status quo, the American Labor Movement, when attempting to defend the system, sometimes has found itself in the very same bed with those very elements whose machinations and injustices were the very causes that initially helped spawn the movement itself. The fact being what they are, it is no wonder that an increasing number of the rank-and-file members of Organized Labor are growing more and more disenfranchised.

Based on recent polls, there seems to be mass confusion among American workers as to what their political stance should be. This confusion has not been eliminated by Labor's leaders. It is, indeed, a true dilemma -- a dilemma that may well spell out the demise of Organized Labor a

a potent political force in the American political system.

The reason is quite clear. As we examine the current political situation facing Organized Labor, we must note that on the one hand we have an ex-peanut farmer incumbent President who, by Organized Labor's own standards, has not shown that he has the ability to deal with the nation's ills.

Troubled by the traditional ills that beset all capitalistic oriented societies, he has steadfastly maintained a policy of treating the symptoms rather than the disease. On the other hand we have an ex-actor who decries the incumbent's method of treating the disease, and advocates a different method of treating the symptoms, but not the disease. There are also a few others in the wings, each with their formula for treating the symptoms, but none have offered a method of treating the disease... at least none who are not identified in any way with the major party point of view.

In looking carefully at this year's political picture, Organized Labor had good reason to question the integrity of either of the major political parties but did not. Instead it allowed the two major parties to continue to

play the games they had been playing for years. It is either trickle up or trickle down; but in any case, whatever is supposed to trickle to the working people and moreso to those who cannot even find work, never seems to get there. And to top that off, it seems that both parties would have us all forget the inadequacies of the economic system by leading us into a new era of militarism -- the time-honored way of keeping the people's minds off their stomachs.

The dilemma facing Organized Labor is, indeed, real. Rather than search for a real alternative to either of the major political parties' economic patchwork, it has endorsed the very incumbent of whom it has been most critical, and whom it has indicated is incapable of dealing with the economic woes of the country. What kind of leadership is that for union members and their families to follow? There is a genuine doubt among many trade unionists that their union leadership knows anything at all. A rebellion among the rank-and-file is, indeed, imminent, if not already in the making.

While we may all get excited over this dilemma, such concerns are nothing new to Organized Labor, al-

though this upcoming situation is more pronounced than it has ever been. And it all goes back to the Samuel Gompers conservative philosophy of keeping the American Labor Movement from becoming tainted with the European philosophy of economic justice, which generally maintains that one cannot have social justice without economic justice. This philosophy still permeates the leadership of most of the labor unions which make up the Organized Labor Movement in the United States. As long as Organized Labor subscribes to this philosophy, it will continue to offer its members only with a choice of either Tweedle-Dee or Tweedle-Dum. There may even be a Tweedle-Do or a Tweedle Da in the wings, but nothing really will change.

The day may fast be coming when, indeed, Organized Labor will have lost whatever wallop it had left. If not already at hand it is certainly heading in that direction. And it will continue moving in that direction until somehow it realizes that there must be other alternatives to an economic system that for the most part is like a roller coaster, going nowhere but up and down, with the owner of the ride making a handsome profit.

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- FACING THE CHAIR: Sacco and Vanzetti. Passos, \$2.
- THE I.W.W.: Its First Seventy Years 1905-1975. Thompson & Murfin, 1976. \$4.95.
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- BRACERO. Nelson, 1972. \$3.95. Story of Mexican workers in the U.S.
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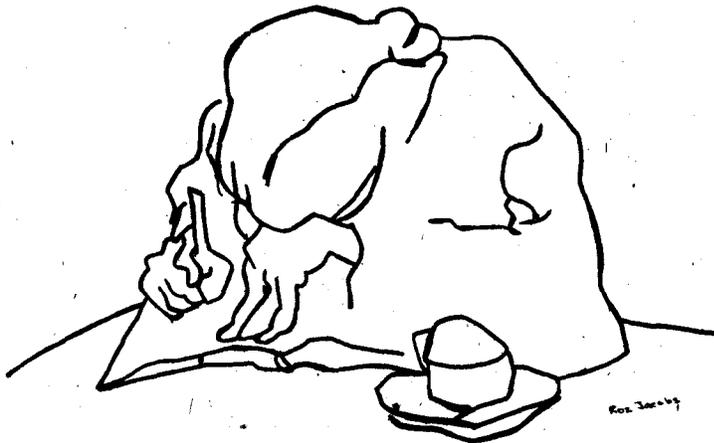
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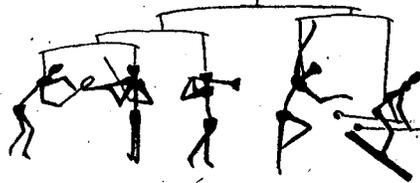
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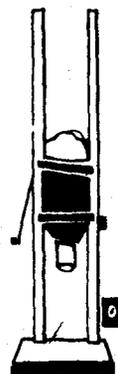
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We feel that education, agitation and organization lead to social change.

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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"If you are not careful, the newspapers will have you hating the people who are being oppressed, and loving the people who are doing the oppressing."

-Malcolm X

THE U.S. IS ALREADY INTERVENING IN EL SALVADOR



Once again the U.S. is sending military aid to a government at war with its own people. Once again the U.S. is intervening in a small country to protect "its interests." We saw it in Vietnam. We saw it in Iran. We saw it in Nicaragua. And we saw those governments fall. We're seeing it again in El Salvador.

Over 5,000 Salvadoreans have been murdered since January 1980. The U.S. helps to pull the trigger.

The U.S. has proposed and delivered 69% (\$11.5 million) more military aid to El Salvador this year than it sent in the past 30 years.

The U.S. calls this aid "non-lethal." No bullets. No guns. Just trucks, flak jackets, tear gas grenades and gas masks. Night vision sights and image intensifiers. Radios, field telephones and communications equipment. Everything the military needs to move faster, shoot straighter and be safer. The targets are the people.

A month before he was assassinated, Salvadorean Archbishop Oscar Romero wrote President Carter asking the U.S. to halt further military aid: "... it is evident that since the [receipt of military aid in November] the security forces, with better personal protection and efficiency, have repressed the people even more

violently with lethal weapons."

The Administration has requested at least \$5.5 million more. Even the wish list is more elaborate. Helicopters, patrol boats, jeeps, riot control gear, parachutes and training in "internal security." They want it sent this year. But first, it has to be approved by Congress. That's where you come in.

The Administration is entertaining other ideas. Maybe bullets. Maybe guns. Maybe advisors. Maybe even troops. We can stop this spiral of intervention. We can stop this military aid. But we must act now. Right now.

Carter and Congress ignored the Archbishop's final plea. Can we?

LATE NEWS: The Washington Post of Oct. 9 reported that the US has begun the training of 300 Salvadorean military officers in its training schools in the Panama Canal Zone. The purpose of this training is to improve the military's "effectiveness" in dealing with the organized opposition to the repressive governing junta. This contingent is the largest number of officers from one country ever to be trained in the Canal Zone, where some of Latin America's most brutal military men have been given both technical training and ideological indoctrination by the US.

WE NEED YOU TO HELP STOP U.S. INTERVENTION IN EL SALVADOR.

- * HOLD A COMMUNITY FORUM
- * SEND LETTERS TO NEWSPAPERS, PROTESTING COVERAGE
- * SEND LETTERS TO OFFICIALS

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For a New Foreign and Military Policy

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Stop Intervention. Send Your Message Today.

Dear _____:

I urge you to OPPOSE all U.S. military aid to El Salvador. I urge you to press the Administration to suspend all further shipments of aid. The U.S. must demonstrate that it will no longer support governments at war with their own people. Please remember—your vote is as important to me as mine is to you.

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"THANK YOU !"

"Thank you", dear supporters, for your overwhelming response to our October PNL fund appeal letter and to our follow-up phonathon. Our hearts are full with the feeling that there are many people who know we must be supported. We are uplifted by the many encouraging comments we received over the phone, by the friendly notes and letters that have accompanied your contributions, and by a new sense of stability in our finances that we have so dearly needed.

By no means is the Peace Council in the black (see below) but we are doing much better than we have in recent memory. Through the appeal and phonathon we have managed to almost double our pledgers (monthly contributors), from 94 to 175! The 81 new pledgers have promised money totaling better than \$3,600 over the next year. This stable income helps ease our perpetual worry about fundraising. On top of the pledges, we received promises of one-time contributions totaling \$1,350.

Thanks to all of you who worked on the phonathon! You have really given a gift that keeps on giving (so to speak).

IN THIS ISSUE

When we sat down to plan this issue, it soon became apparent that we would be happier going to 32 pages rather than run our normal 24 pages (despite its being a lot more work) because so much was happening -- Lots of things needed promotion: the SPC Annual Dinner, Peoples Energy 1981, the Pentagon action, the Paul Winter concert, NVS Films, Plowshare. We also had several timely long articles either in-hand or in the making: Don Luce's fine piece on the Southeast Asia border wars that he wrote especially for the PNL; Jack Manno's article on dome-mania; and Jerry Berrigan's report on his recent trip to Ireland.

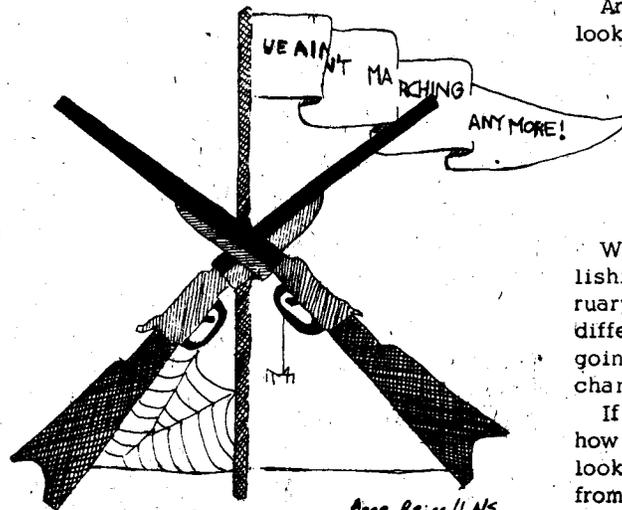
You'll note that there's a new label on your PNL if you received it through the mail. That's the product of the many hours of work that Kath Buffington put into retyping our

Another financial bright spot is that the Cultural Resources Council has offered us the opportunity to benefit from the Paul Winter Consort concert taking place next February the 27th (see page 20). So far, we have decided to buy into about 1/4 of the concert (buying 500 tickets out of 2,100 capacity) with a possibility of making \$1,000. We are leaning toward buying the entire concert with a possibility of making \$7,000. A great obstacle in all this is that we have to borrow a lot of money: \$3,000 for the first plan and \$8,000 for the second.

Why are we getting involved in this extravagant and risky venture? Because the Peace Council's largest creditor, the present staff and Chris and Dik (former staff people), are still owed \$8,000 in back-salaries. It is the best idea that has come along in years for finally getting us out of debt. The music is wonderful. Please support us by buying a Peace Council ticket.

We just couldn't NOT put out a People's Energy calendar this year. It was almost a foregone conclusion that we wouldn't put one out because we were so far behind in the plan-

mailing list -- a totally unenviable job that we must do every year and a half. If anything needs correcting on your label, contact us before November 14. We'll be making copies of the new list then.



ning, but with praise for last year's and orders for next year's calendar pouring in from across the country, we couldn't resist. It'll be a lot less ambitious than last year's, but it will certainly sustain our reputation for putting out a fine movement calendar. (see page 15)

Our September PNL appeal for volunteer office help has been responded to generously. There are many new faces in the office. Among the new people are Fredrick Sears, who will be working here daily while taking a leave of absence from student life at Syracuse University; Mimi Satter will be doing the book-keeping and Trudy Bourque will be maintaining our mailing list.

There was hard work and lively thinking at the Peace Council retreat on the weekend of Oct. 24-26. Twenty-two Peace Council activists took a look at our past and present toward creating an organizational structure that can meet the challenges ahead. If you consider yourself a Peace Council member, you will probably want to read the retreat report (pages 6 & 7) Please let us know what you think.

UPCOMING

The December PNL will be an abbreviated (16 page) issue to allow us time to work on our Plowshare Craftsair (see page 32).

Articles in the issue will take a look at radical politics in relation to religion. Topics being considered are: views on radical Christianity and Judaism; the Christmas consumer angst; alternative rituals and celebrations.

We will be taking our annual publishing break in January. The February PNL will probably be very different-looking because we're going to be making some format changes.

If you have any suggestions on how the PNL could read better or look better, we'd love to hear from you.



Voting/Not Voting

Syracuse, N

Gary Weinstein's article, "Don't Vote--It Only Encourages Them," (Oct. PNL) leaves two very fundamental questions unanswered for me. One is whether the left can afford to ignore the electoral process. And the second is, if we ignore it, how do we foresee radical social changes actually coming about?

Ignoring the process is to leave the field to the fakery of the Carters and Reagans, which is to say the people who got us into this mess in the first place. And I don't wish to be merely rhetorical in stating that no fundamental difference exists between Republicans and Democrats (and here also I'd include a maverick like John Anderson). All share a commitment to the existing economic structure of capitalism, which will force them to behave in similar ways-- their own stated rhetoric and ideologies notwithstanding. The differences will be ones of degree-- not a good enough reason for me to vote for Jimmy Carter (or John Anderson). But still we have to recognize that these are powerful people, because of their control over the legitimate decision-making mechanisms and institutions of our society. I don't think we can ignore them.

And this raises my second point, for I don't wish simply to come out saying that I disagree with Gary, and agree with Linda DeStefano, who wrote on the value of voting. What makes us think we can't vote in "the revolution"? I think both articles underestimate the real potential of elections for transferring control of those mechanisms and institutions, once we free ourselves from the monopoly control which the two parties together exercise over the election process. To be sure, it won't be easy--but nothing else will either. And there is a Constitutionally-mandated process for democratic social change already in place and accepted by the

people. We should use it by organizing and voting for worthy third party endeavors.

Lisa Johns

Syracuse, NY

The Socialist Party is raising crucial issues and working to build the left in our presidential campaign. Gary Weinstein suggests we are hiding our activities and goals under a "cover" of electoral organizing and therefore "are being as manipulative and dishonest as mainstream politicians." This charge is an error and I urge its retraction. The S.P. has declared our goals in the McReynolds/Drufenbrock presidential campaign openly to the public and the left. McReynolds stated them clearly in The Progressive, in a letter sent to everyone on our mailing list, in the Socialist Tribune and I have heard McReynolds explain our goals in every major speech in his campaign in central NY, Oct. 15-17. The S.P. local also expressed our goals at the organizing meeting for our local campaign. The S.P. does not engage in manipulative electioneering. McReynolds, like Eugene Debs, spoke on issues and never asked audiences to vote for him. The S.P. is not merely an electoral party - we are involved in direct action as well as electoral action. McReynolds, in his speeches said that direct action, in organization and confrontation is the way that basic social change is achieved; but there are good reasons to engage in electoral politics and I invite dialog on this issue.

The S.P. local sponsors regular discussions of radical issues but on a practical level McReynolds was able to reach thousands of people locally, far more than our previous efforts.

Also, electoral participation/non-participation is still a debated issue among anarchists; they have often voted and even joined the bourgeois government in Republican Spain. Anarchists and socialists can work together and even achieve a comfortable confluence of views.

I invite Gary to participate in our public discussions on "the Elections" (Nov. 9) and "Scenarios for Revolution" (Dec. 14). (See Calendar)

In friendship and solidarity,
Ron Ehrenreich
for the Socialist Party Local

Dear Lisa and Ron;

"Don't Vote..." has been provocative among Left people. Terrific. It is rare that a single issue can stir so many of our radical hearts simultaneously and have us paying good attention to each other.

I reiterate; Don't vote (for President), it only encourages them in their hundred million dollar fakery. There is no viable choice for the Left for President this year (any year?).

However, I don't say to ignore this travesty. I suggest we organize counter conventions, counter inaugurations and in general, exploit an already exploitive process by exposing it for what it is. I back the S.P.'s approach. "Don't Vote" was a warning, not a condemnation.

Gary Weinstein

OK, Already

Syracuse, NY

I support the work you are doing, and I see many sincere people involved in that work, but the attitudes you espouse in your work and your newsletter I do not support at all.

Certainly there is much injustice and danger in our society. We must speak out for the rights of the oppressed. Yet I think we do all of life a disservice when we fight hatred with hatred, bitterness and suspicion and limited divisive thinking with more of the same.

In reading your last issue, I wanted to say, "OK, already! I know these are dangerous times, I know there are a lot of people doing evil things. But the more we lacerate ourselves with the badness of it all the more we dig ourselves into a hole. I know you may at times feel exhausted and hopeless. But please don't blind yourselves to how many people around you are also devoting themselves to the increase of love, life and truth in the world. All may not be rosy but there is much reason for hope - and hope may be our primary weapon in the effort to help things go better."

I invite the Council and the News letter to balance your reporting with coverage of the beautiful people emerging in ever greater numbers all around us; the rapidly spreading threads of community; and the many brave and noble endeavors to make this world a happier and safer place to live in, which are showing signs of success.

John Madden

SPC's 44th Annual Dinner

with Barbara Ehrenreich

noted writer on health, feminism and socialism
co-author of For Her Own Good



Photo: Alex Gotfryd

Friday, November 14, 1980 Plymouth Congregational Church

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6:30 pm dinner

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Weekend Retreat Initiates Process for Restructuring SPC

Over the weekend of October 24-26 twenty-two Peace Council activists met at Camp Whitman on Seneca Lake for an intensive discussion of the ways SPC goes about its work. While strong winds and a steady cold rain battered the lodge where our meetings were held, we gathered by the big central fireplace to work through such important issues as the roles and difficulties of the two staff members, the structure and continuing problems of the Steering Committee, and questions about program priorities. At the same time, we shared our personal visions for the 1980's and our feelings about the work we do through the Peace Council.

Early in the weekend it became clear that certain themes were being expressed again and again: problems in communication; a lack of guidelines and priorities in SPC programs; unclear or nonexistent processes for decision-making; many people feeling a lack of support for their work. Also it became clear that everyone had a strong and continuing commitment to the Peace Council, and that the work we have undertaken together has the deepest personal meaning for all of us.

One thing that was remarkable about the week-end was that people arrived with a near-consensus about problems they had observed or experienced. In meetings, as we went around the circle and each person had the chance to speak, many people spoke about the same things. For instance, the need to define our work more clearly came up again and again. "SPC does a million things, and I'm not sure what we do," said Linda Wallace. It was noted by staff and others that, without a clear definition of what our program work should be, we have no way to tell if we're succeeding or not.

At the same time, we observed that no mechanism exists for making those decisions about program priorities. The Steering Committee has devoted tremendous energy in the last two years to redefining its work

but, because it is task- and event-oriented, is not geared for the political decisionmaking that is implied in defining a set of priorities and guidelines.

Staff members Glenda Neff and William Sunderlin noted that while this role has fallen to them, they really haven't been able to initiate program work because of the very

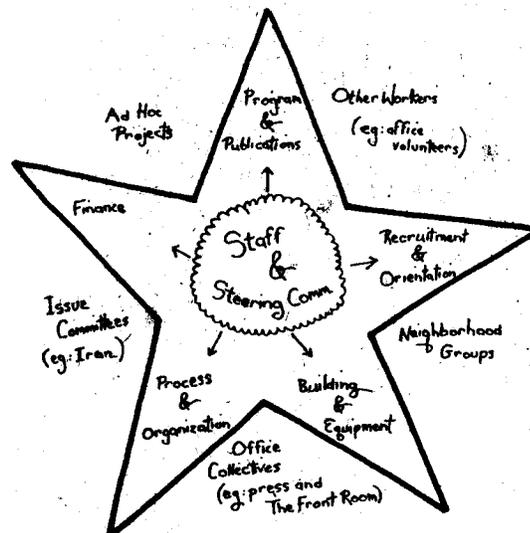
the PNL, asking how many people read it in proportion to the amount of program energy it uses. There were suggestions that SPC return to a more narrowly focused anti-war orientation. Others felt that SPC devotes too much of its program work talking to people who already agree with us and that an effort should be made to do more real outreach. People mentioned the need for a more hospitable environment in the SPC house. Others suggested bringing back potlucks or the old neighborhood groups. A number of people expressed dissatisfaction with some of the constraints of meeting process.

