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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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—Malcolm X

THE PEACE-NEWS LETTER
Syracuse, N. Y.

Number 1

January 1936

Dear Friend of Peace:

You have said that you do not want war; that you want peace
by peace means: that you want to do something about it.

GOOD! Here are some practical suggestions of things that
need doing at once.

I. PEACE ACTION EVERYWHERE NEEDS FINANCIAL SUPPORT

II. PEACE ACTION NEEDS PERSONAL SUPPORT

It's January 1981 as we put this Peace Newsletter together- the beginning of our 45th year as Central New York's peace and justice organization. The above remnant of PEACE-NEWS LETTER Number 1 reminds us that, no matter how things have changed since 1936, they still remain very much the same. Newsletter #1 asked for a book of twenty five one-cent stamps. "We cannot keep in touch with you without a one-cent stamp for each letter," wrote "The Peace Committee." Our shoestring budget of 1980-81, amounting to a little less than \$30,000 maintains a staff, house, and the expenses of program and communication, including the Peace Newsletter. SPC is rightly proud to say that, after 44 years, it is still a grass-roots organization. SPC's programs are what its activists initiate; the Peace Council can thrive only with the ongoing ac-

tivism and financial contribution from people like you, who believe in its goals and values.

In 1980 SPC focused internally, to strengthen itself financially and structurally. The process begun at the fall retreat is nearly complete. Looking beyond restructuring, one of the first SPC Potlucks on February 23rd will be a discussion of SPC's priorities and program(see p.9 for details of the return of Monday Potlucks!)

Our work in 1981 will need to be more visible and unified to counter the myth of a majority "swing to the right." Jack Manno writes on the anti-Nazi and -Klan rallies of Upstate NY on pp.12&13; Ernst Meyer and Kath Buffington report on draft resistance on pp.14&15; and the voices of protest against the war machine are raised in a myriad of settings(see pp. 8, 11.)

As we produced this PNL we watched the 52 Americans return from Iran. Welcomed home with sincere emotion by many, the media and government took the opportunity to shoot us up with chauvinistic hype. The March PNL will carry an article by Lisa Johns, whose previous articles reminds us there was a history to Iran previous to the hostage taking.

PEACE-NEWS LETTER #1 was dug out of the archives by SPC printer Gary Weinstein. In perusing past issues of the PNL he discovered an error which slipped by us all about fifteen years ago. The issue number (see under the masthead on the cover) jumped 300 from one month to the next sometime in 1965, which means this issue is actually #474, not #774. This may seem trivial, unless you are a librarian, but it puts off the awaited #1000 issue by another 27 years!

SPC's Gastarbeiter *

I just want to explain to more of you, who wondered, why there is this guy from Germany working at the Peace Council. I am part of a volunteer organization called Action Reconciliation/Service for Peace. Action Reconciliation is a German anti-fascist organization founded after the second World War by members of the Lutheran Church. Our purpose, as expressed in the German name "Söhnezeichen" (a sign of atonement) is to acknowledge what happened in the name of Germany, under the Nazi regime. We do not want to simply forget about it and start anew, as many people in Germany have done. We want to face what fascism means to the world.

There are about thirty volunteers in the USA right now. Action Reconciliation is also working in Great Britain, Norway, France, Belgium, Holland, Poland and Israel. We are always looking for new projects for our volunteers, so if you know of

one, let me know. The focus of Action Reconciliation has become more political in recent years. We want to bring back to Germany the learning and experience of our internships with political groups of other countries.

I am staying here in Syracuse 'til August, so there is time to get to know me, if you want. I am really glad to be here and I'm enjoying the work. I am most interested in the work against the draft(see article on pp.14-15.)

(I hope that it's not too confusing for you to follow my thoughts, but it's 5 am and the newsletter has to go to the printer in two hours.)

Ernst Meyer

*Gastarbeiter is a worker from a foreign country who comes to Germany to earn a living. They are in a similar situation to the people of Mexico and Puerto Rico who come to the US for work.

UPCOMING PNL

The Hostages Come Home

Christian Faith and Politics:
A Radical Response
by Ed Griffin

Book Review:
Barbara Ehrenreich's
For Her Own Good
reviewed by Mary Salibrici

Street People

Feminism and the Moral Majority

Syracuse Committee on
Occupational Safety



Responding to the Religious Right

The following is not properly a letter, but rather excerpts from a fine article written by Harvey Cox and published in *Peacework* (Dec. 1980). Judy Bjorkman, an SPC member and staff member at AFSC, passed it on to us, suggesting that we share it with other SPC folk, an idea that seemed consistent with what the "Letters" page is all about.

The biggest faux-pas the peace movement could make after the Reagan victory would be to freeze up in terror over the allegedly irrepressible rise of the religious right. The Moral Majority and its allies are not merely a paper tiger. But they could be an idol whose feet are made of very fragile clay. What does the current high rise of religious reaction mean for the peace movement, and what can we learn from it? First, a few facts about the movement itself.

The Religious Right is not just "religious." It is the religious wing of a heterogeneous alliance of conservative groups. It is also not a single movement but a loose coalition whose various parties and tendencies will face enormous difficulties staying together in the months and years ahead. It includes groups that border on the anti-semitic ("God does not hear the prayers of Jews") and the stridently pro-Israel Jerry Falwell, who recently received an award from B'Nai B'rith... The "religious right" is, in short, an unstable alliance of competing movements which will find it much harder to stay together after winning than they did while they were working to throw the miscreants out....

[P]eace activists need to avoid lumping all born again Christians, all evangelicals, together into a Religious Right. Nothing could please the hard core of Religious Rightists more than for their opposition--us--to assume a general anti-evangelical, anti-Christian or anti-religious tone.

...Peace activists should not make the fatal error of ridiculing-or denigrating the religious convictions of millions of religious people whose support is absolutely indispensable if we are to have any chance whatsoever of turning back from the nuclear brink. An American peace movement without evangelical Christians working in it and for it is doomed to remain marginal and suspect.

Many sincere people were persuaded by the leaders of the Religious Right that certain values they hold to be important--such as close family ties and opposition to abortion--were best represented by candidates who also support beefing up the Pentagon and supporting right wing regimes in the Third World. But there is no real reason why such people could not also be helped to see that nothing is more destructive to family life than war, and that the thousands of people who die from starvation every week include many children and infants. Here again, however, the question is whether the non-hip folks of middle America are going to have to toe the line to the whole left agenda before they can be trusted allies in the peace movement. For me the answer is clear. We need in our movement people who oppose abortion, believe in monogamy, prefer Barbra Streisand to Holly Near and eat hamburgers and french fries. We need people who sing Gospel hymns for more than folkloristic reasons... Someone, somewhere is going to take the everyday hopes and pains of ordinary people and give them a political dimension. What the Moral Majority and its like are telling us is that if we do not do it, they will.

Remembering John Lennon

Earlville, N.Y.
Please accept this contribution in the name of John Lennon. To me personally he meant so much. His words formed a part of my application for conscientious objection, right there with Gandhi, Bonhoeffer, Merton, Baez and Harris. And I found a Beatles tape appropriate to play as I drove to Syracuse to refuse induction into the Army one morning in July of 1970. It was a glorious day, John. I am deeply humbled by his life, and this is a start to repay the debt. May we all feel the same. In peace,

Jim Clark

Everything is connected

Syracuse, N.Y.

This letter is a response to Sally and John Brulé's letter in the December '80 PNL. I do not believe that one can separate the arms race from ecological and environmental destruction. Nor can one ignore the sexist attitudes of the militaristic mentality that allow the war machine to claim "might makes right."

It seems that many problems are connected. It would be much easier for SPC to focus primarily on anti-war issues. But one has to question whether a solution can be found unless the root causes are also discovered.

It is not the military, in and of itself, that is the problem. It is the masculinist mentality that allows for the raping of the earth, whether by Agent Orange or uranium mining. It allows for the ruination of smaller countries because the US is the "power elite."

I think to suggest that feminism is merely a "fight to eliminate unequal treatment of the sexes" is oversimplifying the feminist philosophy quite a bit.

Feminism is a philosophy of values which stem from a nurturing attitude towards life, mother earth, and all of our brothers and sisters. I wish the problems in the U.S. could be reduced to exclusive categories, but the inter-connectedness and the primary causes do not allow for that.

Can one draw the line between violence in the military and destruction of society on every level?

The feminist philosophy is "everything is connected." Maybe it's time we began to look at the whole and see it for the utterly corrupt and sexist system it is.

Betty Jo Johnson

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.

The Passionate Perils of Publishing

The 1980 People's Energy Calendar was highly successful. Of 10,000 printed, 9,500 were sold. About \$2200 was made for SPC. The educational and cultural value was enormous. Considerably more money would have been made if we had realized the importance of intensive promotion work in October, 1979. Peril #1.

With this success behind us and a history of nine uninterrupted years of SPC calendars it was difficult not to produce a 1981 edition. Because of the severe shortness of time we needed a format that required very little production time (peril #2)--thus was born the poster calendar. Karen Kerney, Moria Wright Peters and myself designed and produced it. We printed 4,000 copies.

We took a risk doing a calendar of such unusual design (#3). The reaction to the art has been very mixed--some find it inspiring others depressing. Another frustration has been the expectation on the part of some people that a movement publication should be a super bargain by marketplace standards. Most full-color posters sell for at least \$3 yet we have had comments that it was overpriced (#4).

We're at the breakeven point; the passion has faded but perils remain. Got your copy yet?!

-Dik Cool



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THE PEOPLE'S ENERGY 1981 POSTER CALENDAR Beauty, Hope, Anger, Unity, Love, Consciousness, Strength

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 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.

The Calendar folds to 9x12". In this size the cover is the triangle logo surrounded by a purple-lavender color. This folded size is most useful for store and table sales. It is available unfolded, in a tube, at an additional charge.

Wholesale rates are available to movement groups, newspapers and stores. There is a space on the back cover in which groups can rubber stamp their address. This option will not work well if groups get copies unfolded.

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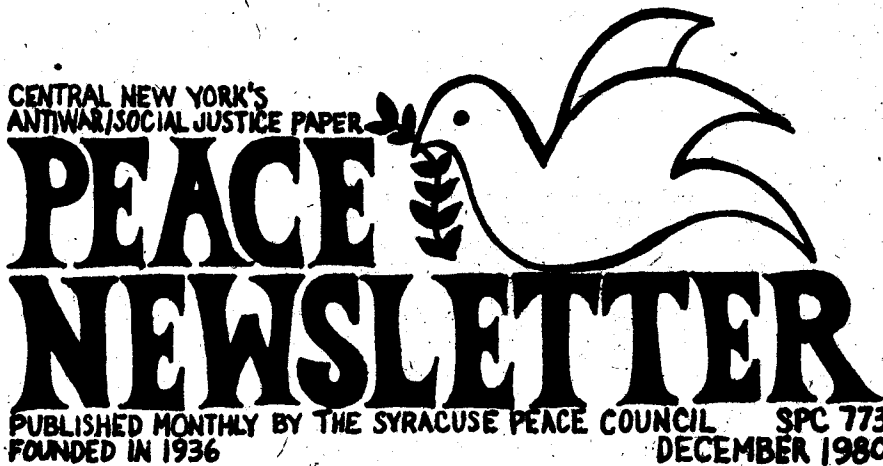
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The PNL May NEVER Be The Same Again !



Coincidentally, there are major changes in the wind for the stalwart PNL at the same time basic structural changes are being considered for SPC [see 'Thigmo' p.9]. For at least several years people closely involved with the PNL have been aware of two major points: first, that the PNL has developed an identity as a quality, unique PAPER (not a newsletter) locally and to some extent nationally; second, that the format, design and organization have not kept up with the evolution of the paper.

This 'PNL gap' was brought to a head when Gary Weinstein of the SPC Press submitted a proposal to the editorial committee (Ed Griffin, Lisa Johns, Jack Manno, Glenda Neff, William Sunderlin) suggesting, primarily, that we change from magazine to tabloid (the New Times and Guardian etc. use this format). We decided to convene a meeting to quickly (!) sort through this question and related ones during our January publishing break. Gary, myself and now Ernst Meyer joined the committee with Toni Tavarone and Geoff Navias sitting in on the first several meetings.

The Process

Predictably the process hasn't been real quick so we find ourselves still involved in it while putting out the 32 page February issue. We have decided, however, to stay with the magazine format. The reasons included: continuity; greater reference nature of a magazine; easier design by relatively untrained and changing

production workers; less 'throw-away' quality attached to magazine.

With the format decision made the two largest questions remaining are typesetting and creating sections. We have had quite different opinions expressed on legibility so we're VERY INTERESTED in reader responses on the typesetting question (see box on this page). Possible sections would include: SPC; local news; national; international; culture; with regular features between sections. This idea, we feel, might help the PNL in a number of ways. It would make very clear the dual PNL role of newsletter and paper. The SPC section would contain nuts&bolts and program info that currently isn't given enough priority. This would allow

interested SPC members to easily understand the current SPC happenings. At the same time the more casual or news-oriented readers would not be as put-off by having to sort out unnecessary info. Included in this idea would be section editors, a large table of contents, expanded advertising and a standard 32 pages rather than the current 24.

Changes. Changes.

Other 'physical' improvements we've discussed are saddlestitching as compared to the current flat stapling; trimming on three sides rather than the current one side which would eliminate ragged edges; using offset paper for the covers rather than having it entirely on newsprint paper. Particularly the last idea would add substantial costs.

We're very interested in readers' thoughts on these ideas so please look at the questions in the box and drop us a note or give a call. Let's all work together to continue to improve our paper's ability to inform and inspire. The task and importance of alternative media has never been greater.

-Dik Cool, for the committee

What Do You Think ?

1. Typesetting, rather than our present typewriters, is a major consideration for us. We feel it might be a major factor in improving readability and legibility while making the PNL more credible. This box is typeset. Compare it to the other type on the page. What do you think?
2. Typesetting would also allow us to get more copy into the same space. Getting a typesetting machine would cost us at least \$2,000 or more, or a monthly rental charge of about \$75.00. It's a lot of money. Are you a person who might be willing to make a special donation if we decide to try typesetting? Please contact us.
3. One way to offset the typesetter's cost is to start a small typesetting business in con-

junction with the Press/PNL. If there were an SPC person who was very/seriously interested in doing this on a part-time basis, it would be an influence on our decision. Are you?

4. Do you like the sections idea as described in the article?

5. What do you think of the PNL becoming a collective relatively separate from the program work of SPC? What about a staff person working almost exclusively on the PNL while other staff did very little? In other words more specialization in staff than now exists.

6. Do you like the proposed mastheads, designed by Denise Charno, on this page? If you are a graphic artist, we welcome your design submission by Feb. 15.

Celebrate International Women's Day 1981

The common woman has a rich history she is just beginning to uncover. International Women's Day, March 8th, is a celebration of that history. The day was named in honor of the 'Uprising of the 20,000' in NYC (1909) when women took to the streets to protest child labor, sweatshops and the denial of the right to vote. This date was chosen at the International Congress of Socialist Women in Copenhagen in 1910. It is a very important

holiday in many countries of the world but not the U.S. This conspiracy of silence reflects an understanding, on the part of the established powers-that-be, that people are less likely to rebel if they are cut off from their historical roots of struggle.

On March 8th there will be an open house for women at INFO, 601 Allen St. from 1-5pm. The film "Union Maids" will be shown hourly.

A WOMEN'S SHOW !!

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"...the rising of the women means the rising of the race..."
Bread and Roses song

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Women's Films

GERTRUDE STEIN:
WHEN THIS YOU SEE
REMEMBER ME

This biography discusses Gertrude Stein's poetry, her influence on artists and writers like Picasso and Hemingway, and her relationship with Alice B. Toklas. A beautiful testimony.

And

the life and times of

ROSIE THE RIVETER

The Syracuse Premiere of a new film, directed by Connie Field, on the experience of women workers during WWII. "In an area in which women filmmakers have been particularly strong, this is the best documentary on working women I have seen." -Molly Haskell, Ms. Magazine. (shown first)

ECOH Firebarn 7 & 9:30pm

Corner of Westcott & Euclid Ave.

Friday March 13

NVS Films-Every Friday \$1.50

Direct Action at Knolls Lab

Monday January 26 twenty-five activists and supporters committed an act of non-violent civil disobedience at the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory in Niskayuna, NY.

There are two Knolls sites in the Albany area. In Niskayuna, General Electric operates a research and development laboratory for the Department of Energy. The Kesselring site in West Milton is where the Navy trains crews to work the Trident Submarine.

Those participating in the direct action were motivated by the need to express their resistance to the preparation for nuclear genocide, and to raise the issue of changing our direction in as strong and compelling a way possible.

Promptly at 7:10 AM, the "Niskayuna 12" were at the main entrance of the Knolls lab. Within a minute the banner, Resist War Preparations at Knolls. Work for Peace. was unfurled. Seven resisters sat blocking the entrance while two more distributed leaflets to the crowd of arriving workers. The leaflets explained the reasons for

the action.

The Knolls Action Coalition has for the past two and a half years been doing community outreach and education. Most of the demonstrators were known by the workers. They nodded and said good morning to each other.

Being a part of the support system for this action was difficult. In order not to break the law ourselves we needed to stand a quarter mile away and watch what was happening through binoculars. It was agonizing not knowing whether people had been taken inside or were merely sitting too low to the ground for us to see them.

After about 15 minutes we were able to see that all 12 had been handcuffed and placed in police cars. Everyone had gone limp and were dragged (not too unkindly) into the cars.

Once in jail, the police processed them while the supporters waited in the courtroom. All 12 were charged with Criminal Trespass. By 9:30 the legal advisors were able to meet with some of the 12, in the hallway

while the resisters were handcuffed to the door.

At the arraignment, when they were asked to enter a plea, several pleaded with the judge and the court to understand why the action itself was a plea, a plea to care about what happens to the world in which we live.

Everyone, resisters and supporters, felt the action was successful. People felt especially good about the interactions that had occurred between workers, police and activists. Consciousness was raised about Knolls lab and the deadly work that transpires there.

Kath Buffington of the Syracuse Peace Council was one of the 12 arrested. We need to support her in whatever repercussions are incurred. There will be expenses to be paid for traveling to the trials and for whatever fine. Donations can be sent to: Kath Buffington

Knowles Action Project
c/o Syracuse Peace Council

For more background on the Knolls Atomic Labs see December 1980 PNL.

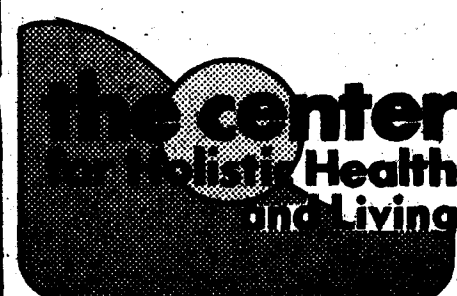
- Cindy Squallace

New York State Gay/Lesbian Conference



The State Conference — an individual membership organization — is a new concept in organizing the gay/lesbian community and its friends in New York State. Focusing on the small cities, towns and rural areas where lesbians and gay males have felt especially isolated, The State Conference is bringing together people who believe that a society accepting of diversity offers everyone a better life.

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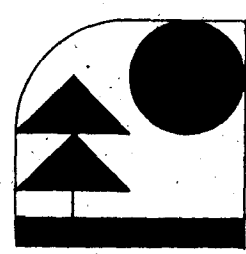


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Thigmo Reports

The usual chromosome team has it easy. This one says to matter, "Be a hand!"; another, "Be a brain!". Nine months after egg and sperm have mated (give or take 30 days), an individual emerges ready to cry, laugh, love, eat, eliminate, move and think -- all in a coordinated, harmonious way.

But creative chromosomes have it tough! Thigmo is composed of creative chromosomes Carol, Lois, Glenda, Corinne, William, Dik, Marge, Kath, Gerry, Esther and Angus. And Thigmo, charged with consensually bringing to birth a new Syracuse Peace Council structure, is finding its time schedule subject to change.

So far the model has evolved to keep the staff in central position, charged with maintaining the Peace Newsletter, The Front Room, the SPC Press, etc. The present Steering Committee, now occupied almost exclusively with keeping the Peace Council financially and administratively alive, would be split into an Organizational Maintenance Committee and a Program and Evaluation Committee, both of which would relate to staff.



The general Peace Council membership would also have specialized study and interest committees (Iran, Nuclear Power, etc.) which would be called on for background information and possibly act as SPC spokespeople when the need arose, (The question of whether such committees may initiate projects under SPC's name is a matter of lively discussion and has not yet been settled.)

Basic questions also remain to be hammered out. Who shall have the authority to initiate SPC projects and state SPC policy? What shall be the requirements for membership in the Council (a proposed body, meeting quarterly perhaps, of all SPC committees)? Thigmo asks your patience, and will welcome your input. When the model is complete we feel that it is crucially important that it be a working model.

-Angus MacDonald

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Many Voices....

by Linda DeStefano

A baby sea lion sleeps on the ocean shore - at home with the people playing music around her. Paul Winter and the other camping musicians bunk out next to this wild creature and, when the tide comes in, she allows them to wrap her up and carry her to their campfire. The next morning, they return her to the ocean, grateful for this intimate chance encounter with an ambassador from the seas.

This true incident gave Paul Winter the concept for his most recent album, *Callings*, in which he imagines "Silkie," the sea lion pup, traveling the ocean, meeting many animals of the water, earth, and sky. The music incorporates the actual callings of these animals.

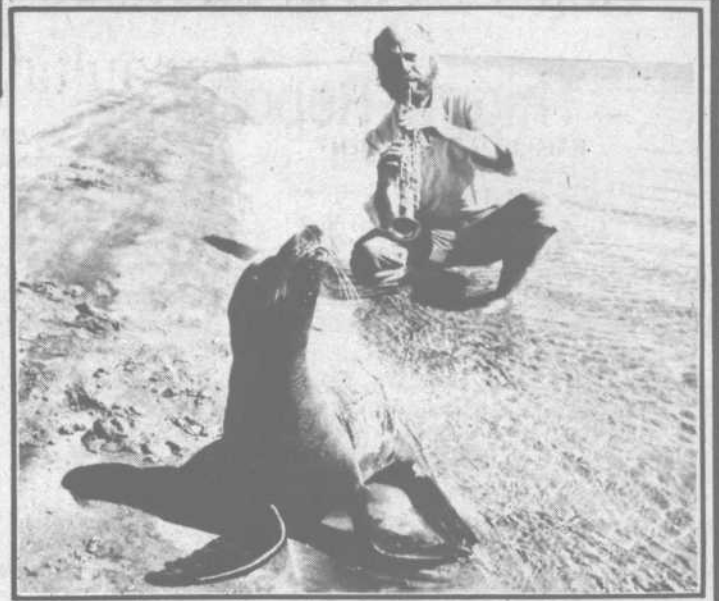
Blend of Cultures and Musical Modes

In his career, Paul Winter has expanded his repertoire from that of a relatively traditional jazz musician (his was the first jazz combo to play at the White House; the invitation came from Jacqueline Kennedy) to a blend of jazz, classical, and folk rhythms with - more recently - animal sounds. He has played in village squares in Latin America and sold out at Carnegie Hall. He has played to wolf packs (and been answered by them, forming the piece *Wolf Eyes*) and sea creatures and shares his financial proceeds with organizations which benefit animals. He articulates his philosophy: "We are dedicated not to just entertaining people, but to enhancing their lives, to making them aware of the environment and especially of the plight of endangered species."

Creativity and Self Empowerment

Paul also strives to "reawaken the natural resources of harmony and rhythm within people through their participation in music-making." To this end, he and other members of the Paul Winter Consort (a group of women and men Paul gathered together) give workshops in "home-made music." The intention

Linda DeStefano is very interested in organizing with people on consciousness raising regarding the rights of animals.



of the workshop is to create a safe space for people to experience themselves through participation in sharing sounds, body movements, poetry, feelings and ideas. The workshop is open to anyone regardless of her/his background, or lack of it, in music or any other form of expression. Paul describes the workshop as "a kind of musical conversation, in a pure democracy. It's amazing how quickly collective instincts are unlocked and put to work. The result is some of the most extraordinary 'real' music I've ever heard." This collective spirit suffused the creation of *Common Ground*, an album Paul and others made while living together for a summer on Paul's farm in Connecticut. The international community consisted of musicians from the U.S., Africa and Latin America, men and women.

Inter-species Communication

A second workshop Paul conducts is one on the environment. He uses tapes and talks about his experiences with whales, wolves and other animals and how he makes music with animal voices. Paul believes that "we are not the supreme species on this planet. There are many, many other voices on earth besides those of us humans, and they are very beautiful in their own ways. If I am able to convey to the indoor-city people anything about the wonder of these wild creatures - and about their plight - I think I'll do it with their sounds, because it's the closest thing to the spirit of those creatures that you can experience short of being with them."

Paul regards his music as a way of serving. "Pete Seeger encouraged me a lot toward the possibility of using music in serving. Having the attitude of serving, immediately removes the worry about whether or not you are going to be accepted. And you serve best by expressing the deepest thing that is within you - by doing, or acting on, that deepest impulse."

Paul found that the mammoth record industry wasn't the way he wanted to promote the Consort. An alternative to that industry "choking on its own greed for disco-dollars" is a non-profit organization Paul founded in 1976 - the Living Music Foundation. The Foundation's advisory board consists of environmentalists and artists, including Dizzy Gillespie, Dave Brubeck and Judy Collins.

Paul Winter Consort Workshops

The day following the Feb. 27 concert of the Paul Winter Consort (see front cover) the Syracuse Peace Council and the State University College of Environmental Science and Forestry will co-sponsor Paul doing the environment workshop on Sat., Feb. 28 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 in Nifkin Lounge in Marshall Hall on campus. Some parking available on campus. Fee \$1.50. The Home made music workshop will begin at 11:30 to 1:00 at Nifkin Lounge. A sliding fee \$1.50 - \$3.00 will be asked.

Quotes from Paul Winter interviews in New Age and The New York Times.

Angry Acts of Justice: Assaulting the War Toys

RAMMING THE TRIDENT

On December 13, 1980 Peter DeMott, a marine veteran of the Viet Nam war, commandeered an Electric Boat Co. van and used it to ram a nearly completed Trident submarine as it sat on the dock of the Electric Boat Co. shipyard in Groton, Ct. The incident occurred during the launching of the fast-attack submarine, U.S.S. Baltimore. He backed the van through a snow-fence barrier and into the Trident's rudder, striking it forcefully five times before being stopped by a security team.

The Trident (of which the Navy has ordered 30) costs over a billion dollars each and is armed with 24 missiles, each having as many as 17 independantly targeted nuclear warheads.

Peter DeMott sent the Peace Council his statement: "I saw the Trident realizing that it was a weapon made especially for a nuclear war.

"I judged that the Trident was a crime against the human family and that it had no right to exist. Knowing that in a nuclear war millions of innocent brothers and sisters, to say nothing of our earth's ecosystem, could be obliterated by it struck me as diabolical.

I acted to dismantle the Trident because not to have done so would have been to make myself complicit in the mass death for which it was made as well as the exploitation of the poor who are denied the necessities of life by its preemption of resources and talents. I accepted

personal responsibility for peace and disarmament and, hoping that many others would do likewise, acted in faith and trust to make that dream a reality."

Peter is being held in the Montville Correctional Center on charges of Larceny, Criminal Trespass and Reckless Endangerment.

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IF I HAD A HAMMER

The General Electric Corporation's latest PR slogan is, "we bring good things to life". One of those "good" things is the Mark 12A re-entry vehicle (RV as in MIRV and MARV). MIRVs (Multiple Independantly Targeted Re-entry Vehicles) are the greatest single technological contributor to the arms race and nuclear overkill. The technological developments of GE and others have allowed the production of Bombs, 8,000 of them, each 30 times more deadly than the Bomb dropped on Hiroshima. GE is one of seven prime contractors for the Bomb, along with Rockwell International, Bendix Corporation, Monsanto, Union Carbide, Dupont and Silas Mason Co.

On September 9 eight persons from the Atlantic Life Community broke into GE's plant in King of Prussia, Pa., poured human blood on documents and attacked the nose-cones of two re-entry vehicles

with hammers inflicting rage and heavy damage. For this act of love they were charged with: Burglary, Criminal Trespass, Criminal Mischief, Simple Assault, Harassment, and Criminal Coercion. The trial has been postponed numerous times. According to Pennsylvania law a trial must be held within 6 months of arrest, thus it is expected before March 9 in Norristown Pa.

A Festival of Life is being planned to coincide with the trials. A support committee is active. For local contact and further info. call Carol or Jerry Berrigan at 492-9060.

BASTA

Puerto Rican independence fighters answered appeals they heard that someone cry out "Basta" (Enough!) to the rising fanaticism for annexing the colony officially to the United States government through the means of statehood.

The Popular Boricua (the aboriginal name for Puerto Rico) Army, also known as the "Macheteros", eliminated by bombing, 10 US Jet Fighters assigned to the Puerto Rican Air National Guard.

The "Macheteros", in a statement taking credit for the attack, stated that they were acting also to express solidarity with the people of El Salvador in their battle with the U.S. supported military junta and right-wing forces.

No one was injured while \$40 million worth of deadly war toys were forcibly removed from the colony.

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In the Spirit of Martin Luther King

by Jack Manno



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Weeks before Martin Luther King's birthday, the people in my household, Grassroots/Dandelion Collective, were talking about events in Buffalo. We were stunned by the viciousness of a Nazi who had called for a rally on King's birthday in a city that had suffered a series of unsolved, racially motivated murders. The Nazi leaflets appearing on the streets had referred to the killer as a "great white warrior".

The Nazi had announced his rally early in December, by mid-December a broad range of progressive organizations had called for a Martin Luther King Memorial Day Rally at the same time and place as the planned Nazi rally. The speed of the coalition building and the sense of righteousness and shared anger was encouraging; racism, at least its most vicious forms, could and would be challenged.

Racial tension, poverty, discouragement, violence - all seem to be worst now than in years. Because of this it was important that large numbers of people were prepared to take

a militant stand against racism. Perhaps Black and White would form a united voice stronger than any heard since the days of Martin Luther King. The people I spoke with were concerned about incidents of violence in Syracuse neighborhoods and a general feeling of unease - they felt it was important to join the Rally in Buffalo. For a long time now, I have feared the dark rumblings of fascism just beneath the surface gadgetry of America. With Reagan and his polyester brownshirts ascending, nauseating patriotism being nourished by the hostage soap-opera, and anti-Russian blather ruling political discourse; it seemed like now was the time to begin actively confronting the meanness of it all. And so I decided to go to Buffalo.

City Officials Threaten Violence

But that was before all the maneuverings of the Buffalo City Government. The Mayor, lumping Nazis and Anti-Nazis together as extremists while humbly placing himself and the city's ruling establishment in the 'reasonable' middle, denied permits to both groups and threatened vio-

lence. The Mayor's office called officials in other states and cities, including Syracuse, to enlist their support in trying to stop people from going to Buffalo. TV and Radio stations donated free time for ads telling people not to go to Niagara Square, site of the planned rallies. All this to stop a demonstration against Nazism. Through red-baiting of the coalition's sponsors, and by announcing their own officially sanctioned King memorial, city officials successfully isolated the rally organizers.

If the purpose of this was to avoid violence, the affect could have been the opposite. The situation began to look like Greensborough. There a few Klan and a few Communists met and the racists felt free to shoot to kill. Later the killers were acquitted and a signal was sent that it was ok to kill commies in Greensborough - or in Buffalo. Peace obviously was not what the Buffalo government was after.

So when my household met to discuss our plans to go to the Rally in Buffalo the situation had changed. It was uncertain as to how the local Black community felt about the

Jack is a member of the PNL editorial committee.

growing tension around the rallies. If there was violence in Niagara Square we from out of town would go home and the people in Buffalo would be left to face the retribution. We called friends in Buffalo who had originally supported the Anti-Nazi Coalition. They were staying away.

We and the Buffalo organizers ought to have expected this. As William Kunstler said at a news conference, "During my years as Dr. King's special trial counsel, I often witnessed the same attitude on the part of city officials to try to curtail Dr. King's demonstrations on the grounds that violent confrontation might result."

Rath Proposal

The 'legal rally' offered only after the Coalition had gained wide support also was a familiar tactic. It isolated those less willing to compromise with the state. Two years ago 20,000 anti-nuclear demonstrators were prepared to illegally occupy the site of the Seabrook nuclear power plant under construction. In an ingenious move, Attorney General of New Hampshire Rath offered to allow a 3 day legal 'occupation' on the construction site. The Clamshell Alliance eventually split over the compromise. The following year's actions were met by brutal police violence. Later, we all learned that the so-called 'Rath Proposal' had been authored by a Conservative Think Tank in the pay of the governor. The intention was the split it produced.

Our Grassroots/Dandelion family finished our discussion by deciding not to go to Buffalo. We encouraged ourselves to do more community based organizing and we ended our discussion by saying, "something should be done here in Syracuse on that day." KKK graffiti had been seen downtown, racists were rumored to be organizing in the local high schools, and there was a general feeling that it was only a matter of time before local fascists were intimidating our communities.

Within 2 days Karen Mihalyi and Dik Cool, with quick poster making, alot of phone calling and organizing energy, had called together a rally in downtown Syracuse. The rally was co-sponsored by the Women's Information Center, Peace Council, National Lawyers Guild of Syracuse, and Citizens United



Anti-Klan and Nazi rally in Buffalo. Photo by Ernst Meyer. January 15, 1981.

Against Police Brutality.

March Against the KKK

One hundred people vigiled at Columbus Circle. Then we marched down the middle of Jefferson St. to Clinton St. singing You Can't Kill the Spirit. On Clinton St. we literally, symbolically, ritually and emotionally eliminated the KKK from downtown Syracuse by spray painting over the KKK graffiti someone had put there. It was a powerful gesture and it brought the crowd together with a feeling of strength and assurance that we will not be intimidated by fascists nor the fear with which they function.

Another 30 local people went to Buffalo where over 500 people confronted a Nazi rally that never materialized. Peace Council Worker, Ernst Meyer was there. He said that there was a strong feeling of victory that the Nazis never showed. For Ernst, a German, it was emotionally and personally important to him to fight back against every display of fascism. He sees many similarities between America today and his country in the 1930's before the Nazi's rise to power.

Great American News Theater

There are many differing opinions about the way we should deal with the rising Right. There were more

in Buffalo with cameras than banners, more newspeople than either Nazis or Progressives. Do we, by organizing against Nazism merely call attention to it? In a battle of symbols, where the spirit of Martin Luther King meets the spirit of Adolph Hitler, is there any way to avoid playing to the great american news theater which trivializes everything, especially spirit? Do we, by publicly removing KKK graffiti, merely invite someone to publicly return it? But if we ignore racist hatred does it mean we are intimidated by it? Does it mean racists are allowed to act with out fear? But, on the other hand, by reacting to the Right do we allow them to set the agenda for our organizing time and skills? And worst of all, do we, by attending to the extreme Right, create a space for the 'reasonable middle' to be populated by unemotional, rational, corporate thinking bigots like Reagan or Haig, or Buffalo's Mayor Griffin, men who are just as dangerous and much more powerful.

These are all questions we will need to ask as we continue the struggle for peace and social justice in the uncertain period ahead. I believe our actions on King's Birthday were successful. They brought us together. They allowed for at least one Black man who came from his workplace to tell us, "Thank you for making me feel safe."

Stop the Draft

by Ernst Meyer

During the second week of Jan. all males born in '62 were asked to register. This registration was the first step for a future draft. As in all other parts of the US anti-draft leaflets were passed out at the Post Office to men entering to register. SPC organized the leafletting in the Syracuse area. The purpose was to present a point of view differing from the military advisors and politicians. We asked them to think it over one more time stressing that this decision affected not only their lives but everybody else's future. In light of the cold weather and the fact that most of the people who organized the registration week in the fall were out of town, the action was very successful.

Photo by Ernst Meyer.



Braving sub-zero weather, these hardy souls advise young men of the alternatives to draft registration. Clinton Square Post Office.

We found it difficult to talk to the men who had already decided to register. Most of the men rushed into the Post Office and quickly registered, disregarding any remaining doubts. The temperature also inhibited our ability to talk with the men.

I received various responses from people entering the Post Office as I leafletted outside. An example of a reaction was the almost aggressive response that we need the draft to "stop the Russians" or "Communism". It was significant that the emphasis was always on



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Photo by Paul Pearce.



by Kath Buffington

On January 2 in Syracuse, Upstate Resistance (UR) announced its support for those who have or will refuse to register for the draft. UR is a network of people that actively oppose war and the use of military force. It's immediate purpose is to defeat registration and the draft by urging noncompliance and nonviolent interference with the Selective Service. Among the speakers making statements were David Chalkley, Ithaca, who was imprisoned in 1971 for refusing to register; Chris Clarke, Buffalo, who refused to register in July; and Donna Gans, a 19 year old woman concerned about the registration of her friends. After the statements, the members of UR and several members of the crowd signed a complicity statement (see box). Then everyone trekked to Columbus Circle where 150 balloons were released to show support for silent resisters (see photo on left.)

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A Statement of Complicity with Draft Resisters

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the protection of the US forgetting that America uses its power again and again to support either the interests of the multinational corporations or to protect oppressive regimes like in El Salvador. The people are being told that it is necessary to protect their "vital interests" and "democracy" even if this entails going to war. Patriotism is being used to arouse the combat spirit. This need to defend the country as a matter of patriotic pride separates our views from the views of the majority. This puts pressure on the 18 year old who has come to the decision not to register. I can imagine what this would be like to have your friends and family in opposition to your decision.

After registration we, at SPC, decided to work together with groups who have already started draft education at the high school level. We realized that it was too late to just go to the Post Offices when military counselors have started years earlier convincing students that the military is the place to be.

Ernst Meyer is a volunteer from Germany working with Action Reconciliation/Service for Peace.



Photo by Ernst Meyer.

Teall Station Post Office. January 1981

If you are interested in finding out what you can do to stop the draft call SPC 472-5478 or Draft Counseling Center 471-6677 for more information. Also there is a national conference against the draft (see adjacent advertisement).

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FICTITIOUS INVASION BECOMES PRETEXT FOR SENDING GUNS, HELICOPTERS, ADVISORS

US Escalates El Salvador War

by Ed Griffin

El Salvador is at war. On January 4, the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front launched its "final offensive" against the military dominated junta of President Duarte and Vice President Colonel Gutierrez. The US government, alleging foreign interference, stepped up its military aid to include lethal weapons and ammunition, thus signaling its intent to back up the reconstructed junta to the bitter end.

Events moved rapidly in the months preceding the offensive. On Nov. 27 six leaders of the Democratic Revolutionary Front (FDR), the opposition coalition, were kidnapped from a high school in San Salvador. Armed and uniformed government troops circled the building where the leaders were meeting and armed men from the right wing death squads removed the leaders, including Enrique Alvarez, president of the FDR. The bodies of the six were found in the next two days, tortured and mutilated.

The incident showed clearly how the government and the death squads work together and makes laughable Washington's claim that the government is in the "center" and struggling against "extremists" of the right and the left.

Five days later, four US missionaries were abducted and were later found murdered, with evidence that at least two of the women had been raped. The publicity surrounding the atrocity and the outrage expressed by the US church forced the Carter administration to announce a suspension of aid to the junta. A special US commission flew off to El Salvador to investigate the murders, an investigation which one of the last people to see the women alive called "a sham" (see box).

Reshuffling The Junta

The most tangible result of the crisis and the special mission was the consolidation of the power of the most hard line sectors of the military.

Ed Griffin works with the Interfaith Friends of Central America (FOCUS) and Mutuality in Mission.

On Dec. 13, Duarte announced his own "appointment" as President, with Col. Gutierrez as Vice President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces. Col. Majano, formerly the most moderate member of the junta, was removed and assigned to a diplomatic post in Spain. (Majano refused the post, went underground, has been in contact with the FDR, and is calling for the overthrow of the junta by "whatever means necessary"). The net effect of the reshuffling is a pronounced shift in favor of the right wing and those officers most closely associated with the repression that in 1980 claimed 10,000 lives (a "creeping coup", says the Associated Press). Although Duarte, a civilian, is president, Gutierrez is in full control of the military, where the real center of power lies. Gutierrez has said that perhaps 100,000 Salvadoreans will have to be killed in order to "stabilize the country".

The Military Situation

Reading the major media, one gets the impression that the junta has the situation fully under control, and that the "leftist guerrillas" are being eliminated slowly but surely. From alternative sources and by reading

between the lines, a different picture emerges. The FDR reported from Mexico that four provinces (out of 14) and eight cities, including Santa Ana, the second largest city, were for a time under their control. In early January, the revolutionary forces took over a radio station in San Salvador.

In late January, the FMLN (the military arm of the FDR) staged a tactical retreat from its positions on the four major fronts they had opened. The FDR announced its willingness to negotiate with the US, but not with the junta. ("We want to speak with the circus owners, not just the acrobats", one FDR source said.) But Reagan's recent increase in economic aid, the sending of more US helicopters and advisors, and the cutoff of US aid to Nicaragua, are all clear signs that the US is looking for a military solution. Hence the FMLN is planning its next military actions.

The junta's own propaganda also suggests that their situation is worse than they admit. For example, in an attempt to show that they are rooting out the guerrillas, officials displayed 22 bodies to journalists, claiming that the army had killed them in battle. Upon closer examination, Newsweek reporters found that the 22 had been

Who Killed the Sisters?

Fr. Gregory Chisholm was one of the last people to see Jean Donovan and Dorothy Kazel alive. Chisholm flew to El Salvador as part of a Canadian delegation to the funeral of the murdered FDR leaders. Arriving at the San Salvador airport, Chisholm met Dorothy and Jean, conversed for a time, and left with two other Canadians in a white Toyota jeep, identical to the missionaries' car. His car was stopped by National Guard troops and all of those in the car were asked to show identification. Upon seeing that all the occupants of the car were Canadian, the guards looked puzzled. "Oh, Canadians... You can pass".

Meanwhile, Maura Clarke and Ita Ford were arriving from a conference in Nicaragua and shortly afterwards all four missionaries traveled down that same road in an identical jeep. The jeep was found burned out the next day, just a few miles from where Chisholm and his companions had been stopped.

Upon learning of the disappearance of the missionaries, Chisholm went to the US embassy to tell Ambassador White. White reacted with anger - "We'll nail those bastards this time" - clearly indicating that he knew the Guard was involved. But Chisholm's testimony barely made it into the special commission's report on the murders. Only one line was quoted, and even that was misrepresented.

Why didn't Greg Chisholm's testimony appear in the US press? He was on TV and radio all over Canada. The answer is clear - the US government does not want our people to know that the ones who killed those four women are the very soldiers which the United States is arming and training.

shot at close range, and upon checking their identities learned that most of them were women and victims of a government attack on a private home. None of those in the house were armed.

In addition, Duarte has repeatedly taken to the airwaves to cry of arms coming to the rebels from Cuba, the USSR, China, and "other countries". Mr. Duarte neglects to mention that the "other countries" involved include West Germany, Mexico, Belgium, and the United States, since the guerrilla arms have mostly been purchased with a \$60 million war chest built up in the late 1970's through a series of bank robbings and kidnappings.

Little White Lies ?

The most desperate of these pleas came on January 14, when Duarte called on Ronald Reagan, from the steps of the Presidential Palace, to aid him in putting down the rebellion. He charged that 100 guerrillas had invaded El Salvador, and US Ambassador Robert White backed up the charge, adding "They came from Nicaragua". The military aid was renewed the same day. When pressed for evidence of the "invasion" the junta could provide none, and even the US embassy admitted that "our rush to believe what we were told was not totally warranted," and "there was some overstatement in the beginning." Nevertheless, the inci-



Photo by Cliff Cockerham

"We who are mothers can no longer sleep knowing of the violence being inflicted on our sisters and their children". Mary Keough, Jan. 20, 1981

dent became the pretext for renewing and escalating US military support of the junta (could this be the Gulf of Tonkin of the 1980's?).

The renewal of aid came before any conclusions in the investigation of the deaths of the US missionaries. The official State Department line was that there had been progress in the investigations, a line which White later called untrue. Speaking from San Salvador, White blamed the right wing death squads for the deaths of the four missionaries and for the murder of two US citizens working for the junta. Even more surprisingly, he said that the junta is not conducting a serious investigation of the

murders, and added, "I am not going to be involved in a cover-up". Implicating the right wing is to implicate the junta. Both the Catholic Church and Amnesty International have said that there is no separation between the death squads and the official armed forces.

"Legitimate Insurrection"

Powerful voices have recently been raised in opposition to the junta and to US policy. Back in November, a State Department internal dissent paper leaked out, revealing that a block of people within the Defense and State Departments as well as the CIA and the National Security Council disagree with the US policy of propping up the junta. The dissenters argued that the US should recognize the FDR as a legitimate opposition group. They also warned that the US is encouraging and preparing the Guatemalan and Honduran militaries for intervention in El Salvador (which makes the presence of 1,000 Guatemalan troops on the Salvadorean-Guatemalan border even more ominous).

In a very significant statement, 10 agencies within the Salvadorean Catholic Church released a long letter on Jan. 1 in which they call the offensive a "legitimate insurrection" against "a government which is not legitimate".

The UN passed a resolution in Dec. calling on all governments to stop sending military aid to El Salvador. Amnesty has called on all its local groups in the US to work for an end to the military aid. The Mexican ruling

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Who's Who?

Murat Williams, ex-US Ambassador to El Salvador, wrote in the New York Times of 12/28/80, "In the present distorted framework, used by the American Government and some of the press, one must place on the 'left' virtually the entire Roman Catholic hierarchy. Also on the left one must place even some members of the Salvadoran aristocracy, as well as intellectuals, academics, many lawyers and businessmen and the great mass of Salvadoran Catholics, both peasants and workers...that heterogeneous left must make up over 80% of the population".

To simplify identification of the various actors in the political situation, we should say that the "alphabet soup" analogy which refers to the sectarianism within the opposition, has now melted into one group, the Democratic Revolutionary Front. The Front (FDR) formed last April as a coalition of the democratic opposition with the people's revolutionary organizations, which had already united in the Mass Revolutionary Coordinating Council (CRM). The four major groups in the CRM (i.e. the Popular Revolutionary Bloc-BPR, the Popular Leagues-LP28, the People's United Armed Forces, and the Democratic Nationalist Movement-UDN) all had developed their own guerrilla armies. Those armies are now united in the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN), whose command is known as the United Revolutionary Directorate (DRU).

The mass organizations and their armed forces are struggling against a military dominated junta which has undergone a number of changes since October, 1979, a government controlled para-military and spy operation known as ORDEN (80,000 members) and numerous right wing death squads such as the White Hand, the White Warriors Union, FALANGE, and the Maximilian Hernandez Brigade. (See PNL's from Feb., May, Oct. 1980.)

El Salvador

party has repeatedly called for the US to get out of El Salvador (which makes a mockery of the Reaganite "domino theory" in which Mexico is supposed to be the last domino). And in the US, west coast dockworkers refused to load military cargo for El Salvador, and 1500 people marched in Washington on Jan. 13 to protest US intervention. One reporter called the march "the beginning of a new anti-war movement".

In Syracuse, resistance to US intervention is growing strong. On Dec. 13 a vigil in the Catholic Cathedral drew public attention to the situation, as did a special mass for the four mission aries on Dec. 11. During the National Week of Solidarity (Jan. 18-25) a series of events, including a benefit dinner at the Westcott Cafe, drew hundreds of people. The events culminated in an all night vigil on inauguration eve in Columbus Circle. In a spirit of camaraderie and determination, 150 people, in shifts, spent the night in song, reflection, and discussion. The vigil began with a press conference at which representatives of the Peace Council, the Interfaith Friends of Central America, AFSC,

Upstate Resistance, Mutuality in Mission, the Unity Community, and the Maryknoll Mission Society called on the people to work in support of the people of El Salvador and for an end to US supported repression.

The following morning, a group of vigilers carried out an action to protest the escalation of aid to include lethal weapons. Ten people joined hands and walked across the circle singing "You Can't Kill the Spirit". Arriving at the flagpole of the Court House, the group read a statement and lowered the Court House flag to half-mast to commemorate those who would be killed by the arms and bullets sent by the US. The group also lowered the flag in front of the Cathedral.

Act Now!

These actions symbolize a growing and determined movement to oppose US intervention in El Salvador. Your help is needed in many ways.

1) Write letters to the editor. Public opinion is being prepared for greater US intervention. Write letters calling attention to the broad support enjoyed by the FDR, citing administration hypocrisy in renewing aid with no proof of foreign intervention nor evidence of progress in the murder probe.

2) Write to Public Broadcasting Stations to ask that they show the Glenn Silber film "El Salvador: Another Vietnam". It is available to all PBS stations through Channel 13 in New York City.

3) Arrange a showing of the slide show "El Salvador: Country in Crisis" in your community, school, church, or home. To get the show, call Ed Griffin at 315/423-4932 or Mary Jo Dudley at 1-800-462-1725.

4) Contribute to building the solidarity movement and/or direct assistance to El Salvador. Send checks to CISPES (Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador) Box 12056, Washington, D.C. 20005.

5) Continue to write to Congress, to Senators, to the State Dep't. and the White House. Call for an end to all US support of the junta. Also request that "extended voluntary departure status" be granted to Salvadoreans in this country who face deportation.

6) Contact a group in your area: CUSLAR (Ithaca) 607/256-7293 Interfaith FOCUS315/593-7882 Latin American Agenda (Syracuse) 315/423-4932 Hands Off Latin America (Rochester) 716/473-3183 Nicaragua Solidarity Committee (Albany) 518/861-8078

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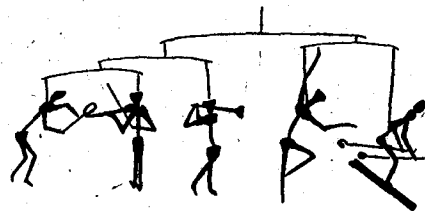


The fall of 1973. Watergate is consuming the attention of the US public. The first "gas crunch" is on, and many people are just learning the price a consumer society must pay to the world's oil producers. Frank Aaron is pursuing home run number 715 and Henry Kissinger is laying claim to the crown he 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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Rome, N.Y.: Economically Dependent on the Military Dollar

Griffiss Air Force Base, in Rome, NY, has been selected as the deployment site for the first Air Launched Cruise Missiles. Griffiss is scheduled to receive some 200 of the Cruise Missiles, starting in the early spring. Peace activists have voiced considerable alarm over the development of the Cruise, which carries a warhead fifteen times more powerful than the bomb dropped on Hiroshima. Beginning in July 1979, public demonstrations against the Cruise have taken place in Rome under the sponsorship of the Cruise Control Action Project. For information on continuing activities, please contact: Bob Staley-Mays, American Friends Service Committee, 821 Euclid Ave., Syracuse, NY 13210. 475-4822.

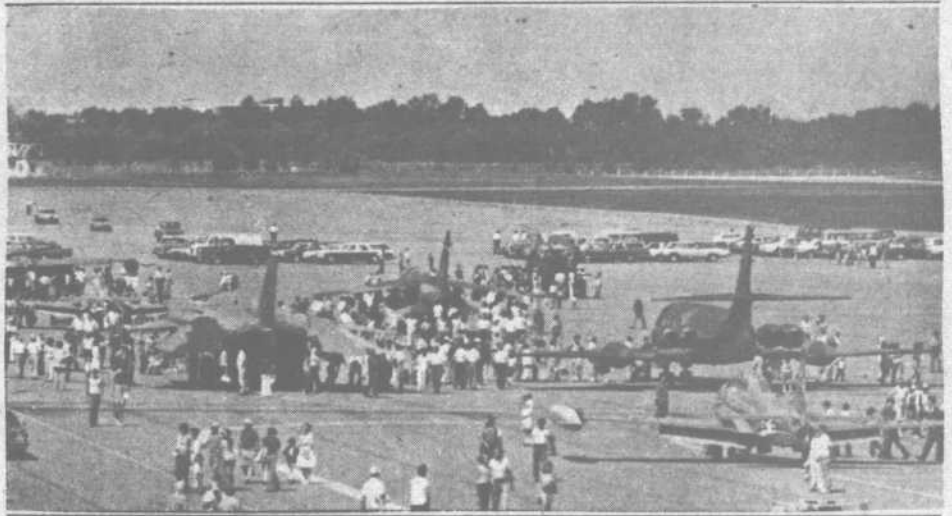
by Edward Burton

To understand how Griffiss Air Force Base (AFB) affects this area, it is necessary to know about the history of work opportunities in this part of the Mohawk Valley. During the Depression fifty years ago, knitting mills in the area started running away to the South. Ten years ago the last large mill shut its doors to 750 employees. In the past twenty-five years, other types of plants closed, moved, or reduced the labor force. The net effect was loss of jobs in manufacturing.

When it was activated in February, 1942, the Base was welcomed by many as a source of jobs. By January, 1944, more than 10,000 civilians and 3500 military worked there. After World War II, the Base was used as a warehouse by the Rome Air Materiel Area (ROAMA), employing 1200 civilians and a smaller number of the military.

By the spring of 1951, about 900 scientists from many disciplines, engineers, technicians and their families were moved to this area. They were assigned to a new Base

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August 1980: An estimated crowd of 15,000 came to the annual Griffiss Open House, which featured parachute demonstrations, simulated disaster response, munitions exhibits, and tours of the base. (Photo: Mohawk Flyer)

facility, the Rome Air Development Center (RADC) under the jurisdiction of the Air Force Systems Command (AFSC). RADC's laboratory became the primary resource for electronics research and development in the Air Force.

In January, 1964, due to increased workload, ROAMA employed over 500 people, most of whom were civilians. That month Defense Secretary Robert McNamara announced the phase-out of ROAMA, with its functions and personnel assigned to other bases. A tremendous campaign spearheaded by the Chamber of Commerce and area elected officials failed to stop the transfer which was completed in June, 1967.

A second major cut in the civilian work force came in 1970, when the Ground Electronics Engineering Installation Agency (GEEIA) was merged with the Air Force Communications Service (AFSC) and moved out. The job loss was estimated at over 1000.

After denying rumors of further cutbacks at the Base early in 1974, the Air Force Secretary announced that RADC would be transferred. The local "Save RADC" Committee, led

by those who tried to save ROAMA, contacted many groups, the State Commerce Department, and the New York Congressional delegation. They convinced the Air Force to study the matter further. The Battelle Institute, retained to evaluate the transfer, proved to the satisfaction of the Air Force that RADC should remain at the Base.

In addition to the large employment cuts at the Base, the Air Force instituted annual Reductions in Force (RIF). Many civilians are eliminated by attrition, and the vacancies are assigned frequently to the military as shown in the table (p. 20).

The largest group at the Base is the 416th Bombardment Wing of the Strategic Air Command (SAC). It has sixteen B-52 Stratofortress bombers intended to be equipped with Cruise missiles having a 200 kiloton nuclear warhead, fifteen times as powerful as the Hiroshima bomb. Facilities for storing and servicing the missiles on Base are under construction at a cost of \$14 million.

The second largest group of Base employees is assigned to the Northern Communications Area (NCA) of the AFSC. A \$5.3 million facility is

now under construction for the new northeast Regional Operational Control Center (ROCC), and to house the new U.S. Air Defense and Warning System. When completed, the plan is to consolidate NCA and ROCC in the Communications Command, and move out many NCA employees. Late in December, the joint Rome-Utica Committee on Griffiss Air Force Base and Representative Donald Mitchell (R-31) met with two ranking Majors General to forestall a loss of personnel.

Impact on Local economy

Base employees and family members participate in the community in many ways, through civic organizations, clubs, volunteer groups and churches. If many employees are moved out at one time, business and other groups are adversely affected.

In November, 1980, there were 3997 military and 2905 civilian employees, which is more than are employed in any one business in Central New York. Though it may be larger this year, the 1979 payroll was \$106.5 million. A total budget of some \$239 million includes Base operation, procurement and payroll.

GRIFFISS AIR FORCE BASE EMPLOYMENT 1960-1980

	<u>1960</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1980</u>	Total <u>Change</u>
Military	3686	3967	3542	4234	4807	3997	+ 311
Civilian	<u>7680</u>	<u>6832</u>	<u>4419</u>	<u>3439</u>	<u>2958</u>	<u>2905</u>	<u>-4775</u>
Totals:	11,366	10,799	7961	7673	7765	6902	-4464

From the multi-million dollar spending generated by the Base, sectors of the local economy that benefit most include retailing, manufacturing, banking, housing, construction and service industries, and local government. This accounts for the sensitivity of business operators and elected officials to transfer of Base personnel and functions.

The history of the Base shows wide fluctuations in employment. In spite of attractive offers to industry to

locate here, and some have come, there has been a net loss in jobs and population in the past ten years. For the foreseeable future, improvement is not expected as the area reflects many problems of the Northeast.

Peace conversion ?

Some relief can be brought here, the Northeast and the entire country by conversion of RADC to research and development in solar power devices and systems for use by city, village, community, industry, housing complex and single homes. RADC already has technical staff, facilities, sixteen off-Base test sites, and federal financing. Conceiving and demonstrating practical solar devices could spawn new industry and jobs urgently needed to reverse the economic decline.

"Both this country and the Soviet Union have severe economic problems that can only be made worse by the pouring of untold billions into weapons systems. The leaders of both nations have a duty to seek an alternative." Rome Daily Sentinel, September 10, 1980.

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What's white, male, wealthy, and has thirteen heads?

Reagan's Cabinet

by Paul Weichselbaum

When Ronald Reagan chose his cabinet he produced no surprises. There was the predicted mix of recycled Nixonites, Republican bankers and politicians, Reagan's personal friends and advisers, and right-wing ideologues. All but one were white. All but one were male. The great majority were wealthy. No one should be disqualified from government service simply for being white, male, and wealthy. Unfortunately, Reagan's cabinet members share one other characteristic: a constricted vision of America and the world. They deal in abstractions of "pure" power and "real" statistics, and they are committed to an accelerated arms race, a blank check for the oil and nuclear industries, non-enforcement of civil rights legislation, and dissolution of environmental and worker-safety regulations. Wherever possible, they ignore the human factor.

James Edwards of Energy and James Watt of Interior form a team that will completely deregulate energy prices, allow the proliferation of nuclear plants, and permit federal lands' policies to be dictated by oil companies and the Defense Department's "need" for strategic commodities (such as uranium and oil.) Watt, in particular, is an ideological foe of environmental concerns, and since the Interior Department administers the very extensive federal landholdings, Watt's actions will have an incalculable effect on the US ecosystem for decades.

Slashing Federal aid to schools, hospitals, family planning clinics, and the indigent and working poor is one of the first agenda items for David Stockman, Director of Management and Budget. Cutting out the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is also being mentioned. Whether likely or not, Secretary of Labor Ray Donovan brings no hope of representing La-

bor's interests: The National Right to Work Committee gave Donovan a four star rating when he came out for the "right to work" concept which would make "closed shops" illegal.

James Block of Agriculture is the fair-haired boy of American agribusiness. At his first press con-



ference, Block unblushingly suggested that food should be used as a weapon against nations which prove ornery and don't faithfully bend to American will and power. At the same time he spoke against the embargo on sale of American grain to the Soviet Union, perhaps because that adversely affected his agribusiness boosters. It seems that Block would only dare push around small nations that offend us.