As the discussions continued, we recognized that the best use of our time was to begin working on a new SPC structure which would help meet some of the needs expressed and, simultaneously, provide avenues for some of the communication and decision-making missing in the current structure. The balance of our week-end was spent in drawing up and discussing proposed models, with attention eventually focussing on a "council" structure jointly drawn up by Kath Buffington, Dik Cool and Jack Manno. This model consists of a constellation of interest committees including: staff, TFR, SPC press, PNL editorial committee, a "service committee" (which embodies most of the tasks performed by the existing steering committee with the exception of program oversight), as well as program committees like Iran, nuclear power, etc. We envisioned the representatives of each of these committees would meet at regular and defined intervals to report to one another and jointly make the decisions about directions of the Peace Council.

Retreat participants agreed to form a committee to continue to develop the model and are seeking input from other interested SPC members. A final proposal is scheduled to be drawn up by early February, until which time the staff and Steering Committee will continue to function pretty much as before.

To begin serving some of the more immediate communication needs expres-

Current SPC model,
with some revisions



heavy burdens of day-to-day Peace Council administration. The responsibilities leave staff feeling isolated and unsupported. Their own personal needs -- for adequate incomes, time for personal interests, and time to do the political work that interests them -- continue unmet. Both staff noted that they have committed themselves to remain on staff to September 1981, but each is considering the possibility of leaving the job after that. Between now and then, we agreed, an important task will be to define the job and put more reasonable limits on it, to make it "livable" for whomever succeeds them.

A variety of other ideas and needs were expressed by retreat participants. Some questioned the effectiveness of

The Iran - Iraq War: What Are the Stakes?

by Lisa Johns

The purpose of this article is to bring any faltering readers up to date with background on the "little war" between Iran and Iraq, and to suggest the strategic considerations behind US policymakers' response to the conflict. There is a wealth of good reporting on the war in the left press, and I will list some recommended sources at the end for anyone wishing to pursue further reading.

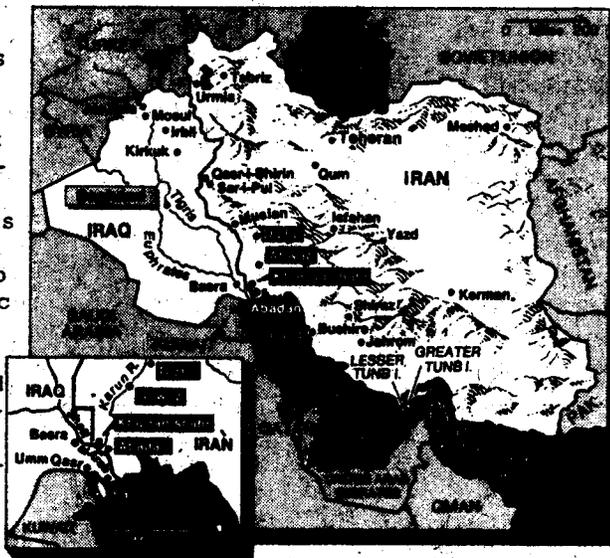
The war has erupted after months --and even, going back a bit, years--of friction between the two nations. The conservative Islamic regime of the Ayatollah Khomeini, for instance, has refused to recognize the legitimacy of the Iraqi central government, which is controlled by members of the Sunni branch of Islam. Khomeini has repeatedly broadcast calls for Iraq's Shi'ite majority to revolt. For its part, Iraq has allowed its territory to be used by Iranians hopeful of overthrowing Khomeini.

The official reason Iraq has given for its September invasion of Iran (a clear violation of international law) is territorial control over three tiny islands located at the Strait of Hormuz, and the Shatt al-Arab waterway at the head of the Persian Gulf (see map). There is legal merit to Iraq's territorial claims--but very little else. No one has suggested that the territory under dispute has any real strategic importance for Iraq, and indeed Iraq has not bothered attempting to negotiate the dispute.

On October 21, Iraqi First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yasin Ramadan stated that Iraq's war aims were to capture Iranian cities and oilfields in Khuzestan, and hold them until Teheran agrees to negotiate its claim to the Shatt al-Arab waterway.¹ Khuzestan is the principal oil-producing region in Iran, and some commentators note that if it were annexed by Iraq (a move Iran will surely resist to the last), it would make Iraq the second-

largest oil producer in the Middle East, behind Saudi Arabia.

Most observers agree that the real purpose of the invasion is an aggressive attempt on the part of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to assert poli-



The New York Times/Oct. 1, 1980

tical muscle into the vacuum created by the fall of the Shah and the instability which has been brought to the Middle East by Khomeini's abrasive brand of Muslim fundamentalism. As one commentator observes, "Like his arch-enemy, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, Hussein seeks to make himself and his regime indispensable in the determination of the political future of the region. His means are transparently different from those of Sadat, aggressive rather than servile."²

However, the Iraqi invasion has met with unexpectedly strong resistance from Iran. Iraq has not been able to win the quick victory that was initially expected, and even as it has inflicted serious damage on Iran's oil production facilities, Iraq itself has received significant damage in the Iranian counterattack.

Having found itself in serious military difficulty, Iran for its part now seems far more interested than it has been in recent memory in negotiating an end to the hostage crisis. Jimmy Carter has promised to unfreeze Iranian assets held in this country and allow the shipment of sizeable quan-

titles of military materiel, which had been held up following the seizure of the hostages a year ago November 4. Jimmy Carter, of course, would be enormously assisted in his uphill re-election campaign by a well-timed release of the hostages--an obvious explanation of this apparent 'tilt' to Iran. But other US policy considerations operate as well, which has caused some confusion about where US interests really lie.

Iranian President Abolhassan Bani Sadr has charged the US with helping Iraq to plan the invasion (*Newsweek*, Oct. 6) as a means of weakening Iran's revolutionary government. Some political observers have noted a revived US interest in accommodation with Iraq, which until recently was solidly pro-Soviet. Adds one, "...the CIA has admitted that during the last year it has helped to train anti-Khomeini forces in Iraq --estimated by the West German magazine Stern to number 45,000-- and that it set up radio stations

there to broadcast anti-government propaganda into Iran. Evidence beyond this is scanty, but given the CIA's past record, especially in relation to Iran, the possibility of a covert US role cannot be ruled out."³ What is clear is that the war has provided a clear opening for the US to insert a strong military presence into the Persian Gulf, an area where its influence had been seriously weakened by the fall of the Shah. Seen in this light, the little war seems a foolish enterprise provoked by narrow nationalist ambitions, from which each nation has little to gain.

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Letter from a Refugee Camp

Rich Fanning spent this past summer working in the refugee camps along the Thai-Cambodian border. This letter reflects the impact of that experience on his life as well as his commitment to work on behalf of the refugees. Rich is available to speak to groups about the situation in the camps as well as on US refugee policy. He can be contacted at 315/476-3556. The letter was written in September, just before his return to the US.

Khao I Dang Holding Center, Thailand - Cambodia Border

Dear People of Syracuse,

As I write to you, many miles from the land and the people I love, my thoughts are filled with a longing to fill all of you with the many gifts I have received serving the Khmer people. Most importantly this gentle, loving people has shared with us a dream- a dream that is the dream of all of us. The dream to one day be free. The difference is that we know the dream lives and we see it in our daily lives. In fact, it is so alive for us that, at times, we take the dream for granted as we do too much in our lives.

Try, as I have, to put yourself in their place. It is inconceivable. We simply cannot feel their pain, their sorrow, their loss. We have nothing in our own lives, or history to compare with this tragedy of the human heart. The human heart - that is all that is left for many among this ravaged people. The Khmer, a people without a country. It is all so unbelievable to us- even to those of us who are here with them. But here we must be. Even though in the total picture our presence will not matter a great deal, we must be here at our brother and sister's side. And so, as in many relationships, the people whom we have come to serve have given us much more than we could ever hope to have given them.

I write to you as I near the end of my more than three months service here with Catholic Relief Services. I could not have written to you when I first came here, nor after one month. For first I needed to be taught how to love. This is the gift that I have been given here. I have seen, felt, touched and been touched by acts of love here of nearly unimaginable proportions. 140,000 people with 140,000 different stories of terror, oppression, hunger, fleeing, and love. Love for children, love for family, love for freedom, and love for their God.

And they tell us their stories. These are the strong ones. These are the survivors. They tell us the stories of their lives under the monstrous Pol Pot regime. They tell us the stories of the hope and promise of the Khmer Rouge revolution. Hope and promise soon to be transformed to horror, murder, genocide, and five years of lies, broken promises, and cruel disappointments. Even today in the camps children wake up screaming with the memories of their families being destroyed. I share in the work of caring for 1,000 "unaccompanied minors" from ages infancy to 18. These brave children give a new meaning, a new and dramatic sadness to the word "orphan".

Here the people struggle valiantly to preserve their culture and heritage. Through dance, music, handicraft, art, and sports they slowly begin to remember that they are of a proud and beautiful past.

When I return to New York, I hope to visit many churches, schools, civic groups, and with anyone who will listen to this incredible tribute to the human spirit. I hope to engage in dialogue about what I have learned and what our response must be as concerned, caring, loving people. That is why I came here and that is why I will reach out to you to bring this message to you so that later on you cannot say that you "did not know". We have before us the opportunity to provide the world some very needed moral leadership. Some 12,000 miles from home I ask you to reflect on the words of Albert Camus:

"Perhaps we cannot prevent this from being a world in which children are tortured but we can reduce the number of tortured children.... And if you believers will not help us to do this, who in this world will?"

The Border Wars of Indochina

(Interviews with Nguyen Co Thach, Foreign Minister of Viet Nam)

by Don Luce

Seventy-five countries supported Pol Pot's claim to Cambodia's United Nations seat on October 13 (with 35 opposed and 32 abstentions.) Three days earlier, Viet Nam's foreign minister, Nguyen Co Thach, told me that he expected to lose, but wanted the vote taken anyway.

"We want everyone put on the record," Thach said. "The countries who vote for Pol Pot are very embarrassed because they cannot explain this to their own people. This will show to history who the hypocrites are."

Nowhere is the hypocrisy more evident than in the U.S. vote. Two years ago, Jimmy Carter characterized the Pol Pot regime as "the worst violator of human rights in the world." The CIA estimates that between 1.2 and 1.8 million people died under Khmer Rouge rule in less than four years.

U.S. officials took great care to explain their vote last year saying the U.S. supported Pol Pot with "a clothespin over our nose." Robert Rosenstock, U.S. representative to the UN Credentials Committee likes to tell the story of how, after his vote in favor of "Democratic Kampuchea," someone grabbed his hand and congratulated him: "I looked up and saw it was Ieng Sary (Pol Pot's Foreign Minister)," Rosenstock re-

Don Luce is a member of the Asian Center in New York City. He recently visited Kampuchea and Viet Nam where he was production co-ordinator for an ABC documentary entitled: "Cambodia: This Shattered Land."

calls. "I felt like washing my hands."

But rather than washing its hands, of Pol Pot, the U.S. government has continued to support his deposed regime diplomatically at the UN and militarily on the Thai border. U.S. officials deny the military support (but agree that most of Pol Pot's supplies come from the U.S.) It's fairly simple. The U.S. has dramatically increased military support to Thailand to guard the Thai/Cambodia border. The Thai soldiers pass many of these weapons on to Pol Pot's troops. Thailand and the U.S. achieve their objective of harassing Vietnamese troops without being directly involved in the fighting. U.S. food is distributed by U.S. relief organizations. Pol Pot forces simply take the food with them when they go on military operations inside Cambodia.

"Pol Pot is being used as a way to drag on the fighting in Cambodia," Nguyen Co Thach told me. "Pol Pot continues to add to the instability in S.E. Asia. But there is no longer a military threat from him. However, the Cambodian people know that behind Pol Pot is China. The people in

Cambodia have told us: 'if you withdraw, we will follow you.'

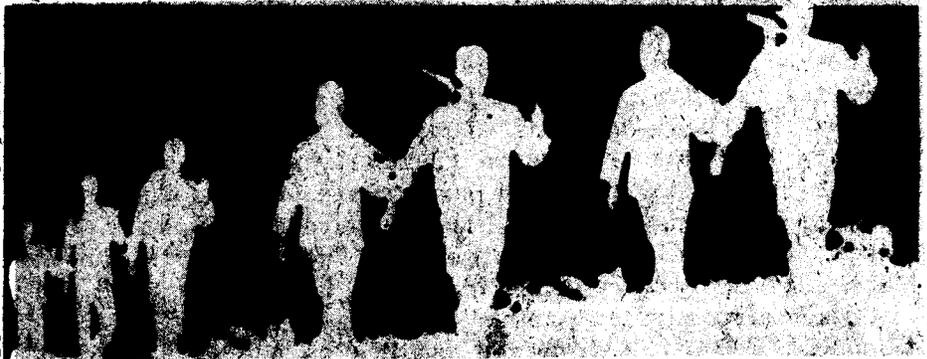
"Pol Pot has no support from the people," Thach claims. "So his troops cannot get food, protection and intelligence information from the people. So Pol Pot must stay near the border. They can't fight long. The people will tell where they are. We could deal easily with Pol Pot if we had the right of hot pursuit as Mr. Nixon used in his war against us. But no, we will not do that. No."

The Vietnamese foreign minister made it clear that he sees Vietnamese troop involvement in Cambodia as temporary. But he would not put specific dates on withdrawal.

"We have been in Kampuchea three times in the last 35 years," Thach said. "We have withdrawn twice. And we will withdraw again as soon as the threat from China is over. Our record is clear. But can you tell me when the American troops will withdraw from all over the world... from Western Europe, from Quantenamo, Panama, Korea, the Philippines?"

"Our soldiers, too, get homesick. They have girlfriends, mothers..."

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they want to come home as soon as possible."

Minister Thach suggested that a way of easing tensions and beginning the process of finding peace on the Thai border would be for the Chinese, the U.S. and the Thais to end support of Pol Pot. At the same time, he said, Viet Nam would withdraw part of their troops. This, he said would help to solve the concerns of Thailand and the ASEAN countries about Vietnamese troops in Cambodia. But he would not commit Viet Nam to the timing of a complete withdrawal.

"The main forces are there to prevent aggression from two directions," he said. "There is no sign that China will stop their aggression. We do not want to be sandwiched in by attacks from the north and west. We do not like to keep troops in Cambodia. A big part of our energies must be diverted to national defense. It creates big economic problems."

The Vietnamese emphasize that the border areas between China and Viet Nam/Laos are the most explosive.

"A real possibility of war is there," Thach said. "The border area is explosive. The Chinese have nearly half a million on the border. They have rejected all proposals for peace and proposals for resuming the talks. Everyday, they talk about "teaching the Vietnamese a second lesson."

Not only is there a heavy Chinese troop presence on the border, but the Vietnamese also charge that the Chinese are training thousands of Vietnamese, Laos, and Cambodian refugees in Yunnan and Hai Nam provinces of China to send back as a fifth column.

"During the war with the U.S., Maxwell Taylor said the Chinese were glad to fight the Americans to the last Vietnamese," Thach recalls and adds: "He was right!"

Photo: Rich Fanning



In addition to Viet Nam's security, Thach said that "everyone has a responsibility for the three million people who lost their lives to Pol Pot. And we have a responsibility to the four million who still live. They have escaped from death to life. In Bangkok, UNICEF has an exhibit of drawings by Cambodian children. The children are still afraid, horrified. The things still remain in their minds. It is a horrible psychological nightmare for them."

In 1981, Viet Nam will give nearly 100 million dollars worth of aid to the Cambodian people. This will include rice, textiles, soap, and agricultural tools. Viet Nam has a special "twin city" and "twin province" program. Ho Chi Minh city, for example, has special responsibility for helping Phnom Penh. This aid is given in spite of the very bad weather in Viet Nam. On September 16, for example, Typhoon Ruth hit the northern part of the country. More than 100 people

were killed, 500,000 were made homeless, and 98,000 acres of riceland were flooded by the 87 mile-an-hour winds and rain. Because of the devastation of the war, the continued effects of defoliation, the movement of people into the cities during the 60's and early 70's, and the high defense budget to fight in Kampuchea and to protect Viet Nam from China, the average income has remained almost constant at \$150 per year since 1960.

"What kind of help would Viet Nam like from Americans?" I asked Minister Thach.

"The difficulties are not as big as during the war," he told me. "The first thing we would like from you is heart. We need understanding from the American people. It is how that sharing is done that is important. We do have specific things though. We need paper for our schoolchildren and medicine for our people. But first we need your understanding."

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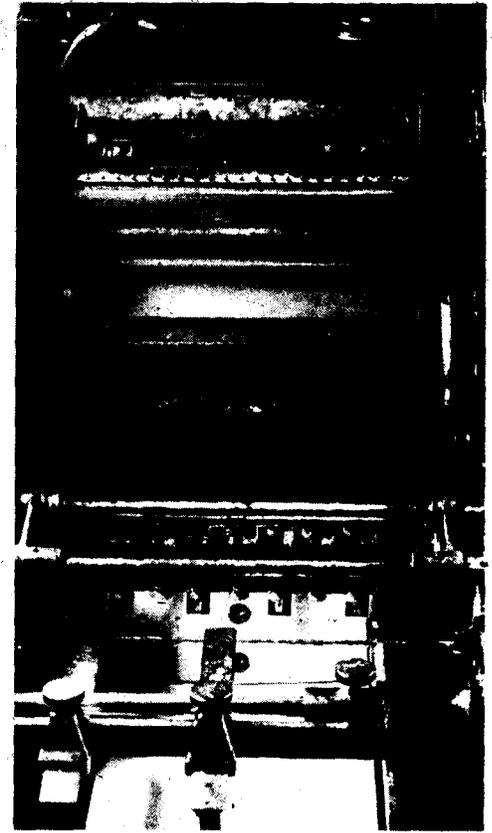
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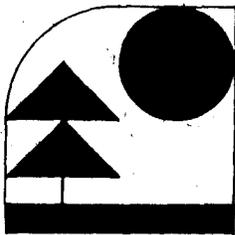
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Syracuse Common Councilors Hear Nuke Industry Out

by Glenda Neff

On Friday, October 10th, forty concerned people plus a dozen more assorted Syracuse officials and legislators, listened to the public relations spiel of Chem-Nuclear, the company which had title to the nuclear waste involved in two truck accidents this summer and early fall. (See July and October PNL's.) This was the third informational meeting held by the Metropolitan Planning Committee of the Syracuse Common Council. Many people who attended the previous two sessions feared it would be the last, with no apparent legislation or action forthcoming. The Syracuse Peace Council and the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPPIRG) had members there ready to counter the nuclear industry's glib assurances about transport safety. We were also there to let the councilors know that they could and must show the initiative to prevent more nuclear accidents.

It appeared in the other committee meetings that there was an obvious need for a crash course on high and low level radiation and its effects. Doctor Richard Weiskopf, an SPC member and a practicing physician, presented a sample of the evidence showing the dangers of cumulative low level radiation exposure to the human body. He spoke with clarity and compassion for the victims of cancer and genetic defects.

Chem-Nuclear spokespeople began their presentation with a film from Sandia Laboratories which showed crash tests of scale model and actual size flatbed trucks carrying lead casks. These tests were done to validate engineering models of casks designed for the transport of high level radioactive spent fuel rods. This particular film has been shown to communities across the country, dazzling local officials and citizens with action shots of trucks rocketing into walls. The film does not make it clear the collision tests were only

meant to validate the scale model tests. They did not simulate the actual conditions involved with extremely hot cargo, nor prove the safety of the cask design itself. The type of casks in the film have already been withdrawn from service and superseded by new designs, as pointed out in an article by activist Warren Liebold and engineer Lindsay Audin in the Sierra Club's Waste Paper. SPC members had in fact distributed copies of that issue of the Waste Paper to all the people in attendance. After the film a spokesperson confronted Frank DuFrane of Chem-Nuclear with a quote from the article by the National Transportation Safety Board: "The motion pictures of the collision tests lend themselves to misrepresentations that the casks are 'safe'... It is the misuse of these films to represent that casks are 'safe' that is objectionable."