In the field of foreign policy--or foreign mischief, it might be better said--Reagan has fielded the team of Alexander Haig at State, Caspar Weinberger at Defense, William Casey at CIA, and Jeane Kirkpatrick at the UN. Haig, Weinberger and Casey practiced a great deal of evasion at their confirmation hearings, refusing to commit themselves to specific policies, though all spoke of getting tough with the Soviets. Gen. Haig was the most well-practised at avoiding hard questions, especially moral ones; he didn't survive Watergate for nothing. Haig's clearest statement was, however, rather frightening. He said that there are things more im-

portant than peace that America must be ready to fight for. Based on his history with NATO and his determination not to show weakness before the Soviet threat (whether in Latin America or the Middle East) it is not alarmist to expect more talk of "limited nuclear wars," and the "theater" is more likely to be third world countries. In 1978 Haig spoke of recognizing "...the consequential importance of regional nuclear and conventional force balances between the US and Soviets in the third world. I believe that we must be armed with regional military capabilities to prevent the escalation of third world dynamics into major conflict." He sees a Soviet behind every Liberation fighter.

Jeane Kirkpatrick, US ambassador to the United Nations, is not so bashful as her colleagues. She is the author of the doctrine of "moderate repression"; better to accept a modicum of official torture and terror on the part of an ally than to permit possibly "unfriendly," left-leaning governments from coming to power within the US sphere of influence. Ms. Kirkpatrick was the only woman named to Reagan's cabinet. Her appointment is undoubtedly a victory for dictators and not for feminists.

Our civil liberties are in the hands of William French Smith, who was Reagan's personal lawyer before becoming Attorney General. Smith will be a non-activist Attorney General, at least when it comes to anti-trust and civil rights litigation. He may also leave the job of stifling opponents of Reagan's policies to the new, arch-conservative Senate subcommittee on Security and Terrorism.

There appear to be no closet liberals in Reagan's cabinet. But conservatism, especially activist conservatism, provides starker issues around which the left can organize. There will be much to bemoan in the Reagan years, and the question "Which side are you on?" will no longer seem melodramatic. It will be vital.

Paul Weichselbaum is a local writer and anthropologist.

OSWEGO COUNTY MESSENGER: We Are Fighting For Our Jobs!

by Pete Wirth

The strike against the Palladium Times, an Oswego newspaper, is now entering its fourth month. The latest evidence of growing community support for the strike was shown by the officials of the town, city and county of Oswego, who voted to remove their legal advertising from the Palladium Times. This represents close to \$100,000 worth of advertising being lost by the Pall-Times.

With a daily circulation of 4000, the Messenger (the rebel offshoot of the Pall-Times) continues to grow as the community learns of the issues behind the strike.

The broader issue is the role of the multinational Thomson Corporation, seeking excess profits at the expense of the employees and community. After a 14 year absence of local ownership, Oswego County once again has a local paper controlled by

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local workers.

The following is taken from a handbill distributed by the workers of the Oswego County Messenger:

The Oswego County Messenger is published by striking employees of the Palladium Times who have been unable to negotiate a fair contract with Thomson Newspaper Corporation, owner of the Pall-Times.

The major issue causing front office workers (reporters, clerical, advertising personnel) of Service Employees International Union, Local 200 to approve a strike, was job security; also salary seniority and arbitration.

For over a century, the Palladium Times was owned by local people. Approximately 14 years ago, the company was purchased by the Canadian based firm which started replacing management level employees with people working at other papers in the chain.

Within the past year alone, Thomson has brought in three people for management positions. Two of them came from outside the state and one was the new publisher.

Employees, many of whom are natives, and most of whom plan on remaining in this county, have repeatedly expressed displeasure over the quality of the paper, a complaint that has fallen on deaf ears, attuned only to turning a large profit margin for the foreign company.

Problems at the Pall-Times have grown over the years to the extent that even though we, at the Messenger, are working without pay, we feel our action was not only justified but necessary.

We saw little option in light of a wage proposal presented shortly before we went on strike that neglected to include three people in the editorial department, who represent an average of 27 years service to the company. All of these workers were

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not vested and therefore, ineligible for pension benefits if their position were terminated.

This is not new for the company; rather it is a practice seen by workers over the years in many of the departments. It represents a large savings to what was quoted in the Wall Street Journal as "one of the world's largest family controlled corporate empires".

Currently, the Pall-Times is being run by a number of scabs brought in from other areas, including Idaho, Arizona and Ohio at what must be considerable expense to the company. It is almost ironic that striking workers have counted as many as eight rental cars in the parking lot at one time while they were only paid 13 cents a mile for gas, a rate that was increased after the many years it stayed at 11 cents a mile.

The company is slowly hiring from within the county after advertising for the "permanent positions" held by striking workers.

Those hired included one man who was previously fired by the Pall-Times. He is now considered acceptable to the company.

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PALLADIUM TIMES
NEWSPAPER EMPLOYEES



Thomson which owns 73 newspapers in the country alone earned \$55 million in profits last year, reported the Wall Street Journal. International Thomson Organization, which has oil holdings, earned \$92 million in 1979, and the Hudson's

Bay Company, owner of the largest of Canada's department stores, \$88 million.

All of the revenue earned at the Messenger is turned back into the paper, and the profits are kept in the community.

Workers, some of whom are in serious financial straits, are dependent upon a strike fund established by supporters of the striking employees, and donated to by many of the generous people who live in Oswego County and its surrounding environs.

What You Can Do

Advertising is the life blood of any newspaper. Ask Managers of stores you patronize to place their ads in the Messenger.

Support the Messenger by buying it on the street or call 342-5611 and subscribe for home delivery.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks from bookkeeping to organizing a circulation drive.

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The Strange Case of the Missing Monitor

by Sue Reinert

It didn't seem mysterious at first. Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., said the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, had lied to the NRC last January about installing a monitor to measure high levels of radiation at its Nine Mile Unit I nuclear plant. For this, the NRC now proposes to fine NiMo \$225,000 and bar the former plant superintendent at Unit I from any involvement in nuclear power matters.

There was no dispute about the fact that the monitor wasn't installed when NRC inspectors visited Nine Mile Unit I last October. And, instead of the lead "cave" promised by the utility to shield the monitor from background radiation, there was only a small lead brick with a hole in it, placed next to a pipe that carries radioactive gas to a sampler in the plant stack.

But this is not the open and shut case it seems to be. Although the NRC's findings have raised questions about Niagara Mohawk's response to NRC safety directives, other facts have cast equally serious doubts on the NRC's directives and enforcement policies themselves. Some questions:

Why did the Fitzpatrick nuclear plant next door to Unit I meet NRC requirements without installing a monitor?

Why did the NRC write reports last March saying that a monitor was "installed and calibrated" at both Unit I and Fitzpatrick?

Why did the NRC say the Ginna plant in Ontario met requirements without an installed monitor after a special inspection in November, and then change its mind and order a monitor installed at Ginna in December?

Why did a high NRC official say the agency's requirement on the monitor mandated that an instrument be fixed in place rather than portable, and then reverse himself several hours later?



Sue Reinert is a reporter for the Oswego Valley News.

The basis for the monitor requirement was the Three Mile Island accident. During the event, so much radiation was escaping from the plant that the plant monitors could not register the amount.



NiMo vs. NRC

Typically, the NRC didn't tell plant operators exactly what to do. In a "clarification" of the requirement issued in October, 1979, it said an "installed" monitor was "preferable", but a "dedicated portable" system was "acceptable".

Niagara Mohawk wrote the NRC in December, 1979, saying a portable monitoring instrument would be installed by January 1, 1980, protected by a "lead cave". But according to utility officials later, they never intended to fix an instrument in place--just have it ready if needed. And they have contended that this meets the requirement as a "dedicated portable" system.

It may be difficult to accept Niagara Mohawk's definition of "installed". But consider the NRC's definition of the word in the case of the Fitzpatrick plant:

At Fitzpatrick, the Power Authority decided to use portable containers with monitors inside them to meet the requirement. If needed, the beakers would be hooked up to a pipe carrying radioactive gas, the gas drawn out, and the radiation levels measured. A plant worker was to read off the levels to the control room every 15 minutes.

In March, an NRC team visited the plant, talked to the staff, and then issued a report saying a radiation monitor was "installed and calibrated". According to a PASNY spokesman, the monitors are neither installed nor calibrated. Asked why the NRC said the instruments were "installed" Thomas Ippolito of the NRC's operating reactors branch said the agency meant by "installed" that radiation detectors were mounted inside the portable beakers.

It was also Ippolito who said one morning that the monitor requirement meant an instrument had to be fixed in place. A few hours later, he called back to say he had been wrong; the monitor could merely be ready for use. As head of Branch No. 3, which oversees some 20 operating reactors in the east, Ippolito is one of the NRC officials who interpret the agency's requirements.

The fact that the NRC said last March that a monitor was also "installed and calibrated" at Unit I set off an internal investigation in the agency on the enforcement of 21 Three Mile Island changes, called "Short Term Lessons Learned". The investigation report concluded that different branches of the NRC didn't have a clear or consistent idea of their responsibilities for enforcement, and no one office was responsible for it. In addition, the report said NRC inspectors had said last year that the requirements themselves weren't clear enough to enforce. The report was not meant for public view, but Niagara Mohawk obtained a copy as part of its legal fight against the fine, and made it available to the Oswego Valley News.

The NRC's case against Niagara Mohawk involves more than a missing monitor. According to an investigation report issued last December, Niagara Mohawk did not have any procedures written for carrying out even the portable monitoring it said it intended to do. The report also said a formula the company was using to convert the readings from the monitor to the concentration of radioactive xenon going out the plant stack was full of errors, and underestimated the xenon by a factor of 40. The company denied these charges.

Meanwhile, the NRC has extended its deadline for installing permanent high-range radiation monitors another year. Originally the instruments had to be in place by the beginning of this year; now the deadline is January 1, 1982. Apparently, it is taking a long time to make enough of the monitors to supply American nuclear power plants--almost three years after the Three Mile Island accident.



NY- NO NUKES RESOURCES

There are several periodicals currently available to keep New York State residents abreast of nuclear power and weapons issues and actions:

The New York Mobilizer, published six times a year covers both nuclear power and weapons issues. Write: NY Mobilization for Survival, 135 W. 4th St., NYC 10012. Contributions welcome.

The Network - New York's Non-Nuclear Magazine, published every six weeks. Covers anti-nuclear, energy issues. \$10/year for subscription. Write: Network, c/o OCA, Campus Center 118, SUNYA, Albany NY 12222.

The Waste Paper - published by the Sierra Club Radioactive Waste Campaign quarterly. Nuclear waste issues, mainly New York. \$6/year. Write: The Waste Paper, 3164 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14219.

Other excellent state resources for activists include:

"Questions & Answers on Public Power", an 18 page booklet produced by the NYS People's Power Coalition. Available from SPC 75¢ includes postage.

"A Blueprint for Community Control of Energy" (proposed charted for a public utility of Buffalo). 10 page booklet produced by the Buffalo chapter of the People's Power Coalition. Box 404, Buffalo 14205. \$2.

RUDE, CRUDE AND UNATTRACTIVE

In a rude, crude and unattractive move, Niagara Mohawk is seeking to have part of their pending \$231 million rate hike request pay for the eventual decommissioning and dismantling of the Nine Mile 1 nuclear plant. In a national precedent move, NiMo is seeking to create a \$250 million sinking fund with which to trash the plant in the year 2000.

One might think that NiMo has finally discovered the hidden, astronomical cost of nuclear power seeing that their 1969 estimate for decommissioning was \$6 million. But a report by the NYS Attorney General's office found that decommissioning a nuke could cost \$1 billion in current dollars.

Consider also, that their figures assume an answer to the nuclear waste disposal problem, which we as yet do not have.

CO-OP SOLAR PROJECT

The Syracuse Real Food Co-op has been awarded an \$11,000 Dep't. of Energy grant to finance construction of an active solar hot air system on the co-op building. It is hoped that the solar system will cut energy use by conventional sources in half.

An aim of the project is to demonstrate the feasibility of active solar systems on commercial buildings in Central NY. There will be tours and workshops provided after completion of the project. (It looks like sometime in 1982.)

Co-op members can get work credit for helping in the construction of the system. Both skilled and unskilled people are being sought. If you'd like to help out, call Mary Belknap at 422-0872.

PUBLIC POWER FOR SYRACUSE I

The Syracuse Public Power Coalition needs your continued support. In late April, we will present our petitions* to the Common Council requesting funding for the feasibility study which looks at the possible implementation of a municipal power system in Syracuse. (Many community groups have joined us in endorsing the study.) We will need your petition and volunteers for phoning, petitioning and community organizing. Call Ann if you can help, at 471-8252.

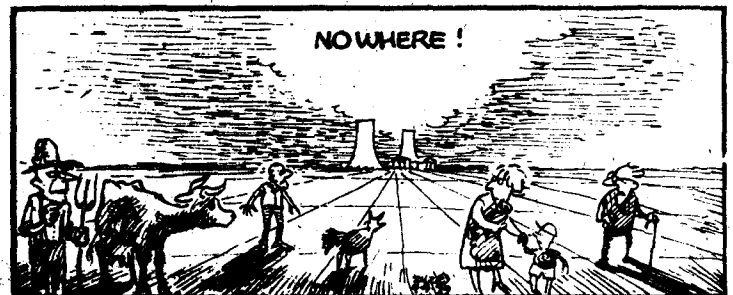
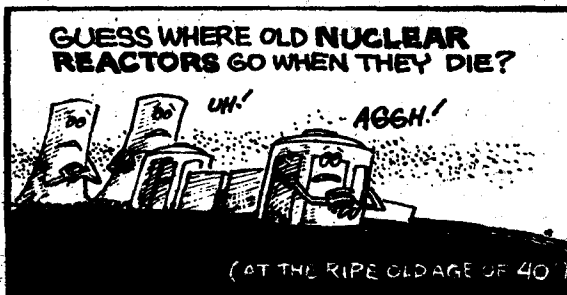
(* see copy enclosed - please circulate!)

LOOKING THE OTHER WAY-AGAIN

A critical safety feature in 22 boiling water reactors across the country which were found to be of unsound design in 1971, are still not dealt with ten years later. On Jan. 19, the NRC gave a time extension on efforts to add strength to the torus, a device which would attempt to control a sudden pressure surge inside the reactor containment. The torus carries the water of the emergency core cooling system (ECCS); the ECCS could be incapacitated if the torus were ruptured.

The NRC's own technical regulations say that a reactor should not operate unless the torus is structurally sound. The NRC waived these regulations in the early 70's knowing that to shut down the reactors for extensive repairs could mean the end of the nuclear industry. (see August '79 PNL).

The Fitzpatrick nuclear plant received an extension until late 1981, and Nine Mile Point 1 until 1983, for redesigning and buttressing the torus. Niagara Mohawk has already spent \$10 million on torus redesign and strengthening, a cost they plan to pass on to rate-payers.



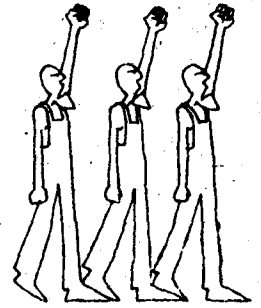
Two New Resources on EAST TIMOR

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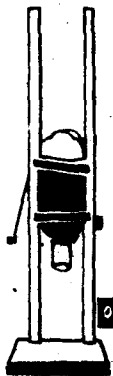
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On John Lennon

by Gary Weinstein

By now, countless wonderful words have been written on the beauty, love and tragic death of John Lennon. Our sad vocabulary seems exhausted. Could there be anything left to say? Because I loved John and his message, I offer these thoughts.

Just Gimme Some Truth

John Lennon had an inspired instinct for love, justice and peace. Sometimes awkward, sometimes naïve, his spoken words often paled beside the brilliance of his music and his lyrical poetry. Song was his language.

His humor and satire were inborn. Some of his most political acts provoked us with his seditious wit, "No short-haired yellow-bellied son of Tricky Dicky's gonna mother hubbard soft-soap me with just a pocket full of hope... money for dope... money for rope..." And in further reference to Nixon's downfall, he noted, "Time wounds all heels."

He instinctively opposed the repression and authoritarianism of institutions. His means of resistance was his courageous artistry. Lennon could transform "God Save the Queen", a military and statist anthem into the prelude to "All You Need is Love", an anthem of love. In this and other ways, he redefined aspects of our culture. And when he was through we would never hear things the same again. We might lovingly consider him a "cultural worker", but he was so much more.

The waiting Beatle, the naked Beatle, the political Beatle, the primal Beatle, the peace Beatle... John kaleidoscoped through his life; every change a new avenue of expression, a new quest for liberation. His very living showed "there's nothing you can do that can't be done." When the Beatles themselves finally became an institution it stifled him, and although painful, he separated himself from them.

In many people's eyes he had dared to place Yoko ahead of the Beatles in his life. As their love grew, he placed Yoko ahead of himself. But regardless of whether people could accept this he had taken off from the already



*"Now that I know
what I feel must be right,
I'm here to show
everybody the light."*

- The Word

global impact of the Beatles and had begun to push the culture further still.

An Unprecedented Evil

Privately, I have been thinking: Love has been murdered. Family, Peace, Singing, Creation, Fathering have all been murdered. *Nothing* could be more wrong. How could John have been a target!? John was going to live forever. M.D. Chapman, a petty psychotic dwelling in his private insanity, has forced upon us the consummate evil, a rip in the cosmic fiber.

Conspiracy.

My distrust of every stranger, every unknown person has now soared. Our streets are so much worse. Love is no longer safe.

Marcus, in Rolling Stone asks, "Why John Lennon and why now?" His conclusions, respectively, are that Lennon was too damned *real*; the truth he spoke placed him in a most rare and vulnerable position and second, that murder is subtly more legitimated every day in our society; Klansmen and Nazi murderers are set free and

militarism seeps into every crevice of our lives.

There is a Dark Age upon us.

Dignity After Death

Does nothing fuel our 'free enterprise' like death? From bombs to cigarettes, handguns to plutonium, the capitalizing process is there. This time rushing, as into a vacuum, to exploit our grief, our emptiness. Few ventures have responded as the marketplace has to Lennon's death, proffering us painful merchandise.

But not without resistance. People in Rochester, N.Y. have organized the Dignity after Death campaign (DAD). Their aim is to unmask the individual and corporate profiteering from Lennon's death. They list 24 such parties and are circulating a petition/pledge with which signers can vow resistance and condemnation of the sale of such items. If you are concerned, visit or call the Peace Council.

Feeling the Pain

Its been said of our culture that we suffer "a decline in the ability to weep". Our society moves so swiftly, our priorities are so jumbled; have we an idea any longer of how to properly mourn in any manner?... be it alone or together? A picture of our population of consumers is one of a people staring; at the shelf of goods, through the windshield; at the television screen.

Suddenly John's work was infinitely more precious and so we quickly bought his music. We bought magazines, we needed photographs, articles... souvenirs. But buying is not feeling.

The networks played news item after news item to us; packaging, trivializing, ultimately stealing our grief. To watch t.v. is not to grieve.

I'm convinced we need to go beyond these frustrated attempts at feeling and both fully reown our sadness and, come to know our terrible emptiness. — It is from our emptiness that our crying and grief come from and so also, our healing. From our healing comes the commitment to make the world that John imagined.

During the silent vigil on the Sunday following, a portion of the world tried to feel unified with John's message. For ten minutes, the world which John Lennon asked us to imagine was closer to being true. Then our world sped again on its way.

Book review -

World Hunger: Ten Myths

Authors: Frances Moore Lappe' & Joseph Collins - Institute for Food and Development Policy - 1979 - \$2.25

by William Sunderlin

Most of us who live in the western world have been exposed to the issue of world hunger early on in life. It was an experience of guilt, not of deprivation.

"Eat your peas. Think of the poor, starving children in Asia" (or 'Africa', 'India', 'China', 'Biafra'...) our parents said. If we pursued the issue any further we found that the answer to our guilt and their hunger was not to ship the peas off to Asia.

"How can we keep them from starving? Our country is sending know-how and money to the starving countries so that they can be strong and healthy like us", counseled the well-meaning parent.

This line of thinking has a powerful hold on the American psyche, underlying many people's belief that we cannot possibly be a villain in the global community. After all if we give away millions and millions of dollars, we must be humanitarian, right?

This myth and nine others surrounding the issue of world hunger are deftly dismantled by Lappe' and Collins in their concise, easy-to-read book. The book makes three central, powerful points in dismantling the myths.

1) "Hunger is real; scarcity is not."

Right now, Lappe' and Collins point out, the earth is producing enough food to feed every human being adequately. Yet in India, while millions starve, soldiers patrol the government's 16 million tons of "surplus" grain. Even in the US, millions are undernourished, but certainly not because food is scarce. Herein the main point of the book: world hunger has nothing

to do with scarcity and everything to do with the nature of political systems under which people live.



2) Elimination of hunger and freedom from political repression go hand in hand.

Many third world people go hungry because their countries' land (largely owned and controlled by a small percentage of the population, the 'elite') is underused or misused. 'Underused' in the sense that much of the land that could be cultivated is left unproductive. 'Misused' in the sense that a high proportion of the land is used for luxury or cash crops rather than basic foods. Often even the basic foods find their way into the export market rather than into the stomachs of the country's poor.

This happens because the third world and developed countries are engaged in trade relationships that exploit the resources and people of the third world. These relationships end up serving the financial interests of the developed countries' multinational corporations and the elite; much more wealth leaves the country than comes in. Tyranny within many third world countries is used to maintain the exploitive relationship.

Thus in Central America and the Caribbean, where there are countries that lead the lists of the human rights violators, 80% of the children are undernourished and almost half the cultivated land, invariably the best, is used to grow just five commodities produced primarily for export: coffee, bananas, cocoa, sugar and beef.

3) Food and development aid aggravate rather than help solve world hunger. More often than not, US food and development aid policy

is guided by strategic concerns rather than need. The authors point out that over 50% of our development assistance goes to only ten countries, and of those countries, only four are "low income".

In 1979, \$9 billion in US military assistance was sent "to shore up regimes that both block democratic control over food-producing resources" (p.40).

Even the least offensive kinds of aid, directed at helping the small farmer and fostering local participation, often don't reach the intended recipients because of political corruption.

Third world people are not poor for lack of knowledge or tools but because they lack political power to confront the abuses of capitalism. Any "solution" which ignores this reality is part of the problem.

One of the strongest features of the book is the way in which it answers the fears of those who would ask "if not capitalism, then what?" The authors cite China and Cuba as countries that have overcome hunger. While not dismissing the countries' problems, they point to the incredible social difficulties remaining from hundreds of years of internal and external exploitation. They also note, "every society places limits upon the individual's choices. The real issues then are these:-- are the restrictions imposed by an elite for their benefit or--by the community for the good of all?"

If there's any defect at all to this book, it's that the authors, in being intent not to play on people's guilt, neglect to describe the dimensions of the problem of world hunger-- how many are dying, the relationship between hunger and disease, etc. Also, the uninitiated could infer from this book that food is the only commodity at play in exploitive trade relationships; what about raw materials, industrial products and labor?

These criticisms aside, Ten Myths is a superb, empowering primer on the issue of world hunger and a fine lead-in to the larger volume of which it is a distillation, Food First.

World Hunger - Ten Myths is available from The Front Room Bookstore, 924 Burnet Ave., Syracuse, NY 13203. \$3.00 postpaid.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE "FREE LUNCH"

The Chamber of Commerce held their annual forecast luncheon at the Hotel Syracuse on Jan. 8. Speakers from Syracuse's ruling financial and business group spoke to the overwhelmingly white, male, wealthy audience and agreed that they were "cautiously optimistic" that 1981 would be a good year - for them.

Carter B. Chase, partner in the Hiscock, Lee, Rogers, Henley & Barclay law firm, forecast local economic development, "The Chamber is just completing a \$70,000 study of a 'Syracuse Community National Marketing Program' ". Watch out folks, our community is up for sale. Chase explained, "Under the proposed program a highly sophisticated effort would be made over the next 4 years to call Syracuse's charms to the attention of plant location decision makers in segments of selected growth industries."

The self-appointed leaders of our community intend to join the nationwide competition for investment capital. Among the enticements communities are expected to offer in this competition are, tax breaks, exemptions from environmental quality laws, offers of a docile low-paid labor force etc.

Chase explained that the "business climate" in Central NY will improve partly because, "wage rates, cost of living and unionization seem to be increasing faster in other regions than in NY."

Russell Carlson, president of Onondaga Savings Bank said, "I'm optimistic that the old maxim, 'There's no such thing as a free lunch', is beginning to gain acceptance again." Ironically the majority of diners at the C. of C. luncheon had their meals paid by corporate headquarters who easily wrote off the business lunch on their tax forms - no such thing as a free lunch indeed!

SEXY BOMBS AT SURC

Recently a SPC member infiltrated deep inside the mad chambers of the Syracuse Research Corporation. Syracuse Research contracts out to the Pentagon. They develop psychological tests for security checks on people employed in nuclear weapons research, as well as doing weapons research itself.

In the computer room of the corporation our spy discovered the following "poem". It was printed on a plaque along with a photo of a ballistic missile:

*I love you because:
your sensors glow in the dark
your side lobes swing in the breeze
your hair looks like clutter
your multipath quivers
your reaction time is superb
your missile has thrust
It accurately hones in on its target
The fuse ignites
The warhead goes;
Sweet oblivion!*

Then our source lifted some computer cards on which were printed the responses of subjects (nuclear researchers) to a word association test developed by S.U.R.C. :

Trinity: Father-Son-Holy Ghost,
Bomb, Salvation

Predetonation: Ejaculation, Sooner
Explosion

Little Boy: Bomb, LASL, Blue
etc. etc. etc. etc. etc.

Our source came away from the experience even more convinced of the horrifying link between some people's military and sexual "imagination".

Local activists in the past have severely hampered the work of the Syracuse Research Corporation and soon we hope to harass them again.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE

The eighth anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in support of legal abortion was commemorated in St. Paul's Cathedral Jan. 22. The commemoration was organized but the Central New York Coalition for Freedom of Choice. The hall was filled with several hundred people attending. The panelists stressed the right of women to determine their own reproductivity. They also emphasized the need for vocal support of women's freedom of choice in light of the country's conservative trend.

PEACES**"STREET PEOPLE,"
DOROTHY DAY AND HER LEGACY**

T. S. Stipula

Dorothy Day died last Nov. 29. She was the driving spirit behind New York's Maryhouse, and of The Catholic Worker, the radical pacifist Catholic paper. Dorothy bravely counseled war resistance during WWII as well as during the US war against Viet Nam. Her life was dedicated to serving and feeding the poor of NY's Bowery.

At present in Syracuse the powers of money in our city are debating "what to do" with Syracuse's "street people". We should remember her legacy. In her words, from one of her books; "We have all known the long loneliness and we have learned that the only solution is love and that love comes with community."

PAINFUL QUOTE FROM HAIG

Watergate, said our new Secretary of State, was a case of, "honest differences among honest men - that's what government is all about, even when there are seamy aspects of government."



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Pat Sandro 425-2554 (days)
Paul Welch 472-5030 (eves.)

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EL SALVADOR: ANOTHER VIET NAM ?

Secret "White Papers" weave circumstantial evidence into a "textbook case" of "Communist takeover of a Third World nation" State Department delegations fly off to twist allies' arms for support of US military intervention. Pentagon leaks reveal the presence of up to 75 military advisors in El Salvador. The White House talks of blockading Cuba, and won't rule out the possibility of an invasion of Central America.

The lines are drawn. The Reagan government will use "any means necessary" to prop up the right wing Salvadorean junta. To rebuild "national honor" they are willing to drag us into another Viet Nam. A united and strong resistance movement here in the US is the only force capable of ending US intervention. Join us now in resisting the escalation towards war. See page 13 and the PNL Calendar for upcoming events and actions. Help stop the next war. Now.

Photos: Salvadorean soldier on patrol. Security forces, backed by US aid, killed over 10,000 innocent civilians last year. The lower photo is of a refugee family, one of tens of thousands forced to flee from the attacks by government troops.



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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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We're on the brink of change...

There's a feeling of excitement in the Peace Council house these days about changes that are just around the corner.

A group of us have been meeting since last November working on a proposal for a restructured Peace Council. We're presenting the rudiments of it on pages 10 & 11.

We hope the new structure will give us (among other things) a way of defining our goals and evaluating our work, more support for the beleaguered staff, better contact with and clearer definition of SPC membership and, generally, a better way of translating thought into action.

We're anxious to hear what you think about it. If you're moved to respond, please write us or come to the event scheduled for critiquing the model (see page 10.)

We're also in the process of defining our goals and priorities for the 80's. At a Monday Night Potluck held Feb. 26 to kick off this process, eighteen SPC members deliberated vigorously. Two opposing (not necessarily contradictory)

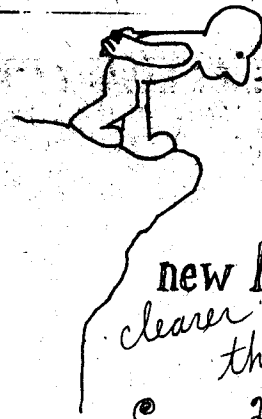
senses emerged: we need to address militarism as our highest priority; we need to maintain our role as the meeting-ground of many progressive causes.

We've started a process for collecting opinions on SPC goals. Hopefully we'll be able to create a statement of principle sometime in the spring. Again, please contact us if you are so moved.

Fundamental changes in the PNL have been long in the planning. Some of them will appear in the next issue: a new mast-head and clearly defined sections. Long-term plans for PNL changes include the possibility of typesetting and a PNL collective that would operate autonomously from the SPC program staff.