The film, indeed, did not show any type of casks or trucks which Chem-Nuclear is now using, although the company reps did not admit that until questioned. They spent another twenty minutes describing the training their truck drivers receive in emergency procedures and use of radiation detection devices. This time it was Nancy Lorraine Hoffman, the committee's convenor, who discovered the irrelevance of this information. In both recent accidents, she noted, the truck drivers were not directly employed nor trained by Chem-Nuclear, but were subcontracted by them. Chem-Nuclear could only assume they had undergone similar training.

It became apparent by the end of the long meeting that the Chem-Nuclear men were wasting much of the meeting time with irrelevant and misleading information. They created more confusion than confidence in the industry's ability to protect the safety of the public.

It remains unclear whether the Metropolitan Planning Committee will introduce legislation to the Syracuse Common Council regulating or banning nuclear transport in the city. Fire Chief Hanlon has expressed the desire for, at a minimum, prior notification of date, route, and cargo, and that the trucks be escorted through the city. The Peace Council has also brought up the need for evacuation plans in case of nuclear accidents on the highway or at the Oswego plants. (See CURRENT on p. 14.)

It is not only low level waste produced by Niagara Mohawk and PASNY plants in Oswego which is trucked through Central New York. As finally verified in October by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the fourteen shipments of high level waste from Chalk River, Ontario, Canada travelled down Route 81 and avoided the city limits by a few miles. The trucks were routed west through Auburn and back over to Route 81 near the Onondaga Reservation. Ed Kaish, public relations for Niagara Mohawk, has twice admitted in the committee meetings that if a federally approved repository were opened, high level waste would be shipped out of Oswego. Future shipments of spent fuel from Canada are possible. Last but far from least, the US Senate may come up again with legislation which would make it easy for West Valley to become an Away From Reactor (AFR) storage site of spent fuel. This would mean shipments of the most dangerous kind coming through Central New York from all over the Northeast.

If you are interested in helping SPC continue to agitate for action on local evacuation plans or waste transport bans, call the office at 472-5478.



Glenda Neff is a staff person at SPC. She has worked on the nuclear waste transport issue with the Lakeshore Alliance since last winter.



WHICH WAY OUT?

A September accident involving a truck carrying low-level radioactive waste through the center of Syracuse prompted a flurry of concern in City Council meetings but not much more. City officials are evidently convinced that we can cope with a nuclear emergency even though we have no evacuation plan to speak of.

It has become engrained left doctrine to avoid pushing civil defense measures for fear that such measures would be perceived as a remedy to nuclear madness. While this line of thinking is sound to the extent that it links evacuation madness with nuclear madness, it tends to ignore the hard reality that sound evacuation measures, however totalitarian and however futile in the face of a massive radiation release, might save thousands of lives in certain less trying circumstances. Moreover, the absence of civil defense measures allows people to under-perceive the dangers that they face. Our city officials, as such, are complicit with the nuclear establishment.

Ponder this question: if there were a massive release of radiation at Nine Mile Point while you were asleep, and the lethal cloud was making its way to Syracuse, who would notify you in time so that you could escape? Would Niagara Mohawk give you a call? These are among many pointed questions you might want to ask your local officials.

NO COMMENT

A comment from John Hogan, supervisor of news information for the Commonwealth Edison Co., after a Nuclear Regulatory Commission inspector found two operators asleep on the job at the Dresden nuclear plant near Chicago: "It depends on your definition of asleep.

They weren't stretched out. They had their eyes closed. They were seated at their desks with their heads in a nodding position."

The Progressive

CITIZENS VS MULTATIONALS

The Copper Country Peace Alliance is battling the multinational corporations. This small group is attempting to stop the further exploration and mining of uranium in the sparsely populated Upper Peninsula of Michigan. In Sept., they successfully staged a "Uranium Education Day Forum" to alert the public to the dangers involved. Speakers included engineers, a geologist and a radiation physician.

CCPA points not only to the pollution and health risks of uranium exploration and mining, but also the financial disaster of boomtown economics. (The area was a copper area until the mines closed in the '30's and has been a depressed area ever since.)

CCPA hopes to develop alternative energy programs, draft counseling and perhaps ally with Wis. and Minn. in their struggles. They can be reached at: PO Box 554, Houghton, MI 49931.

- Sally Brule'

BIG BUCKS IN THEM RAYS

The findings of a report by the Citizens' Energy Project detail the encroachment of the major oil companies and energy conglomerates into the infant renewable solar energy industry.

Big Business & Renewable Energy Sources: An Analysis of the Corporate Connection establishes that:

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voltaic companies are owned by multinational corporations and six are owned or controlled by major oil firms.

- * 99% of domestic copper production, essential for making solar heating equipment, is owned or controlled by the oil industry.
- * in each of the last five years, big businesses have received no less than 87% of the government prime solar contracts. This occurs despite the fact that 85% of solar businesses are small firms (less than 500 employees.)

The report is available for \$1.50 from CEP, 110 6th St., N.W., #300, Wash., D.C. 20001.

PUBLIC POWER DEVELOPMENTS

The Syracuse Public Power Coalition is continuing its campaign to develop a municipally run public power utility in the city of Syracuse.

On Oct. 8, the Coalition held a press conference to counter one of the prevalent arguments against public power. The Coalition pointed out that in 1979, the city of Syracuse paid Niagara Mohawk \$9,876,500 less in city service rates than it received in taxes from the utility. This deficit has increased during the past three years by \$1,052,505.

Opponents of public power argue that the city would suffer from a loss of tax revenue if it assumes ownership of Niagara Mohawk's facilities. However, most public power systems make payments "in lieu of taxes" to the municipality (such as free service). These contributions lower the municipality's general expenses, thereby providing an opportunity for the municipality to lower its taxes.

The Coalition has speakers available to any group wishing to discuss the merits of public power. People wishing to volunteer in the campaign or in obtaining a speaker for their organization should contact either Ann or Michael at 471-8252. Petitions, which can be circulated on your own schedule, are available at the Peace Council.





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To Call To Every Woman

On November 16th and 17th women from every walk of life throughout the northeastern US will gather in Washington, DC. These women are coming together to express their sorrow, fear, and rage at what is being done to them, as well as to their mother earth. The war of sexism and militarism rages on.

Sunday, November 16th we will meet in Washington to share our experiences, music, and art. There will be workshops throughout the day on topics ranging from "Violence Against Women" to "Feminism and Ecology". Also on the 16th will be a candlelight vigil for all our sisters in institutions who cannot be with us.

On Monday, the 17th, after an early morning walk alongside Arlington Cemetery, we will come together at the Pentagon. Once there, the action is to be in five different stages or moods we wish to convey. We shall begin with mourning for all our sisters who have lost their lives due to the senseless violence and oppression against women. Next shall come the rage, at which point we urge all women there to let their rage be known as loudly as possible, such as with noisemakers and wailing. The next stage will be empowerment; women will join hands or scarves to circle the Pentagon.

Empowerment will be followed by defiance. During this stage there will be individual and group acts of civil disobedience as well as activities for the whole. The final stage, a closing ritual, will have the Syracuse Women's Harvest Choir performing. Signalling the different stages will be life-size puppets made by the Bread and Puppet Theater.

We are not meeting at the Pentagon to appeal to the male military forces there. We simply recognize that is where much of the problem lies. We see the Women's Pentagon Action not only as a unifying movement for many diverse groups, but also as a message to our sisters throughout the land. We recognize that there is a need to come together now.

The response in Syracuse has been enthusiastic. One can feel the excitement and stimulation of new beginnings, and the warmth of coming together. We urge all women to read the Unity Statement, spread the word, and become involved.

Car pools will be arranged locally, with women sharing gas costs. No woman will be turned away for lack of money. Give a call to Betty Jo Whiting at 472-8474 if you can drive or need a ride. If you cannot go to Washington, consider contributing money for another woman to go. Childcare will be the collective responsibility of the Syracuse women who are going. Call 425-1284, 472-5478, or 472-8474.

--Betty Jo Whiting for Syracuse Women's Pentagon Action

We are gathering at the Pentagon on November 17 because we fear for our lives. We fear for the life of this planet, our Earth, and the life of the children who are our human future.

We are women who come in most part from the northeastern region of our United States. We are city women who know the wreckage and fear of city streets, we are country women who grieve the loss of the small farm and have lived on the poisoned earth. We are young and older, we are married, single, lesbian. We live in families, as students in dormitories, and some are single parents. We work at a variety of jobs. We are students teachers factory workers office workers lawyers farmers doctors builders waitresses weavers poets engineers homeworkers electricians artists horselogs. We are all daughters and sisters.

We have come here to mourn and rage and defy the Pentagon because it is the workplace of the imperial power which threatens us all. Every day while we work, study, love, the colonels and generals who are planning our annihilation walk calmly in and out the doors of its five sides. To carry out their plans they have been making 3 - 6 nuclear bombs every day. They have accumulated over 30,000. They have invented the neutron bomb which kills people but leaves property and buildings like this one intact. They will produce the MX Missile and its billion dollar subway system which will scar thousands of miles of our western lands and consume its most delicate resource—water. They are creating a technology called Stealth—the invisible unperceivable arsenal. They have just appropriated 20 million dollars to revive the cruel old killer nerve gas. They have proclaimed Directive 59 which asks for "small nuclear wars, prolonged but limited." They are talking about a first strike. The Soviet Union works hard to keep up with United States initiatives. We can destroy each others cities, towns, schools, children many times over. Five other countries now own at least one nuclear bomb. France will produce the neutron bomb. We are in the hands of men whose power and wealth have separated them from the reality of daily life and from the imagination. We are right to be afraid.

UNITY STATEMENT

At the same time our cities are in ruins, bankrupt; they suffer the devastation of war. Hospitals are closed, our schools are deprived of books and teachers. Our young Black and Latino youth are without decent work. They will be forced, drafted to become the cannon fodder for the very power that oppresses them. Whatever help the poor have received is cut or withdrawn to feed the Pentagon which needs about \$500,000,000 a day for its murderous health. It will extract \$157 billion dollars this year from our own tax money, \$1800 from a family of four.

With this wealth our scientists have been corrupted; over 40% work in government and corporate laboratories that refine the methods for destroying or deforming life.

The lands of the Native American people have been turned to radioactive rubble in order to enlarge the nuclear warehouse. The uranium of South Africa, necessary to the nuclear enterprise enriches the white minority and encourages the vicious system of racist oppression and war.

As we write this a warhead with the power of 750 Hiroshimas is blown out of its silo in a wood near a small town in Arkansas.

There is fear among the people, and that fear, created by the industrial militarists is used as an excuse to accelerate the arms race. "We will protect you..." they say, but we have never been so endangered, so close to the end of human time.

We women are gathering because life on the precipice is intolerable.

We want to know what anger in these men, what fear which can only be satisfied by destruction, what coldness of heart and ambition drives their days.

We want to know because we do not want that dominance which is exploitative and murderous in international relations, and so dangerous to women and children at home—we do not want

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that sickness transferred by the violent society through the fathers to the sons.

What is it that we women need for our ordinary lives, that we want for ourselves and also for our sisters in new nations and old colonies who suffer the white man's exploitation and too often the oppression of their own countrymen?

We want enough good food, useful work, decent housing, communities with clean air and water, good care for our children while we work. We expect equal pay for work of equal value.

We want health care which respects and understands our bodies. We want an education for children which tells the true history of our women's lives, which describes the earth as our home to be cherished, to be fed as well as harvested.

We want to be free from violence in our streets and in our houses. The pervasive social power of the masculine ideal and the greed of the pornographer have come together to steal our freedom, so that whole neighborhoods and the life of the evening and night have been taken from us. For too many women the dark country road and the city alley have concealed the rapist. We want the night returned, the light of the moon, special in the cycle of our female lives, the stars and the gaiety of the city streets.

We want the right to have or not to have children, we do not want gangs of politicians and medical men to say we must be sterilized for the country's good. We know that this technique is the racist's method for controlling populations. Nor do we want to be prevented from having an abortion when we need one. We think this freedom should be available to poor women as it always has been to the rich. We want to be free to love whomever we choose. We will live with women or with men or we will live alone. We will not allow the oppression of lesbians. One sex or one sexual preference must not dominate another.

We do not want to be drafted into the army. We do not want our young brothers drafted. We want *them* equal with *us*.

We want to see the pathology of racism ended in our time. There can be no peace while one race dominates another, one nation dominates the others.

We want the uranium left in the earth and the earth given back to the people who tilled it. We want a system of energy which is renewable, which does not take resources out of the earth without returning them. We want those systems to belong to the people and their communities not to the giant corporations which invariably turn knowledge into weaponry. We want the sham of Atoms for Peace ended, all nuclear plants decommissioned and the construction of new plants stopped. That is another war against the people and the child to be born in fifty years.

We want an end to the arms race. No more bombs. No more amazing inventions for death.

We understand all is connectedness. The earth nourishes us as we with our bodies will eventually feed it. Through us, our mothers connected the human past to the human future.

With that sense, that ecological right, we oppose the financial connections between the Pentagon and the multinational corporations and banks that the Pentagon serves.

Those connections are made of gold and oil.

We are made of blood and bone, we are made of the sweet resource, water.

We will not allow these violent games to continue. If we are here in our stubborn hundreds today, we will certainly return in the thousands and hundreds of thousands in the months and years to come.

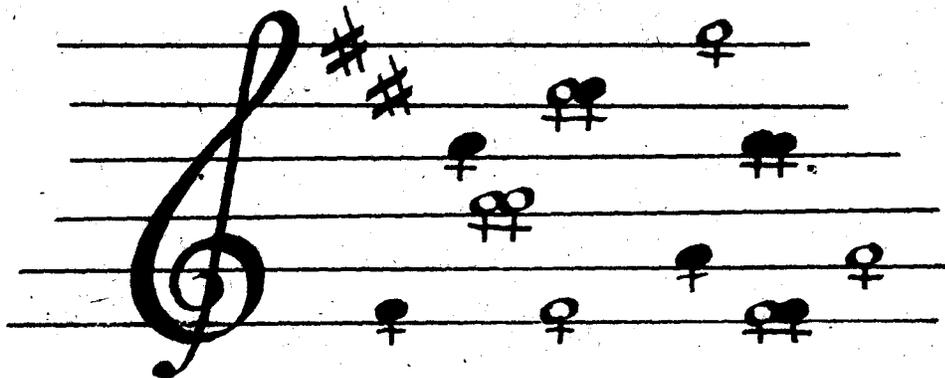
We know there is a healthy sensible loving way to live and we intend to live that way in our neighborhoods and on our farms in these United States and among our sisters and brothers in all the countries of the world.

Lesbian Expression: A Review of Women's Music

by Nancy Perlin

"Women's music" is the voice of the lesbian-feminist culture. Having the effect of unifying women throughout the world, women's music is a political stronghold as well as a cultural expression. The political nature of lesbianism as a movement has typically been one of the least recognized aspects of the lesbian culture. It is this political nature, however, which has supported and developed the solidarity of sisterhood, a unifying force expressed through the written word and through music written by women, for

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women. The messages contained in women's music vary, as do the musical styles of expressing these messages, but consistent throughout all lesbian music is a message of strength, hope and power. Each artist seems to be conveying this same message through her music and this

fact has unified these women performers with their audience of listeners.

Women's recording companies have their origins in this unification and in the desires of individual lesbian artists to make their music known to

Women's Music at The Front Room

Records

MARGIE ADAM - Naked Keys;
Songwriter
ALIVE - Alive!
ARLINGTON ST. WOMEN'S CAUCUS -
Honor Thy Womanself
SIRANI AVEDIS - Tattoos
BABA YAGA - A Women's Band
BE BE K'ROCHE - Be Be K'Roche
BERKELEY WOMEN'S MUSIC COL-
LECTIVE - Berkeley Women's Music
Collective; Tryin' to Survive
MEG CHRISTIAN - Face the Music;
I Know You Know
THERESE EDELL - From Women's
Faces
MAXINE FELDMAN - Closet Sale
ROBIN FLOWER - More Than Friends
KAY GARDNER - Emerging; Moon-
circles
NIKKI GIOVANNI - Legacies
IZQUIERDA - Quiet Thunder
JERITREE - Jeritree's House of Many
Colours
ELIZABETH KNIGHT - Songs of the
Suffragettes

KRISTIN LEMS - Oh Mama!
MARIAN MCPARTLAND - Ambiance;
Solo Concert at Haverford
JUNE MILLINGTON - Ladies on the
Stage
HONOR MOORE, ADRIENNE RICH,
AUDRE LORDE, JOAN LARKIN -
A Sign/ I Was Not Alone
HOLLY NEAR - Hang in There;
Imagine My Surprise; A Live
Album; You Can Know All I Am
NEW HARMONY SISTERHOOD BAND -
And Ain't I A Woman
NEW HAVEN & CHICAGO WOMEN'S
LIBERATION ROCK BANDS -
Mountain Moving Day
PAT PARKER & JUDY GRAHN - Where
Would I Be Without You
SUNI PAZ - Entre Hermanas/
Between Sisters
BERNICE REAGON - Folk Songs: The
South; Give Your Hands to Struggle
MALVINA REYNOLDS - Held Over;
Malvina; Malvina Reynolds; Mama
Lion

More Records

More More Records

PEGGY SEEGER - Different Therefore
Equal; Penelope Isn't Waiting
Anymore
LINDA SHEAR - A Lesbian Portrait
SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK -
B'lieve I'll Run On...; Sweet
Honey in the Rock
LINDA TILLERY - Linda Tillery
TERESA TRULL - The Ways a Woman
Can Be
ROBIN TYLER - Always a Bridesmaid,
Never a Groom
WILLIE TYSON - Debutante; Full
Count; Willie Tyson
MARY LOU WILLIAMS - The History
of Jazz; Zodiac Suite
CRIS WILLIAMSON - The Changer
& the Changed; Strange Paradise
CATHY WINTER & BETSY ROSE -
A New Live Tape; Sweet Sorcery
KATE WOLF - Back Roads; Lines
on Paper

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the lesbian population. The development of all-women recording companies has given many different lesbian musicians the opportunity to record their music, an opportunity which was previously denied them by, and which many lesbians would not accept from, the established male-dominated recording companies. All-women recording companies like Olivia Records and Old Lady Blue Jeans: A Lesbian Business, were developed by the women who record with them. The purposes and goals of many lesbian recording companies are to involve more lesbians in all aspects of the recording industry, from performing to technical and to allow for the wider distribution of lesbian albums. The quality of music produced by these companies is excellent. Great variations in styles are represented by the artists who record with these companies. Blues, jazz, folk, rock, blue-grass, classical and many other styles of music are all performed by the artists who record with lesbian recording companies.

Olivia Records, one of the largest women's recording companies, dis-

tributes internationally through conventional as well as all-women businesses. Olivia Records is owned and managed by the women who work for it and the money they take in from record sales and contributions is used for production, training and salaries. Many well-known lesbian musicians record on the Olivia label. Meg Christian was the first artist to record with Olivia Records in 1974. Her first album, "I Know You Know," has become something of a lesbian classic. Her clear, flexible voice is perfectly suited for the mellow lows and smooth high tones of folk-blues type music. Meg Christian's lyrics are stories of her own personal growth and the growth of the lesbian sisterhood. The instrumentals are strong, sure and flowing. All aspects of her songs combine to produce excellent quality music revealing the talent of Meg Christian and her back-up musicians. Meg Christian's second album, "Face the Music," recorded in 1977 reveals a changing lyric style and the growth of the artist. This album's message is more direct, the music and lyrics are stronger and more open. Meg Christian's lesbian pride is more

openly revealed in this album while still retaining the "story-telling" style which is distinctively hers. A feeling of hope and strength of spirit prevails in Meg Christian's songs. This spirit may be a reflection of the strengthening of the lesbian sisterhood which supports lesbian musicians in their true expressions through music. Meg Christian's third album is scheduled to be released within the next year, and is expected to continue her tradition of fine music and lyrics illustrating her growth and the growth of the lesbian culture.

All-women recording companies have given many women artists the opportunity to work in the musical and technical ends of the recording business, and have allowed lesbian musicians the opportunity to get their music out to the public and to openly express themselves through their different musical styles.



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Dear friends,
Writing this letter is a painful task for me. A friend of mine, Kai Yutah Clouds, was murdered in Guatemala on October 11, and the death of this gentle man has brought me much grief. Kai lived and worked in upstate New York for many years, and in part I am sharing the news of his death as a personal note for the many here who knew him and supported his work in Guatemala.

The following is a very abbreviated summary of the situation which has led to Kai's death:

The UN Food and Agriculture Organization places Guatemala among the most deprived societies in the world; it is controlled by a small wealthy elite who work closely with US based multinational corporations. Their large plantations occupy virtually all of the fertile land in Guatemala, producing luxury and non-food items for export: cotton, coffee, beef, sugar. The enormous work force needed to work these plantations comes from the poor who have been forced off the productive land; the majority of Guatemala's population are indigenous peoples ("Indians").

In 1906, United Brands (formerly United Fruit Co. - Chiquita Banana) entered the Guatemala economy. The Government's concessions included 170,000 acres of the country's best crop land, monopoly control of railroads and ports, and exemptions from taxes and import duties.

In 1945, the new president (Arevlo) initiated a program in which non-cultivated land was parceled out to the landless, but when the United Fruit Co. was divested of its unused land, it enlisted the services of the US State Dept., and the CIA financed and promoted a coup. Arevlo's elected government was replaced with a right-wing dictatorship. 8000 peasants were killed in the first two months.

In 1976, massive earthquakes hit Guatemala and many relief agencies rushed in. Kai Yutah Clouds, working with White Roots of Peace (a Native American group) went to Guatemala and was dismayed with the way relief agencies had handed out dangerous chemicals to villagers (including Aldrin and DDT -- both banned in the US!) The local inhabitants could not read the instructions, had to store the toxic materials in their one room homes, and had no protective clothing or equipment. Babies were blinded; villagers were dying. (See back PNL's or WIN, March 31, 1977)

By 1979, Amnesty International issued the following statement:

"The Guatemalan government has attributed thousands of killings to allegedly independent forces acting outside official control. ..(we) believe that secret detention leading to 'disappearance' and murder in Guatemala are part of a deliberate policy of the

Guatemalan government which is implemented by the government's conventional police and military forces both in and out of uniform".

Kai, an agriculturalist, returned to Guatemala at the request of the villagers in the Central Highlands in 1978. He was largely supported in his work by people in upstate N Y

Kai was last seen alive being picked up by the government security forces. The next day he was found dead, his head having received severe blows. His crime was in teaching organic agriculture and natural pest control to Native Peoples. Give a person a meal, and they eat for a day. Teach them how to grow food, and they feed for a lifetime.

The US Embassy tells us that the investigation is in the hands of the Guatemalan National Police. So far the main US newspapers and media have not shown much interest in an American citizen being murdered in Guatemala. The hostages in Iran are pre-occupying the media.

We need to urge our own President, as well as the President of Guatemala to conduct an official investigation. The address: General Romero Cucas Garcia, Palacio Nacional, Guatemala City, Guatemala Central America. Our local Congressman needs to be pressured too.

Geoffrey Navias
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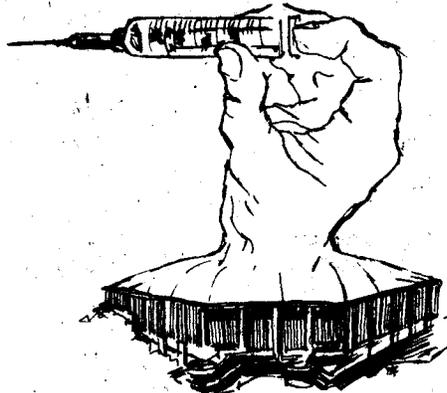
by Jack Manno

The Syracuse Post-Standard thinks the Carrier Dome has transformed, "conservative, middle american Syracuse into a major league town." The use of the term, "major league" suggests the effects of the Dome on Syracuse University sports.

Nothing attracts a crowd like a winner. No matter how well the Dome is marketed it will be a financial loser if S.U. doesn't win games. The coaches and athletes now have the major responsibility for all those \$millions invested. The incentive will be irresistible to participate in the familiar deceptions of NCAA sports. Recruiting enticements, transcript and grade manipulations, outright payoffs etc will be, if not encouraged at least overlooked by a university administration which is banking both its capital and its prestige on a big-time sports program. Winning teams will be purchased no matter what the harm to the university or its athletes. Recent reshuffling of university administrators shows the shift in emphasis. The sports program, long part of Student Affairs, is now under the control of the Vice-Chancellor for Administrative Affairs. No longer is the university even pretending that college sports is a matter of students playing games.

Two years ago, S.U.'s football coach Frank Maloney was criticized by alumni and much of the local press for his failure that year to produce a winning team. The coach responded publicly, "Let us be amateurs. Let education be education," he insisted. "I am trying to work day and night for them (the athletes) and not to feed the insatiable appetite of the victory-happy win-at-all-costs faction who try to determine policy." With the arrival of the Dome that same win-at-all-costs faction is supported by rich men with "good business sense" who recognize that their investments will be lucrative only if Coach Maloney consistently manufactures winning teams.

Jack is a water spirit who writes on local affairs for the PNL.



... like a junkie, the city's response will be compulsive."

Professional college sports will be the result of such projects as the Carrier Dome. Entrepreneurs get rich while some of the athletes get paid with a few years of glory before being dumped, often without even the education they were supposedly in college to receive.

The Mythology of Packaging

The Dome is an expression of the philosophy of techno-commercialism. It participates in the mythologies of climate control and packaging. The fabric roof is a cover is a package is a wrapping meant to keep its contents sealed and uncorrupted by all the moisture and germs of life.

Mike Holdridge, the Dome's publicity director, explained, "We want to take every hassle out of going to a game. We sat down and made a list of every bad experience people had at games at Archbold (SU's former stadium) and tried to deal with each one." Every bad experience is dealt with by managers. The experience is packaged, where once there was sky now there are acres of teflon-coated fabric. Where there was turf there is now asphalt and Rubaturf. Grass has been replaced with Astroturf by Monsanto Chem. Co. Instead of the autumn air the crowd breathes air treated and disinfected. We arrive at the controlled environment - an environment which inevitably slips out of control. The hassles of nature are far more satisfying to overcome than the chronic hassles which will plague the Dome - results of stupidity, ineptness or simple greed.

A player slipping in mud is far more attractive than the same player slipping in orange juice on the astroturf.

Much of the deceit around the Dome is simply ugly. Before the opening game a green fibrous foam was sprayed onto the dirt surrounding the Dome construction site. Randomly sprayed, the gunk stuck to the trunks of trees as high up as the low branches. The effect, intended to simulate grass or perhaps to promise a future of grass, was dramatic with ecological sadness. It symbolized the consciousness of the Dome's perpetrators - anything can be synthesized, anything can be sold.

Likewise, from the beginning the name of the Dome was for sale at the asking price of \$3 million. Even the price for buying the poetic right of naming is negotiable and Carrier Corp. got it for \$2.75 million.

To the affronted, the Carrier Dome is like a boil on the skin of the city. Like a boil it's a sign of disease, or at least an imbalance, a sociopathology.

Squaresville Market

However, in a world of cubes and blocks a dome is attractive. As a shape a dome is like an eggshell or a pair of cupped hands, it encloses tenderly. And like a flying saucer it suggests a hopeful future yet to be realized. The irony is that the hopeful future which its form seems to promise is the hope its economic and social content actually denies.

The Dome participates in transforming our home, Central NY, into a state known as a "marketing area". This "market" is promoted as the number of people who live within a day's drive of Syracuse - potentially half the population of the US and Canada. The promoters of the Dome intend for it to reign in the center of this market and draw the surrounding faithful to its rituals.

The greatest crime of the Dome is the style of future development it will elaborate and necessitate. The approach taken by the Metropolitan

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Development Association and the Chamber of Commerce is to develop Downtown and the University Hill, (sections of the city only a small percentage of the people inhabit), as a combined regional center for sports spectatorship, trade shows, cultural events and merchandising. The packaging of Syracuse as a service corporation does not respond to the needs of the people who live here. It is intended to serve free-spending visitors who have no concerns for the long-term prospects for the quality of Syracuse life. Profiting from all this will be real estate developers, banks and local merchants; not surprisingly those who are represented by the MDA and the Chamber of Commerce. Meanwhile property costs are artificially inflated for everyone else.

With climate-controlled pedestrian bridges between downtown buildings, and by other gimmicks, the development scheme proposes to develop downtown Syracuse into a supermall effectively turning Syracuse into a suburb of the suburbs. The Dome, by providing space for large conventions and trade shows as well as drawing crowds, is a major element in this plan.

Rich Got Rich

In times of tight money and high interest rates a boom in one sector depletes available capital which might have been invested in any other sector. The incentive now will be to invest in real estate and Dome related projects while neighborhood services starve for investment capital. Stereotypically the rich get rich and the poor

The next step in this development plan is the refurbishing and expansion of Brighton Ave. from State St to Nob Hill. The likely outcome of this expansion, besides moving traffic to the Dome parking lots, will be the creation of a four-lane boulevard turning a neighborhood into a strip of assembled burgers and computer fries.

William Hanbury of the Chamber of Commerce explained, " It (the Dome) is like an injection needle pumping money into the Syracuse economy." The metaphor is accurate. Like a junkie the city will now be hooked, - addicted to a regular inflow

of visitors spending their money. If this source is threatened than, like a junkie, the city's response will be compulsive. All financial and planning activity will be distorted toward assuring the source. If, for instance Albany, Rochester or Ottawa builds an even better packaged facility a frantic rush of investment in expansion and improvement of the Dome will ensue. Syracuse will be placed in the classic position of an exploited colony - dependant on non-local sources of income. We will be beggars: " please hold your convention here", " please play for our team ".

Yet even if the facility succeeds as planned, the annual infusion of the estimated \$14.2 million into the local economy will not necessarily benefit the community. The money will be inequitably distributed. The increases in police costs, road maintenance, litter clean-up etc may negate the increased income, - particularly since the Dome is exempt from property taxes, and sales taxes from ticket sales will be used to offset Dome expenses. The inequitable distribution of money hastens the further deterioration of community relationships while the Dome ironically serves as a focus for "civic pride".

Although the Dome's appearance clearly marks it as futuristic the fact is that SU is waddling into the future in a structure designed in the tradition of energy gluttony for the long gone time of cheap energy. Fans must whirr continuously to keep the fabric roof afloat. Bigger fans must work during a snowstorm to circulate enough warm air to melt the snow on the 6 and a half acre roof. Dome officials are reluctant to offer an estimate of how much energy it will require to heat the uninsulated structure. This energy waste is rewarded by Niagara Mohawk: the Dome like other big energy users will pay considerably less per unit maeasure of energy consumption than the average Syracuse resident who has been convinced or forced to conserve.

The Dome was part of an election year trade which Governor Carey announced while campaigning in Syracuse: \$15 million of state money for the Dome in exchange for upstate legislative support for \$257 million to finance a new convention center in Manhattan. Both projects are part of urban development schemes which invest public tax money in private profit-making schemes. For the citizens of the communities involved nothing could be further from meeting our needs.

CARRIER DOME NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP

"There are twenty five to fifty Dome events in the course of the year. The other 315-340 days we continue to live in that neighborhood."

"They (the university) are requiring that we carry a permit to gain access to our own neighborhood during a Dome event. The university does not own the city streets we live on. We are not living in a police state under martial law.... at least they can make it as convenient for us as they have for the patrons of the Dome. By that, I mean, issuing to us a permanent permit for the entire season as they have done for the season ticket holders, not a new permit for each game."

"...the university is more concerned with collecting profits from a Dome event than the people involved, disregarding their rights and safety. We are asking for nothing more than you would expect for yourselves in your neighborhood; we just want to restore our normal habits. The University has totally disrupted our lives....."

If you believe the rights of the people still reign supreme in our country, I ask you now to write to the City Common Council expressing your concern for our plight and your support of our goals and rights...."

David Giromini
for the Carrier Dome Neighborhood Group

EOC: Poor People's Access to Education

by Carl Mellor

A major thrust of the civil rights movement of the Sixties was demands that poor people, especially minorities, be afforded greater access to education and employment opportunities.

One manifestation of that concern was the State University of New York's establishment of the Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) in Syracuse in 1969. Its initial objective was to give disenfranchised people another chance to receive an education.

After eleven years of operation, the EOC is still serving low-income constituents many of whom dropped out of college or entry level jobs. Neither a high school nor a college, the EOC is a non-traditional, post-secondary educational facility.

Its programs, High School Equivalency, College Preparation, Business Clerical Skills, and Syracuse Employment and Training (SETA) - sponsored Basic Education, are designed for students who have special needs.

"Ninety per cent of our students have failed in traditional education settings," said Hubert Smith, the EOC director. "Our task is to meet their needs, to provide them with a different kind of instruction."

At the EOC facility at 100 New St. near downtown Syracuse, fulfillment of students' needs takes several forms. One is the provision of free education, books, and instructional supplies. Another is the recognition that the EOC students, who qualify for the program by demonstrating their income eligibility, face problems that usually don't arise in the lives of most high school and college students.

"We do not provide a living stipend for our students," Smith commented. "Many of them receive public assistance. Sometimes they do not attend classes because they lack bus fare or a babysitter. Whenever possible, we try to remove these interferences with their education."

Carl Mellor writes freelance for several publications.



EOC trainees at a training center

In addition, the reality of the students' past school experiences and often negative feelings about education has prompted a different instructional approach at the EOC. The emphasis is definitely not on a passive lecture model where a teacher talks and students take notes.

Instead, the EOC stresses small classes and as much individualized instruction as possible. The instructor is expected to take an activist role, checking on students' progress during class and getting immediate feedback on their comprehension of the material. It is thought that classes should be two-way exchanges.

Given that set-up, the EOC doesn't hire teachers solely on the basis of academic qualifications. "We are also concerned about our teachers' sensitivity to the type of individuals we are serving," Smith emphasized. "They must have the ability to teach in a non-traditional setting."

The EOC director also notes that the facility provides non-academic support for students. Because those

enrolled in the EOC often have a lack of confidence about their ability to succeed in school or in the job market, the counseling staff tries to improve self-defeating attitudes and change inappropriate behavior patterns like missing classes or appointments.

It's hoped that the students' sense of self-worth will improve and that they will develop career objectives. The EOC programs are flexible enough to accommodate a variety of employment and educational plans.

A student who has to brush up on his/her skills before returning to college, a high school drop-out who wants to earn a high school diploma before seeking training as a para-professional, and an unemployed worker who wants to obtain secretarial skills can all be served at the EOC.

However, like a lot of public sector programs, the EOC is not able to offer all the services it considers important. A plan to expand vocational services, which are becoming increasingly popular, had to be scrapped because of fiscal constraints; the EOC sustained a small cut in funds in 1979 and again in 1980.

In addition, Basic Education services are no longer being offered to people who read below a sixth grade level. That portion of the EOC curriculum has been phased out.

And, ironically, the State of New York's effort to offer a new kind of educational service in Syracuse has involved the EOC in a series of administrative tangles. Because it doesn't fall into any pigeon hole, the EOC has been administered respectively by SUNY Cortland, Upstate Medical Center and SUNY Morrisville.

"It would be better if we had local community administration," Smith said. "It's hard for us to deal with both Albany and Morrisville. That also makes it hard for us to be recognized as an institution instead of as a project. After 11 years, our appropriation is still allocated on a yearly basis. We are a vital community institution and we will continue, but it would help if our administrative relationships were refined."

Upstate NY Rallies Against the Cruise Missile



Terry Provance of the American Friends Service Committee brought the concept of "First Strike Capability" to horrifying reality for the activists gathered at Griffis Air Force Base on Sunday, October 19th. Photo credit: Paul Pearce

EL SALVADOR ON OUR MINDS

At a working conference in Syracuse during October, Latin American activists from all over New York laid the groundwork for more effective coordination of activities and planned for action to prevent further US intervention in El Salvador (see flyer). Delegates from solidarity groups in Ithaca, Cortland, Rochester, Oswego, Syracuse, Albany, and New York City analyzed the situation in El Salvador and also heard from Gregory Chisholm, a Canadian active in the solidarity movement who now lives and works in Lima, Peru. The conference created a coordinating committee to maintain communication between the groups and to plan joint actions, as well as to plan a follow up conference in January.



The delegates sent a letter of solidarity to workers in Peru occupying the French and Venezuelan embassies in Lima, and a letter of sympathy and solidarity to the friends of Khai Rainclouds, killed in Guatemala (see page 21). The weekend concluded with presentations, in music and poetry, on the condition of women in Latin America.

Anyone interested in getting involved in this work can contact any one of the groups listed on the flyer in this month's PNL. We ask all of you to take some action on El Salvador as recommended on the flyer; their struggle for liberation is at a crucial point.

Reports

100 Area Activists 'Organize to Stop the Next War'

For a report of our very gratifying October 4 Conference, we offer these notes from participants:

The conference was extremely well-organized and especially worthwhile, informative and motivating! I still haven't fully filed or absorbed all of the literature, but am slowly devouring it at every available chance. I now feel more mentally 'armed'! against the 'fight' facing us all...

Diane Grafly, Liverpool

"Organizing to Stop the Next War" did not stop the war in the Mid-East. Unfortunately, until we change the system, there will always be a need for a conference with this title.

It was billed as a planning/skill-sharing conference but, unpredictably, too much energy was spent in ideological debate rather than constructive planning and sharing. It was primarily intended for activists, not the general public. People attended because they already sensed a need for action. We should always address the underlying issues leading to personal and global unrest but every act of aggression, exploitation, racism, sexism, imperialism and militarism is a call to the Movement for response.

I had unrealistically hoped for agreements and solutions. I feel content that so many people are dealing with the issues on their own terms. The conference's greatest achievement was in bringing us all together, making contacts, and establishing mutual reinforcement that will help us through harder times yet to come.

Paul Pearce, Oswego



A glimpse of one of the 18 workshops offered at the Conference. Photo: Paul Pearce

... Never got a chance to hug you all -- felt it tho... Feels good to know we have a community of concerned folks, whatever our individual motives. (!) I know I learned a lot. And now the Finger Lakes Network as well as just us Ithacans will be close.

Irene Komor, Ithaca

I very much enjoyed the conference and congratulate the Syracuse Peace Council/AFSC for a well-organized, productive and fun day... Looking forward to the receipt of transcripts of the workshops.

Peter Hill, Oneonta

Political Prisoners in Northern Ireland

The H Block Story

by Jerry Berrigan

To introduce this account of my recent trip to Ireland I'd like to point out two realities that I saw as important symbols. One is prisoners' fecal matter; the other is soldiers' plastic bullets.

Let me start at the beginning. Six of us went: my brothers, Dan and Phil; George McLaughlin, who is New York head of the H-Block Committee; Fr. Don McKenna, who is a New York worker priest; Rev. Paul Ables of Washington Square Methodist Church; and I. Our intention in going to Ireland was not to mix in the controversy; but to act and speak peaceably, to suggest that since the violence had done nothing to bring human change, then the Gospel "thou shalt not kill" might well be heard and practiced. Generally we were given a hearing because three of us had spent time in jail for reasons of peace and conscience and also because we avoided invective and ideology.

In both Dublin and Belfast we allowed ourselves the widest context exposure in media coverage: interviews, press conferences, TV news, meetings with Sein Fein (political branch of Irish Republican Army), with trade unionists, with members of the Protestant community, with mothers of prisoners, with former prisoners themselves, with Sean McBride, Lenin and Nobel Peace Laureate, and with Bernadette Devlin.

We learned that the prisoners "on the blanket" (they are nude in their cells except for a blanket) have been forced into such protest by their jailers and by the British. Seamus De-laney, a former young H Block prisoner spoke quietly to us. "If we came out of our cells to go to the bathroom we were beaten and abused by the screws; returning to our cells, we were beaten again. We had no choice but to go to the bathroom in our cells and to dispose of our waste as best we could." Hence the excreta smeared on ceilings and walls by the prisoners. Of the four thousand men in mile square Long Kesh, upwards of 360 are on the blanket pro-

Jerry Berrigan resists in the name of peace.