Lastly, if we have a strong enough financial base in the spring, we'll be able to hire a MUCH NEEDED third staff person.

As these words are being written, the developments in El Salvador are giving a sense of urgency to solidifying these changes.



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The Peace Council is MUCH MORE than the PNL

It's occurring to us that many people probably think their \$6/year payment for a PNL sub also covers support for the activism of the Peace Council.

In fact, SPC needs money far beyond what it gets in subs. The PNL is less than a third of our \$25,000/year budget and, as it stands, only a fraction of the 2,300 people on our mailing list pay the annual \$6 sub fee.

So PLEASE, if you appreciate the PNL and like what we're doing, pay for the PNL and for what we do beyond it. A great way to support us is to pledge \$3 (+?) per month.

Remember, we not only report progressive news in Central New York. We make a lot of it too!!!

CORRECTION

Ed Burton's article in last month's PNL (p. 19) carried a sentence that read: "in January, 1964... ROAMA employed over 500 people". It should have read "5,000 people". Our apologies Ed.

From all of us at the
Syracuse Peace Council

Happy International Women's Day!

March 8

For details on local International Women's Day events, see p. 6



*the rising of the women
means the rising of the race*



Buffalo Mayor OK

Buffalo, NY

Re: "In the Spirit of Martin Luther King" -Manno

The upcoming rally of Nazi and anti-Nazi groups on Martin Luther King's birthday was throwing fear into the hearts of the local politicians. Newspapers, TV, and radio warned people not to show up for the rally because it (the warning) supported their previous reports of a potentially explosive gathering. The media had the public expecting a mass Nazi demonstration of regimented brown shirts toting rifles. The Nazi element turned out to be one shabbily dressed and very confused man. The media must therefore be credited with blowing the whole ordeal out of proportion.

In light of the media representation, the mayor of Buffalo, Jimmy Griffin, deemed it imperative to take a stand. By announcing a city-sponsored Martin Luther King rally, he hoped to draw apart a dangerous conflict. City officials were not trying to stop a Martin Luther King rally; merely (trying) to avoid violent confrontation with a group, the Nazis, who would not be reasoned with. I maintain that the sole reason was to avoid the anticipated violence --not "that it was a signal that it was ok to kill commies." Peace obviously was what the Buffalo government was after.

Mayor Griffin cannot be faulted for his safety precautions. He also cannot be classified as an "unemotional ... corporate thinking bigot." His one term of decisive actions has produced more uplift for the city than any mayor of recent decades.

The rally of anti-Nazism was successful and peaceful. The mass gathering proved that Western New York does not agree with the supremacist graffiti which has marred our buildings. The rally did bring a unity to our people. The unity came not so much from confronting the Nazi opponent, but from the march down the street singing praises for the man we wanted to celebrate.

David Cummings

When police endanger public safety

Syracuse, NY

My hat is off to courageous attorney Alan Rosenthal and to the Citizens United Against Police Brutality for greasing the rusty wheels of justice in the Raul Mora case.

Until they have their cases decided by the courts, Officers Richard Simone, James Casamento, Daniel Corbett and James Brown must be presumed innocent. If they are found guilty and imprisoned, I think we should visit them and also insist that they be given special protection; ex-policemen might be unpopular with other inmates.

But if they are acquitted, I am strongly of the opinion that they should not be returned to duty with the police department. My feelings are not based on guilt or innocence of the charges against them, but on competence, adherence to correct police principles, and the public safety.

The law permits a police officer to use the force necessary to effect an

arrest. The work 'necessary' means that the minimum force needed to arrest should be used. There is no room in that definition for punishment or torture.

The four policemen were all in good physical condition and experienced. They had doubtless had instruction in subduing suspects. In the Mora case they confronted one small, unarmed, middle aged man sitting uninvited in someone else's station wagon.

It should have been possible for each officer to use one-fourth of the force necessary for one officer to make the arrest. Further, faced with the overwhelming force, with no possibility of escape, and with no very serious charges against him, the suspect should have been persuaded to give up peacefully, and assured that if he did not resist he would not be hurt -- what the police call the "Golden Tongue" approach.

Mr. Mora's body was photographed and the photos showed bruises on his chest and back, and a cut on his head. These injuries, and Mr. Mora's death, would in my view have been avoided had the arresting officers stayed within the limits of correct police principles.

Since these four officers have shown themselves to be a danger to public safety rather than a protection to the public, I feel that they should be persuaded, required and helped to find other professions with other opportunities and other temptations.

I am not against the police: only against abuse of their powers. When they are properly performing their difficult, necessary and often dangerous jobs they certainly deserve our respect, our support and our friendliness.

Angus MacDonald

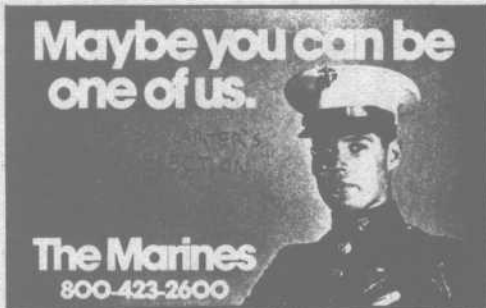
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Oops! We just caught ourselves getting carried away with our military madness headlines. Those Madison Ave. 'boys' are so insidious.

Seriously folks we of the PNL are expanding, and we need more warm bodies to become involved in a variety of ways: editorial; production; research; writing; distribution and promotion.

The PNL will shortly be sectioned, it will have a new masthead, a new table of contents, and it will organize a rally, all by itself, in your backyard! There's also a good possibility it will be typeset within six months. The relentless march of rampant technology.

SPC structural changes (see p. 10) will mean only one staff person (not 2, 3, or 4) relating in a major way to the PNL. This will necessitate (yah!) more people assuming responsibility in a more specialized way. It will also decentralize decision making (not that it's like the joint chiefs now) and help us make the paper more self-sustaining.

Quite a challenge, eh?! Now you see why we're looking for a few good people (they've taken all the best lines). There are frustrations and some long hours, but nobody's perfect. Really, it's exciting, important and enjoyable work, and the people are wonderful.

We're particularly interested in people who can make a commitment of at least a year. You need not have any experience--interest and enthusiasm are much more important. As a part of this new effort we'll be holding a training session on design and layout on Thursday April 9. Call Dik, 472-5478, for more info or to reserve your place on the 9th.

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countries of the world but not the U.S. This conspiracy of silence reflects an understanding, on the part of the established powers-that-be, that people are less likely to rebel if they are cut off from their historical roots of struggle.

On March 8th there will be an open house for women at INFO, 601 Allen Street, from 1-5 PM. The film "Union Maids" will be shown hourly.

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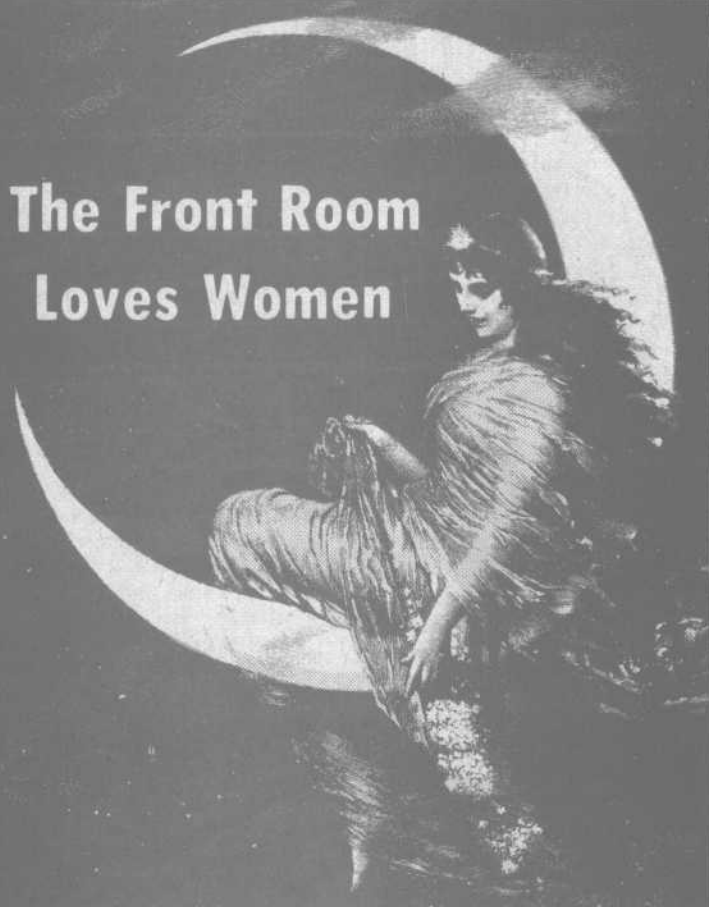
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Book Review -

For Her Own Good

Authors: Barbara Ehrenreich & Deirdre

English Anchor Books - 1979 - \$3.95

by Mary Salibrici

For Her Own Good, by Barbara Ehrenreich and Deirdre English, explains the decline and disappearance of female healing and midwifery in this country. Two central ideas emerge: the Industrial Revolution turned healing into a market commodity and therefore it couldn't remain in the hands of community wise women who took care of their neighbors for free; and, with the influence of science, experts gained control over most areas in women's lives and kept them dependent on their advice.

The agrarian home-centered economy was patriarchal, but women were valued and central providers of many skills, including spinning, weaving, soapmaking, gardening, healing, and midwifery. As the impersonal industrial system took control of cottage industries, the "woman question" arose. The factories freed women from much household drudgery but also stripped them of skills which gave them dignity. With rule by industry, what would women do? Rationalists saw them as freed from the house and able to take their place in the outside world. Romantics, however, envisioned women at the center of the only nurturing place left--the home-- even if there was no real work there. Despite valiant efforts by rational feminists like Charlotte Perkins Gilman and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, the romantic view prevailed.

Mary Salibrici is an SPC worker interested in women's issues, energy, and disarmament.

Discrediting women healers and midwives was actually pursued so as to advance the gentlemanly profession of doctoring in this country (remember how the Europeans violently eliminated wise women otherwise known as witches). "Heroic" medicine gave doctors something to sell. This consisted of drastic treatments (blood-letting and purges) often worse than the illness but producing tangible results, and many thought it an advance over the slower, more holistic methods used by female healers (extended bedside care, herbal brews).



from *Witches, Midwives, and Nurses*

Despite health reform movements of the 1830's, regular doctors prevailed and the AMA was formed in 1847. Regular doctors adopted hygienic methods, made it virtually impossible for women to attend medical school, and refused to license midwives.

By the mid-19th century, theories stating that women's normal state was to be sick guided the practice of medicine. Pregnancy was a time to be indisposed, childbirth was seen as pathological, and menopause was a terminal illness--"the death of the woman in the woman." Society ladies were as frail and ornamental as they looked on the arms of their wealthy businessman-husbands, especially with an average of 21 pounds of pressure from their tight corsets. With female healers disappearing, women had nowhere to turn but to men, hence the rise of male doctors specializing in female frailties. This, of course, did not apply to poor women who were overworked and sick but not lucrative patients.

Science became the strongest ally

for doctors in the fight against female healers. Darwin's theory of evolution shattered the traditional Christian view of the world, and the Germ Theory of Disease led to victories in professional medicine with new immunizations, antitoxins, and antibiotics. Huge sources of outside subsidization by the great robber barons helped medical schools turn into scientific laboratories, tuition was raised, and medicine became the domain of wealthy white males. Doctors had the rational field of science behind them, OB/GYN was a rapidly developing specialty, and totally medicalized childbirth was on the way. Even though a Johns Hopkins study of 1912 showed doctors less competent than midwives, it was more profitable to eliminate them.

The question of what women would do with themselves was solved by domestic science and childcare experts. Spring cleaning was replaced by daily cleaning, and in order to produce disciplined and efficient children (good for industry), childcare was turned into a full-time job. In the meantime, of course, the poor women were having more, but less obedient, children than the WASPs. As the American economy became dependent upon greater consumption, Mom was encouraged to buy more and more for her family and to allow her children to indulge. Again, the so-called experts perfectly tailored their advice to fit the needs of the economy.

By the 1960's, however, discontent with material isolation increased. For one thing, two incomes were needed to supply a family with the proper lifestyle; in 1960, thirty million women worked, 3/4 of whom were married. Economic reality was not in tune with the romantic vision at all! With sexual liberation, full-time housewifery sunk in prestige. But things hadn't really changed. Though new relationships may have looked egalitarian, women still experienced discrimination as women, still made up the bulk of subsistence wage earners, and they still were expendable in the market.

Ehrenreich and English see in feminism a return to community responsibility and connectedness, and though we may never get back to the era that "linked caring to craft", health care need not be a commodity sold on the marketplace.

Thigmo Proposes Changes in SPC Structure

Thigmo, the group of 14 SPC members charged by the steering committee with the responsibility of reforming the structure of the Peace Council, has almost finished its work. The narrative below describes the issues brought up at the SPC Retreat last fall, and what changes Thigmo is suggesting to improve decision-making, accountability and communication. **IMPORTANT!** Refer to Lois Levitan's great diagram on the right while reading each section.

ISSUE: Present Steering Committee bogged down in administration.

SOLUTION: Split Steering Committee into
1) Program and Evaluation Committee (P&E) which convenes, facilitates, provides agendas for, briefs and **LISTENS TO** Councils (see below.) Interprets and carries out Council decisions between Council meetings in accordance with guidelines and priorities (more on that below, also.) Oversees SPC programs, projects, events and spokespeople.
2) Organizational Maintenance Committee (OM) oversees administrative tasks. See Lois' diagram.

I: No stated guidelines or pre-set priorities.

S: Councils, consisting of SPC members (see new definition below) P&E, OM, staff, The Front Room, the SPC Press, representatives of program committees, the PNL editorial committee, meet for full-day or half-day every 4 months, evaluate SPC work, assess local, national, world situation, set general guidelines and priorities for SPC work, create and discuss strategies. The process to put some goals and priorities down on paper has just begun with an ad hoc committee gathering the thoughts of SPC people (Opinion Collectors are Kath Buffington and Gerry Edwards 471-6923). Once stated, these guidelines will be subject to review and changes by Council and P&E.

I: Staff overworked; no role limits of staff (so they are / everything to everybody).

S: Increase staff to at least 3: 1 to P&E, 1 to OM, 1 to PNL. Staff to agree among themselves on assignments. Recruiting, orientation, liaison are major staff jobs.

I: Internal communication.

S: P&E and OM to keep close touch informally and exchange meeting minutes. Staff to be liaison between P&E, OM, SPC Press, The Front Room, Program committees. Opportunities for interchange at Councils, Potlucks and ongoing communication with P&E and OM. One Monday Night Potluck per month will center on some feature of SPC work.

I: Recruiting and involving volunteers at all levels of commitment.

S: Staff has major responsibility to recruit and orient people who come to volunteer, but recruitment occurs naturally out of SPC committees and projects. Job book (as at the Syracuse Real Food Co-op) will help put new members to work, assimilate them into organization.

I: "Membership" nearly meaningless.

S: PNL subscribers are not automatically members. Membership to require some kind of contribution to SPC beyond PNL subscription.

I: How to determine what is an SPC event, project spokesperson, or statement?

S: SPC Committees and individuals are accountable to the Councils, P&E, OM. Ideas can be brought up at many points (councils, Potlucks, P&E meetings) but if they do not jive with SPC's stated priorities and goals, P&E has authority to say "whoa!"

--Angus MacDonald and Glenda Neff

WE WILL DISCUSS THE STRUCTURE PROPOSALS AT THE MONDAY NIGHT POTLUCK TO BE HELD MARCH 16 6:00 PM AT GRACE CHURCH (SEE P. 12). BRING FOOD, QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS!

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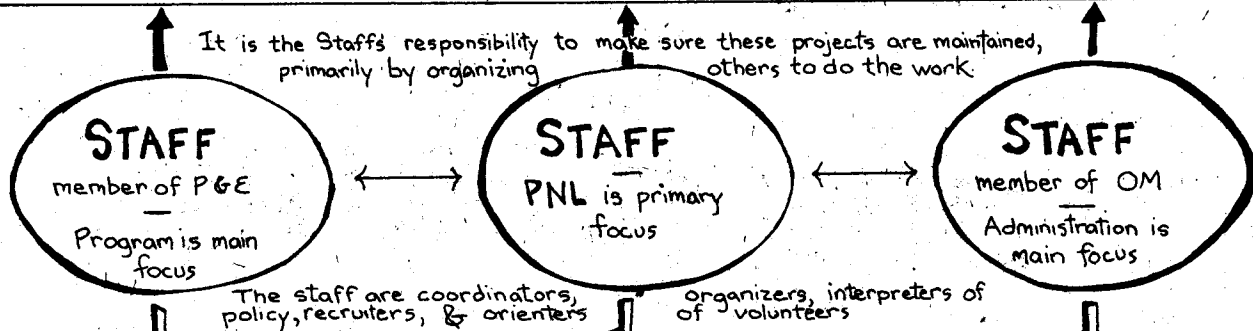
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RESOURCES SPC Should Maintain for the Progressive Community in Syracuse

- 1. Graphics facility
- 2. Library
- 3. TFR bookstore
- 4. Press
- 5. Skills transfer (eg. dealing with media, layout, etc.)
- 6. PNL (see below also)
- 7. Mailing list & contacts
- 8. Film library
- 9. Community forums
- 10. SPC House (home of many resources)
- 11. On-going political/cultural programs (eg. NVS films, Plowshare, Birthday & Annual dinners, concerts, calendar, etc.)



Program & Evaluation Committee "P&E"

1. follow SPC guidelines in making specific decisions about programs, committees & projects
2. internal education - political advisory or briefing role to staff & programs
3. liason with community groups
4. listening body for various perspectives within SPC
5. initiate programs & evaluations
6. help organize & orient program committees
7. maintain focus of SPC
8. work with OM on Staff review & hiring

PNL Editorial Committee

1. Publish Peace Newsletter
2. Required representation on council

Organizational Maintenance "OM" Committee

Responsible for SPC administration

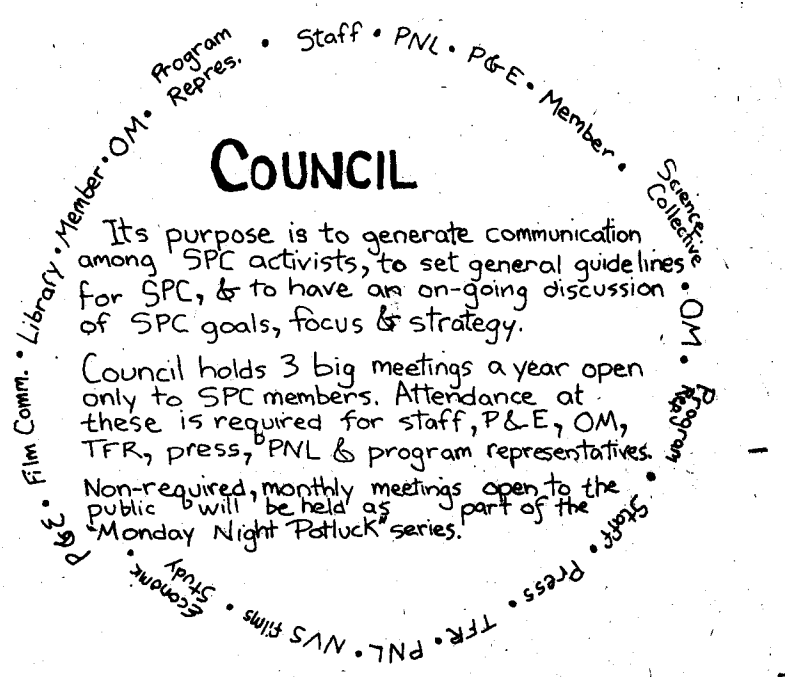
1. fund raising
2. bookkeeping
3. budget
4. office processes
5. building & equipment maintenance
6. mechanisms for recruitment & orientation (eg. ROC sheets)
7. staff review & hiring (with P&E)
8. required Council participation

OM gives P&E information on \$ for planning program

P&E gives OM input on political direction of the budget

P&E organizes, oversees & facilitates Council

P&E interprets & follows wishes of Council



2 Levels of involvement in SPC:

SPC Member - those who agree with SPC statement of purpose & who contribute to the organization in some way

PNL Subscriber - not members (members of course also receive PNL)

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MONDAY NIGHT POTLUCK DINNER



DISCUSSION SERIES

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- March 9 World Hunger** "The Longest Stride": film on the economics of world hunger
Discussion on global interdependence & the politics of food
facilitated by Doug Anderson of Church World Service/CROP
- March 16 The "Thigmo Proposal"** Model of a New Structure for SPC
Presentation of the ideas formulated by the Thigmo Committee (see PNL pages 10-11)
Facilitated by Toni Tavarone & Glenda Neff
question & answer session
- March 23 Role of Religion in Peace Council Politics**
There are those among us for whom religion is an inspiration & a vital source of guidance; for others it represents the strictures from which we are seeking liberation. How can we work together in mutual respect & support?
-- facilitated by Gloria Cox
- March 30 Militarism in Our Backyards: An Overview**
the film "War Without Winners", discussion & information on local projects
Facilitated by Kath Buffington & Jackie Schmitt
- April 6 Women Moving Against War** "If the first woman God ever made was strong enough to turn the world upside down all alone," said Sojourner Truth, "these together ought to be able to get it right side up again; & they is asking to do it." When it comes to disemboweling the US war machine, we women "is asking to do it." This will be the initial organizing meeting for women who want to move against war.
-- with Chris Murray

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The military pervades our daily lives from the recruiting billboards we see plastered throughout the inner city to the taxes levied on us to pay for an ever-growing war machine. As awareness of this destructive growth increases, people are saying "no" in many ways. In Central New York there are several active projects

Cruise Missile Project

The cruise missile is a pilotless rocket-bomb armed with a nuclear warhead 15 times as powerful as the Hiroshima bomb. Up to 20 are carried per B-52. The cruise flies at less than 250' eluding radar. Griffis Air Force Base in Rome, NY (about 50 min. drive from Syracuse) is scheduled to be one of the first four bases in the country to receive the cruise in April and a major outfitter of the B-52's. The Cruise Control Action Project (CCAP) has held vigils at the base, is exploring legal action to stop the deployment because of environmental impact, and distributes a slide show about the missile. The next event will be "All Roads Lead to Rome" on April 12. Contact Bob Staley-Mays (475-4822).

Draft Resistance

Under current law, all males born after 1962 must register with the Selective Service System within 30 days of their 18th birthday. This is the first step towards reviving the draft. Several groups in Syracuse are working at stopping a draft and defeating registration.

Upstate Resistance continues to provide a support network for young men refusing to register as well as information and resources for those considering or urging non-registration. Contact UR for a list of available materials, including a new leaflet for high school students.

American Friends Service Committee (475-4822) and the Syracuse Peace Council are working against reinstatement of a draft. The Syracuse Draft Counseling Center (471-6677) provides counseling and information about options.

Nuclear Freeze

Based on the precedent of the 1958-61 nuclear weapon test moratorium, a national group of endorsers is calling for a halt to the nuclear arms race:

The United States and the Soviet Union should immediately and jointly stop the nuclear arms race. Specifically, they should adopt an immediate, mutual freeze on all further testing, production and deployment of nuclear weapons and of missiles and new aircraft designed primarily to deliver nuclear weapons.

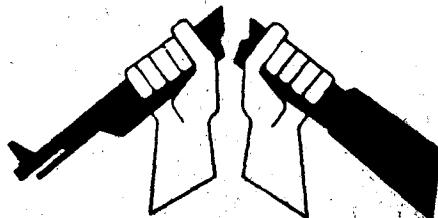
In Syracuse, a kickoff was held February 27. The kickoff begins an educational process that will bring about a fundamental change in the thinking of people about world peace and the arms race. It's hoped that the change will lead them not only to endorse the moratorium but actively work for it. For a copy of the Call to Halt the Arms Race or more information, call Marty Bartlett (458-6266).

SCPWN

Syracuse Citizens for the Prevention of Nuclear War is a study/action group meeting twice a month. Each meeting consists of an organizing session (when upcoming activities are planned) and a study session (when a particular issue is studied and discussed). For meeting dates, call 471-6923.

Syr. Citizens is working with the Ad hoc Faculty-Student Committee on the Nuclear Arms Race and the Challenges of Making Peace. The Committee is sponsoring a public forum on the arms race. The final four sessions are:

- 3/3 Nuclear Weapons Systems and Strategic Doctrines
 - 3/17 The Consequences of Nuclear War
 - 3/31 Working to Reverse the Arms Race
 - 4/13 Creating a Sane Society
- Call 423-2062 or 423-3870 for times and locations.



El Salvador

The time to act on El Salvador is now. The US intervention has escalated week by week and the government campaign to prepare the US people for a military action is making front page headlines.

Nationwide organizing for more than one year has focused on four objectives:

- bringing public pressure to end US military aid (lobbying, direct action)
- public education on the true condition of the Salvadorean people and their struggle.
- fund raising for victims of the violence.
- building support among labor, church, and other concerned groups.

In Central NY, the Friends of Central America United in Support (FOCUS) has a series of actions planned for March. WE NEED YOU TO JOIN IN THESE ACTIONS!!!!

- A rally on Friday, March 6, beginning at noon and marching to the Federal Building. Contact: Mary Keough, 476-0048.
- A benefit dinner on March 15 at the Westcott Cafe. \$3 for adults, \$1.75 for children. Contact: Jan Kallet, 472-0071.
- A memorial service for martyred Archbishop Oscar Romero, on the first anniversary of his assassination. March 24, Plymouth Congregational Church, 12:15 PM. Contact Sr. Barbara Ginter, 469-7312.
- An upstate conference on Latin America to be held at SUNY Cortland on March 27 & 28. See calendar. Contact: Steve Soiffer 607/753-2724

Letter writing and visits to legislators is still critical. HR 1509, a bill to end the military aid, now has 46 co-sponsors in Congress. To lobby or for more info call John Janitz, 446-3604.

Volunteers are needed for leafletting and other forms of public education. Call Martha Swan, 475-0320.

For more background on El Salvador see the PNLs of Feb., March, May, Sept., and October, 1980, and Feb. 1981

Contact the group in your area to get involved:

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FOCUS	Syracuse	315/423-4932
CISPES	Albany	518/463-4411
(Liz Nolan)		
HOLA	Rochester	716/473-3183
Cortland Peace Council		
(Steve Soiffer)		607/753-2724

For America: An Ominous Precedent

by Lisa Johns

The cheering and flag-waving, the parades and the obsessive media coverage have finally subsided, and one can venture to speculate, out loud, on the meaning of the remarkable outpouring of public feeling that attended the American hostages' return from Teheran. It has been an odd experience, sharing almost none of the emotion, skeptically perceiving an unsound, surreal quality in the whole thing, and reflecting on how it is that large segments of the American public have come to identify so unquestioningly with the fate of the Embassy hostages.

Late in January, the week the hostages were released, an Iranian student from Oswego appeared as a guest on a Syracuse radio talk show. A woman listener phoned in to make a lengthy criticism of the Iranian government's actions against the American people. The student several times responded to her by suggesting that the actions were not aimed at the American people, but rather at the US government, over whose policies citizens have little effective control. "No," the woman insisted again and again. "I really feel as if the American people have been held hostage too."

Media Inflation

Where has this feeling come from, not just for one woman, but clearly for many millions of Americans? It can only have come from the American media's inflation of the situation to the proportions of a national drama in which Americans watching nightly on TV couldn't help but become participants.

I feel required here to explain my own reasons for rejecting the media treatment of the story, because it is so clearly a minority opinion. Yet

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The Hostage Crisis in Conclusion:

to do so is to run up against the obstacles which have made this such a frustrating issue for the Left. One can point out that the Embassy workers were, in fact, representing the repressive US government policies in Iran. One can note that during the regime of the Shah, the Teheran Embassy had become the CIA's headquarters in the Middle East. One can further mention the fact that President Carter briefly but seriously considered a forceful attempt at preventing the Ayatollah Khomeini from taking power early in 1979. Surely US Embassy personnel would have been enlisted in this endeavor. These hostages were not the innocent American heroes of a simpler time. At best they were careerists "following orders," serving a government that maintained an unswerving allegiance to the corrupt and brutal Pahlavi regime up to the very end. And at worst, it seems likely that there were at least a few--perhaps three or four--real CIA types in the bunch. One can also mention that no hostage life was lost, while under the American-backed Shah, Iranians numbering in the hundreds of thousands were jailed, tortured, and often murdered.

But none of it matters. To say all this is to invite outrage from most American listeners, and to come off sounding untrustworthy and disloyal. So one must laboriously stop to explain that one does not advocate hostage-taking. And agree that Yes, it is true that the Khomeini leadership too has proved to be repressive, corrupt and incompetent. And one must hear out the anger at the fact that the hostages evidently were seriously mistreated in captivity. And in the process, one has lost sight of--and responsibility for--twenty-five years of iniquitous history.

In point of fact, a pivotal dimension of the conflict has been its one-dimensionality, the absence of any

understanding whatever of what the Iranian viewpoint might be, so that the American public has created and then reacted against caricatures of religious fanatics and terrorist revolutionaries by way of explaining the unfolding events in Iran. Nowhere



is the remotest comprehension of the weakness and desperation back of some of Teheran's irrationality and inconsistency, or of the economic and social wreckage from which Iranians are struggling to recover. Americans see themselves as the ones with the only real grievance.