Women of Belfast protest British repression. The blanket has become a symbol of cruel conditions for Irish political prisoners. (photo from *Special Category 'A'*.)

test, many for periods of two to four years. Of the 600 women in Armagh prison, 35 are on the blanket for like periods of time. Part of this protest is their refusal to bathe. These men and women who demand prisoner-of-war status instead of the criminal designation they are forced to accept, have chosen to resist in these ways because there are no other. They are able to maintain remarkable morale, we were told, by shouting Gaelic words to each other, teaching each other the language (also a cryptic form of communication) and by reciting the rosary.

In face of each irresistible rejection of their power, the British, it seems to us, are bound to lose, because no political or military force can overcome a sustained, concerted moral one. The British were taught that very lesson in India, in Rhodesia, in the colonial American colonies, but they appear to have ignored or forgotten it. When we asked why the English remain in Northern Ireland, Sean McBride replied, "75% tradition and sentiment. They are reluctant to give up this last muted tip of Empire and thus appear to betray the loyalties of the Irish Protestants. The remaining 25% is political; they feel they'll need the Belfast shipyards in the event of another war." (Irony? The next "war" will surely be nuclear --

ships won't avail!) So to maintain their occupation force of twelve thousand troops, and to keep the dole going (unemployment is 20 to 30% in some sections), the British are annually pouring a million pounds, a sum they can hardly afford, into the northern counties. How long they can keep such a drain open is conjectural as is the question, "how long can they resist the blanket people?"

We of the American group applied to the authorities and asked to enter the two prisons, Long Kesh where the wretched H Block of the blanket protest is located, and Armagh, where women too are "on the blanket." Denied permission, we went to each place anyway, again requested entrance at the gate, were refused. So we held a prayer vigil; scripture readings and a litany of prisoners' names called aloud, each one followed by "you are not alone." As far as the reason behind the authorities' "no" goes, our sense was that the officials have much to hide. We took it that their refusal confirmed the reports of the ongoing atrocity, reports that we heard everywhere.

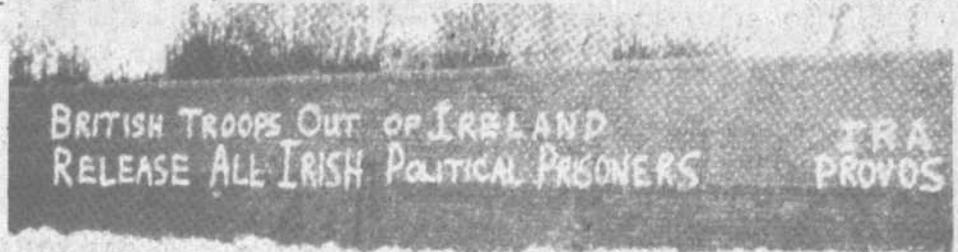
Families with whom we were billeted, mothers of prisoners, and released prisoners themselves impressed on us, "We are Palestinians in Israel, we are Blacks and Indians in America. We are citizens in an occupied zone, we are

victims of terrorists. When our homes are invaded, when we are detained without evidence, when we are strip-searched, when our sons, wives, husbands are dragged off, quizzed and beaten, when confessions are forced from us under torture, when we are given arbitrary sentences anywhere from four years to life, we have no recourse, no recourse under law." Among these people as they made their reports there were few tears, no recriminations, but simply a recounting of events. Clearly, they have transcended the comfort of visible emotion.

I spoke of our being billeted among families in the Catholic ghetto of Belfast. Cathy Campbell, a 50-year-old mother of a daughter of 16, Maria, and a son of 23, Peter, was my host. She told me of how her sister, mother of two children, was murdered before her eyes by a terrorist in October, 1979. Yet Cathy would say only, "All we want is peace with justice." (Peter Campbell has been on the blanket for four years.)

To questions about the Irish Republican Army, these people in an enemy zone replied, "They are as bad as the British. The murder of Mountbatten and the children was detestable. Violence begets violence, settles nothing."

Often we Americans expressed the conviction that the plight of the prisoners would not improve until the Irish themselves, North and South, got involved in arts of resistance. Usually our hearers agreed but shared strong misgivings and bitterness about the clergy, the lawyers, the doctors, the



politicians who don't care, "safe in their offices and churches." The Irish, like most people worldwide, feel betrayed and leaderless.

I think it's time now to speak of the symbols I mentioned in beginning this account. Regarding the bullets, some British soldiers we saw on patrol are armed with the latest fast action rifles; others carry riot control weapons which fire plastic bullets (manufactured, incidentally, in Akron, Ohio.) Often the "Brits" have fired these bullets directly at people, injuring them mortally. Perhaps because of what "plastic" suggests -- "aseptic," "Clean" -- public outcry at such obscene violence has centered upon the wounds, the human damage, rather than upon the agent of such damage, the bullet itself.

Take in contrast the fecal matter daubed by the prisoners on their cell walls. At news of the form of this protest the public outcry has been revulsion as though to say, "feces exposed, smelled, touched suggest all that is barbarian, primitive," and in the public responses to the two realities of human excreta and plastic bullets may

lie the answer to the question, "Why, during twelve years of carnage and terror, has no concerted citizen outcry sounded at the evidence of British army brutality? Why has there been no mass move to the streets, to act, to defy, to resist, to effect change?" Likely the answer lies in the values of Ireland and the West: products of technology (plastic bullets), though death dealing, can be seen, contact can be made, without besmirching the person involved. But it is vastly otherwise with products of human biological functions, like excrement. This cannot be smelled and touched without besmirching the toucher.

Where lies the anomaly? To us it seemed that the answer, as usual, is Biblical. "It is not what comes out of a person that corrupts, but what goes into a person (mind, attitude, belief) that corrupts." Quite clearly, because the Irish, like all of us of the West, boggle at the excretion, calling it obscene, but somehow accept the bullet, the real obscenity, we and they expose fatally distorted sensibilities. Thus, the outrage that would provide the will to "speak truth to power" does not get mustered. Thus, the death dealing injustice that today subdues Northern Ireland to a police state, is unchecked.

This year in Dublin a writer named Tim Pat Coogan has chronicled the awful reality of the H Block prisoners in a book entitled *On the Blanket*. It is a lucid, informed and compassionate account (Coogan was allowed into H-Block and Armagh, as well of the prisoner we went to Belfast to defend. Unfortunately, the book is not published in the States yet. £2.75 from

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Swords, Co. Dublin, Ireland

Finally, my deep thanks once more to all who whether through gifts of money, through letters, through expressed concern, supported our trip. I don't know its final outcome, but I am convinced only good will come from it.



(Photo credit: An Phoblacht)

Former blanket-man Seamus Delaney (right) was among the speakers at a Belfast press conference on August 25, 1980. The event was organized by the National H-Block Committee for Father Daniel Berrigan (left), who headed a visiting delegation from the US, which included his brother Jerry (center).

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A symbolic political film about the Arab world. The discovery of a Royal Cache near Thebes compels a young tribesman to face the conflict of saving his people's past treasures from local thieves and antique dealers vs. losing them to foreign archeologists. Either choice will destroy his people's heritage. (ISA)

THE CHESSPLAYER (India)

Satyajit Ray, 1978
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Set in Oudh in 1856, this is the story of a poet-king bowing before the irresistible advance of imperialism. Two noble men play chess while the East Indian Company plays power politics. Ray's film, alive with humor, is a beautifully shaded study of notions about power, responsibility, and decadence. Hindi/English subt. (ISA)

Plus the NET short SATYAJIT RAY (1967) in which the film maker discusses his work.

THE PROMISED LAND (Poland)

Andrzej Wajda, 1975
 FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21 7 & 10 pm

This controversial spectacular deals with the harsh industrialization of 19th century Poland. A trio of young partners join in a textile mill venture jettisoning old values in the rush to wealth. A powerful picture with exceptionally good acting. Grand prizes Moscow & Chicago festivals. (ISA)

THE CEREMONY (Japan)

Nagisa Oshima, 1971
 FRIDAY DECEMBER 5 7 & 9:30 pm

Oshima (In the Realm of the Senses) is well known for his political views and his excellent direction. This film is a condemnation of modern Japan as chronicled in a family saga of Jacobean violence. (I.S.A.)

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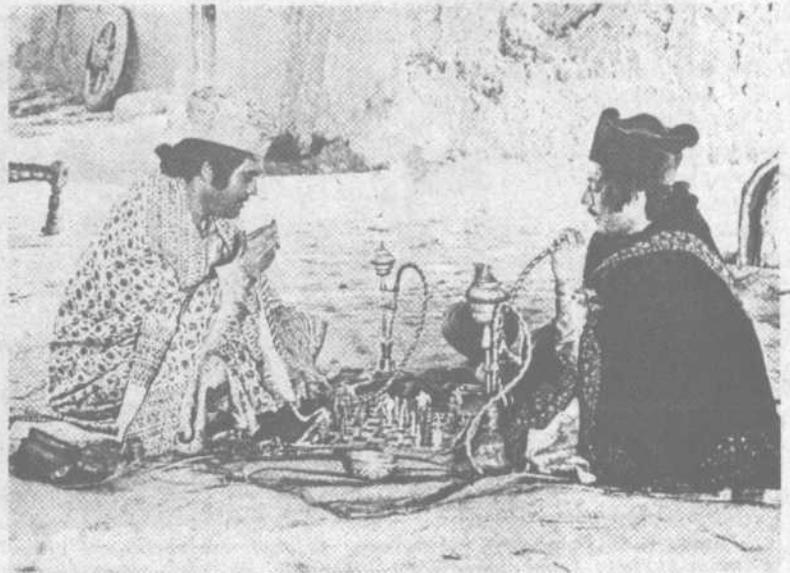
Sam Wood, 1935

THE GRATEFUL DEAD

W.C. Fields FATAL GLASS OF BEER

FRIDAY DECEMBER 12 7,9,11pm

Whether it's a little holiday merriment or a break from studying for exams these two comedies and the Dead short (shown first) will fill the bill. This is perhaps the Brothers best and funniest film containing dozens of memorably hilarious moments including the fabulous stateroom scene. The Fields short ("Anyone who hates dogs and children can't be all bad.") will be shown second. The Dead short (1968) won a Brussels Film Festival award.



THE CHESSPLAYERS: Sanjeev Kumar and Saeed Jaffrey.

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MAYOR, ENVIRONMENTALIST ?

Syracuse's Mayor Alexander was appointed to chair the Energy and Environment Committee of the US Conference of Mayors. After receiving the appointment he said, "The cities are at a crossroads. Energy and environmental issues are among our greatest and most urgent challenges."

Meanwhile back at home, the city threatens to close the only successful recycling program in the city, (Westcott Recycles); fails to develop good Public Transportation and allows Niagara Mohawk to make all our energy and environment decisions for us.

Ask the Mayor to support community recycling and public power. He'd love to hear from you!

ENVIRONMENT DISTURBED

Travis Lewin, Chair of the S.U. Senate Dome Committee was "delighted" that the Carrier Dome was to be used for a Republican fundraiser starring Godfather Sinatra and Boy Casino-Wonder Wayne Newton. Travis said, "This event will not attract the kind of crowd that will disturb the campus environment."

Thankfully, an anti-fascist truth brigade made an appearance in Reagan masks and other appropriate costumes. It wasn't only the campus environment that was "disturbed" by the fundraiser; that was the message of the protesters.

"SOCIALISM" COMES TO SYRACUSE

In case you haven't noticed, a type of socialism, rich folk's socialism, has arrived in Syracuse in a big way. The same business and banking community that rails against "government interference" has been happy to receive government handouts in the form of public tax money invested in private profit-taking ventures.

Some Examples (among many): The County Legislature is offering the county library as the "anchor" tenant in an office complex scheme proposed by shopping-mall magnates, Pioneer/Pyramid Corp. The library would rent space for about \$100,000 a month in the new office building.

The city has granted \$301,680 to private developers, "The Renaissance Group", to renovate the Greenway Apartments on Hawley Ave. into luxury apartments. This is the same building where dozens of poor people last year were evicted. There was no money then for renovations, nor any for relocation.

The city has granted \$60,000 to Martin Haske, owner of the M&R Linoleum Co. to renovate his facilities. When was the last time the city offered you a few thousand to renovate your home?

If the city government is going to be into public investment, than why not public ownership and let the profits be used for desperately needed city services.

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LETTERS TO THE CENSOR

The letter below was printed in its entirety in Syracuse University's 9/30 Daily Orange. However, the Post-Standard (10/3) saw fit to severely edit the letter. Nonshaded areas below were edited.

We asked assistant editor William R. Cole, Jr. why the letter was edited and what criterion was used. He admitted letters were edited for other than space considerations but he rather sharply refused to discuss his editing policies. Mr. Cole also said: "If you don't like the way we handled your letter then maybe you shouldn't send us anymore letters."

Once again the Syracuse Peace Council expresses its outrage that Henry Kissinger was welcomed to our city Sept. 25. The peace council also protested Kissinger's last visit (September 1977) to Syracuse, for which he was paid \$10,000.

Kissinger, along with his major sponsor David Rockefeller, was instrumental in convincing President Carter to admit the Shah of Iran to the United States. This was done knowing full well there could be serious repercussions — cables from the U.S. Embassy in Iran indicated this. Who benefited? The shah and the rich. Who suffered? The hostages and their families and friends. Iranians, of course, had suffered for 25 years under the CIA-installed shah.

Kissinger, perhaps better than almost any other person, symbolizes an immoral foreign policy. His policies during the Vietnam war cost tens of thousands of U.S. lives and hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese lives. In a suave, clever and arrogant style, Kissinger has made a career out of representing the interests of the rich, the privileged and the huge multinational corporations and banks that are the bulwark of capitalism.

Kissinger's actions in "protecting vital U.S. interests" are portrayed in the U.S. media as helping Americans. In fact, his actions are harmful to the great majority of Americans. Runaway shops, inflation, militarism and unemployment are all connected to an imperialist foreign policy.

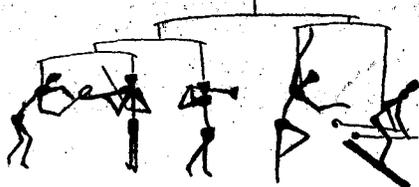
"DEFENSE" CONTRACTS IN CNY

Yet another, and much bigger, way area business has to get rich off of government money is from "defense" contracts. The War Dep't. (also known as Defense) now spends one thousand million dollars in current contracts with Central NY business. There may not be money to fund school programs but there sure is a bundle for the killing machines. Following are the area's top ten war profiteers and the amount their current military contracts are worth:



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| 3) Coelster Industries (Watertown) | \$ 10,611,864 | 8) Anaren Microwave | \$ 4,485,975 |
| 4) Pattern Analysis (Rome) | \$ 8,063,392 | 9) Bendix Corp. (Utica) | \$ 3,320,198 |
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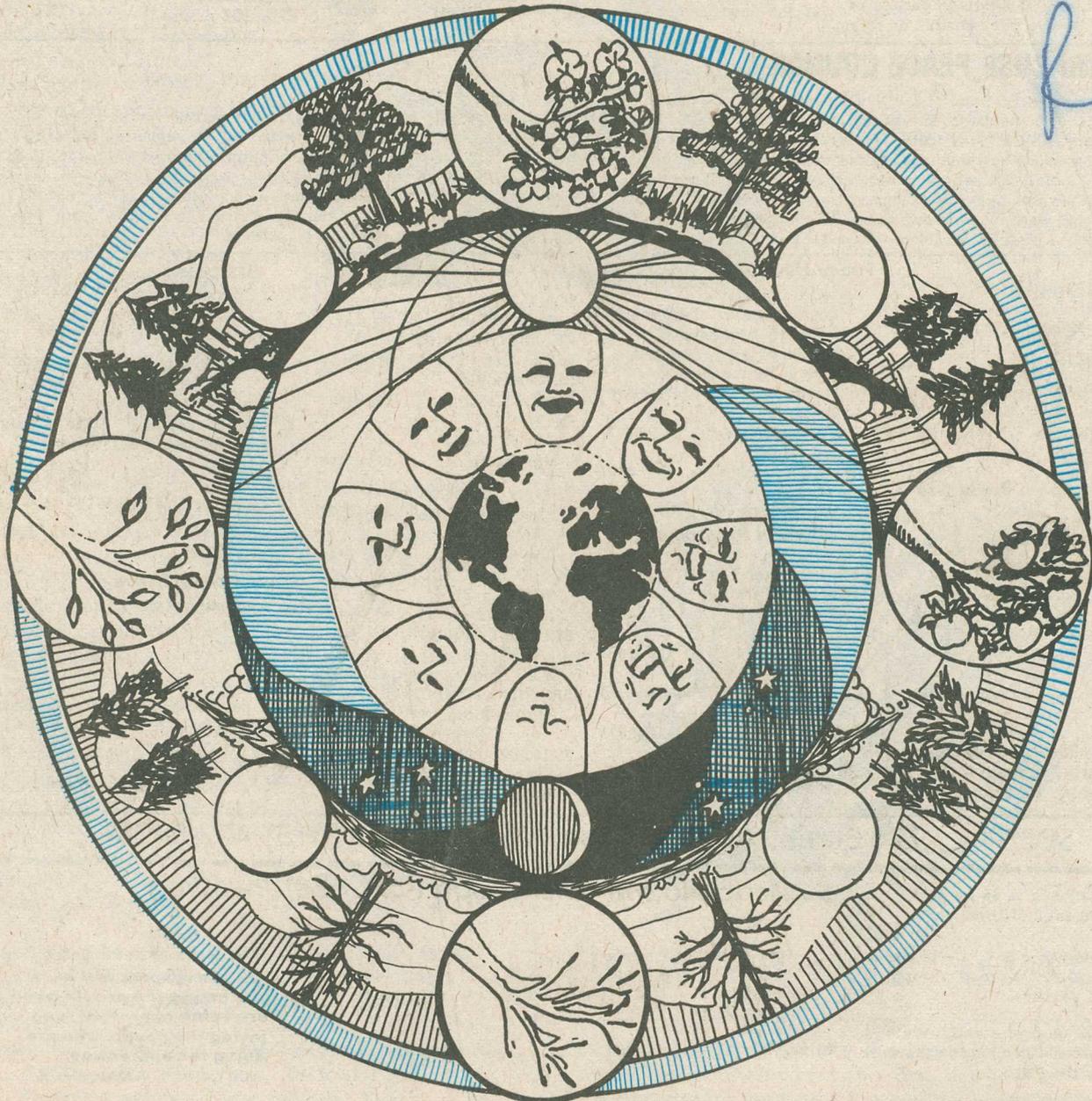
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NEXT MONTH

Next month's PNL won't be happening! We're taking our yearly publishing break. The Next PNL will be out in early February.

Production: January 26 & 27
Mailing Party: January 31
We could use some help!

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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.

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SPC membership involves being on the mailing list and feeling that you're a member. Simple as that. SPC is supported primarily through members contributions & monthly pledges and fund raising events. It's an unending struggle to raise our \$25,000 annual budget. SPC's major work is done through committees 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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—Malcolm X

Warmest Greetings from the SPC House Collective

The whirlwind of autumn activity never subsided - and winter is upon us. From the last Peace Newsletter production our energies have turned to post-SPC Retreat work, the Annual Dinner, local events of the Women's Pentagon Action committee as well as the actual Washington DC events (see our reports on p.10), the preparation for the 10th Annual Plowshare Crafts-fair (specifics on back calendar page) and whew! we're doing this Peace Newsletter at 24 pages instead of 16 as originally planned. There's just too much happening to permit a shorter PNL.

Most of these activities reflect the continued slant within SPC of introspection and re-evaluation. There's a feeling of excitement among those who continue the discussion of structural changes in SPC since the Retreat. It is scary to consider new ways of working together. We deserve self-affirmation of the openness and trust exhibited by everyone who has been working on these changes.