It is a bitter experience, yet one must continue to insist that none of it need ever have happened, and insist precisely because it is so little understood. There is a very serious danger, I believe, that the American public, having "learned" to equate revolution with dangerous fanaticism, may now be willing to acquiesce in preventing "another Iran" should the US government wish to intervene in other areas of unrest in our increasingly volatile world. Yet Jimmy Carter could have brought an early end to the crisis, had he been willing to negotiate with revolutionary Iran in fairness and good faith. But instead he would yield nothing--yet one more instance of an America willing to preserve at any cost its predominance in a world that is inexorably slipping out of its grasp. It has been an ignoble experience, and it is one we may soon see repeated.

For Iran: Bargaining a Stolen Revolution

Two Perspectives

by Soroush

February 11, 1979, was for many Iranians a day of joy and celebration. In 1981, however, hundreds of questions have clouded the second anniversary of the Iranian revolution and the promised sunny future. Hopes are unfulfilled, the unity behind the revolution has lessened, and mistrust of the leadership has increased. Even if many Iranians have still been willing to defend their country during the destructive Iran-Iraq war, and even if they agree to tolerate economic hardship, it is hard to ignore the growing certainty that oppression is back and that religious fascism is extending itself.

Religious faith and the eagerness to accept any alternative to the Shah's dictatorship made a religious leadership an easy alternative to any other political system. After two years, results of this choice, however freely taken or imposed, do not offer much promise to many Iranians. Many are beginning to admit that the Iranian unfinished revolution is already a "stolen revolution." Fascist right wing clerics are the thieves.

Summary executions are still numerous. The victims are not only the collaborators within the former Shah's regime, but the participants of ethnic autonomy movements, social deviants (according to Islamic code), and new found opponents of the clerical regime as well. A new internal security apparatus (SAVAMA) has become as frightening as the Shah's SAVAK. Liberals and leftists are becoming a new target. Women's rights are being ignored, denied, and suppressed. The religious minorities are finding themselves in a more dangerous and hostile environment than ever before.

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Acknowledging the growing tension and general dissatisfaction, Iran's post-revolutionary leadership has always tried to use any occasion and means for propaganda for the present leadership to maintain the facade of unity behind the revolution.

The hostage-taking

The take over of the American embassy on November 4, 1978, was an isolated incident the emotional roots of which have been growing for a long time. Anger over past US wrongs arose with sensitivity towards any future threat or insult to the purity of the revolution. Desperate fear of the linkage between the Shah and the US administration was as common as suspicions of US desire for changes in Iran's revolution. Admitting the Shah to the US and shortly thereafter, the meeting of Iran's P.M. Bazargan and foreign minister Yazdi with Brzezinski in Algiers caused the radicals to conclude that Iran's revolution was in danger and Bazargan's government is incapable and unwilling to do anything. The endorsement of the hostage-taking by Khomeini accelerated the power struggle which brought about the resignation of the Bazargan government and the rise of the religious radicals.

The clerics, however, did not accept the responsibility for the hostage taking, but they supported the militant students and arranged a political campaign to take full advantage of the popular anti-Shah/anti-American sentiments. At the same time that the militant students claimed themselves as the voice of the majority, clerics organized themselves to play a leading role, using the opportunity to turn the American embassy into a showcase for their political aims and a battleground on which to fight their opponents. They worked to unite and organize angry protestors to reinforce the clerics' leadership.

Taking the hostages did not work as an effective means for Iran to express its grievances on an international level. Although the hostage

issue was effective to internally mobilize Iranian masses, world reactions were negative. Even in Iran the hostage issue eventually lost its original political significance. In the long run, many Iranians began to question its effectiveness and possible disadvantages. The number of protestors in front of the American embassy decreased. Major political groups including Fedayi and Mojahedin found that they were alienated from any relevant political decision making. President Bani Sadr's lack of authority became known, internal conflict between ruling elites surfaced, and Iranians began to recognize the damage from political isolation in the world and decreasing sympathy for Iran's revolution.

Recognizing that Iran could not attain its original demands, the officials decided to step back and accept the possibility of a negotiated deal.

Despite the government's propaganda within Iran, the final deal was received by Iranians with little enthusiasm. The deal was called the lost bargain, a green light to the imperialist world, and an act of collusion with the nation's enemies. Although Iranians were relieved that the crisis was over, they seemed to recognize that the deal was not a step forward for Iran. In the final deal, all Iran received was a US promise to return a portion of the frozen assets and an easy promise of future political non-interference.

For Iranians, however, the major concern is not the bargaining and the percentage of the assets they will get back, but their already "stolen" revolution. Inappropriate decision-making, internal power struggles, right-wing dictatorship and the move toward dangerously oppressive regimes, as well as the future of Iran's independence and survival in the international community are the real issues of concern.

Reagan's Mistaken Korea Policy

by Maud & David Easter

Days after taking office, Ronald Reagan rolled out the red carpet for none other than Chun Doo Hwan, President of South Korea, a man known as "the butcher" in his own country. This visit, much coveted by Seoul's status-conscious military government, signalled Reagan's desire to follow, with a vengeance, the same disastrous Korean policy pursued by Jimmy Carter.

Twenty eight years after the Korean War, the US continues to keep 42,000 soldiers in South Korea, the only foreign troops on the peninsula. In 1979 and 1980 the Carter administration averaged \$1.7 billion a year in military and economic aid to the repressive Seoul government. Reagan has pledged continued US troop support and increased aid, including an offer of sophisticated warplanes not possessed by North Korea, which will accelerate the arms race on the peninsula.

US policy toward North Korea became stuck in the 1950's Cold War. North Korea and the PLO are the only major bodies in the world with which the US refuses to talk. The temporary armistice of the Korean War has never been converted into a peace agreement. Ignorance of each other's societies has fed hostilities between Pyongyang and Washington. The US has consistently refused North Koreans visas to visit the US and forbids US trade with Pyongyang. Luckily, Reagan has not yet made public pronouncements on these issues since he of course has the opportunity, like Nixon in China, to open up communications, decreasing the

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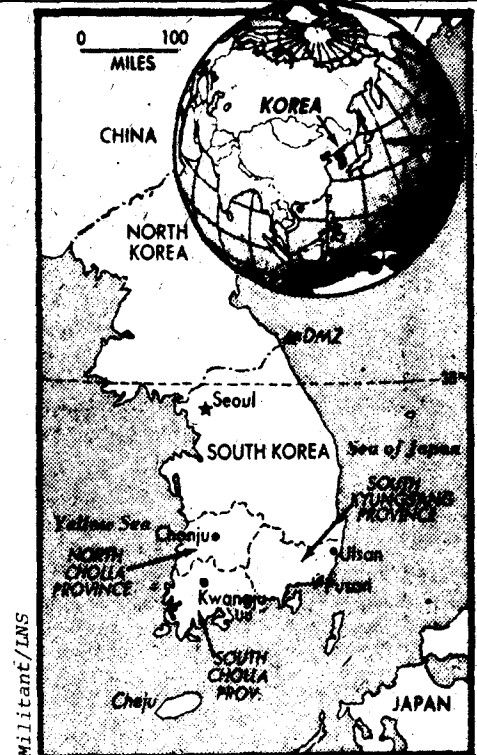
chance of military conflict in the area.

The popular press has made much of the contrast between Reagan's Korea policy and the human rights emphasis of Carter. In fact, however early in the Carter administration it was announced that US military and economic interests would have priority over concern about human rights violations in South Korea. Carter's lectures were actually camouflage behind which aid essential to repression kept flowing. Carter's so-called human rights policy failed in Korea not because it was too strong but because it was too weak.

South Korean Repression

General Chun came to power through a military coup. Observers agree that indirect elections planned for March, in an attempt to legitimize his rule, are rigged so Chun can't lose. Over 30,000 persons have been arrested since last May. Torture continues and five face the death sentence. More than 500 politicians, including 210 of the 231 member National Assembly, have been banned from all political activities. Four hundred journalists have been fired and press censorship is rigid. Eight thousand bureaucrats, many seen as too sympathetic to democracy, have been purged from office. Fifty percent inflation and a negative growth rate in 1980 undercut previous claims to an economic miracle. The World Bank describes the faltering economy as needing basic structural changes. Chun's hold on power is precarious, even with US support.

There is an alternative to Chun. During the first half of 1980, following the assassination of the previous strongman ruler, there was a relative thaw. Politicians crisscrossed the country, even the most conservative were forced by public pressure to call for democratic elections. By May, journalists had decided to refuse to submit articles for censorship. Over 100,000 students, from 80 plus campuses in the country, held essentially non-violent demonstrations demand-



ing an end to martial law. Workers took collective action in unprecedented numbers, demanding not only livable wages, but also democratic control of their unions. The desire for responsive, elected officials is not surprising in a country where the economy has left 75% of all workers earning less than the amount the government itself says is necessary to support an average family, and where the government's social service budget is one of the lowest in the world. Intellectuals, farmers, workers and church leaders are all active in the movement for political and economic changes. As a Seoul activist told us in July 1980, "The military's hour is short. We will be heard again."

U.S. Interests

It is clearly not in the US's interest to continue intervention on the side of Chun. Carter's embrace of the unpopular Shah of Iran came back to haunt Americans. Already families of Korean political prisoners have warned that "People today openly discuss the possibility of occupying the US Embassy and taking officials hostage." If the arms of Reagan and Chun remain entwined, these sentiments will only increase.

Nor is it in Washington's interest to continue noncommunication with North Korea. The fifth and sixth largest armies in the world face each other across a narrow demilitarized

zone in Korea. As is almost inevitable, both sides cite a litany of border intrusions. Analysts agree that the military might of the North and the South is essentially equivalent, not even counting US troop presence. Any incident could easily explode in to a major military confrontation involving US GI's. In Korea, registration could turn into the reality of a draft.

Hope For Peace

There is a real possibility for peace on the peninsula. Korea's history as a unified country goes back 1200 years before it was divided by the US and Russia in 1945. Korea has one ethnic group, one language and one culture. Koreans are strongly nationalistic. Every Korean we have ever met, in both South and North Korea, has expressed a desire that the country be put back together again. In March of 1980 a newspaper poll indicated that 81.5% of South Koreans favored progress toward reunification and this sentiment appears widespread in the North as well. None deny that recombination of the peninsula would be difficult, with a communist government and a socialist



Korean President Chon Du Hwan and President Ronald Reagan

economy in the North and a military government and capitalist economy in the South. On the one hand, free press and speech are allowed in neither society, but are seen as critically important by the South Korean popular opposition movement. On the other hand, North Koreans would be reluctant to give up the social and economic securities which are greater than most enjoy in the South. However, both the democratic opposition in the South and the government of the North have proposed step by step negotiation processes to begin to resolve differences. It is the US - supported military government in the South which has the greatest vested interest in prevent-

ing the lowering of tensions.

In recent months North Korea has sent a series of signals that it wants to improve relations with the US. Stephen Solarz, the new Chair of the House committee on Asian and Pacific Affairs, was invited to Pyongyang in August. Our American Friends Service Committee delegation was the first US public affairs organization to visit. In September, Pyongyang startled observers by announcing that if a peace treaty could be signed with the US, it would end its defense treaties with the Soviet Union and its close ally China. Hyun Jun Gook, chief North/South negotiator, told us, "We do not plan on generation after generation of hatred just because we fought the US in the past. Yesterday is yesterday and today is today."

The Corporations and the Pentagon

So who has been supporting the current misguided US policy toward Korea? The Pentagon has welcomed cheap bases in South Korea, a foothold on the Asian mainland, the rapid military advancement available in a "danger zone" and a bonanza of arms

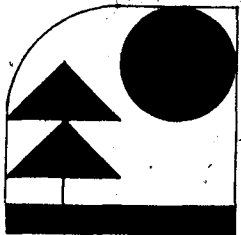
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sales. The Pentagon needs a friendly and dependent government in Seoul in order to enjoy these advantages.

In addition, more than 2,000 US corporations do business in South Korea. General Motors, Motorola, Control Data and Dow Chemical are among the beneficiaries of a political situation in which low paid wages, the longest working hours in the world, and tax privileges for foreign companies cannot be challenged. At the three Radio Shack factories we visited, the manager bragged that he didn't allow a union. Strikes are illegal.

Westinghouse has a particular stake in keeping a friendly government in power. South Korea has plans to build over 40 nuclear reactors in the next 20 years.



Maud Easter

Westinghouse's Nuclear Power Plants in South Korea

Westinghouse already has sold six of the nine so far contracted. With no new reactor sales in the US in recent years, Westinghouse is using third world markets to stay in the nuclear business. The Congressionally controlled US Export-Import Bank has conveniently supplied 85% of the loans needed. In South Korea, where neither the danger nor the expense of nuclear power can be debated, people have begged us to get American nuclear activists to stop this funding.

Unfortunately, many ears in the Reagan administration appear well-tuned to corporate and Pentagon voices. We shall have to make our demands loud. PNL readers can help by writing Congresspeople and Reagan urging the US to:

- End all US economic and military aid to South Korea, including Export-Import Bank loans
- Begin withdrawal of US troops
- Get to know the democratic opposition in South Korea
- Begin direct dialog with North Korea.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

The State Conference • P.O. Box 92 • Syracuse, New York 13201
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"Invasion of the Street People"

by Henry Nicoletta

For years, the homeless alcoholics of Syracuse lived, suffered, and died in near total obscurity. Traditional agencies like the Rescue Mission and Salvation Army offered rehabilitation work programs while Catholic Worker-inspired efforts like Unity Acres and Unity Kitchen gave food and shelter with no strings attached. But except for an occasional human interest article (Thanksgiving dinner at the Mission was a yearly item) the media and the public showed little interest in "Skid Row" matters.

All that has changed. The bums and winos of yesteryear are now "marginal people", the "disaffiliated" and more popularly, "street people". Indeed, a year or so ago the downtown business community discovered that it even had a street people problem. Drunken panhandlers were mouthing obscenities at elderly shoppers, schizoid prophets were holding alternative services at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, and wild eyed and whirling young men were disrupting the spring lunchtimes of secretaries at Columbus Circle. The street people were ruining downtown.

In spite of surveys showing that a variety of other problems were primarily responsible for declining business fortunes downtown, merchants and irate citizens demanded a solution to the street people problem. Editorials exhorted, letter writers fumed, and politicians promised. Dozens of articles were written and TV cameras homed in on dishevelled inebriates passed out in doorways.

The inevitable result? "God so loved the world that He did not send a committee". County legislator Jim Tormey ignored this wisdom and set up the Street People Commission last July.

First, the Commission struggled to define "street people". Who are they? How many are there? Neither question was ever answered. It was agreed that the alcoholics had been joined by mentally ill people but the backgrounds and numbers of the latter proved elusive. Were they deinstitutionalized patients

and hence, perhaps, the responsibility of the State? Or were they chronic mental health consumers in and out of Hutchings? Hutchings personnel objected to the notion that many of their ex-patients were street people. And if some of them were, well they were incorrigibles who wouldn't take their thiazine.

And why had the street people become so visible? Had the elimination of public intoxication penalties in 1975 emboldened them? The Mission had run an Operation Big Foot street patrol for two summers that had won the approval of the businessmen. The patrol's duty was to chase anyone resembling a street person away from Columbus Circle and pester them to sleep it off at the Mission. The Mission's Clarence Jordan (a Commission member) said that the program was cancelled in part because the street men had increasingly refused to cooperate, confident that police would not arrest them nor judges sentence them. Fortunately the street people had not rebelled to the point of demanding a commission of their own to investigate harassment by the not always gentle men in white of Operation Big Foot.

Eventually the Commission divided into warring factions. One side felt

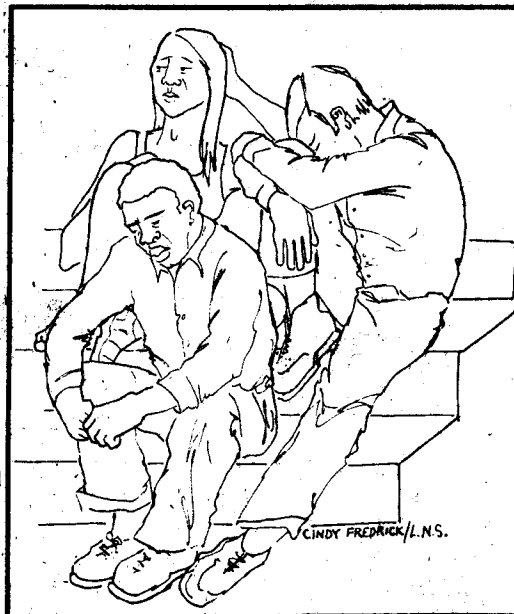
that the needs of the street people were not being met and that a daytime drop-in center would be a partial answer. The other side replied that existing services were adequate. They claimed that the Commission's task was to find a way to incarcerate those rowdy panhandlers who were scaring shoppers away from downtown.

Jim Tormey favored the second point of view. He expressed contempt for those "nonproducers" whose "repugnant life styles" offended his producing constituents. He announced that unrepentant street people should leave town, or be jailed. (Prophets and civil libertarians need not be alarmed since the Commission could not find a viable, cost-effective way of sentencing street people to mandatory treatment.)

Months of wrangling produced a report that recommended the drop-in center approach but a strong minority dissent rendered that suggestion worthless. After a short life in the Health and Ways and Means Committees, the drop-in center was rejected. This relieved the fears of the Rescue Mission, which sternly opposed a program that would make life "too easy" for street alcoholics, and legitimize an approach other than their own.

However, the furor did inspire more involvement by the religious community downtown with the problems of these very vulnerable people. It also spurred the creation of a night shelter for women, Dorothy House (named after Dorothy Day of the Catholic Worker).

One factor ignored in all these deliberations was that many of the people who eat at Unity Kitchen or sleep at Oxford Street Night Shelter or the Mission have problems not directly related to alcoholism or mental illness. Unskilled and underemployed inner city denizens, disaffected and troubled young people, and lonely men scratching out survival by working day labor, are also among those who spend their Sundays tramping the streets or sitting in hospital lobbies. With the triumph of Reaganomics, the ranks of the street people can only grow.



Henry Nicoletta works at the Oxford Inn Night Shelter for homeless men.



WOMEN'S PENTAGON ACTION

A *Washington Post* columnist compared it to the witch-burnings in New England. He was assailing the courts' outrageous treatment of 34 women arrested during the non-violent civil disobedience stage of the Women's Pentagon Action on Nov. 17, 1980. (Altogether 140 women were arrested for blocking entrances.) Shackled in chains at the wrists, feet, and waists, they spent the night in unheated buses. They were not unchained until their arrival the next morning at a federal prison in West Virginia. These tactics of intimidation seemed particularly aimed at the uppity women of the growing feminist/anti-militarist movement. Instead, the shock turned to anger, and the prison experience politicized women even further.

The Syracuse committee, as well as the Washington "defense committee", need money to pay off debts. Any contributions are appreciated, and can be sent to SPC. A local meeting on Thursday, March 19, will discuss future women against militarism events; call SPC for details.

NUCLEAR WASTE TRANSPORT VICTORY

On Feb. 2, 1981, the Syracuse Common Council passed a resolution requesting authority from Albany to ban the transport of high-level nuclear waste through the city. The resolution, introduced by councilor Nancy Lorraine Hoffmann, passed by a 5-4 margin.

In casting his vote in support of the measure, councilor James Tormey noted that he was swayed by the calls he received favoring the resolution. The councilors were lobbied heavily by SPC's energy legislation phone network.

If you would like to take part in SPC's future activities to influ-

ence energy legislation, call Diane or Peter Swords: 479-5658.

LONG ISLAND HARASSMENT

A lawsuit by the Long Island Lighting Co. (LILCO) against the SHAD (anti-nuclear) Alliance is signalling a new trend in utility strategy and an ominous threat to civil liberties.

LILCO is seeking to recover \$2 million in lost construction time and extra security fees at their Shoreham nuclear plant (under construction) -- which they allege they lost as a result of a series of mass actions against the plant. They are also seeking a permanent injunction against future actions at the plant site.

The really frightening aspect of this case is that LILCO has litigated against individual organizers and has received a court order demanding that the organizers name the names of others in the movement, where meetings are held, information on personal finances, etc.

The defendants are maintaining a closed mouth in the face of contempt of court charges.

If you are as outraged as we are at this activity, support this case. Joe McCarthy won't thank you. Generations of activists will.

Send contributions to: SHAD-et-al Defense Fund, 333 Terry Road, Smithtown, N.Y. 11787

STOP THE SOLAR ECLIPSE I

A modest but important step to bringing in the solar age, begun in the Carter Administration, is about to be wiped out by the Reagan Administration.

The Solar Energy & Energy Conservation Bank is designed to subsidize loans for solar and conservation investments. The bank emphasizes help for low and moderate income people.

David Stockman, the director of the Office of Management and Budget, has recommended rescinding the \$121 million 1981 appropriation for the bank.

The bank could be saved with an outpouring of letters to representatives. (Your senator)-U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510 (Your representative)-U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515

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Potemkin at 7:30, 10:30pm
Ten Days at 8:45 only

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Women's Films in Honor of International Women's Day (3/8)

GERTRUDE STEIN: WHEN THIS YOU SEE REMEMBER ME (1970)
 Rosie the Riveter (1980)

shown first, Syracuse premiere
FRIDAY, MARCH 13 7, 9:30pm
 at ECOH

This biography discusses Gertrude Stein's poetry, her influence on artists and writers like Picasso and Hemingway, and her relationship with Alice B. Toklas.

"Rosie the Riveter" chronicles the experiences of newly-employed women workers during WWII. "...the best documentary on working women I have seen." - Molly Haskell, *Ms. Magazine*.

THE PRODUCERS

Mel Brooks, 1968

Early Popeye & Superman cartoons
FRIDAY, MARCH 20 7, 9, 11pm

Gene Wilder and Zero Mostel at their zany best in this classic comedy about a play called "Springtime for Hitler".

DISTANT THUNDER (India)

Satyajit Ray, 1973

FRIDAY, MARCH 27 7:30, 9:30pm

India's best-known filmmaker gives a

simple, personal, and tragic account of a man-made famine which affects the inhabitants of a small Bengali village.

SMALL CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Rob Cohen, 1980

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 7:30, 9:30pm

One of 1980's best films tells the story of three students affected by the college radicalism and sexual revolution of the Sixties. "Thoughtful, reflective, and honest" (*New Times*).

PORTRAIT OF THERESA (Cuba)

Pastor Vega, 1979

FRIDAY, APRIL 10 7:30, 9:30pm

Syracuse premiere of a major film from Cuba. A harried young mother and textile worker confronts her husband's double standard in a dramatic portrayal of sexual politics that transcends national and class boundaries.

NORTHERN LIGHTS

Rob Nilsson and John Hanson, 1978

THE WILLMAR 8 (shown first)

Lee Grant, 1980

FRIDAY, APRIL 17 7, 9:30pm

Syracuse premiere of a film about the Non Partisan League, a populist farmers' movement, from a personal side. "Engaging, good entertainment" (*In These Times*). "The Willmar 8" is about eight women bank employees who go out on strike. Their struggle, in the words of Jane Fonda, "is the real story behind the film 'Nine to Five'". Music by Peter, Paul, and Mary.

WOMEN IN LOVE

Ken Russell, 1970

FRIDAY, APRIL 24 7, 9:30pm

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ROSIE THE RIVETER March 13.

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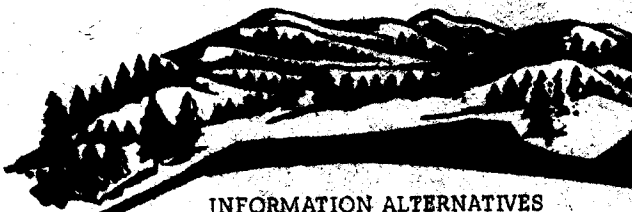
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RADIOACTIVE SMOKE DETECTORS Public Citizen's Health Resource Group reports that ionization smoke detectors contain the highly toxic radioactive americium and pose serious potential health hazards. They note photo-electric smoke detectors are safe, effective option. Info:Health Research Group, 2000P St. NW, Wash. DC 20036. (202)872-0320, or call 475-0062.

Literation News Service (now 13 years old) is in serious financial trouble. LNS, published 3times/mo., is a major and critically important leftist source of news, graphics and photos. The PNL is a longtime subscriber. They need to raise \$10,000 by mid March. Send money to: LNS 17 West 17th St. 8th Floor, NYC 10011.

TUESDAYS 6-8pm. Vegetarian dinners at Westcott Café. \$2.50.

Are you going to an event you think The Front Room Bookstore and the Syracuse Peace Council should be represented at? We'll pack the box if you'll take it. We'll love you for it. Call Carol at SPC 472-5478.

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People needed to organize the new SPG Potluck & Discussion series. Call Lois at 478-2998.

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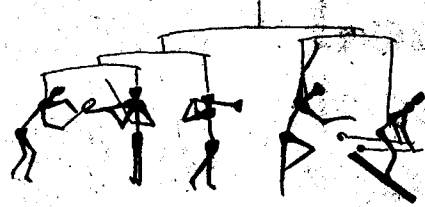
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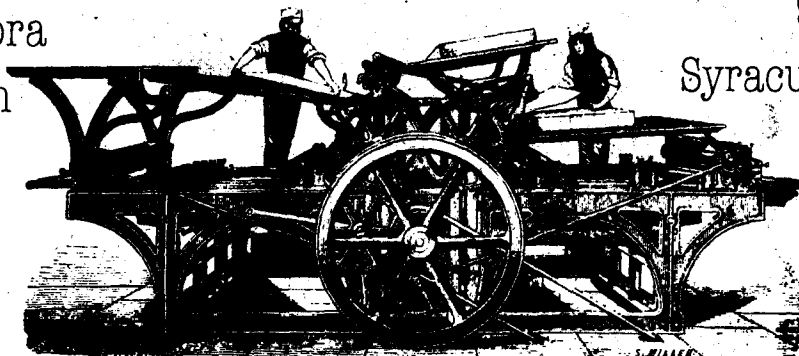
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El Salvador Benefit
see below

Music at the Westcott Café
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? & Answer Session
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Friends of Mental Patients
Alliance meeting
Plymouth Church - 1st & 3rd Sun.

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Music at the Westcott Café
9 pm - \$1

Three Mile Island 1979

SPC Potluck 23

Role of Religion in SPC
Politics - see p. 12

PNL production day
learn lay-out & paste-up
Syracuse Birth Group
class - 7:30 - info call:
422-7791

SPC Potluck 30
Militarism in our
Backyard - see p. 12

Citizens Against Police
Brutality meeting 7:30pm
633 - S. Warren

Latin America Agenda
Meeting every Tuesday
Hendricks Chapel - 7:30

Deadline for April PNL
space requests

Public Forum on the
Consequences of Nuclear
War - Maxwell Aud 7 pm

Greater Syracuse NOW
meeting - 8 pm - May
Memorial Church

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Cruise Missile slide
show - Rm 29 - Shaw Hall
11:40 - info: 475-4822

El Salvador - see below

PNL production day &
night

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Public Forum on Working
to Reverse the Arms Race
Maxwell Aud - SU - 7 pm

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Upstate Peace Network
meeting - 11 am AFSC

Cruise Missile Action
Project Steering Comm
meeting - 6 pm - AFSC

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info: 472-5478 Carol or
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Women's Show
for women only - see p. 6
Battleship Potemkin
7:30 & 10:30 at ECOH

El Salvador - see below
"Repeating the 60's"
a discussion - 7:30 pm
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Rosie the Riveter
Gertrude Stein
7 pm, 9:30 pm at ECOH

"Lost Links: Women,
Work and Quality of
Life" - conference at
Keuka College. info:
Glenda 472-5478

SPRING EQUINOX 20

The Producers

and
Barly Popeye & Superman
Cartoons - \$1.50
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and Calendar deadline

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Holly Near
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Upstate Latin America
Conference - 6pm
ends Sat. see below

Distant Thunder
7:30 & 9:30 Grant Aud
\$1.50

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Women's Show
Summer School - 8:15 pm

Pancake Breakfast
Erwin Church - corner Euclid
and Westcott 8:30 am
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Childrens' Films
2:30 pm every Saturday
Petit Library 473-2636

Henrie Bros String Band
8 pm - MHMH Oswego - \$3

WOMEN'S HEALTH II
Taking Charge of Our Bodies
workshop day at INFO
9-5 pm 478-4636

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LETTERS

Farewell, Sue Reinert

This letter is on behalf of all our readers who marvel how the Peace Newsletter just keeps getting better and better, year after year. For pushing the PNL's level of political reporting higher and higher have been the frequent contributions of Sue Reinert over the last half-dozen years. Now Sue has decided to move from Oswego to Boston.

Sue Reinert's work is painstaking, thorough and reflects her extraordinary sense of fairness. She has not been merely a chronicler of the nuclear industry in central New York; she is a remarkably skilled investigative reporter whose meticulous research ferrets out any bit of corporate irresponsibility.

Sue firmly believed that the anti-nuclear movement needed to become technically expert; so she did. Perhaps more than anyone else, she is the resource person on Oswego's 9-Mile nuclear reactors. She also firmly believes in sharing her technical knowledge, the results of her research and her 'scoops'. She has continually monitored and challenged Ni-Mo, PASNY, the NRC, et al, to insure that any danger or wrongdoing they inflicted on the public would be exposed.

Inexhaustible, Sue did not limit her energies to confronting the nuclear industry. Indeed, she gave new meaning to chemical warfare in her uncovering the chemical dumping in Oswego county.

Now fortunately, we understand that the Movement is larger than Oswego, than Syracuse, and even than Boston. So we're not lamenting that Sue is leaving 'us'. We're saying goodbye with all our best wishes for her fulfillment -- all with a knowing grin that Boston will never be the same again.

With love,
Chris Murray and William Sunderlin
for SPC



Where's SPC?

Old Forge, NY.

For the past several years I have been a member of the Syracuse Peace Council.

Something is bothering me and I'd like to share my concerns with SPC readers.