In similar vein, our 44th Annual Dinner speaker, Barbara Ehrenreich,

provoked stimulating discussion among many of us concerning the role of feminism in our social change ideologies. That same weekend over fifty Syracuse women went to the Pentagon Action. The actual results of our participation have yet to be fully expressed; certainly it feels to many of us who went that the women's movement is blossoming into new levels of political consciousness. For those of you who would like to hear more about it, there will be a

sharing of experiences by Syracuse women each afternoon at the Plowshare Crafts-fair, in the Parlor.

A young German, Ernst Meyer, has just come to Syracuse to volunteer at SPC for the next eight months. He is a representative from the German organization "Action for Reconciliation." We welcome him warmly.

And I have some exciting personal news to share. Soon after Plowshare I'll be leaving for a month's stay in West Germany (no, Ernst and I did not plan to be "exchange-activists", it just worked out that way.) Ten years ago I spent a school year in the city of Würzburg, living with a German family. I decided this summer it is time to visit my close friends there. This leaves William Sunderlin as an alone staffperson while I'm gone. Anyone wishing to give some support in the daily office duties while I'm gone? Don't hesitate to call or walk in.

- Glenda Neff

The SPC House Collective wishes us all a meaningful holiday season (if you are having trouble finding its meaning, see "Winter Rituals" on p.12)

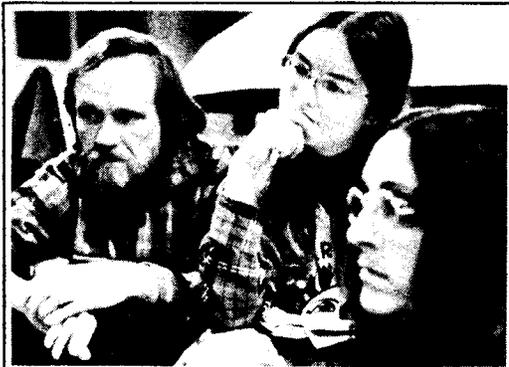


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Dik Cool, Glenda Neff, and Linda Wallace deliberate the proposal of a "council" model at the SPC Retreat a month ago.

IN THIS ISSUE

You will find some ambivalences (and maybe even some contradictions?) about the upcoming holidays in this issue. From the contrast of feelings in Jack Manno's interviews of SPC people -- to Glenda Neff's and Carol Baum's denunciation of 'Christmas overbuy' -- to our own urging that you buy from us!! (Please see pages 5-8). We like to think that you're sending your dollars in a good direction and finding true meaning in the spirit of giving...

Reports abound this month on important changes and events: the restructuring of SPC is in process (p.9); feminism gets a hearing at our annual dinner (p.11); the Women's Pentagon Action (p.10). We've been feeling inspiration from these events that is sorely needed with Ronnie about to ascend to the throne. Lisa Johns has given us a thoughtful and challenging analysis of the Reagan transition; see p.15.

Our energy column 'Currents' is taking a breather this month, not for lack of news but -- of all things -- energy.

We decided that the murder of Kai Yutah Clouds is an event that must get more attention, so we're running an article about him that is longer and more in depth than last month's.

In last month's "Thank You" for the help we received in doing the fund-raising phonathon, we forgot to mention the Service Employees International Union (SEIU). They allowed us to use their office space and phones for four days. We regret the oversight.



There will be no January PNL because we're taking our annual publishing break. This pause is giving us the opportunity to rethink the design and format of the PNL. How would you feel if the PNL changed to a tabloid (newspaper) format? We'd like to hear your thoughts.



Chem Nuclear's Reckless Driving

Syracuse, N.Y.

Having just read Glenda's article in the November PNL, "Common Councilors Hear Nuke Industry Out," I realized I should share with you the experiences some AFSC people had on election day afternoon. We were in the Hiawatha Blvd. vicinity, heading south on Route 81, returning from a planning meeting for the November Cruise Control Action Project rally, and chatting happily about Plowshare (this is beginning to sound like a commercial for peace), when one of us said "E-eeek!" We all looked, and saw rattling past us a Chem-Nuclear truck! As it was soon out of sight ahead, I estimate that it was traveling at least five, more likely ten, miles an hour above the 45 mph in-town speed limit--on newly-wet pavement, and during the 5:00 p.m. rush hour at that. Maybe hurrying to get through town before a wheel fell off.

Perhaps you'll want to file this for the next nuke waste transport hearing. Peace and no nukes!

Marge Rusk

Friends of St. Lawrence

Rossie, N.Y.

Enclosed is a check from the account of the dormant Friends of the St. Lawrence. The group sprang from the 765kv struggles in the North Country and then lapsed with the unwinding of that activity. By default we found ourselves caretakers of remnant FSL funds and had been hanging on to this "seed money" in anticipation of some future resurrection. But it is time to let this small piece of the future take care of itself, and instead

turn our support to the present. We could think of no more worthy cause, in breadth of its concern nor depth of its commitment and need, than SPC. Please accept our thanks for all your efforts, and our apologies for not coming to this conclusion earlier.

Mark & Louise Scarlett
Friends of the St.
Lawrence

Look to Roots for Focus

One of the topics you listed in the paper announcing the retreat weekend dealt with the work the SPC is trying to do, and the establishment of priorities. It seems reasonable to begin looking for the answer to this question by re-examining why the Peace Council was formed. As is well to remember, the original focus was Anti-war, Disarmament, and the dissolution of the military. We suggest that in the search for a focus for the SPC that these thoughts be reaffirmed, and renewed. People who think about these things today come to the realization that many of the problems in our society come about because of the misdirection of a sense of values. Violence in the military is intolerable, but so is the personal violence that people wreak on each other - assaults, rape, sexual and racial discrimination, - the list seems endless. In addition we see that the environment is being torn apart by materialism, the profit urge, Nuclear Power, and plain ignorance.

Hence, the pressure is strong to try to attack these problems, and fight the root sources. But, do we have the time, energy, and expertise to work on all such issues? Are we in danger of being distracted from the real issue, by reacting to all the issues? We believe that indeed the Peace Council needs to realize that its primary focus is Anti-war, disarmament, and elimination of the military. Perhaps we will never achieve these objectives until the entire

society has turned around and reordered its priorities. That may well be true. But we believe that this turn around will be assisted by dedicated groups focussing in on crucial problems in the society, and continuing to work away at them. Let us support groups that wish to struggle for a clean environment, for example. But, let us not feel that we must lead the way on a clean water issue, or a nuclear power issue, or a feminist issue. Each of these issues requires time and effort, and should be fought. But, let the SPC take a stand on the issue being raised about the shuttle busses being planned for the nuclear missiles in Nevada. Let us work on the distortions that are being planned in the Federal Budget that will pour even more money into armaments. Let us keep the waterways clear of nuclear submarines and their deadly missiles. If issues such as these are not primary to the Peace Council, then to which other group are they? Environmentalists will fight to preserve the environment, feminists will fight to eliminate unequal treatment of the sexes, and let the SPC be singleminded in its battle against the military and war. We can collectively work to eliminate war and the war machine with full respect for our membership, and yet without trying to focus on every cause. We can serve as allies to other groups in different areas of interest. Our best regards to all of you.

Sally & John Brule'

Letters from Peace Newsletter readers are welcome on any aspect of SPC programming, or specifically in response to articles in the PNL. Suggested length: 250 words. (Anything longer risks getting cut.) Deadline: the 20th of each month. Write: To the Editors, Peace Newsletter, SPC, 924 Burnet Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13203.

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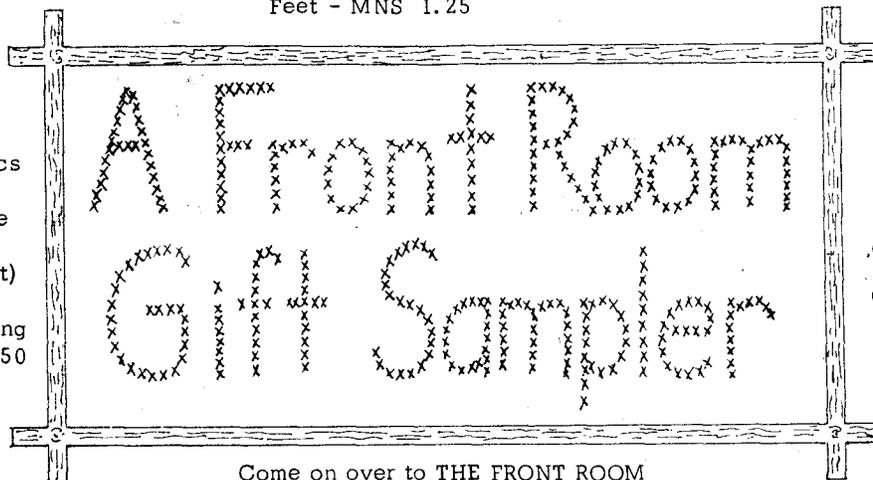
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hold it and cherish it.
exhale: a sigh of wonder,
the hum of thanks,
a gasp of despair,
the bellows of rage:
NO NUKES ANYWHERE

this rage resounds with the wind
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The People's Energy 1980 Calendar

The People's Energy No Nukes 1980 Calendar is now half price (\$2 plus \$1 postage) while they last. It includes: 12 multicolored 11"x14" illustrations by artists across the U.S.; the People's Energy poster (#1 on this sheet); plus 12 resource and education pages with graphics. Putting the two 12 page units together makes an eye-catching and educational display. People's Energy 1980 is a whole lot more than a calendar. Ten or more are \$1 each plus 10% for shipping.

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A "Thigmo" Progress Report

The 'Thigmo' committee (see below & 11/80 PNL), consisting of 14 SPC people, is continuing the process of gathering and analyzing information towards an eventual decision to dramatically change or improve SPC's structure. At its Nov. 11th meeting the Steering Committee gave Thigmo the power to make the final determination of SPC structure.

Our first task was to create as many avenues for input by our membership as possible. The PNL and the Annual Dinner are behind us; Plowshare and this are next. The final step will be several open meetings in late January and early Feb., leading to final decisions by the end of Feb. Of course the address & phones below are additional ways you can have your say.

Responding to the following questions can perhaps give you a framework for your ideas:
What do you know about SPC's

structure? What do you like about it or not like? How could it be changed or improved?

What changes would help you become involved in SPC?

Thigmo has created the following awesome list of needs and concerns which an SPC structure needs to meet. For our Dec. 14 meeting each committee member will develop a structural model that deals with these needs as completely as possible. As you can see we're taking this process very seriously; we hope you will too!

The List:

1. How will program priorities be decided?
2. How will decision making on various levels be done?
3. Who will have long-term overview responsibility? Steering Committee?
4. The question of centralism vs. decentralism.
5. Who will act as ongoing personnel committee for staff

6. SPC links to community.
7. Values & guidelines of SPC--evaluation.
8. Cost-effectiveness of various structures.
9. Relationships of SPC, The Front Room, SPC Press, PNL.
10. Involving volunteers of all levels of commitment.
11. Program committees' relationship to Steering Comm.
12. What body handles organizational maintenance?
13. How is money to be raised reliably?
14. How to determine what is an SPC event, spokesperson, statement or project?

For info or input: Toni Taverone 471-3074, 320 Greenwood Pl. Syracuse, NY 13210 or Linda Wallace 422-2212 or Lois Levitan 478-2998.

'Thigmo' is the affectionate name given the committee which is grappling with basic structural changes for SPC. It derives from Lois Levitan's wonderful "anarcho-cultural-thigmo" description of SPC at the 10/24/80 retreat.

SO MUCH FOR HUMANE BEANS

On Sept. 23, 1980 a referendum was defeated in the state of Maine which would have closed down the state's only operating nuclear plant. Better than \$600,000 poured in from corporations and banks across the US for a media blitz to "Save the Maine Yankee."

The energy establishment knew that much more than the death of one nuke was at stake. They knew that success in shutting down the Maine Yankee would cause a rash of such referendums across the country.

As it was, the referendum was defeated by only a 3 to 2 margin. The anti-nuclear forces would like to organize a new referendum within the year. They know that the momentum of growing sane-energy consciousness is with them and that only corporate money stands in the way of success.

To help shut down the Maine Yankee and all nuclear plants, don't buy from the corporate financiers of the pro-nuclear campaign. Among them are the mail-order outdoor store L.L. Bean (\$5,000); General Electric (\$30,000 -- boycott of G.E. is already underway -- see 6/80 PNL); and the Scott Paper Co. (\$10,000). Write the companies in protest of their policies if you choose not to buy from them.

Potluck Revival

We are on the verge of reviving a wonderful old SPC institution -- the "Monday Night Potlucks" -- which fell by the wayside a few years ago as energies were sapped by numerous other projects which evolved around that time. But now many of us are feeling the need for just that kind of regular, informal, educational and community-building event that the Potlucks once were & could again become. There is no better way for someone vaguely interested in an SPC project to come in, look around & become involved.

The format used in the past was to begin the evening at 6 by sharing in a dinner to which each of us had contributed a dish. This was followed at 7 by a speaker or a discussion focusing on a specific issue. The topics can range from those of international concern to others looking in on the inner workings of SPC as an organization. The intention is to have a flexible format.

The series is slated to begin in February. Details of subject matter & format will be in the February PNL & posted up about town. We are juggling numerous factors of location, cost & facilities in deciding upon a site for these events. Suggestions are welcome. If you have any, call Lois Levitan at 478-2998.

Women Surround the Pentagon, Demand Surrender

It was not until we actually came upon the Pentagon that I began to feel the power of our Action. We were a parade of 1300 women, moving through Arlington Cemetery toward the first part of our demonstration—The Mourning Stage. Dark cloaks, scarves, and veils appeared. We covered our heads. The Pentagon loomed alongside, massive and powerful, as we quietly surrounded the small park. A long line of women drummers and percussionists stood beating slowly, as four gigantic puppets (Red, black, gold, white, each handled by four women) stood at the end. I was deeply moved as the black puppet walked among us with a "We are mourning" sign; but it was when women began constructing a symbolic cemetery and saying aloud the names of the dead, that my grief and sadness at the war machine atrocities surfaced. We began wailing and sobbing, voices rose and fell around us. Some stood in silence. Most of us cried.

The next three stages—Rage, Empowerment, and Defiance, moved quickly. We faced the Pentagon yelling, chanting, beating pots and pans. Then, singing with a Women's Brass Band, we followed the puppets, encircling the Pentagon. "You're sur-

rounded, surrender!", we yelled. It was empowering! Finally, affinity

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groups broke from the circle and blocked entrances, sitting down and weaving across the doorways with bright yarns. Arrests began immediately. Many of us stayed as support people. The choir sang, despite rain and hail, to those being arrested. Especially powerful was singing "Hay Una Mujer" (trans: there is a woman who has disappeared...) as we watched women being handcuffed and dragged into the bowels of the Pentagon.

About 50 women from Syracuse participated. We came from Women's Info, the Syracuse Peace Council, FREE (Feminist Resources on Energy and Ecology), Cazenovia Women's Writer's Center, and as individuals. We were visible and active, especially at the Sunday workshop and planning sessions: Barb Dunn and Laura Wilansky played and sang to 2,000; INFO and FREE women facilitated workshops; the choir rehearsed and sang; Peace Council and FREE tables and banners were prominent; several of us were peacekeepers. The gathering was dramatic, integrated, emotional, active, and, most of all, energizing. Come join us next time! It will change you. It did me.

- Karen Mihalyi

Sexism at the Pentagon

On November 15th I rode to Washington in a van with thirteen brilliant women from Syracuse. What the Pentagon Action itself did not teach me, those beautiful women did. Never before have my feelings, my politics, my feminist views, become so connected, so unavoidably intertwined.

I had already known that militarism is a problem. Anyway you look at it, bombs and bullets are a drag. But what I could not understand was why it has been so difficult to have everyone recognize this problem. Or why hasn't the power elite realized that the militaristic mentality can only lead to destruction?

It was at the Pentagon I came to know the answer. I finally saw the pervasiveness of sexism and the horrifying damage it has done to our minds, our hearts, our spirits.

Our country has elected ronnie reagan, the man that wants to make our nation "virile" again. He will

make us a "superpower". Never will he let a country "slap us in the face" or "embarrass us" the way Iran did. It does not matter whether Iran had valid complaints, as long as they do not challenge our masculine nation.

As America sits by and watches, the power elite continues to rape those countries that are smaller, less 'masculine'. The male supremacist attitude of the US sanctions this rape. What gives us the right to rape Africa, Latin America, and other countries simply because we are bigger and stronger? America/the power elite is supremacist and chauvinistic. It believes it can take whatever it wants, destroying anything or anyone that gets in its way, for it is a Super power. This is the same masculinist mentality that allows men in our society to continue their subjugation and rape of women.

America is raped daily to feed the military-industrial monster.

Mother Earth is made barren after having been raped too many times, and the monster lives on.

It's difficult to tell if the monster really knows it is wrong. Sexism is a sickness that permeates every level of awareness.

During war do soldiers know it is wrong to rape, pillage, and plunder? Haven't we been taught, 'to the victor goes the spoils', whether it be women, oil, or uranium?

Isn't it a supremacist attitude that allows us to believe that the US is naturally right, while countries like Russia or Iran must be wrong?

It is the power elite we must look at, to see where their attitudes evolve from. Sexism is a subtle sickness.

With the help of all the beautiful women in Washington I realized that sexism is political, and that American politics are sexist.

-Betty Jo Johnson

Barbara Ehrenreich Speaks to SPC's 44th Annual Dinner

I had a superb time at the 44th Annual SPC dinner. The food & friendship were great, there were no apparent organizational flubs, & the fund appeal was actually fun to listen to (see the photo).

There were almost 200 of us & spirits were high as Gerry Edwards led us in singing Chris Williamson's "Song of the Soul" which has become — at least to my ears — one of the key songs among Syracuse's feminist community. For many of us this was the first time we had heard the song sung by a mixed audience of men & women. Listening to the words & to all of us singing them, the song seemed very clearly to be for us all.

And as such it was a fitting introduction to an evening which had as its focal point a talk by Barbara Ehrenreich, a socialist & a feminist, in what was perhaps the first opportunity for a general Peace Council audience to hear a feminist philosophy articulated.

First off, Barbara showed herself to be a great stand-up comic as she got us chortling away our post-election blues. She called this "the year that brought us Ronald Reagan & the Toxic Shock Syndrome," but also reminded folks "who may be feeling nostalgic

for Carter [that] the only mass transportation program the Carter administration brought us was for the MX missile."

She brought into focus the problem that lies ahead of us as social justice activists when she recounted a statement of vice-president elect George Bush that "nuclear war is now thinkable" because his technical advisors had told him that 5% of the American people would survive.

Seeing this mentality as our challenge, she proceeded to define feminism and to describe how the vision of feminism adds the necessary dimension to the struggle for social justice.

Women are an economic underclass in a society which values guns over butter: women are herded into lower paying jobs, have been made expendable in the labor pool &, as the primary care-takers of children, bear the brunt of cutbacks in social services. Feminist women see that this oppression is not of them as individuals, but is of women as a group in a society which is motivated by corporate profit rather than by human needs.

Out of their analysis of this oppression, feminists have developed insights in how to turn the society around. Radical feminists do not strive to be equal to men nor to usurp their power, but to abolish power as a dimension that determines human relationships. Thus the needed changes in society involve both profound economic change and also a "values revolution." Fundamental to this values revolution is the abolition of gender hierarchy.

Barbara noted that the values revolution is all the more urgent as we edge toward a nuclear holocaust & environmental destruction. She affirmed strongly the work of SPC in carrying out feminist values in working toward a new society structure.



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Barbara Ehrenreich

While many in the audience found Barbara's talk to be very basic, nevertheless a number of others felt unnecessarily excluded by the labels "feminism" and "feminist values." It became clear that if feminism is to be recognized as a concept of leadership in the left community, we are going to have to do a lot of work with each other on semantics.

The fact that Barbara's talk brought out dissent within the Peace Council audience suggests strongly that this excellent explanation of the basics of feminism had to happen, but it also raises for me the question of how we can best utilize the resources of outside speakers.