My concern is the lack of support by the SPC of the Cruise Control Action Project which is sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee. The project's goal is to stop the deployment of first strike nuclear cruise missiles at nearby Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome, NY.

For the last two years, a group of about 25-50 people has been vigiling monthly at the Base, witnessing against the deployment of the first strike Cruise Missile. Only a few SPC members have taken part in these demonstrations.

What I can't understand is that a busload of SPC members traveled to Seabrook, NH to protest the construction of the nuclear power plant there; a busload of women, many of them SPC members, traveled all the way to Washington to participate in the Women's Pentagon Action, and yet although SPC members travel long distances to participate in peace demonstrations elsewhere, there has not been a busload of SPC members at the Griffiss vigils. Why not? I read more and more that the peace movement has to be a grassroots one in order to succeed.

I do hope that many, many members of the Council will travel the comparatively short distance from Syracuse to Rome on Sunday, April 12 to take part in the Anti-Cruise Rally planned for that day.

Each August, SPC has a commemorative service on Hiroshima Day. The Pentagon plans to build 3,400 Cruise missiles with the destructive power 51,000 times that of the Hiroshima bomb.

Perhaps the SPC members can attend the April 12 rally in memory of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki victims. In peace and struggle.
Never give up.

Cynthia Banas

This letter prompted the article which appears on p. 6 of this issue.
- PNL ed.

Right on!

Richmond, VA

My husband and I have decided, in light of our country's war-like stance in El Salvador and elsewhere, and its marked lack of commitment to human need, to become war tax resisters to the degree we feel capable.

Please send us a dozen copies of the form concerning the federal telephone excise tax. If you can spare more than this, we will be able to share some with others.

And please keep all of us beginners in your prayers.

Jean Adams & Paul Regan

Consumers' Action

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I recently was informed that your firm contributed \$5000 to support the continuance of nuclear power in Maine.

In light of this, I must ask you to remove my name from your mailing list, as I have no intention of ever buying anything from you people.

Yours truly,
Tom Faust

Yes, Androgyny

Berkeley, CA

This is in response to Betty Jo Johnson's letter in the 2/81 PNL. I am offended by the fact that somebody can, on the one hand, profess to be anti-sexist, but, on the other hand, equate 'feminist' with good and 'masculinist' with evil. I can not think of any acceptable ways of using these two words; uses which would have a commonly understood meaning without being sexist. In fact, it is my feeling that these words should simply not be used unless one is willing to carefully explain what is meant. This, unfortunately, Ms. Johnson does not do: Does she really mean that women are good and men evil? I hope not. Does she mean that there are feminist men and masculinist women? Probably. But then I no longer find the use of these adjectives appropriate: Who is then to decide what is masculine, and what is feminine? Unfortunately, the only solution to this mess which I can offer is a negative one: Avoid using these words whenever possible.

Tevis Dray

THIS ISSUE

If Syracuse activism is any example, the US imperialist monster must be getting a whopping belly-ache. This issue contains merely three articles because we needed room for the numerous reports and announcements of political events. One of those is on land reform in El Salvador, to counter the lies being fed us by the CIA and Haig.

Oh, by the way, how many changes can you find in this issue? Tell us, honestly, what you think. We need your comments! You don't have to sign your letters. Design credit for this page and the next go to Dik Cool. He will be giving a workshop on design and lay out on Thursday evening, 4/9. Call SPC if you are interested.

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How It Is With Us

SPC Monday Night Potlucks are back in full swing, thanks to Lois Levitan. At one, Thigmo presented its proposals to a receptive crowd. Thoughtful words of caution were given to the idea of splitting the steering committee jobs between two committees, though the general tone was "let's try it." The finalized proposal and transition will be the agenda of April 13th's Potluck. Another well attended March Potluck on Religion and SPC Politics was an example of the internal dialogue we hope to have at least once each month. This dialogue on religion has only just begun; feelings and opinions which had been simmering were given space to surface.

In April the steering committee will be examining the books to judge whether SPC can afford to hire a third staffperson. The staff desperately hopes this is possible. Your pledges have greatly stabilized SPC's income. If you have been considering a pledge (a dime/a day = \$3/month) please act now. It will give us the security to begin the process of staff recruitment.

SPC is feeling alive and renewed as we approach our 45th Birthday Dinner on April 11th. Come hear Molly Rush and Phil Berrigan of the Plowshares 8, and we'll all celebrate together!

What is SPC

The Syracuse Peace Council (SPC) is a non-profit, community based, autonomous anti-war/social justice organization. We have an affiliation with Clergy & Laity Concerned (CALC). We have a vision of a world where war, violence and exploitation of all kinds (economic, racial, sexual, age, etc.) do not exist. Primary functions of SPC are to help people work for progressive social change and to overcome our sense of powerlessness through mutual support. We feel that education, agitation and organization lead to social change. We have a basic commitment to nonviolence.

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 and monthly pledges, and fundraising 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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MONDAY NIGHT **POTLUCK** DINNER



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April 6 **Women Moving Against War** Begin organizing locally to form some sort of flowing, versatile structure to which we can attach a variety of anti-war projects to meet a variety of women's needs. For any woman who feels the need deep inside her to start moving against war.
Facilitated by Chris Murray

April 13 **Syracuse Peace Council Restructured**
Explanation of Why, How & When

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Discussion & slides on the politics of food, Third World militarism & in human rights policy of U.S. in East Timor.
Facilitated by the East Timor Human Rights Committee

April 27 **Viet Nam: Lessons of the War**
6th Anniversary of the End of the War
Discussion with Bill Griffen, co-author of Teaching the Vietnam War

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The Thigmo Called SPC

How SPC Works, And How It Can Work Better.

How does the Syracuse Peace Council work? How does it not work? How does SPC relate to other community organizations? Meetings, mailings, PNL articles and spontaneous discussions, have been generated in the last six months by the SPC retreat and Thigmo committee. Being in the thick of it all has helped me observe how SPC operates now. I hope my insights will strengthen SPC and facilitate the coming changes. I believe an ounce of consciousness raising is worth a pound of structural reform.

SPC's current statement acknowledges our vision of a peaceful, just world where class, racial and sexual oppressions are eradicated. We also affirm our commitment to a philosophy of non-violence. Under this big umbrella fit all kinds of people of varying political persuasions. SPC's strength is in its broad base of support. As an office for such an umbrella, we work at hooking up like-minded people with films, resources (especially The Front Room), events, and other organizations. We encourage initiative and pass on organizing skills. We work at maintaining communication avenues like the Peace Newsletter.

As the SPC staff has shrunk and focused on administrative tasks, fewer projects have been initiated purely as SPC committees. At the same time many people have expressed that SPC should work more in coalition with other community groups. I notice that SPC activists have become more involved in coalition or ad hoc groups. In fact, they

have been instrumental in the work of the Syracuse Public Power Coalition, Syracuse Citizens for the Prevention of Nuclear War, last fall's Women's Pentagon Action and the new Women Against Nuclear Death. But our identity as Syracuse Peace Council members has been weak, even to ourselves, and that has resulted in low effectiveness, too.

First of all, our definition of "membership" has been almost nonexistent. Perhaps, if one thought about it, one would "feel like a member" (as we now state it). But still people who should be not confident that they can. They hesitate to identify themselves as SPC members. (Red-baiting also works on some people.) Second, it is unclear as to how one becomes "authorized" to represent SPC. The steering committee has, when asked, conferred this status on individuals, and given official SPC endorsement to joining a coalition. Other times, when SPC involvement is beyond question (such as in the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign - see p. 7), the staff will ask someone to "go as SPC." But there are still those times when someone from SPC is present, but not conscious that she/he could take on the role of SPC liaison.

Coalitions: Being An SPC Rep

I think, with a greater awareness of what it means to be a liaison with SPC, more people would come forward to play that part. This would enable SPC to contribute to local organizing efforts in the ways we are best at.

Here are some components: 1.) be in contact with the SPC office (and therefore indirectly with the steering committee); 2.) bring back questions which need an SPC position; 3.) in communication with the future "program and evaluation" and "organizational maintenance" committees, know what SPC can offer in terms of money/energy/office staff time; 4.) be conscious of the Peace Newsletter as a vehicle to educate on an issue, promote events, etc. Be in touch with PNL editorial committee. Besides money, the limits of SPC may be determined by established priorities. But within those, the participation of SPC members in any project is responsive to the work of individual volunteers. Staff people can help by providing information, calling lists, tips on organizing. A staff role is to facilitate your efforts.

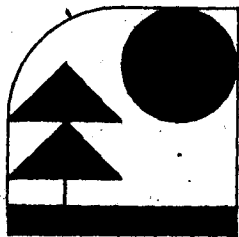
Thigmo hopes to meet the challenge of defining SPC membership; a process is underway to articulate SPC's goals and philosophy (any comments to Kath and Gerry, 471-6923); the Thigmo proposal is to have more member participation through "Councils" and the two committees mentioned above (see last month's PNL for the details). Hopefully all these changes mean a more effective, visible Peace Council. The key to these structural reforms, I believe, is a consciousness on our part to communicate, participate, and make it work!

-Glenda Neff

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Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign

Recently in Syracuse, representatives from fifteen local organizations working for peace gathered in a church in North Syracuse. They agreed that the prospect of nuclear holocaust is unacceptable. Period!

The participants expressed this sentiment in a variety of ways: "Nuclear war is stupid.", "Once the people decide they want peace, you'd better get out of their way.", "We must dare to take the risk of setting measurable goals if we intend to be serious about stopping nuclear war.", "If it's four minutes until doomsday, it's about time to re-set the clock."

What emerged from the meeting was the conviction that ordinary citizens can and will act to stop the nuclear arms race. The group formed itself into the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Coordinating Committee and established its initial task: to document the fact that people do not want the arms race to continue.

Initial organizing work will be the collection of signatures on a document - Call To Halt The Nuclear Arms Race. It states: "The United States and the Soviet Union should immediately and jointly stop the nuclear arms race. Specifically, they should adopt an immediate, mutual freeze on all further testing, production and deployment of nuclear weapons and of missiles and new aircraft designed primarily to deliver nuclear weapons."

The logic of the Call to Halt is simple and direct; before we can stop the race towards doomsday we must halt, turn around and head



toward disarmament. The Call to Halt is even-handed; both the U.S. and U.S.S.R. would participate. It is ever so timely - at the current rate of nuclear arms production, projections indicate that at least 10,000 new nuclear weapons will be in place worldwide within the decade. We must ask ourselves if we, and our children, want to live in that kind of world. A halt now could be verified and monitored by satellites and other existing detection systems and by the type of international inspection machinery that already exists.

We are witnessing a real surge in peace activism, and coalition-building. This might be attributed to the increased tempo of the arms race, or to the displacement of social programs to satisfy the greed of the military, or to Reagan's talent for making statements that alarm peace-loving people. For whatever reasons the music, the poetry, and the comradeship that accompanies social activism is

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Cruise Control Action Project	475-4822
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Mennonite Fellowship of Syracuse	656-3449
Peace Associates	843-9382
United Nations Association	422-1605
Peace and World Order Studies, Colgate University	824-1000
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Inter-Religious Instruments for Peace	469-0946
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Peacemakers Fellowship	458-6266
SU Peace Studies Program	423-3870
Physicians for Social Responsibility	479-8604

again with us. Even the sedate NY Times (March 15 magazine section) has noted something blowing in the wind in its article, "Re-thinking the Unthinkable."

The Nuclear Weapons Freeze Coordinating Committee (NWFFC) through its member organizations will be circulating the Call to Halt everywhere. It will be seeking endorsements from groups and individuals. It will coordinate the leafletting, canvassing, and educating necessary to demonstrate public support. Peace Newsletter readers will soon be receiving more information on how to help with the campaign. As one participant at the March 13th meeting put it, "I sure want to get into something that means action". Empowerment comes from knowing that you can make a difference... that you are engaged with your sisters and brothers in an enterprise that will return our lovely earth to the people.

- Pat Rector

All Roads Lead to Rome

The Cruise Control Action Project has organized a Walk to Rome through Central New York to educate people along the route about the Cruise Missile.

People will be leaving from Syracuse on Wednesday morning to arrive in Rome for the Rally. For information call: Marge Rusk, 476-7635

People will also be leaving from:

Ithaca: Janet Kalinowski, 607-277-2464

Hamilton: Renata Eustis, 1-824-2881

Utica: Kate Oser, 1-853-2601

and points north: Cynthia Banas 1-369-3222

Call for details, its possible to join along the route.

Cruise Missile Rally Sunday, April 12, 1981 Rome, NY

The nuclear warheads for the first Cruise Missiles are expected to arrive at Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome, NY sometime in April. The Cruise Control Action Project, a coalition of several upstate peace groups, has organized for a major demonstration at the base. The demonstration will gather at Bellamy Park, Rome at Noon and march to the base for a rally

PEACES

NON REFUGEES FROM NON WARS

It is difficult for the people of East Timor, and other oppressed areas, to escape the conflicts that engulf their homelands. Although warfare and oppression are still realities in East Timor, those who have escaped the island, and those who want to leave, are not considered "refugees" Nations that could influence Indonesia to end its war against E. Timor do not want to officially recognize the Timorese as refugees, as that would guarantee their right to emigrate. It is much easier for countries like the US and Australia, Timor's nearest neighbor, to keep Indonesia's economic and political friendship by avoiding any formal recognition of the continuing war against E. Timor. The manipulation of "refugee" status is a political problem that also affects Cubans, Haitians, Eritreans, Namibians, Salvadoreans, and other oppressed peoples of the world. To help change US policy toward East Timor write your congresspeople and the State Department.

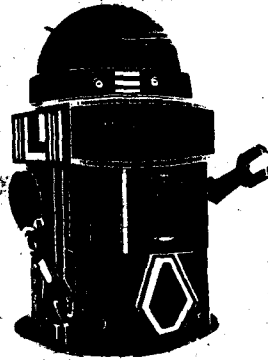
A new locally based group, the East Timor Human Rights Committee has been involved in a US educational project on East Timor. Resources, including a comprehensive report produced by Syracuse resident and organizer Mike Chamberlain and a poster by Syracuse cultural worker Carolyn C. King, are available from the Committee or the Front Room Bookstore. The Committee will also do a presentation on East Timor at the SPC Potluck on April 20th. For more info write E.T.H.R.C. Box 363 Syracuse N.Y. 13201 or call the SPC.

SYRACUSE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO ATLANTA MURDERS

Over a thousand people from the University and Syracuse community marched from the Student Afro-American Society building to Hendricks Chapel on March 24 in a memorial event for the murdered children of Atlanta. The mood was solemn and angry. The murder of children, particularly systematic and racially selective murder, is an atrocity difficult to respond to. Ribbons, candles and prayers can feel paltry. But once in the chapel, the mood became hopeful and defiant.

Andrea Fant of the Student Afro-American Society remarked that the large turn-out resulted in a feeling of strength and unity. Herbie Quinones of La Casa Latina Americana placed the murders in a context of increased racist attacks, among which he included US arms shipments to El Salvador. Zandi, a student from South Africa spoke about the massacres in Sharpeville in 1961 and Soweto in 1976. He dramatically linked racism, third world oppression and US imperialism and brought the congregation to its feet.

SYRACUSE FOR SALE TO ROBOTS



"We're going to sell Syracuse like soap flakes, bucket seats, and peanut butter."

The Syracuse Chamber of Commerce (C of G) is moving ahead with its plan to "sell" Syracuse with an organized sales campaign aimed at specific industries. The advertising plan is being produced by the National Community Development Services Inc. (NCDS), an Atlanta based PR firm which specializes in the growing fetish for marketing communities as if they were junk food.

Howard Benson, president of NCDS suggests certain rapidly expanding industries which he feels should be aggressively sold on Syracuse. Leading the list is the production of robots for industrial use, and other energy intensive industries which will support relatively few, highly skilled workers. Sure to get rich if these industries locate in Syracuse will be the banks, insurance companies, and real estate brokerages. Millions are to be spent on attracting these industries which will increase profits while also increasing unemployment. Meanwhile nothing is being done to develop local resources for community based, labor intensive small industry. Somehow we must develop an alternative

economic plan for Syracuse or else we'll become one of the nation's leading cities marching into the dehumanized future.

Indeed, robot making is a growing industry. In some automobile plants 1300 cars per day are manufactured by 67 workers per shift; 97% of the work is done by robots. Robots can work 3 shifts per day - no breaks, no sickdays, and no strikes. Perfect for the future of food shortages, they eat only electricity. They can exploit the environment in ways that are too hazardous for more eco-dependent "machines" like humans. Engineers are working on robots to spray pesticides on crops, and mine minerals from the ocean bottom. By combining computers with robots they will be able to design and produce themselves.

This may all seem like science fiction, but right now US industry is producing 1500 robots per year. It is estimated that 65-75% of the blue-collar workforce could be replaced by robots.

PEOPLE AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY

Why Do We Kill People Who Kill People To Show That Killing People Is Wrong? - that's the title of a film produced for People Against the Death Penalty by students at Syracuse University. The film, which includes interviews with local activists, will be given a premiere showing on April 8 and 9. In addition to the film, John Buckley of Law Enforcement Against The Death Penalty will speak about why he resigned his job as sheriff to work against capital punishment.

The film and speaker will be presented Wed. the 8th, 7:30 pm at the Newhouse Center at Syracuse University, and Thurs. April 9th at the First United Methodist Church, 317 E. Jefferson St. downtown Syracuse at noon.

New studies continue to show that the death penalty does not deter murder. In fact, a brutalizing effect occurs which increases the potential for violence in society.

People Against the Death Penalty has held protest vigils downtown on the days of each of the last four executions carried out in the U.S.

For more information contact: Margaret Stinson, 637-3344; Virden Seybold, 475-4822; or Allen Miller, 472-3047.

Paul Winter Concert — Howling Success!

"When was the last time you had a good howl?" This tantalizing question from Paul Winter invited an outburst of delightful howls from people at the Paul Winter Consort concert at the Civic Center on Feb. 27. The audience also participated in creating an "African village" by singing and clapping with the musicians. The Consort, which blends jazz, classical, Latin, African, and animal music, played to more than 1,500 people and was received with great exuberance, resulting in several encores. The Syracuse Peace Council had bought 500 tickets from the Cultural Resources Council and sold out on those the day before the performance.

The next day, Paul Winter led two happenings, each attracting about 150 people. At the workshop on home-made music, he patiently encouraged and guided participants in collective improvised music. He also gave a lecture on animals, the environment and people. He demonstrated his own use of improvisation when he played a tape of a duet between himself and a wolf in a wildlife refuge. The mel-

ancholy, sweet howls of the wolf were answered beautifully by Paul's sax and the wolf, in turn, imitated the sax. Paul first was touched by the tragedy of endangered wildlife when he attended a lecture on whales in 1969. He decided to join the effort to save the whales from extinction by using his music. His strategy is to celebrate the beauty and wonder of the wild creature by allowing people to hear their calls intermingled with music which tries to capture the essence of their spirit. Paul eloquently told about the vendetta against the wolf, who used to be in all lower 48 states but now is wiped out of virtually all but Minnesota. He believes people project their fearful and destructive feelings onto the wolf, who actually is no threat to humans.

Regarding the whale, some scientists think (based on experiments with dolphins) that whales and some species of dolphins are at least as intelligent, and probably more ethical



than people! Yet people continue to slaughter these largest of all mammals even though there are substitutes for all the substances taken from the bodies of the whales.

Because of concert ticket sales, benefit dinners, and patrons (including a \$500 patron) SPC netted about \$1,800 - all to help defray the back salary debt. The coordinators for SPC's portion of the concert, Ellen Douglas and Linda DeStefano, thank all workers and donors and also those who loaned large sums so that we could buy the tickets in the first place. We also appreciate the cooperation from Russ Thomas of the Cultural Resources Council.

Those interested in the rights of animals should contact

Linda DeStefano at 148 W. Beard Ave. Syracuse, 13205. 475-0062.



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Women's Show Brings Community Together

For years the idea had been talked about -- we could do a women's show! Finally, in honor of International Women's Day we did it -- *Women By Women: A Revue*. The show ran for only two nights, March 6-7, at Sumner School, but those two beautiful nights reflected weeks of planning, organizing, rehearsing and working out conflicts.

Women by Women brought together dozens of women -- cast, crew, directors, cooks, publicizers, painters, musicians, choreographers... Many of us began new friendships with people we had only known a little or not at all. In spite of many inconveniences created for them, the people responsible for Sumner School thanked us for bringing the revue and all its energy into their space. About 500 people came and were rewarded with a very high level of talent and creativity displayed in mime, music, poetry, dance and comedy. The show was held together by the repeating image of powerful women creating art from the stuff of our lives,

Photo by Courtney Frisse.



the good and the bad. In the end, two evenings of empowering, revolutionary feminist culture had been created.

The show didn't happen without conflicts. The most difficult arose over the issues of racism. The show was initiated by a group of White feminists who then asked Black and

Latin women to participate. Not surprisingly, the women who were asked to perform felt somewhat like tokens. Through this conflict the women who worked on the show became more aware of the deep roots of racism in all of us. Discussions are continuing at the Women's Information Center about the issues that arose during the organizing of the show.

The feelings we had about the show were summed up in the International Women's Day Statement written by the performers and participants. It read in part:

"What is it that we women need for our ordinary lives, that we want for ourselves and also for our sisters in the world? We want enough good food, decent housing, communities with clean air and water good care for our children, health care that is respectful to our bodies. We want the right to determine our own lives. We want a better world."

-Barb Kobritz

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The Plowshares 8

by Kath Buffington

On Sept. 9, 1980 at 6:50 am, the Plowshares Eight (Molly Rusk, Sr. Anne Montgomery, Dean Hammer, Rev. Carl Kabat, Rev. Daniel Berrigan, Philip Berrigan, Elmer Maas, and John Schuchardt) entered a General Electric Plant (Reentry Div.) in King-of-Prussia, Pennsylvania. The plant manufactures nuclear warhead casings for Minuteman III missiles. Each is capable of carrying a 350 kiloton warhead. The Eight took hammers to two missile casings. It was an attempt to "into plowshares beat the swords." They also poured blood over official papers. The Eight were immediately arrested and each charged with criminal conspiracy, criminal coercion, criminal mischief, burglary, disorderly conduct and simple assault. All were taken to the Montgomery County jail. Four posted bail and the other four eventually were evicted--the judge ordered them out of jail and required no bail. The trial began in Norristown, Pa., on Monday, Feb. 23 with jury selection. Montgomery County Court Judge Samuel W. Salus, 2d was presiding.

Salus is a "classic example of judicial incompetence." (Editorial, Philadelphia Bulletin, 3/1/81) He changed the jury selection rule: three times in six days. During the trial, he told the defendants, "If you're nonviolent people, you would not have destroyed any property."

The defendants asked for him to disqualify himself based on that prejudice; he refused. He would not allow Molly Rusk's two sons (ages 12 and 14) into the trial, even after she obtained a court order permitting it. Salus refused to allow a "justification" defense by forbidding testimony by experts on international law, US strategic weapons and medical and psychological effects of nuclear war. People demonstrating in front of the court

house were harassed and some arrested. Salus ordered spectators at the trial searched for weapons: men were frisked and women checked with metal detectors. As spectators entered, they were told that they could not take notes and, if they did, they would be confiscated.

After 5 1/2 days, a jury was seated. When the judge refused to allow many key witnesses to be called, the defendants refused to participate and stood silently. When the attorneys and court-appointed public defenders also refused to speak, the trial proceeded. During the prosecutors' summary and the judge's directions to the jury, the Eight remained silent and turned their backs on the judge. Three jurors were observed crying. Once the jury was out, Salus charged all eight with two counts of contempt of court: one for silence, one for turning their backs. After 7 1/2 hours of deliberation, the jury came back with convictions on three charges: burglary, criminal mischief, and criminal conspiracy. The Eight could get up to 30 years. They were acquitted on the other seven charges. When the convictions were announced, many of the supporters in the courtroom stood and sang and were immediately ushered out. As of March 25, the judge has refused to set a date for sentencing.

At 4 am, Monday, March 2, four Peace Council members piled into a car and headed south to offer support on the 6th day of the Plowshares. Eight trial. Arriving in Norristown at 10 am, we unfurled two Peace Council banners and walked a block to the court house singing "You Can't Kill the Spirit." We were enthusiastic and boisterous after the long ride and seemed to raise the spirit of the other supporters. We danced and sang all day. When the defendants left the court at recesses, we greeted them with "If I had a hammer." We were allowed to be in the courtroom (after a weapons search) in the afternoon. Our positiveness and strength seemed to help counteract the intimidation and oppressiveness of the judge and trial. If you would like to hear more about Plowshares Eight, come to the Peace Council Birthday Dinner April 11!!

**Under Pennsylvania law "justification" is a recognized defense--acting to prevent a greater harm than the action taken. The judge's example was a person breaking into a burning house to help people believed to be inside. The Eight believe their actions were necessary to protect themselves and others from a nuclear holocaust.



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To show their support, people came from all over the East coast to Norristown, Pennsylvania.

Kath Buffington believes that each and everyone should have their hammers ready (hers is).

Feature

Christian Faith and Politics: A Radical Perspective

by Ed Griffin

"My Christian friends never understand why I'm working with the Communists and my Communist friends never understand why I have anything to do with the Christians."

Waving his hands in frustration, a Chilean priest thus summarized a conflict which many Christians committed to peace and radical social change feel constantly. For those of us who feel the call to build a better society through political action as a central part of a Christian commitment (and vice versa), life in both political and religious circles can produce a sense of schizophrenia.

In the religious sphere, many see faith as unrelated to social change, apolitical, and an invitation to passivity. In the political sphere, many see religion as an oppressive and pacifying force and do not understand how others in the left and the peace movement can gain strength from it.

My point in this article is that faith as a freely accepted life choice is a liberating force and a call to a radical transformation of self and society. While not denying that some forms of organized religion have been and continue to be oppressive, Christianity (the historical movement of people who freely choose to follow the example, teachings, and spiritual guidance of Jesus Christ, as believers in his divinity) has both a history and a future of involvement in progressive politics.

Prophecy vs. Power

The Constantinian compromise in the fourth century (when Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire), the Spanish inquisition, the conquest and "conversion" of the native peoples of the Americas and today's Moral Majority are all examples of how religion in search

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of power can become a box rather than wings for the human spirit.

But the search for power by organized religion should not be confused with authentic Christian witness, which when translated into political action most often means being with the poor and the oppressed in their search for justice, and working for peace.

Resistance to the domination of the Roman Empire by the early Christian communities (most of them communitarian and pacifist), the defense of the native peoples of South America by



Fr. Bartolome de las Casas, and the contribution of people like William Lloyd Garrison and Harriet Beecher Stowe to the abolition of slavery in the US are historical examples of what Christian faith wedded with a radical political consciousness has meant historically. The Berrigans, Bishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador, Martin Luther King, Bishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa, Ben Chavis, Fr. Camilo Torres of Colombia, Dom Helder Camara of Brazil, The Catholic Worker, and Fr. Ernesto Cardenal of Nicaragua are modern examples of Christian involvement with progressive movements.

Yet despite this long history of marching together, the left and the "Christian left" in the US know precious little about one another. In the Reagan/Haig/Stockman world, with

everything from food stamps to the Nicaraguan revolution under death threat, we need to work together even more and to understand and respect one another. I will write from my personal experience in the hope that we can come to know one another and work together, enriched by our different experiences and motivations but strengthened by common goals and purposes.

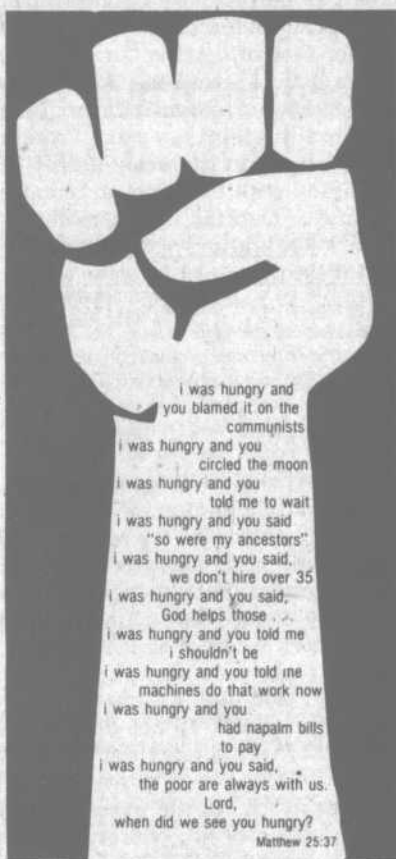
For me, the basis of political involvement is a commitment to the poor rooted in a belief that a loving god would not will for half of humanity to go hungry while 10% live in opulent overconsumption. My awareness of the plight of the world's hungry coincided with my spiritual awakening as an adult and my acceptance of Christianity (after years of rebelling against my Catholic upbringing). Several years later in a small Christian community in Chile, I came to understand that a commitment to Christ necessarily implies a commitment to the poor. The image of Christ and the poor have so long been separated in the minds of many since interpretations have always been done by men in First World countries. Now the voice of the poor is being heard and echoed by theologians from the Third World, and some very basic theological truths are being revealed, and some long standing rationalizations are being exposed.



These voices of the poor (Latin American liberation theologians in particular) remind us that Jesus came "to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and to announce a year of favor from the Lord" (a reference to the ancient custom, long ignored, of handing back the land to those who farmed it every 50 years).

They remind us that Jesus was very serious in telling a young man that his salvation (i.e. wholeness) lay in giving away all that he had to the poor, and his harshest words were reserved for the rulers of his day who used their power to oppress rather than to serve. He lived among and ministered to the poor, the diseased, the prisoners, lawbreakers - all those who make the powerful uncomfortable. Centuries of Europe-centered, male dominated, well-fed theologizing have disguised these simple truths, but Third World Christians are re-revealing the vision of Christ who identifies with the poor.