Barbara Ehrenreich is a leading feminist thinker, but the topic & brevity of her talk at the Annual Dinner left many in the audience chafing at the bit for more challenging material. Since the SPC dinners serve the very important function of creating organizational comradery & dealing with internal business, there is no time to hear an in-depth analysis from featured speakers. Perhaps we should make more effort to create seminars for those SPC people interested in pursuing the topic with the speaker, similar to the program set up at S.U. where Barbara spoke earlier in the day. Otherwise it does not seem worth the trouble & expense of bringing in outside resource people.

- Lois Levitan



Kath Buffington & Gerry Edwards singing a fund-raising ditty with rhymes like "If only you could make a pledge, it'd bring us off a scary edge."

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Winter Rituals

by Glenda Neff
and Carol Baum



A fire warms the room. Candles softly light the faces of family and visiting kin. The scent of evergreen mingles with quiet song, chanting prayers. As the night deepens, gifts are exchanged. Wine and cakes are served.

One might believe that this describes a traditional Christmas scene. The scenario, however, harkens far back to observances which pre-date "Christmas" by hundreds of years. It could be the Roman festival of Saturnalia, celebrated for seven days preceding December 24th. Or the even earlier rituals of the Winter Solstice, (December 21st,) which joyously welcomed the return of sun goddesses. It could also be the Solstice ritual of Northern Europe called "Yule, meaning "wheel", which celebrated the wheel of life starting another turn.

Winter does not begin in December, but rather with the Autumn Equinox on September 21st. It is then that the nights begin to lengthen, the earth recedes unto itself with the dying of plants and the hibernation of trees and animals. For human beings, it is a time of slowing down, of introspection, and sometimes of depression. The Solstice is the longest night of the year and the culmination of this dark cycle. But it also marks the beginning of longer days and the re-awakening of the earth. Yule was celebrated three days after the Solstice to release the despair brought by the cold and dark, and to rejoice at the return of the sun. At this time of year, as well as in the other seasons, celebrations offered people the opportunity to acknowledge the cyclical

Glenda and Carol are both SPC workers who love the full moon.

changes in nature, and recognize their own place within those cycles. These meanings have been all but lost in today's Christmas festivities, though the imagery and customs are still used.

Many of these customs originated in Saturnalia and Yule celebrations. The first honored Saturn, the god of sowing of the grain. This was a time of great rejoicing, looking ahead to Spring. People wore ivy garlands, feasted, and decorated their homes with greenery and lights. Gifts were exchanged and holly often sent as a present. Yule was celebrated in the Celtic tradition through "an all night vigil commencing at sunset, to watch for the sun-return. A fire is kept burning in place of the departed sun, to rekindle his energy. A long Yule log, of apple or oak, is pushed, little by little into the fire. Berryladen holly, ... mistletoe, and other evergreens adorn the home, to be a reminder that life is everlasting and continuous.. "*

Due to its 'pagan' origins it was hundreds of years before Christmas, as a celebration, was widely accepted. It was in the fourth century that Emperor Theodosius decreed Christianity the official religion of Rome. It is important to Christian thought that God gave the care of the earth to men. Therefore festivals which were concerned with earth-spirits and people's harmony with the earth cycles were deemed unnecessary, indeed evil. Since people could not be forced to give up their old ways, the old rituals and beliefs were adapted to the Christian holy days. The Puritans forbade the celebration of Christmas in America into the early 1800's. Only the most unorthodox

churches would be decorated with 'pagan' evergreens and candles.

Judeo-Christian culture and industrialized society have almost obliterated our collective consciousness of nature's cycles. The Yuletide, once a time when hope broke through the despair of darkening days, now brings a despair of its own. The joy of giving gifts has been replaced with the pressure to buy, buy, buy. The dominant values of materialism and profit-making have totally perverted our customs. "Celebrate an all-American Christmas at Fairmount Fair, with over seventy five stores to choose from," blasts the radio commercial. The cycles of nature have been replaced by the cycles of electricity; how can a million electric Christmas lights, parasites of our earth's resources, remind us of the coming of the spring's sun?

Understanding the origins of winter rituals can empower us. It is time to reclaim Christmas and its symbols of reflection, hope and joy, with our reborn consciousness of ecology. By being in tune with earth's rhythms, not trying to dominate them, we can more fully experience the meanings of this holy time of year. We must completely withdraw from the over-commercialized, money-oriented aspects of the holidays. Our own needs for community, ritual, celebration and religious observance can be met much better without them. We will also be farther along in re-establishing harmony with each other and the earth.

*"Yule: Celebrating Earth Cycles," Richard H. Anderson, M., v. 1, #1, pg. 5-6.



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Beauty, Hope, Anger, Strength, Unity, Love, Consciousness. These ideals are manifested in the powerful full-color artwork that is the heart of **People's Energy 1981**. The illustration (of which the triangle, pictured above, is a detail) is designed by Moria Wright Peters and Karen Kerney. It depicts the people of the world, led by an angry black woman, confronting the death culture in its many forms. The people represent the beautiful diversity of our world — old and young, women

and men, brown and red and black and yellow and white — unified in determination and resistance. The Poster is 18"x24" on a fine coated stock with the entire year beneath the full-color illustration. Included are major and movement holidays, lunar cycles and people's history dates. On the reverse side is a poem, 'Water Spirit', by Jack Manno, illustrated by Yolanda Fundora, plus cultural/political resources available from SPC.

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Hello...

This Calendar marks quite a milestone for the Syracuse Peace Council (SPC) — this is our 10th edition! The 1972 version was one color and included a free pencil! We printed about 400. This year we have printed 4,000 (last year 10,000!). The lower print run and the simple format are both the result of deciding very late (after about 50 "you're not doing a calendar?" comments) to publish a 1981 edition. Tradition and continuity were also very persuasive arguments. It's the first time we have ever printed anything in the expensive but dynamic full-color process. We hope you like it. Please let us hear from you.

SPC has been educating, agitating and organizing for social change since 1936. We are one of the oldest, autonomous locally-based groups in the U.S. Above all we look at ourself as a Community of people, with diverse ideologies, working supportively toward a vision of a peaceful, just and liberated world.

The Illustration

This work is a merging of our own evolving consciousnesses reflecting our awareness of feminist, spiritual and ecological perspectives. Our acknowledgement of the imbalanced patriarchal system leads us to the belief that we must draw upon the feminine energy within ourselves to heal our society and our planet.

There are a series of encircling forms here which symbolically reinforce this statement. The innermost circle is the planet earth — our home and our victim — which is threatened by human greed and folly. Surrounding earth are three women representing the awe of youth, the anger of awareness, the wisdom of age.

Around the powerful triad the people of the world move forward together in anger and strength, all unwilling to be victims of power and profit. They challenge the viewer to join with them in unity and resistance.

In the front line are the children, mute testifiers against the defilement. They are the future and we must support them.

— Moria, Karen, Dik

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The Holidays: Many Feelings, All of Them Strong

by Jack Manno

" 'Tis the Season to be Jolly"

Peace Council People, the collective "we" of PNL readers, tend to be people of integrity. If something feels like a lie, then let's call it a lie, it is thought. However nothing as emotionally complex and spiritually significant as the holidays can ever be simply understood. When friends invite you to spend an evening caroling; well... I do feel great when I join in the spirit of Community, when many voices music make, yes, and sometimes it feels like this is the only time in 12 months of Cultural Breakdown in America when a feeling of togetherness and community is widely shared. Who am I to begrudge the people this merriment? And so the anarchist joins in singing, "Let Earth receive her King"; and the feminist joins with, "Hail the Incarnate Deity, pleased as man with men to dwell."; and the communist asks Jesus to, "take us to heaven" and on and on. And for Jews, religious or not, the dilemmas are multiplied. Laura Wilansky writes, "As a Jew growing up in Bethlehem, Pa. (Christmas City, USA) I had to perform Christian music or not be a member of the school band. I knew this was unfair but I couldn't change it."

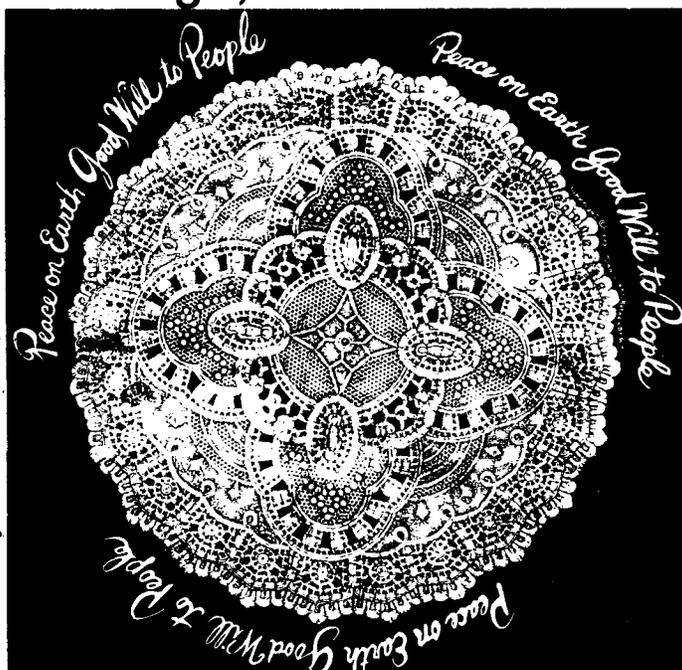
Suicidal

While preparing this article I heard from many Peace Council People, I hoped to discover a common approach that could be shared with everyone who finds Christmas a difficult even if joyous time. However feelings ranged from, "Christmas is such a happy time for me.", to "I get seriously suicidal. I wish Christmas would go away."

Most commonly, opposing groups of feelings abide in the same person. "It's sort of schizophrenic.", Julianna Birkhoff wrote, "It's the only time my whole family gets together and that's important and we celebrate with all the old rituals; however, it also brings back all the

Jack is a frequent contributor.

graphic by Joan Rothenberg



anger, oppression and bullshit that even the best family structure can embrace."

It is also true that no matter what people feel, the economics of the moment affect the holidays as much as anything; as one SPC member put it, "I like Christmas very much, but I can't afford it anymore."

Very many people feel themselves the focus of demands and expectations they can't meet. Those expectations lead to guilt. Most Peace Council People assess American life critically, it's what pushes many of us into political activism. Our style of critical awareness often comes from being "different". How many of us were/are the "black sheep" of our families? Sexual deviates, uppity women, philosophical heretics etc., often we failed to meet our family's expectations because they weren't consistent with our needs nor the goals we set for ourselves. And now, The Holidays, The Time for Family & Love.... And Guilt for many... as Van Hamarstadt wrote, "I always feel a bit guilty at all the nice things people do for me; especially my family because I feel I can't give them what they want from me (ie: be what they want), but I really enjoy the getting together and sharing with those I care about".

Naive Awe

There is a common transition that many people seem to go through from childhood joy (what Tom Law

called "naive awe") in the family rituals, through rejection and alienation from them, to the establishment of a new attitude toward the holidays and family on our own terms. As one person wrote, "My feelings towards the holidays alter continuously. As a child they were filled with close tender family gatherings, home movies, carefully chosen gifts and traditional Italian foods. As I struggled to negate familial bonds, the holidays brought conflict, tension and disgust. I longed to be left alone; the rituals seemed strained and trite... Physical distance from my family and old friends, as well as an established, autonomous life of my own, has lent itself to reshaping my values. The season, once again holds an aura of excitement and anticipation - a redefined period of giving and expression. The tone of my holidays is best described as serene... I am indeed fortunate for what I have - yet the holidays also serve to expose the sadness and despair in the lives of many. I feel that this a result of the system in which we live, rather than the holiday in and of itself."

Obviously our holiday memories of our own childhoods determine much of the way we feel now and the way we pass on the traditions. Marge Rusk remembers her childhood, "My parents, grandmother, aunts,

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but especially my mother, gave us Christmases composed of presents they'd made by hand, refurbished toys and other objects that had been theirs in their childhoods, home-made goodies to eat, . . . and books. We understood that Christmas was our celebration with gift-giving of god's gift of his son, baby Jesus, to the world, and we loved singing carols at church and at home. Our Santa Claus was not in conflict with the religious background of Christmas. . . . I still have a 'willing suspension of disbelief' in Santa Claus. So does Christian (Marge's son) to whom I've been so happy to be able to pass on all these good beliefs and customs. . . .

Religious faith has a great deal to do with how one feels at the holiday time. John Maddaus cannot, " write about the holiday season without first affirming the importance in my life of my relationship with that spiritual reality (God) which transcends our limited, fallible human existence. . . .

" For me, Christmas is first and foremost the birthday of Christ. It is a time for reaffirming the great principles of the Christian faith -

peace, hope, joy and love - which are symbolized by the four candles of the Advent Wreath that are lit on successive Sundays during Advent. It is a time to recall, through the details of the Christmas story, that the ultimate power in human existence does not lie in the sword but in lives of humility, simplicity and service. The joy of Jesus' birth was not brought to the palaces of the Kings or the mansions of the wealthy or even to the homes of the religious leaders of the day, but to the lowly and despised shepherds. Attending the service of worship on Christmas Eve is one of the highpoints of the year for me because I hear in the Christmas story the seeds of a radical faith and feel renewed by a special closeness to the spiritual presence of God. The Advent/Christmas season is a time of spiritual renewal and, secondarily, a time for reaffirming relationships with family and friends. "

But for many the renewal is not of faith but rather a renewal of rage against the brutality of life in America. Mairead Connor writes, " All these 'good' feelings are supposed to come out but instead one

has to handle all the capitalist pressures to buy-buy-buy. And 'family-life' in the U.S. of A. is not what the mythology says it's s'posed to be; so, usually unhappy, inadequate feelings come. I have no alternative rituals or families to celebrate it with, so I generally feel alienated and pissed off. Because I have an analysis of capitalism and patriarchy it doesn't always make it better because its so overwhelming! ! "

It seems that when Peace Council People celebrate Christmas their homes are filled with the honest joy they feel, and also the honest alienation they feel. Our judgements and experiences are valid. The mass marketing sales pitch is generally designed to make us feel bad about ourselves, that way we'll buy more in order to feel better. In the face of this onslaught it is important to me to feel a part of a community in which the individuals involved, both those celebrating and those bah-humbugging, are acting from their beliefs, memories, dreams and feelings and not because they've been sold a bill of goods. HAVE AN HONEST HOLIDAY



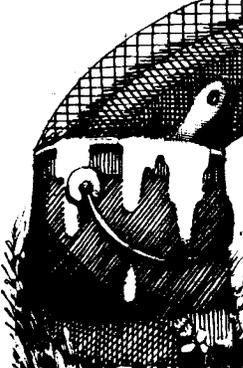
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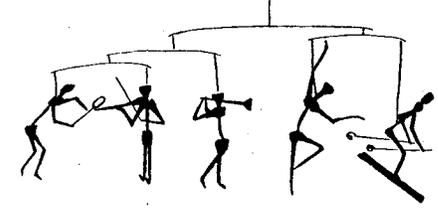
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Is There Life After '80 ?

Contemplating the Reagan Presidency

by Lisa Johns

... May I suggest that we begin by avoiding any impulse to nostalgia, as the Carter Presidency fades into memory and the going gets rough in the months ahead? Perhaps it is useful to remember that if this was the Administration that handled the last stages of the revolution in Zimbabwe well, showed restraint in Nicaragua, and didn't start a war over the hostages, it was also Jimmy Carter who brought us the MX missile, draft registration, decontrol of domestic oil prices, the New Year's 1978 toast to the Shah, synfuels, the SALT II debacle and Cold War II, double-digit inflation, Zbigniew Brzezinski, and James Schlesinger at DOE. Even though by and large these weren't the issues that cost him the election, it seems to me that if ever a candidate deserved to lose, it was Jimmy Carter.

Accompanying him in defeat, of course, was a startling list of legislators associated with liberal causes dating from the New Deal. And in this, the election returns comprised much more than simple impatience with the wavering, leaderless drift that has characterized the Carter Presidency. Rather, I think the voters were responding to the shrinking foreshortened vision of the world, or the United States's political and economic future in it, which increasing numbers of political leaders have begun to speak of since that watershed year, 1973, the year of the Arab oil embargo. Even for voters not ideologically committed to the Right, Reagan's confident talk of restored prosperity and greatness had to be more appealing than Jimmy Carter's depressing lectures on the new realities of high energy costs. And because it was able to offer no brighter vision for the future, would not consider the fundamental kinds of changes that will be required in the years ahead. Liberalism got the thumping it deserved. * That some significant portion of the American public recog-

nized that fact and was willing to try something new is the one thing I find persistently cheering in the 1980 election returns.

Mandate for change

What Ronald Reagan sought, what his candidacy represented, was a mandate for change, and he clearly got it. Yet I suspect it will not be long before the Reagan Administration too proves disappointing, both to the hopeful ideologues from the Right who first championed his candidacy, and to the rest of the disaffected voters who put him into office. Alan Wolfe quotes Senator Gary Hart in the Nov. 22 issue of The Nation saying, "I give the Reagan Administration about eighteen to twenty-four months to prove that it doesn't have any answers either." Wolfe himself adds sardonically, "The distinguished Senator, in my opinion, is too kind. It is clear even as I write this that Reagan is a man without a solution to the mess that is America."

Therein lies both the danger and the opportunity for the Left. Wolfe goes on to say, "Reagan, who knows a mandate when he sees it, will make every effort to satisfy the need for change. Yet once he has made it impossible for women to have abortions, and after he has strengthened the criminal justice system to frighten political, cultural, and sexual dissidents, where can he turn? He has pledged to give more privileges to the privileged, and when he does, the very forces that gave him victory--inflation, unemployment, and the decline of American economic power--will work against him. Reagan will be hoisted by the same petard that blew away Carter."

I think Wolfe is fundamentally correct in his assessment, although I would add perhaps an experiment or two in Third World adventurism (read troops to El Salvador) to his scenario of what we can expect. Reagan is clearly no more likely than Jimmy Carter was to confront the deep,

structural problems that face our nation--and worse, unlike Carter, who had occasional moments of lucidity, Reagan doesn't recognize what those problems are.

Reagan is a man soon to find himself in deep waters, because almost any policy initiatives he puts forth--whether it be in the domestic economic sphere, or in foreign relations--is going to run him up against the political realities of the 1980s which he has persistently avoided understanding. To cite one example, I don't believe he can invade El Salvador without tremendous political consequences both at home and abroad. (Remember our recent high-volume rhetoric over Afghanistan?)

But the real danger that I see, the long-range danger, is that there will be no alternative to Reagan. So that when his solutions fail too, the only recourse will be political repression. The reason the Right won so big in the 1980 elections is not so much that the nation has turned conservative, but that the Left has been almost invisible. To the extent that the American public is aware of it at all, I suspect the Left is still associated in people's minds with the violence and upheaval of the 1960s, when the associations aren't more immediate, but equally threatening. Here I have in mind issues having to do with the family, like abortion, the ERA and sexual permissiveness.

We have a tremendous task ahead of us in the coming months (yes, it will happen that soon. Reagan's "honeymoon" period promises to be lively. Pay attention. Don't tune out). We are going to need all the strength we can get, and that means more unity than I see now among sympathetic organizations and groups working on the Left. And it means constituency-building. This last can't be stressed enough. We have simply got to begin communicating with a broader public than we do now about the political and economic realities around us -- communicating clearly, persuasively, non-rhetorically. We have got to get serious.

* Note here I say "Liberalism." I don't mean, of course, that decent and sympathetic men like George McGovern deserved to lose.

UPSTATE RESISTANCE Support & Information



As a result of the Organizing to Stop the Next War Conference, a group of people from all over upstate New York met in Syracuse in Nov. to organize active support for draft/registration resistance. The result was Upstate Resistance (UR).

UR is a network of people who oppose involuntary military service. Every peacetime registration has been followed by a draft. By reviving a peacetime registration, the US is preparing for and contributing to the likelihood of war.

The purpose of UR is to defeat registration and the draft by urging non-compliance and non-violent interference with the selective service process. UR will help coordinate and encourage efforts by local groups who are working toward this end. The network will provide resources to assist them in their efforts. A list of these resources and more information is available. Write to:

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Many young men have been resisting quietly by simply not registering. Others feel compelled to demonstrate their opposition by publicly refusing to register. A meeting for public resisters will be held in Syracuse in early December. Chris Clarke, a resister from Buffalo, New York, will be convener. If you are seriously considering public resistance, contact him at 1039 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222. The purpose of the meeting will be two-fold: 1) support for resisters by resisters and 2) identifying the things that supporters can do to help resisters.