It is this vision of Christ which challenges First World Christians to seek a political order that will truly bring good news to the poor - a conversion of the structures of oppression and exploitation.



But how, concretely, does one respond to this challenge?

The elements of faith - prayer, community, scripture study... do not in themselves dictate any specific course of action applicable to all historical situations. The leap from faith to faith with action, requires an in-between step - social and political analysis. But this analysis must come from the experience of the poor and the oppressed, and give rise to action which ultimately leads to their liberation.

Conflict or Compatibility ?

Understanding the relation of faith to politics means abandoning the notion of political ideologies or religious beliefs as all-encompassing world views. Political analyses and beliefs do not have to compete - they address different parts of human experience and can complement one another.

Political analysis only seeks to resolve concrete social problems - faith is a response to the mysterious and spiritual in life, (precisely those things which social science cannot

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measure or define). Politics is finite, faith transcends. While analysis can give a clearer sense of where to go, faith can give strength and motivation along the way. Faith is a commitment to certain values, a political project is the incarnation of values - the question for the Christian is which project best corresponds to Gospel values.

In Latin America, Marxist analysis has aided involved Christians in understanding their socio-political context, and becoming involved in changing it. Reflection on their involvement has given new insight into the liberating message of the Gospel.

Rigid views of either Christianity or Marxism as monoliths can only work against both Christians and Marxists. Remember that Copernican ideas about the solar system and Darwin's ideas on evolution were once considered heretical and anti-Christian, in much the same way as many Christians in the US today see Marxism. It is good to recall how Christianity has been enriched by the knowledge of the cosmos and of nature provided by these scientists, and to realize that the understandings in Marxist social science can likewise make for more effective action by Christians for social change.

project is perfect, we cannot refrain from taking sides on an issue of justice for fear of getting our hands dirty. But we should avoid the pitfall of absolutizing or sacralizing a given historical project, as many Protestant reformers did in the early era of US expansion with the idea of "manifest destiny". Quoting from Timothy Smith's Revivalism and Social Reform in Mid 19th Century America:

"Men in all walks of life believed that the sovereign Holy Spirit was endowing the nation with resources sufficient to convert and civilize the globe to purge human society of all its evils, and to usher in Christ's reign on earth".

This type of belief justified the imperialist expansion of the US and its legacy is one of the ideological underpinnings of US domination of Third World countries, serving even to justify employing the most barbaric of dictators in order to maintain "Christ's reign on earth".

Many, and perhaps most, Christians in the US are closer to this viewpoint, which does not challenge the status quo, than to any radical interpretation. In the average church God and country are perceived more in harmony than as dissonant tones.

I contend that this is not because

Christianity in itself is a pacifying or oppressive force but simply because the right has been much more effective in communicating its message to than the left has been. The Gospel message has been co-opted by liberal capitalism in an "unholy alliance" which distorts the essence of Christian faith and ignores some of the basic truths about the life of Jesus Christ. Playing on fears and uncertainties of the people, right wing "religion" has gone a long way towards making their version of Christianity one of the ideological supports of the US empire.

Their strength is in zealotry, in a knack for oversimplifying a complex world, and in the willingness of progressives to abandon the churches and religion altogether.

But around the world prophetic voices are showing the authenticity of Christian involvement in movements for national liberation and for socialism. We have much to learn from their experience. Our strength will come from unity, a unity which recognizes our differences, and which not only tolerates them but celebrates them. It is only in working together that we will learn the common goals we share.

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Behind The Moral Majority, Inc.

by Mairead Connor

A round-faced man peers cheerfully at me through the television tube. He has a kind appearance and wholesome demeanor. He even twinkles. Jerry Falwell appears to be the type of man who was once "every mother's darling" -- deep dimples, deep-set eyes, and deep convictions.

From behind the tube comes the sincere Southern drawl of my adversary. We enter into an imaginary conversation. "Our children must be protected from moral decay and degeneracy," he says.

"Sounds like I agree," I think.

"I am opposed to pornography in any form," he says.

"I also agree with that," my response.

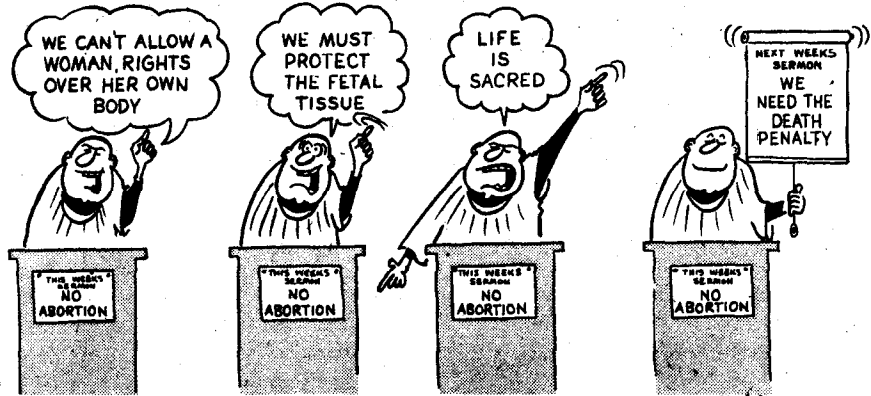
But then he says, "Homosexuality is a perversion that is being taught in our schools.

"Abortion is murder, and we respect women so much that we don't need an Equal Rights Amendment to undermine our families," he preaches. "We must turn this country around and build a stronger defense."

His smooth, imploring voice continues as I try to put these remarkable contradictions together. And for the first time I, along with other progressives, am faced with this dilemma -- a reform movement with conservative and reactionary goals, one trying to turn the clock back as the way of coping with an inhuman crumbling system of industrial capitalism. So far in my life, people on the left have always been the reformers, social changers, and even crusaders. "We" are the ones who morally demanded a stop to the war. "We" have been struggling to redefine a more human way of relating to each other. "We" are taking a moral stand against nuclear madness. "We" all want to change the world."

My first reaction is to reclaim the word "moral" from him with questions about Hiroshima, or poor and Third World sisters who die from hemorrhag-

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ing uteruses punctured by coat hangers. I have angry thoughts about the insidious hypocrisy of someone who ignores napalmed Vietnamese and advocates a foreign policy that endorses death squads and executions in El Salvador.

But the question is, how do we react to Jerry Falwell and the Moral Majority? Should we dismiss them as "reactionary creeps," "religious fanatics," or "woman-hating jerks?" In the final analysis, we'll need to do more than name-calling to overcome their influence. Our strategy should be rooted in an understanding of the historical process and social and economic conditions that give rise to a religious right wing movement at this time.

First, we must see Jerry Falwell and other religious rightists as only the latest in a series of ultra-conservative movements that have connected religion with politics. This connection has been part of the American experience from the arrival of the Europeans. The US was a testing grounds for new religious and moral ideas aimed at developing a democratic nation with a conscience. This has now evolved into a national moral conscience which makes something right just because it is "American."

Religion has also been used historically to justify genocide of Native Americans, Manifest Destiny, Eugenics, and social Darwinism. However, the religious-political connection is

not exclusive to conservatives. Genuine social justice and radical movements have also been based in religious principles. These have included abolition, women's rights, New Deal, and child labor reform movements, among others. Both conservative and progressive tendencies have had the goal of improving society with its own interpretation of morality and the Bible. The difference lies in the politics of the interpretation. So as progressives we should not oppose the Moral Majority because of the linking of religion and politics, but because they have reactionary politics.

What Moral Majority stands for

The grassroots supports for the Moral Majority and other religious right organizations has been increasing at an alarming rate. People are looking for ways to control their lives in a world where things seem out of control. Concern about crime, disintegration of the family, and the quality of life (to name a few) cause people to be attracted to an organization that mixes familiar religious values with a growing political power base and to accept the explanation for the social situation that the charismatic Falwell offers.

The crisis of imperialism abroad has come home in the form of an unstable economy and crumbling social institutions. The Moral Majority

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blames women's and gay liberation, the anti-nuke movement, peace activists, and socialists for these problems, instead of recognizing them as symptoms of a declining empire. Their "solution" is to resurrect a form of capitalism when the nuclear family was secure, America was the strongest empire on the earth and prosperous times seemed to always be on the horizon. But this is using rose-colored glasses to look at a history that actually offered the greatest opportunity to white, male, ruling class members at the expense of women, children, workers, Blacks, and Third World people. Returning to our idealized past is an historical impossibility thanks to the many victories of the Third World, and the Black, women's and gay liberation movements. Therefore, the religious right's attacks on the left are increasing, and some leaders of the Moral Majority have proposed the extermination of progressives as a way of holding back the tide of history. This fascist tendency in the new right seems more and more dangerous with the growth of the Nazis and Klan, and the Moral Majority's influence in the election of Reagan and Right-to-Life candidates.

Attacks on the Women's Movement

Much of the growing strength of the Moral Majority can be accounted for as the product of two forces. One is the current disintegration of the family, and the other is a deep-rooted anti-feminism and misogyny which is part of Western culture.

The disintegration of the family is a result of capitalism's demand for women to work a "double shift"-- outside the home and at the same time maintain their traditional roles of wife and mother inside the home. The economic system needs a flexible source of labor that can move in and out of the job market and not disrupt the system when its economic needs change. Women fit this bill perfectly with the family being the cushion capitalism relies on. However, the strain on the family has now reached crisis proportions, and the women's movement has given many women greater expectations from life. Women now see themselves as permanent workers and not a "reserve supply of labor." Capitalism has created a condition the women's movement has taken advantage of. We are now in a position to demand greater job equality, equal pay and opportunities, and

day care centers which combine to give us more economic independence from men and further free us from traditional sex roles.

Another reason for the collapse of the family's authority is the increasing rôle of the capitalist state in the socialization of children. The family was once a refuge from dehumanizing economic conditions and state domination, but now there is an increasing invasion of family life by the media and schools. The Moral Majority blames the 40% divorce rate on everything ranging from juvenile delinquency and crime to women's liberation, instead of on the economic forces behind our crumbling social institutions.

The collapse of the family's authority has also resulted in personal relations becoming harder to keep stable. Social life in the US is mirroring the warlike values of society, and hedonism, which is a war of all against all, is the current expression of this moral degeneration. We now live with the ethic of personal survival above the survival of all on the planet. This has been reinforced by the dangerous world being brought into our homes via the TV. Nightly we

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see war, violence, nuclear threats, and crisis after crisis flash out of control in living color, interspersed with slick consumption messages for dish soap. We have a lack of confidence in the future and little faith in the institution that is supposed to nurture the future. The Moral Majority exploits those who look to the past and the security of the family as a way of regaining control of their lives.

Attacks on the Gay Movement

With this background, it is easy to see why the Moral Majority attacks the gay rights movement. Male Homosexuality and lesbianism are seen as direct threats to the Mom, Dad, Buddy and Sis family model. Using the Bible as a justification, Jerry Falwell has called the gay rights movement an attempt to "normalize perversion" and "hide sinners." He sees "the intensity of sin getting worse" and threatens us from the pulpit with, "God has brought judgement against nations that have needed spiritual revivals."

In San Francisco, the local chapter of the Moral Majority has announced it will spend \$3 million on a

media campaign to verbally attack gays and create an anti-gay feeling in the community. It calls San Francisco the "Sodom and Gomorrah" of the nation, and its spokesman has called for capital punishment for gays, saying, "I believe homosexuality is one of those that could be coupled with murder and other sins." After this announcement, gays have reported an increase of violence and attacks against them. Perhaps the extermination has officially begun.

Conclusions

We return to the question of how to react to the Moral Majority and other religious right groups. Other than confronting them as hypocrites and reactionaries, I have three suggestions. With the present economic and social conditions, and the relative weakness of the progressive movement, the left must recognize the need to work with many kinds of people who are concerned with social justice. We should not turn people away or alienate them if they come from a religious conviction. Our job in the 1980's is to build a unified and broad-based movement to fight the growing conservative and fascist tendencies. This means that

feminists should strategically struggle with the patriarchal and hierarchical aspects of Christianity, and Marxists struggle equally with the dogma "Religion is the opiate of the masses".

Second, we have to educate ourselves about our own history. We have to see the conservative role churches have played in the struggle historically, but recognize the radical and positive role of many churches, especially the Black church. Our long-term strategy for social change should use this knowledge and dialectical understanding, and be a product of the total American experience.

Third, we must use this opportunity to show how our visions for the future answer the same fears the Moral Majority plays on. We must continue to place the blame for the crumbling social conditions squarely where it belongs--the capitalist class and the crisis of imperialism it has created. Our idea of a socialist society is the only possible solution to these crises because it places human needs above profits and the only system under today's conditions that has the potential to eliminate the economic basis for women's oppression.

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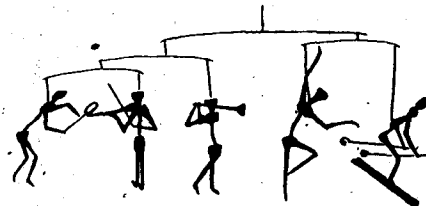
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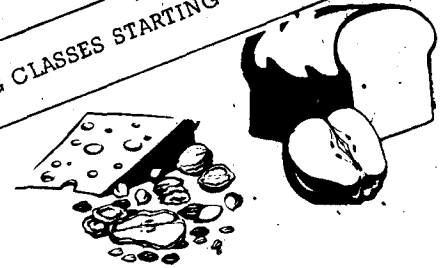
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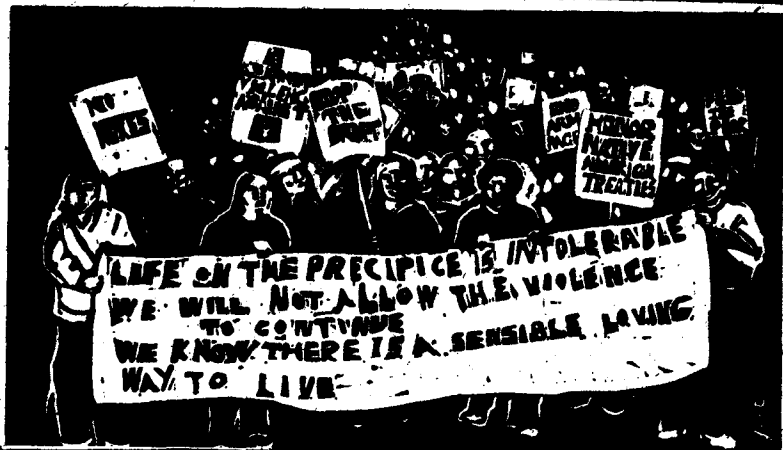
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Land Reform and Official Terror in El Salvador

by Karen Kincaid

"Whatever 'success' the Agrarian Reform is having in El Salvador is written in blood. The third junta has become a sham; the term reform is a mockery of justice."

-Phillip Wheaton, "Agrarian Reform in El Salvador"

As public awareness of violent repression by El Salvador's junta has grown, so have the U.S. government's attempts to justify its support of the junta. One such attempt is the much lauded "land reform" program of the Salvadoran government, which is even now being used as an instrument of official terror.

In a country where only 2% of the people own 60% of the land, repression by military governments has been an effective barrier to social change in El Salvador. Since the 1932 mass uprising in which 30,000 peasants were executed by firing squads, the miserable conditions that led the peasants to rebel have remained unchanged.

In October 1979, a "palace coup" brought a military-civilian junta to power. By January, however, the two civilian members resigned, unwilling to be associated with the continuing violence of the military and the absence of reforms.

Other civilians were found to sit on the junta. One of them, Jose Napoleon Duarte, became the nominal president during the government shakeup following the murders of three U.S. nuns and a lay religious worker in December of last year.

The U.S. government has continued to support the military dominated junta as a "reformist" government, based largely on the land reform program announced in March 1980. U.S. support of the junta has amounted to over \$100 million in the past year, and at least 54 military advisors are now in El

Karen Kincaid worked as an organizer with the Arizona Farm Workers, which has supported the struggle of Salvadorean refugees in the Southwest.



Photo by Ernst Meyer.

200 people people marched through downtown Syracuse on March 6 to demand an end to US intervention in El Salvador.

Salvador. In the name of "reform" over 10,000 Salvadorans were murdered with U.S. supplied equipment in 1980.

Eyewitness to Execution

Phase I of the junta's land reform program provides for a takeover of approximately 15% of the nation's farmland, or some 240 properties larger than 1200 acres.

This phase gave generous compensation to the old owners, at the same time using government troops to "assist" local peasants to form cooperatives on the expropriated land. The military institution in charge of such "assistance" has used the reform program as an efficient way of eliminating the peasant leaders. A technician with the government's Institute for Agrarian Reform gave this account:

"The troops came and told the workers that the land was their own. They could elect their own leaders and run it themselves. The peasants couldn't believe their ears, but they held elections that very night. The next morning the troops came back and I watched as they shot every one of the elected leaders."

Although the U.S. media has stated that the reform affects most of the nation's best agricultural land, in fact, 69% of the properties to be taken over are uncultivated pastureland. Interestingly enough, the coffee plantations were virtually untouched by this first phase as they are typically smaller than the 1200 acre limit. Coffee is the number one

export crop in El Salvador, and the seat of economic and political power.

Landowners affected by Phase I of the reform were allowed to keep 300 or more acres of their choosing and, in fact, some 45 estates have been returned to the landlords through various "sweetheart" deals with the military.

As if this were not enough to ensure the non-reformist nature of the "reform", membership in cooperatives was limited to the permanent workers on large estates, or "colonos", while the bulk of the rural population of temporary migrant workers was completely excluded.

Phase II of the agrarian reform provided for the takeover of all estates over 370 acres. This would have included the majority of the coffeeland. However, on May 14, Col. Jaime Abdul Gutierrez (now Vice President and Commander of the Armed Forces) announced that this second phase would not be carried out. The military and the oligarchy had other plans.

"Land to the Tiller"

The first junta, before the resignation of its civilian members, had put forth a plan to promote the formation of collectives. They stated that 70% of all farms were under five acres, and that these small farmers were without access to agricultural credit and other services. They recommended collectivization to overcome such problems.

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In spite of this recommendation, and without consultation with Salvadoran union or land reform officials, in late April the junta announced a third phase of agrarian reform known as "Land to the Tiller". This third phase would not include any effort to collectivize farms, but instead would convert some 150,000 tenant families into owners of small plots no larger than 17 acres. As one U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) official put it, "There is no one more conservative than a small farmer. We're going to be breeding capitalists like rabbits".

In practice, Phase III would provide government compensation for previous owners, but the tenant families must then buy the land from the government. Without access to credit, and without any political power in El Salvador, the new peasant "owners" will remain as indebted and powerless as ever.

The following U.S. AID memorandum lends some insight to the origins of "Land to the Tiller":

"Phase III represents the most confusing aspect of the reform program and it could prove to be especially troublesome for the United States because it was decreed without advance

discussion, except in limited circles, and, we are told, it is considered by key Salvadorean officials as a misguided and US imposed initiative."

"Land to the Tiller" was conceived by Roy Prosterman, a University of Washington professor who devised a nearly identical program of the same name for use in Vietnam in the late 1960's. In Vietnam, as in El Salvador, Prosterman's program was used as a cover for the militarization of the countryside. In both countries a "State of Siege" was enacted the day after the reform. This included military occupation of the entire country, and suspension of all constitutional guarantees. The "Land to the Tiller" operation in Vietnam was used in conjunction with the infamous "Phoenix Program" under which 30,000 suspected National Liberation Front sympathizers were killed.

Prosterman is now working as a consultant in El Salvador for the American Institute for Free Labor Development (AIFLD), a known conduit for CIA funds. The AIFLD was created in 1961 by the AFL-CIO to assist "in the development of free democratic trade union structures in Latin America." In practice, this

has meant working to counter the efforts of radical or socialist unions, an activity strongly supported by the multinational corporations who make up more than half of AIFLD's board of directors. Prosterman claims that "If the reforms are successfully carried out here, the armed leftist onslaught will be effectively eliminated by the end of 1980."

The "armed leftist onslaught" that Prosterman refers to is the Democratic Revolutionary Front (FDR). This opposition coalition groups the five major revolutionary organizations with such organizations as the National Association of Salvadorean Teachers, the Committee of Unified Trade Unions, and the Central American Catholic University. While the State Department portrays the FDR as a Cuban backed handful, former U.S. Ambassador Murat Williams says they enjoy the support of 80% of the population.

The U.S. government presumes to know better than the people of El Salvador what type of land reform and what type of government they need. The "land reform" program of the Salvadoran junta is indeed written in blood, the blood of another Vietnam war.

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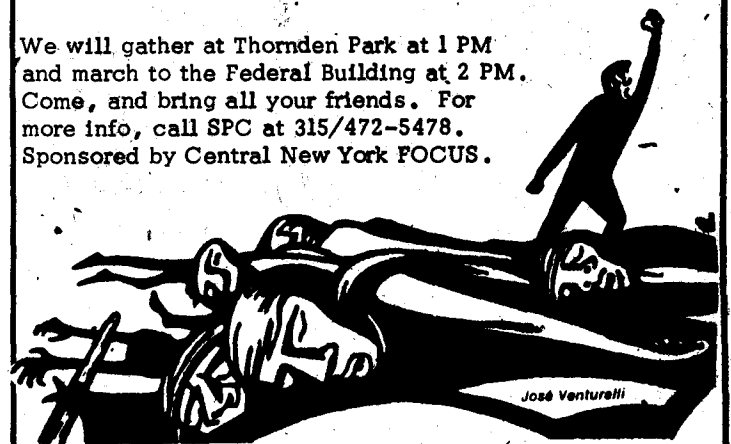


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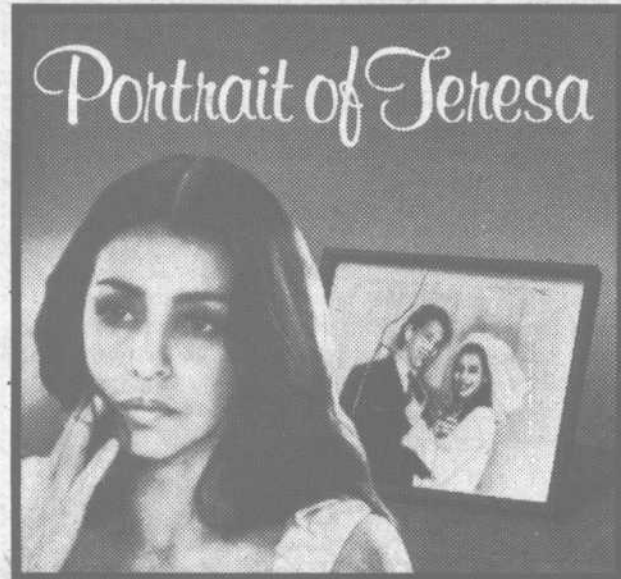
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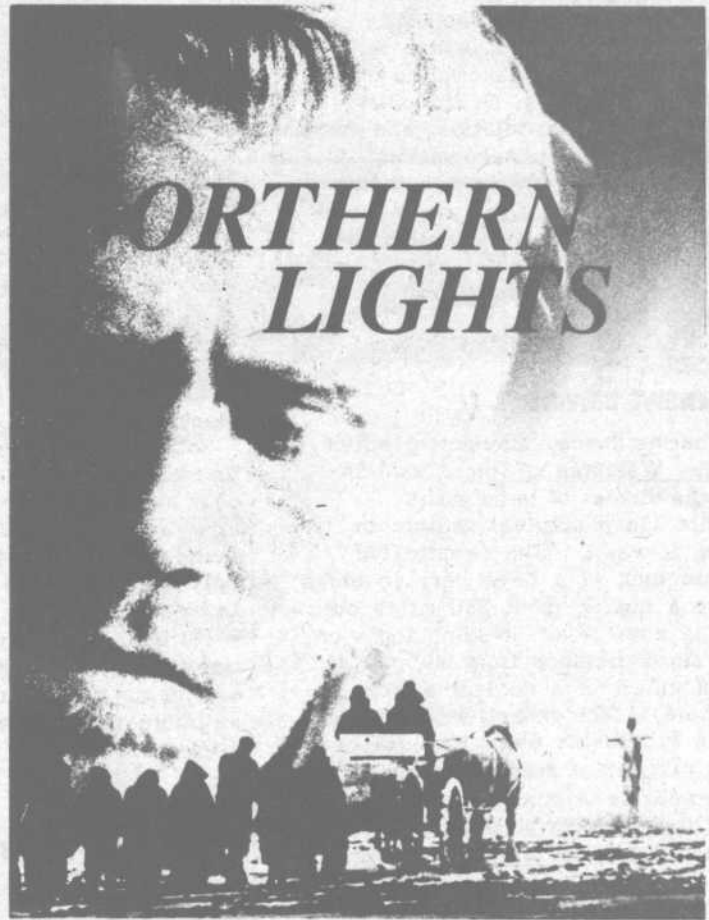
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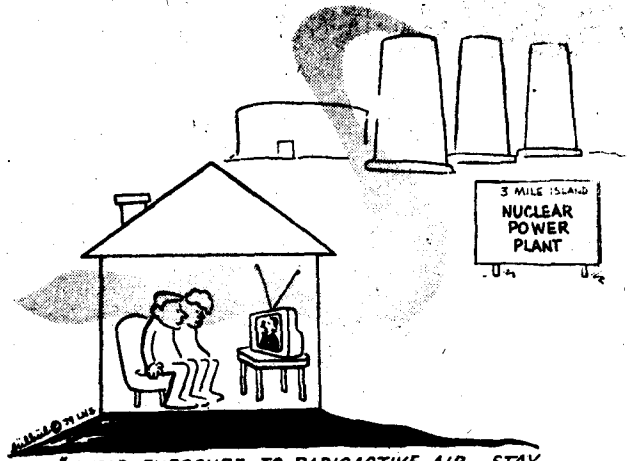
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Some of GPU's thoughts on getting that kind of money include suing Babcock and Wilcox for \$500million, hiking rates \$256 million per year or suing the NRC for \$4 billion -- but only if the NRC will permit itself to be sued.

For GPU, there are two final options: a Chrysler-style federal bailout, or the conversion of TMI-2 into an international research and and visitor's center.

- Groundswell

NO ONE DIED FROM TMI?

Dr. Ernest Sternglass, Prof. of radiological physics at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine has found some alarming evidence to contradict the industry claim that no one died from the March 1979

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Sternglass found that the infant mortality rate in Pennsylvania rose 40%, from 147 per thousand in February to 198 per thousand in May 1979. Infant mortality in Upstate N.Y. rose 52% between March and May, with particularly high increases in Syracuse and Albany, 80% and 67% respectively.

The mortality increases in these areas correspond to the pathways of the radioactive cloud in the first 21 hours after the accident. In Maryland, where a less toxic cloud passed over the second day of the accident, infant mortality rose 26%. Sternglass claims these leaps in the death rate were unprecedented and that the chance they were a coincidental fluctuation is almost nil. In areas where the cloud didn't pass in the first few days of the accident, the infant mortality rate dropped or stayed the same.

According to Sternglass, there were 621 infant deaths above the norm in the months after the accident.

Sternglass alleges that NRC officials knew of the severity of the radioactive gas leak, that their deliberations about evacuation were in relation to the ongoing gas release (not the threat of a meltdown) and that they decided not to conduct a massive evacuation knowing it would mean the end of nuclear power.

For a fuller account, read the Feb. 28 and March 7, 1981 issues of The Nation.