An event announcing the formation of UR and its activities will be held on or about January 2, 1981. Watch for it and join us!

The Omega (above) was first used by the Resistance during the late '60's and early '70's. We are proud to carry on their tradition--to end conscription through organized RESISTANCE!

One Million Young Men Didn't Register!

Prior to the release of any data on draft registration, Bernard Rostker, the head of the Selective Service System (SSS), predicted there would be a 2% rate of noncompliance, which was approximately the rate of resistance during the Viet Nam war era; David Landau, of the American Civil Liberties Union, predicted a 4% rate of noncompliance and declared that the Federal Court system could not handle that many cases, because it would be four times the system's normal case load; the National Resistance Committee (NRC) predicted a 10% rate. All three predictions were wrong!! After August 2, all the available data was collected and it was discovered that 25% of all eligible men did not register. Yes, you heard right, 25%, one out of every four, or ONE MILLION MEN DID NOT REGISTER.

This figure is a nationwide estimate based on information gathered by NRC contacts, CCCO-Western Region, and various press sources including: US News & World Report; The Boston Globe; The Richmond Times-Dispatch, and The Honolulu Star Bulletin.

It's no surprise that these figures do not coincide with the SSS's declaration that 93% of all eligible men signed up, but if you look carefully you can see Bernard Rostker's nose growing larger. To those of us that are a little bit older than today's draft age people, large discrepancies in statistics released by the government are not something new. During the Viet Nam war there developed what the press called a "credibility gap" between the actual casualties sustained in battle and the number reported by official government sources. Later, this same government brought you Watergate, Koreagate, ABSCAM, and even now insists that nuclear power is absolutely safe despite the Three Mile Island debacle. With such a sterling record to its credit, it should come as no great surprise that the government is lying about the draft registration statistics too.

This article, in somewhat altered form, is reprinted from the paper of the San Francisco-based National Resistance Committee.

It is frightening, however, to observe that the government lies with such impunity. Lying to the public is characteristic of totalitarian regimes, where the Big Lie is used to create reality by official decree.

WE MUST NOT LET THE GOVERNMENT GET AWAY WITH LYING TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. Letters to the editor, speeches, and all other forms of communication must be used to let Americans know that they are being lied to by their government.

It is obvious that the government wants people to think that draft registration was a success. They hope to frighten young people into registering if they have not done so, and they hope to get a higher rate of compliance during the 18 year-old sign-up week of 1/5/81. We must channel our energy into activities that will counter these government scare tactics.

A Syracuse meeting to plan for January 5 activities is scheduled for Wed. December 3, call Chris 472-6125.

For counseling, support, info or to help contact:

Syracuse Registration & Draft Counseling Center 257 E. Onondaga 471-6677. Hours- M-F 9-5pm; Tu & Th 5-9pm; Sat. 9-1pm. Ithaca- (607)272-5937. Cayuga County- (315)364-8674. Oswego- (315)343-2412.



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Capital District Campaign at Knolls Atomic Power Labs

Challenging the Arms Race at Home

by John Ragusa, Dave Miller and Karen Shaw

For almost 2 1/2 years, we in the Albany area have focused actively on one of our local war contractors--the Knolls Atomic Power Labs (KAPL). This article contains a sketch of what has happened and what plans are being formulated. We hope it will stimulate discussion.

We chose to focus on Knolls for several reasons. Its Kesselring site, in West Milton, is the only site in the country where Navy crews train to operate the Trident submarine propulsion system. Its Niskayuna site is a research and development laboratory run by General Electric for the Department of Energy. It is one of the largest Naval nuclear propulsion R and D centers in the country. Other important reasons for our focus at Knolls include:

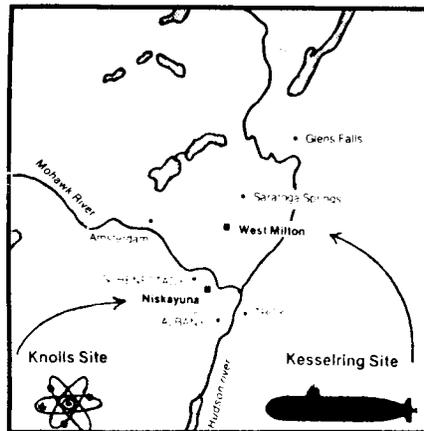
1. community control--the vast majority of residents in surrounding communities are unaware of Knolls work;
2. human priorities--it is a crime that millions of dollars are spent on Knolls (which employs 3,200 people) while our community is suffering economically; and
3. community safety--highly radioactive materials are shipped to and from Knolls, nuclear reactors operate, waste is produced, "emissions" occur within--and above--federal limits. Accidents have occurred.

From the outset, we have worked to raise the level of information and consciousness about the arms race functioning in America. It is not a giant factory in Washington D.C.; it exists in communities and cities, in research labs and factories, across the country. We have tried to demystify the military machine by

John, Dave and Karen are all active in the Knolls Action Coalition.

exposing one of its many components "at home."

Public education has been our key: door to door canvassing, engaging in discussions with local residents, and asking questions. We have developed resources: a slide show and a fact sheet which we have used for teach-ins and "house meetings." Personal contacts with community groups and churches have been effective in getting the word out to a larger audience.



From the beginning of our efforts we have leafletted workers as they go to work. Each Friday morning we distribute articles at both sites of KAPL. We are attempting to raise consciousness on the many issues of the arms race. We are seeking ways to make a dialog possible. Our presence every week is a sort of peace vigil--a way of raising questions and stirring conscience.

We have engaged in non-violent protest in order to build and unify opposition to the arms race and KAPL. There have been vigils, peace walks and a die-in to commemorate the anniversaries of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. We have joined with

national days of protest against the Trident. Upcoming plans include participating in the 1981 spring Dept. of Energy action and local civil disobedience (CD), which at this point, is in the planning stages. Those of us initiating CD are motivated by the need to express our resistance to the preparation for nuclear genocide, and to raise the issue of changing our direction in as strong and compelling a way as we can. If you want to join with us please contact us at the address below.

It is important to share our thoughts about where we are going from here. Our work is now in a process of evaluation. The strength of a non-violent campaign is that it recognizes the complexity of an issue, seeking to resolve it by paying attention to the real concerns of all those involved while being true to one's underlying principles and goals. The effort also gives people different ways to work on the solution to a common problem. We are in the beginning stages of such a campaign. There are many promising activities in the works--both locally and nationally with which we might fit in (planned economic conversion and the Call to Halt the Arms Race are two examples). At this point, everyone agrees that involving more people is a priority. We cannot hope to change things politically until enough people are personally motivated to take a stand on this issue.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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Murder of NY Resident Brings the Point Home

by Geoff Navias

The repressive situation in Guatemala has increased incredibly in the last month. In some situations, whole villages of indigenous people are taking refuge in the sanctuaries of the local Christian churches. Their names have appeared in official hit lists. The death of Kai Yutah Clouds was just one of this new wave of repression. There is great need to bring the situation to the attention of the American people and our officials since the Pentagon is planning to send yet more military/repressive equipment to Guatemala (\$2 million worth in fiscal year 1981).

Kai Yutah Clouds a long time peace activist, was known to many people in Upstate N.Y. His commitment to non-violence, justice, and respect for our mother earth showed through his daily life. He was a gentle man.

Kai Yutah Clouds (also known as Veit Nikolaus Stoscheck), a 32-year-old U.S. citizen, was murdered in Guatemala. He was kidnapped October 10, 1980, at approximately 1:15 P.M. in the department of Chimaltango, 100 meters from the village's central park. He was abducted by heavily armed plain clothesmen (officials of the Guatemalan Security Forces), violently forcing him into a red Honda civic car after striking him over the head with a gun. More than 100 people were witness to the kidnapping. His body was subsequently found miles away in the city of Antigua. Cause of death: multiple head injuries. Substantial reports lead us to believe that Kai Yutah Clouds was tortured and died a gruesome death. Estimated time of death: 4:00 A.M., October 11, 1980.

The American embassy in Guatemala and the Guatemalan Government do not seem to be able to coordinate their stories on the death of Kai Yutah Clouds. Their conflicting reports, thus far, have indicated that Kai Yutah Clouds was strangled, hit by a car, killed in a bar room brawl, and died of a fractured skull.

Both governments have failed to

Geoff is a peace activist in upstate New York.



— AKWESASNE NOTES cartoon by Medicine Story

"Trouble with you people is you never knew how to use the land."

report that Kai Yutah Clouds was abducted by the Guatemalan security forces, even though it was publicly witnessed and has been easily documented by reliable sources. After repeated requests for a full investigation, the U.S. Embassy, shirking its responsibility, instead publicly stated that the investigation was in the hands of the Guatemalan government.

Kai went to Guatemala originally to try to undo some of the damage done by multinational companies and well meaning organizations, who had rushed in after the earthquake of 1976--bringing in such dangerous chemicals as DDT and Aldrin-- both toxic enough to be banned here, but still lucrative enough to make enormous profits on if shipped to Third World countries. For the U.S. and multinationals are heavily entrenched in Guatemala. The United Fruit Company (now United Brands-Chiquita Banana) enlisted the help of the CIA to finance/promote a coup (1954) which overthrew the democratically elected government. By 1977, the US Department of Defense could note that the US "has traditionally been Guatemala's principal supplier of military equipment and training". 25 US Foreign Service officials, for example, were transferred from Vietnam to Guatemala over a recent 10 year period.

General Westmoreland could

proudly report that fruitful "lessons" as well as new "devices" had emerged from Vietnam which would be "marketed" to those Latin American armies experiencing similar threats.

In the last 21 years, the US sold Guatemala \$35 millions worth of military equipment, granted \$16 million in Military Assistance Programs, \$6 million in Excess Defense Articles grants, and \$7 million in International Military Education and Training grants. Jack Anderson reported that in October 1973, the CIA secretly trained Guatemalan security forces in making and using home-made bombs (and other dirty tricks) at a secret school in Texas; government statistics show clearly that US commercial sales of military hardware totalled over \$300 million in the last 5 years alone.

Why was Kai murdered?

Clouds, a graduate of Hunter College in N.Y.C. and a trained agronomist, was on his second tour of duty following the 1976 earthquake. At the invitation of villagers, he returned in late autumn 1978, and his work during the next two years focused on agricultural assistance--primarily in the areas of natural pest control and organic farming. His work aimed at helping Native Peoples to regain their sense of cultural pride and integrity, for 1% of the population owns 80% of the land

in Guatemala. Most of the people are Indigenous peoples (Indians), the last of the survivors of the great Mayan civilization. Most of the children are malnourished. Average income: \$42 annually.

Kai Yutah Clouds worked in the high mountain areas with the poor and oppressed, in an area where US AID has distributed 10 million copies of school textbooks with such items as:

The Indians lived where there was gold but did not know its value. A Spaniard came looking for gold. The Indians showed him where it was. The Spaniard, to show his gratitude, taught the Indians to read and write. He also taught them to believe in one God. The Indians, in turn, were grateful to serve him... then other Spaniards came and attacked the village. The Indians fled. "Why did the Indians not return?" "Because they found a place to live better." ...The Indians felt grateful to those who made them flee.

During the 20th century, those Indians' ancestors have also been forced to flee--through coordinated efforts of multinational corporations

and the military. In a letter last year Kai had told of how each year over 1 million people including women and children are forced to migrate from their mountain homelands to work on the plantations of the multinational corporations, plantations growing luxury crops of sugar, tobacco, coffee, bananas, etc. For export. Kai Yutah Clouds' efforts were directed at helping those people to live on their lands, restoring self-sufficiency as well as the ancient Mayan ways of growing good crops without dependency on toxic chemicals. For doing what he knew was right, Kai was murdered-- as an example to those who would help the peoples of that suffering country, for helping people toward self-sufficiency is revolutionary in Guatemala. It is only a short time since the President of the country let it be known that he planned to exterminate all the Indigenous peoples in the next 10 years.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Assist in getting a full investigation of the circumstances around Kai Yutah Clouds' kidnapping and murder, which in turn will help to spread awareness of the plight of

the Native Peoples in Central America.

Write letters to the names below, making the following points (in your own words) a) denounce the kidnapping/death of U.S. citizen Kai Yutah Clouds (Veit Nikolaus Stoscheck) b) ask for a full investigation c) complain about the inadequacy of the U.S. Embassy's actions to date c) request an official position re. circumstances around the death.

People to write to:

- 1) Dr. Edmundo Vargas, Organization of American States, 19th and Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. Points a)b)c). Send carbon to Pat Aderian, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, State Dept., 21st and C St., Washington DC 20520.
- 2) Send letter to Mr. Jim Mack, Guatemala Desk Office, State Dept., 21st and C. St., Washington, D.C. 20520. Points a)b) and d). Send a carbon to your Congress person, add on the carbon point c) and note that Kai was a resident of upstate N.Y.
- 3) Send a letter to both Senators of your state, mentioning points a)b)c). Be sure to mention that he was a US citizen from New York.

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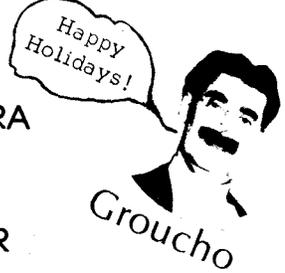
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AGON - JONAH HOUSE ACTION

January, more than 900 people ll over the US have "taken ote to the Pentagon" by spend- week living in community in ngton, DC. Each day, the journey to the Pentagon to e a daily presence for military vilian employees. Syracuse's was July 12-19. We held us services, leafletted, passed d collected a questionnaire, rformed songs and mime, as s continuously talking with as individuals as possible. Jonah of Baltimore, MD, sponsors of oject, are planning an end-of- ear action Dec. 28-31. If interested, or would like more ation, call Kath, 471-6923.

CHARGES DROPPED AT AKWESASNE

camp at Racquette Point on kwesasne Reservation is be- ng its second winter in the gle for Ganienkheh Sovereignty past issues of PNL for the ground story). Now things are ening on the legal front. Sev- ndictments were dropped on a icality but Franklin County is g to reinstate them. There are ts confirming the defense con- on that the Akwesasne police (organized by the Bureau of n Affairs to control Indians and oy Ganienkheh culture) is ille- Newspapers are publishing nce that some of the people participated in the June 13 ade of the camp (see July PNL rained by N.Y. State Police heir weapons, paid for by overnment, were issued by or- f (supposedly impartial judge) lumadore who is trying the s. A court hearing November ay lead to further developments.

MORE DOME DOOM

As predicted in last month's PNL, (see Jack Manno's The Sociopath- ology of the Carrier Dome) the neg- ative social and economic impact of the Dome rolls on.

With typical illegal arrogance the SU facilities administration cleared land and laid gravel on lots intend- ed to be Dome parking lots before gaining approval from the City Plan- ning Commission. Introducing too many cars into the highly congested area has long been a worry of local people and public health and safety officials. Several local residents have been made ill by carbon mon- oxide poisoning during recent Dome events.

The Dome effect has filtered down to local high school athletics. With HS sectional play-offs now held in the stadium, the stakes in HS foot- ball have greatly increased. Now local sportswriters are urging year- round football training for HS players. This will eliminate their ability to participate in other sports or activ- ities. Peter Palumb, head coach of the West Genesee HS football team, wrote; " should the day ever come that we have to deprive our youth of these opportunities so that we can go to the Dome, I can assure you W. Genesee will no longer field a team. We are dealing with HS kids who play sports because it's fun! Period! We don't need the Dome..."

Saying similar things, Frank Maloney resigned after considerable pressure from win-at-all-costs fans and business interests. "Philosoph- ically many of my thoughts concern- ing intercollegiate football are at odds with the prevailing attitudes across the country. It is my sincere hope that Syracuse continues to maintain its position within the frame- work of the ideals of intercollegiate athletics." Frank was head coach for the seven years leading to the Dome.

BISHOP SPEAKS OUT ON EL SALVADOR

The bishop of the Syracuse Cath- olic diocese, Frank Harrison, has asked the US gov't to "Halt the shipment of any further military or economic aid and the sending of military advisors to El Salvador."

The US gov't is already involved in the repression in El Salvador, (see the insert in last month's PNL). To become involved with Latin American issues contact SPC .

PEACES



Raul Mora Fund

The members of Citizens United Against Police Brutality are appeal- ing to the Syracuse Community for support for the Raul Mora family.

Raul Mora was injured and suffered a heart attack during a witnessed assault on him by four Syracuse Police Officers.

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All donations should be forwarded to: The Raul Mora Fund c/o C. U. A. P. B P. O. Box 76 Syracuse, NY 13210

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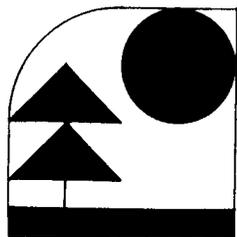
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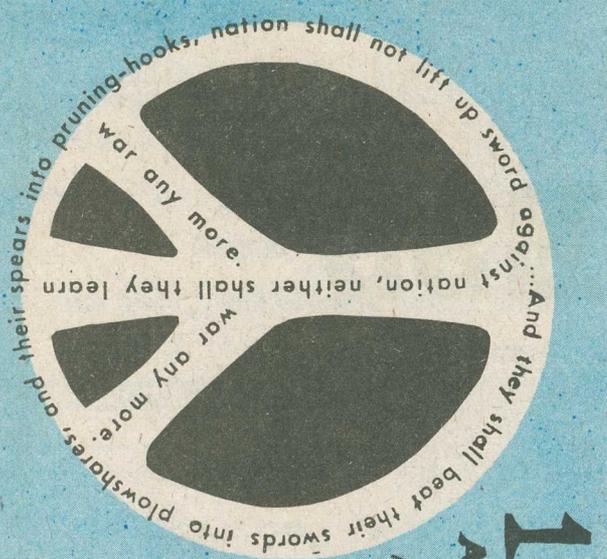
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| <p>PLOWSHARE CRAFTFAIR Noon - 5 pm See this page DON'T MISS IT!</p> <p>Indonesia Invades E. Timor 1975</p> | <p>Labor/Religion Dialogue Speakers/discussion 9 - 3 pm 500 Brookford Rd. El Salvador: a Country in Crisis - Slide Show 8 pm Hendricks Chapel</p> <p>ADVOCATE 1 mtg every Tues. 5 pm 305 Arlington</p> | <p>Liberation & Literacy: A look at Education for Social Change - 8 pm Hendricks Chapel - S U</p> <p>MOVING? Please send us your Address Change</p> | <p>Would you like to help out at Plowshare? Call Call Glenda at 472-5478</p> <p>Peace Council Office CLOSED December 21 - January 5 Call for Press and Bookstore hours</p> | <p>INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY</p> <p>Sequin Holiday Party ECOH 6:30 pm</p> <p>Syracuse Chapter - NYS Gay - Lesbian Cont. mtg 7:30 info 475-6866</p> | <p>Man Bros. - W.C. Fields The Gateful Dead</p> <p>NVS Films 7, 9 & 11 pm Grant Aud - S U see p. 20</p> | <p>See The Front Room at Plowshare Crafts 10 am - 5 pm see this page Songwriters in Concert 9:30 pm ECOH \$2.00 Draft Counsellors Workshop Info: Sally at 472-5077 Pax Christi mtg 6 pm 208 Slocum Ave</p> |
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| <p>Socialist Discussion Club mtg - 3 pm - Westcott Cafe</p> | <p>Citizens United Against Police Brutality mtg 633 Warren St - 7:30 pm</p> | <p>Greater Syracuse NOW mtg 8 pm - 3800 E. Genesee St</p> | <p>BACH MAI HOSPITAL DESTROYED 1972</p> | <p>Harvest & Winter Theater, Music, Puppets - by Seeding Theatre & Friends ECOH 8 pm - 478-4414</p> | <p>The Front Room Bookstore open today 10 am - 3 pm</p> | <p>The Front Room Bookstore open 10 am - 3 pm</p> |



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