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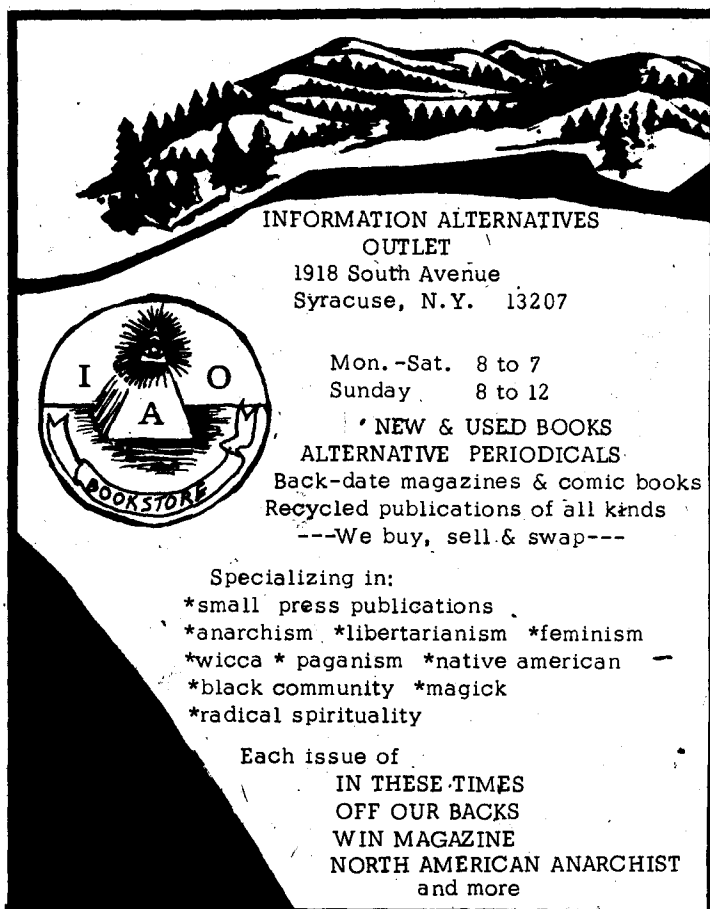


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12	Rally at Griffis Ave details page 7 Events at Westcott Cafe: Soc. Forum: "Feminist Agenda for Syr." 3pm El Salvador Benefit Din. 5:30-8pm \$3 contact Larry Tolchin 472-0071	13	SPC Podiat see p. 5 DAN BERRIGAN Maxwell Aud. 8pm Latin America Films: "Yo Son Chicano" & "Huelo" 9pm Kitt. "Civil Rise, in jeopardy for disabled People" at ECHO 7:30 pm	14	EDWARD SAID "Palestinian Question" Maxwell Aud. 8 pm "US Policy & the Revolution in C. America" James Petras in Oswego info: 1-343-2412	15	"Love and Anarchy" film - Market House Music Hall (MHMH) Oswego - 7 pm	16	MOVING? send us your new address before you move, please!!!	17	Northern Lights SU Grant Aud. 7, 9:30pm	18	SPC Garage Sale Coming! Want more room at home? Donate to SPC's garage sale on May 16th. call 422-1659 El Salvador rally in NYC contact WRL 212-228-0450
19	Friends of Mental Patients Alliance mtg. Plymouth Church 4pm Live-music at the cafe! "Andy Davis, Sue Gaynor, Jeanny Brandhurst" 9pm	20	SPC Podiat see details p. 5 Deadline for May-PNL calendar & classifieds	21	Syr. Stage Benefit Perf. for Nat'l Org. of Women "for colored girls who have considered suicide when the rainbow is enuf by ntozke shange" Archbold Theatre 8pm	22	"Newfront" film at MHMH - Oswego 7 pm	23	NY State Gay/Lesbian Conference Meeting every 2nd Thurs 7:33 for info call 475-6866	24	The Winner is Women in Love SU Grant Aud. 7, 9:30pm Largest Demonstration ever held in Wash. DC opposes Vietnam War 1971	25	Statewide Rally in Syracuse "US out of El Salvador" March leaving Thornden Park at 1pm to Fed. Build. See below Safe Energy Music Festival SU Cortland campus; Free with Tom Paxton info: (607)753-1715
26	Live-music at the cafe! "B. Wendt, G. Weinstein" "Black & Latina Women in the Arts" Opening 3pm ---see Mon. 4/27--- Fund Raising Dinner Mental Patients Alliance 5:30-8pm at the Cafe.	27	SPC Podiat see details p. 5 "Black & Latina Women in the Arts" April 26-30 EOC 100 New Street info: 472-5478 -Yog1	28	PNL production day & night! Help!	29	Market House Music Hall Film at 7pm "Scenes from a Marriage" PNL production day & night!!!	30	"Indian Wants the Bronx" by Israel Horowitz Market House Music Hall Oswego 8pm	1	MAYDAY PARTY 9pm at the Westcott Cafe sponsored by the Soc. Party	2	Don't know what to do? Come to our PNL MAILING PARTY All day - mindless fun

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Who's Inconsistent?

Syracuse, N.Y.

I am writing...to point out something that I think was unfair in what was generally, in my mind, a very good article by Mairead Connor on the Moral Majority in the April issue. I have a twofold criticism: one, the cartoon that accompanied the article, and two, the implication that those who oppose abortion are less human and respectful of feminist issues than those who do not.

Pictures are worth thousands of words--and to see that image of a cleric touting one aspect of life while disregarding the other is absurd. That, however, is largely not the situation throughout the nation or in Syracuse in particular. Most major religious bodies and spokespersons for many faiths here locally have decried the death penalty. In my mind then, that cartoon fosters a stereotype that would be denounced if it were applied to traditionally oppressed groups--blacks, Jews, women, etc. Simply, it is largely untrue, unfair, and seemingly antagonistic to the purpose of the News-letter, which calls for respect for all persons and seeks to break down destructive stereotyping.

But it is the second point that is the greater issue! Yes, it is absurd to cry for respect for fetal life when life is rather arbitrarily taken at the other end of the spectrum. But can you not see the point of the position that challenges back to us who would agitate, lobby, write, witness (perhaps pray) to end the death penalty while with so much less thought simply permit the "life" (I'll try not to use loaded words!) that exists within a woman to be terminated. Isn't it an anomaly that is thrown to us who would decry the slaughter of baby harp seals and not raise any possibility that that fetal life has

some rights? Can we not see that those who would be militant in protecting that life are perhaps acting in good conscience with a similar goal of preserving innocent life?

I am not taking a position for or against a human life amendment in this letter. I think that the issue is very complex. But I do think that it is important that we see the challenge from those who are consistent in calling for respect for a spectrum of life within that larger spectrum of respecting everything from the animal life to those who are most often devalued and without voice in our society and world.

Perhaps it is an invitation to us also to look for greater consistency in this highly complex and emotional area around the "life" issue. "Why do we kill people to show that killing people is wrong" is, to use an inappropriate metaphor, a two-edged sword that is translatable into "Why do we not give any right or choice to one life to show that another has complete choice and right?"

David E. Pasinski
Cathedral of the Immaculate
Conception

Mairead Connor responds:

First, the cartoon showing a cleric preaching that life is sacred and therefore he is against abortion, but at the same time in favor of the death penalty, was in the context of an article about the Moral Majority. That, in fact, is the hypocritical position of the clerical leadership of the Moral Majority, and I see it entirely appropriate to the article.

Dave's larger criticism of the article is a more significant disagreement. Not to take a position against the Human Life Amendment is to be insensitive to a large feminist issue--that of a woman's right to control her own body. One may be personally opposed to abortion and still take a pro-choice political stand. Fetal "life" is not as important as the quality of a woman's life, or whether she lives at all through her pregnancy. State regulation of abortion serves patriarchy and capitalism by controlling women as the reproducers of the next generation of exploited workers. It is essential that we defend a woman's right to choose abortion in this dangerous period of reaction.

Although we disagree vehemently on this point, let's both recognize other ways to respect fetal "life."

Where's the respect for fetal "life" in this society by the state when it comes to better pre-natal care, preventive health measures, or socialized medicine? I firmly believe this is the realm where the fetal "life" issue belongs.

Christian Values/ Human Values

Syracuse, N.Y.

I attended SPC's recent Birthday Dinner, and was insulted by some of Phil Berrigan's remarks. Phil seems to see religious faith (particularly the Christian variety) as the embodiment of good on earth. "If you have faith in human beings, if you expend yourself to do them justice out of your compassion for them," said he, "then you believe in God whether you espouse that or not." He even went so far as to describe Italian communist Ignazio Silone, whose values he admired, as "without knowing it, a devout Christian."

This is unfair to those of us who have made our political decisions and committed political actions for reasons having nothing to do with religion. If Phil, as a Christian, shares the values which have inspired these words and deeds, then let him see these values as something which Christians have in common with the rest of humanity, and not try to pour the rest of us into the narrow mold of Christianity.

Because I was raised in a Christian culture, I have had to make a clear decision about the role of religion in my life: I AM NOT A CHRISTIAN. My political commitment stems from a simple belief in the beauty of earth and of living beings, a sense that there is right and wrong, and a desire to do right. I do not rely on Scriptures or any other external authority to justify my actions.

While many people use religious faith as an excuse to wait idly for God to fix everything, many others feel compelled by their faith to confront evil in the world. I respect this faith which expresses itself in action, and expect the same respect in return, not the patronizing attitude which Phil exhibited in his talk.

Barb Kobritz

THIS ISSUE

In this issue, we discovered one of the quirks in our new format: if a whole lot of happens at home that you gotta talk about in the "SPC" and "Local" sections, then you don't have much space to devote to the "National", "Culture" and "Features" sections. In the past we've added 8 pages (the smallest increment possible) when more space was needed, but we've found we can't do this lately with our energies drawn so thin.

We'd like to draw your attention to 2 new columns: "International Briefs" on p. 19 and "Networking" on p. 12. "Networking" will report on the doings of Upstate anti-military groups every three months.

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How It Is With Us

It seems that there were an overwhelming number of events in April: fund-raisers, rallies and marches. Sometimes it's felt like too much, on the organizing end, but it's also felt good to have new faces outnumber old ones at these happenings!

It was great to fill the Landmark Theater for the Holly Near Concert and sense people learning the connections between many progressive issues through Holly's music. The 45th SPC Birthday Dinner surpassed everyone's best fears of attendance. The thunderous standing ovations for Molly and Phil, the Peace Award winners and Lillian Reiner gave an aura of hope and solidarity to the event that could dampen even the worst doomsday blues.

With the statewide El Salvador rally and anti-cruise missile action behind us, and the May 3 El Salvador demo in D.C. and Haig actions just around the corner, the anti-military ferment feels relentless -- high time! We only wish Ernst weren't away for six weeks...

Speaking of which, there's lots of office duties we could use help on, so if you've been thinking of helping out in the Peace Council house, now would be a great time.

What is SPC

The Syracuse Peace Council (SPC) is a non-profit, community based, autonomous anti-war/social justice organization. We have an affiliation with Clergy & Laity Concerned (CALC). We have a vision of a world where war, violence and exploitation of all kinds (economic, racial, sexual, age, etc.) do not exist. Primary functions of SPC are to help people work for progressive social change and to overcome our sense of powerlessness through mutual support. We feel that education, agitation and organization lead to social change. We have a basic commitment to nonviolence.

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 and monthly pledges, and fundraising 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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- May 11 **Lebanon, Syria & the P.L.O:
the Terrible Dependencies** The tragedies of Lebanon & an analysis of the network of factors which prevent solution. Slides from a recent trip to Lebanon, Syria & the P.L.O. in Lebanon by Judy Bjorkman, Middle East Peace Education Staffperson, AFSC.
- May 18 **Nuclear Waste in New York State** Slideshow from the Sierra Club Radioactive Waste Campaign on problems of nuclear waste, dangers of its transport, and the disaster of the West Valley waste dump in western NY. Local resource people will have info on how we can support the Syracuse Common Council Resolution for a ban against trucking nuclear waste through the city.
- May 25 **Memorial Day — No Potluck**
- June 1 **Beyond Spock: Roundtable On Child Rearing**
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Thigmo Ends — Transition Team Begins

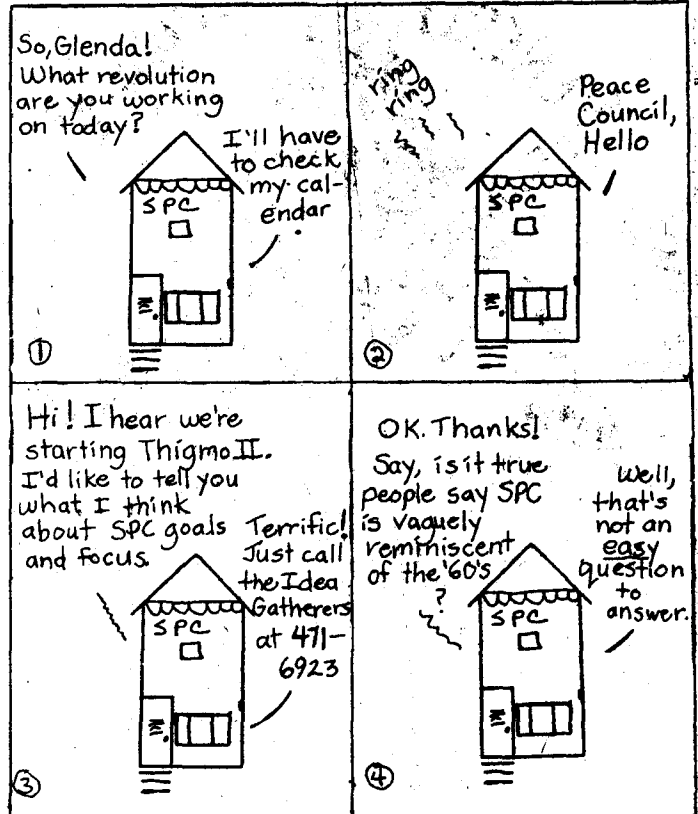
Remember, in the March Peace Newsletter, that impressive (mind-boggling?) schematic of a new structure for SPC? After being mailed to 120 SPC activists (and most of those were reached by phone for their reactions) the proposal was brought to a well-attended Monday Night Potluck. We received many thought-provoking questions; for example, how autonomous is the Peace Newsletter (PNL)? Should it be? Gaps were identified: Who is responsible for crisis response? Who maintains the mailing list (groan!) -- the PNL editorial committee or the Organizational Maintenance committee? If we want a definition of member separate from PNL subscriber, do we create a whole new system of paperwork, i.e. membership records?

Well, the Thigmo committee is very tired. Several people feel the need to rest. And we do not want to delay the changes which can be made while these issues are dealt with. Some, such as the accountability of the PNL editorial committee, are so crucial, that we believe the first Council meeting should discuss it. The process of establishing the first Program and Evaluation (P&E) and Organizational Maintenance (OM) Committees has been passed on to Thigmo's successor - the Transition Team. This committee is presently made up of Toni Taverone, Marge Rusk, Angus MacDonald, Carol Baum, William Sunderlin, and Glenda Neff.

Are You A Candidate?

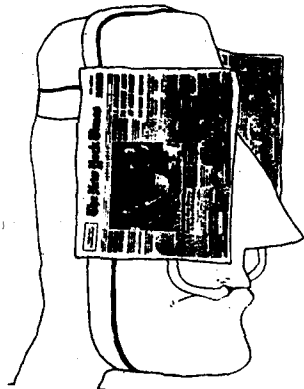
The Transition Team will soon begin recruiting for the P&E and OM Committees. We will have a careful process, so that expectations and commitment are clear and realistic. Take a look at the descriptions in the March PNL article. Consider whether your past involvement in SPC would enable you to serve on these committees. The responsibility of keeping SPC a growing, working organization is a great one. We have hoped to create a structure that works, so that neither staff nor members are overwhelmed, but supported and inspired by a broad participation of SPC activists.

Coming Soon - Thigmo Part II



We'd like to hear from YOU. We are starting the process of determining how much and what focus/foci/goals the Peace Council should have. We have a questionnaire we'd be happy to send you, we'll talk with you on the phone, or set up a meeting--just call or write to us care of SPC.

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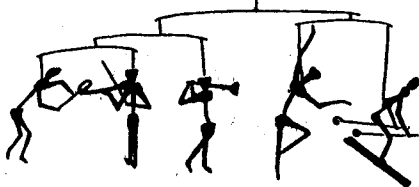
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Phil Berrigan and Molly Rush:

Acting in Conscience to Avert Nuclear Destruction

"The workers from the G.E. plant came into the courtroom and testified that the nose cones they assembled five days a week, week-in, week-out, were 'hardware', that they were 'products', that they were 'mid-shells'. And when we tried to state the truth of what they were: 'Aren't these nuclear weapons? Don't you know what these things do? Don't you know that one of these is capable of 25 to 30 Hiroshimas? One of these, and you mass-produce them in this place.' And they seemed unable to grasp this. I don't think they were really lying. On some level they knew what they were doing at that plant, but on other levels they were doing what the rest of us usually do: block out the terrible reality of nuclear weapons."

That is why Molly Rush, on September 9th, had entered the G.E. plant at King of Prussia to hammer MARK12 nose cones and 'beat swords into plowshares': to break through, at a level beyond words, to break through, at a new depth of understanding, to carry her hammer into that plant to break through our psychic numbness.

In explaining the meaning behind their action at the G.E. plant, Molly Rush drew upon the work of psychiatrist Jay Lifton. Lifton found that the surviving victims of Hiroshima, people whose world had existed one moment and not the next, had lost the capacity to feel or understand the dif-

ference between life and death. They no longer took in the reality that they were alive. Molly likened that to our nuclear age mentality: At one level we grasp the truths of the nuclear arms race but we continue to live a spiritual death, giving in to despair, in to hopelessness, in to helplessness.

"There are literally children who have lost a belief in the future. Our children's future is being stolen from them." - Molly Rush

Molly, who has been a peace and social justice activist for 18 years and is director of the Thomas Merton Center in Pittsburg, is all too aware that this mentality makes traditional programmatic responses to the issue of the nuclear arms race impossible. The facts about nuclear war and its consequences are so frightening that people react with paralysis.

Many of these things that Molly Rush has felt intuitively were exemplified for her and for us in a recent report contained in the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists. The Physicians for Social Responsibility queried 100 high school students about how nuclear advances affected their way of thinking about the future or their view of the world and time. Their replies were wrenching:

"I am constantly aware that any second the world might blow up in my face. It makes living more interest-

ing.

It gives me a pretty dim view of the world and mankind. But it really hasn't influenced me.'

'It is terrifying to think that the world might not be here in a half hour. But I'm going to live for now.

But none more wrenching than Molly's sum: "Whether that bomb falls or not, whether nuclear war happens or not, we have stolen the future from our children. We have taken away the vision of the future and our kids know it."

The response on the part of many of us Peace Council members to Molly showed that she had indeed broken through some of our psychic defenses. It might have been too heavy had it not been for the strength and beauty of this woman standing before us, exhorting us to deal with our fears, to act without guarantees of the effectiveness of our actions because our only guarantee is mass suicide if we do not act.

Molly had chosen to address her despair by directly confronting it through her participation in the Plowshares action. Her despair had, given way, she contended, to hope and a 'spirit of life'. It showed; it shone from her.

Why go to King of Prussia, mused Phil Berrigan.

"Our reasons were religious; our view is that in their essential meanings, religion and politics mean exactly the same thing from different



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reference points. If I'm convinced that I am duty bound to be a person of compassion and justice, then the colossal injustice of the arms race is thrown into terrible relief.

Why go to King of Prussia? From Paul: A person who loves their neighbor will never do them an injustice. Stack that principle against the injustice of the arms race. You see how necessary it is to have people who hold to that with their very lives and say that that principle is good enough to die for.

What always makes war possible is the Lie. Not only because war is a lie and the greatest perversion we know of human capacity for family and sisterhood and brotherhood, continued Phil, 'but leaders must lie to trick people to in supporting them with their blood and their money. Measures are now underway by our government to convince us that we can win limited nuclear war and that nuclear war will never go beyond its 'limits'.

Nuclear psychosis.

The work of justice, then, is being ready to label the arms race and our country's leadership of it, as the summit lie. It's being ready to implement the prophetic words of U Thant in 1968: If the American people knew the truth about the Indochina War, they would stop it. Comparably, if the American people knew the truth about the nuclear arms race, they would stop it. So then our work, asserted Phil, 'is to communicate the truth to the American people against the incessant distortions and lies of our government.'

Obviously, the Plowshares Eight was carrying out that work. To all of them, we at the Syracuse Peace Council, thank you for your unmatched courage in seeking the truth and sharing it with us.

-Chris Murray

SPC Celebrates 45th Birthday

Step back a little bit, just for a moment, and view St. Lucy's gymnasium on the evening of April 11th. Or even try to imagine how a Martian observer would have viewed the scene:

Excitement. Laughter. Confusion. Food is served to some people. They eat and enjoy. What's left is whisked away and served to some other diners.

Two women musicians get up and sing that killing people who are killing people to show that killing people is wrong is a foolish notion. Everyone seems to agree.

An award of high honor is bestowed on a group of people for challenging and confronting the local police.

A young man tells how a count was diligently kept of the number of days that the Iranian nation(!) had been held hostage. Curious.

Children play merrily along side and under the tables.

A group of -- I must say -- not too lady-like women are invited to the mike. They whoop and holler, raise their arms and form triangles with their hands. It has to do with women and something called a pentagon.

But the most bizarre happening is the standing ovation for a man and woman who took hammers into a General Electric plant and banged away at missile nose cones.

And as happy and joyous as the people mostly are, some openly wept when the woman spoke.

Finally, people fold up their tables, clean up and leave a gymnasium res-

onating with their spirited good-byes.

In all seriousness, I had a sense of this the evening of the Peace Council's 45th Birthday Dinner. Somehow I garnered just enough detachment to see us as a people sharing active values of true peace and true justice and whether we like it or not, thereby somewhat removed from much of US society.

I thought the entire evening from start to finish was wonderful. Three hundred people came when two hundred were planned for, but never apologize for success. I had the same grand sense of being jammed in with people I care for that would occasionally happen around the Peace Council kitchen table when 14 people showed for lunch and one medium omelet. Through no fault of the organizers, child care was a bit inadequate, but the kids were around to remind us of life when we needed it during Molly's and Phil's talks.

Three Peace Awards were given: to SPC's beloved Angus MacDonald for among other reasons, his 'affirming spirit', to the Citizens United Against Police Brutality for their outstanding work and to the Syracuse contingent to the Women's Pentagon Action, November 1980.

As usual, people's spirits were high, their enthusiasm filling the hall. And, as usual, our out-of-town guest speakers marveled at the community we have built.

-Chris Murray

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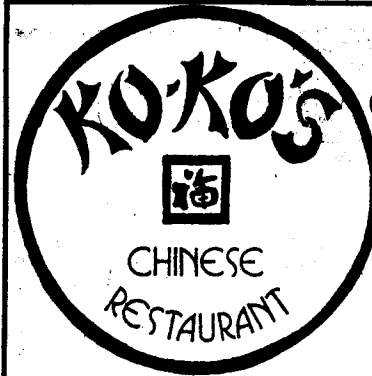


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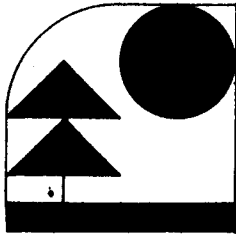
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PEACES

WITNESSES AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY

The trial of four police officers accused of beating Raul Mora has begun. Mora was injured during a witnessed assault on him by the police, and later died. Citizens United Against Police Brutality (CUAPB) have been maintaining a presence at the trial since it began. CUAPB wants people to come to the courthouse during the trial to show that we are concerned about police brutality, and to urge that justice be done.

Every day, members of the Syracuse Police attend the trial in their dress-blue uniforms, a military-like presence intended to show support for their accused fellow officers. To help in the work of CUAPB and to press for a civilian review board of the police, contact CUAPB at PO Box 76, Syracuse 13210.

PARENTS AGAINST THE DRAFT

A local group known as Parents Concerned about Registration and the Draft has been approaching school systems and attempting to provide students with an alternative point of view to that of the military recruiter. Representatives have been in contact with local school boards. In November the group was able to change the Syracuse City School Board policy regarding the providing of senior's names to military recruiters, (see PEACES 12/80 PNL).

In April, Parents appeared before the Syracuse School Board to propose literature tables in the schools the same as the military recruiter has, but the Board refused. Parents intend to continue their work by contacting guidance counselors so that students may be fully informed about the truth as opposed to the glowing picture that the recruiters present.

If you are a parent of a student approaching draft age, or are interested in helping, call Louise Mullen (682-9336) or Dick Weiskopf (475-0062).



Nearly 600 people from Central NY marched in Rome on April 12th to voice opposition to the deployment of the cruise missile. Bob Staley-Mays, above, was one of the dozens of people who walked there from Ithaca, Syracuse, Hamilton and Utica, spreading the word through the smaller towns along the way. These first strike missiles (see August 1980 PNL) are now in place at Griffiss Air Force Base as of April 29th. photo credit: Paul Pearce

CHEESECAKE TO THE RESCUE

Flash to all you ticket holders for the Great Cheesecake Raffle. The winner is... Joanne Cocciolo. What Great Cheesecake Raffle you ask? Well... Last fall, Michael Miller, local artist and musician, had a back operation and a very large bill to

pay. When no insurance covered it, friends formed the Trinitarian (as in Trinity Place, in the Heart of the Westcott Community) Peoples' Insurance Fund to raise money. The first effort was to raffle off Buffington's Famous Cheesecake. Tickets were sold but then -- persistence paid off -- workers' compensation picked up most of the bill. The money raised will go to defray expenses not covered by workers' comp. So, we put our tickets away until next we're needed -- or someone agitates about peoples' insurance and organizes an on-going fund.

HONORING TWO WOMEN

Sarah Auchincloss and Marjorie Banks, both SPC members, will be honored at the Euclid Community Open House (ECOH) Community Service Awards Dinner on Wednesday, May 13th at 6:30 pm at the ECOH Firebarn on Euclid Avenue. Sarah is presently working to raise the \$400,000 needed for an addition to the Syracuse Planned Parenthood building. Marjorie works on the issue of disarmament through the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign Coordinating and the American Friends Service Committee.

The evening will include piano music, a gourmet dinner, excerpts from "Fiddler on the Roof", and the awards presentation. Reservations can be made by sending a check - payable to ECOH - to Lucille Smith, c/o ECOH, 826 Euclid Ave, Syracuse 13210. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit ECOH.



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ROCHESTER WOMEN TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

In Rochester, New York there is currently a string of eight unsolved rapes of elderly women. One woman has died from injuries sustained resisting the assailant. There have been no arrests.

Area women, in empowered fashion, took action of their own by postering the city with hundreds of the poster at left. Combining humor and anger to raise consciousness, the posters sent mild shock waves through law enforcers and the media.

Police reaction centered on forgery, concern for confused men and the difficulty removing the posters. There is no rape prevention dept. The phone number listed was the city dog catcher.



Networking by Geoff Navias

*Connecting People and Work
Across Upstate New York*

Across the farmlands and cities of Upstate New York are groups of people working in their local communities for radical social change. Especially during the last few years, networks of these groups have sprung up, helping support and coordinate work on the local and regional levels. On April 4, 1981, ten of these upstate networks gathered together, focusing on disarmament, draft, and non-intervention in Latin America. This article is both a report of that meeting and a first installment of a new column which the Peace Newsletter will carry every third issue.

Networking

We hope this continuing column will serve three major functions:

- 1) Information dispersal—act as a communication tool between the different groups and networks while at the same time letting everybody else know what work is being done in Upstate.
- 2) Building understanding of the diverse groups and areas in Upstate N.Y.; we will carry features exploring the different peace and social change groups in Upstate N.Y., looking at their unique contributions and struggles.
- 3) Be a forum in which to explore positive visions of what Upstate N.Y. could be and strategies to help us get there.

Of the 10 networks attending the April 4th meeting, two were in the process of forming, three were rural networks, and five were regional. What follows is a brief introduction to each of these networks.

Geoff Navias is a peace activist who has worked in many different areas of Upstate NY.

Regional Networks:

Upstate Peace Network

Seven years old, primarily made up of multi-issue peace organizations. Meets every 6-8 weeks. Helps with regional information, resources and strategy sharing. Is in process of creating a part-time staff position to help facilitate communication and outreach.

Latin American Network

Has been evolving for the last year and a half. Works to build the solidarity movement in Upstate N.Y. through information sharing, coordinating speaking tours, and events. Meets 2-3 times a year.

Draft and Anti-War Network (DAWN)

A network of groups and people who have been active around registration and the draft. During times of registration, draft, and war, DAWN is very active. Otherwise DAWN is in a ready and waiting state with a more low-keyed focus of counter-recruitment.

Cruise Control Action Project

Coalition of 16 groups that organize vigils and do educational projects around the cruise missile which is being deployed at the Griffis Airforce Base in Rome N.Y.

Upstate Resistance

Support for young people who refuse to register or register under duress.

Rural Networks:

Genesee Valley Citizens for Peace

Wyoming, Livingston and Monroe counties. They are 9 years old. Major focus is anti-draft/anti war.

Finger Lakes Draft Network

Wayne, Seneca, Tompkins and Cayuga counties. Does leafletting, draft counselling and supporting each other. Presently previewing peace films.

Lakeshore Alliance

Anti-Nuclear groups from Syracuse to Rochester. Tackled waste transport last summer. Are presently spread out over a lot of issues.

Networks in Formation:

Nuclear Freeze

A four year National Campaign, slated to become a priority issue in the '84 presidential Campaign. Presently in process of establishing a state-wide structure and strategy.

Women Working for a Non-Nuclear Future.

Women connecting feminism to militarism. An open network for all women.

A number of specific recommendations came from the meeting. The need was expressed to have a communication mechanism between the networks and to establish some sort of clearinghouse. It was recommended that the Peace Newsletter act as the communication mechanism. (Articles and ads need to be in by the 8th of the month for the following month. Calendar dates and classifieds by the 20th.) The Upstate Peace Network was recommended to act as the clearinghouse in coordination with regional contacts.

Several general points and announcements were made. Interest in Tax resistance is growing. People are mobilizing to stop the U.S.-backed war in El Salvador. Buses are being organized from around the state to attend the National May 3rd U.S. Out of El Salvador Rally. A primer on Disarmament, draft, and third world solidarity is being prepared by SPC. They are looking for writers and artists from across the region who would be interested in working on this publication. If interested write William at SPC.

Finally it should be noted that on April 4th, 1981, the 75th day of the Reagan crisis with over 220 million Americans still held hostage, peace activists in Upstate N.Y. were in good health and spirits.

Who Gets Hurt: The Reagan Budget Cuts

by Maurie Heins

The Reagan "safety net" is a vicious, carefully crafted snare for low-income workers, poor women with children, disabled adults, children, and the elderly.

This article will touch on only one or two of the many cuts in each of the programs discussed, but even this cursory overview should demonstrate that the cuts' overall effect is to severely decrease the already limited economic and political power of these groups.

Food Stamps

Twenty eight thousand low-income people in Onondaga County receive food stamps to assist them in purchasing a minimally adequate diet. Half of them are children. The amount of stamps received is an average of 44¢ per person per meal. It is based on gross income minus very limited deductions such as childcare, or medical expenses of elderly and disabled people.

President Reagan would cut costs by denying food stamps to anyone with a gross income above 130% of the poverty line, regardless of her/his expenses for childcare, shelter, or medical needs. The working poor (especially working mothers) would suffer most from this cut because

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their gross incomes do not reflect their real incomes (e.g., after childcare costs.) Elderly and disabled people will suffer because the cap on gross income ignores their higher shelter and medical costs.

Public Assistance

AFDC (Aid for Dependent Children) is the program which provides a bare subsistence level income to poor parents (largely single women) and their dependent children. In Onondaga County a mother and three children can receive a maximum of \$408.00/month from this program.

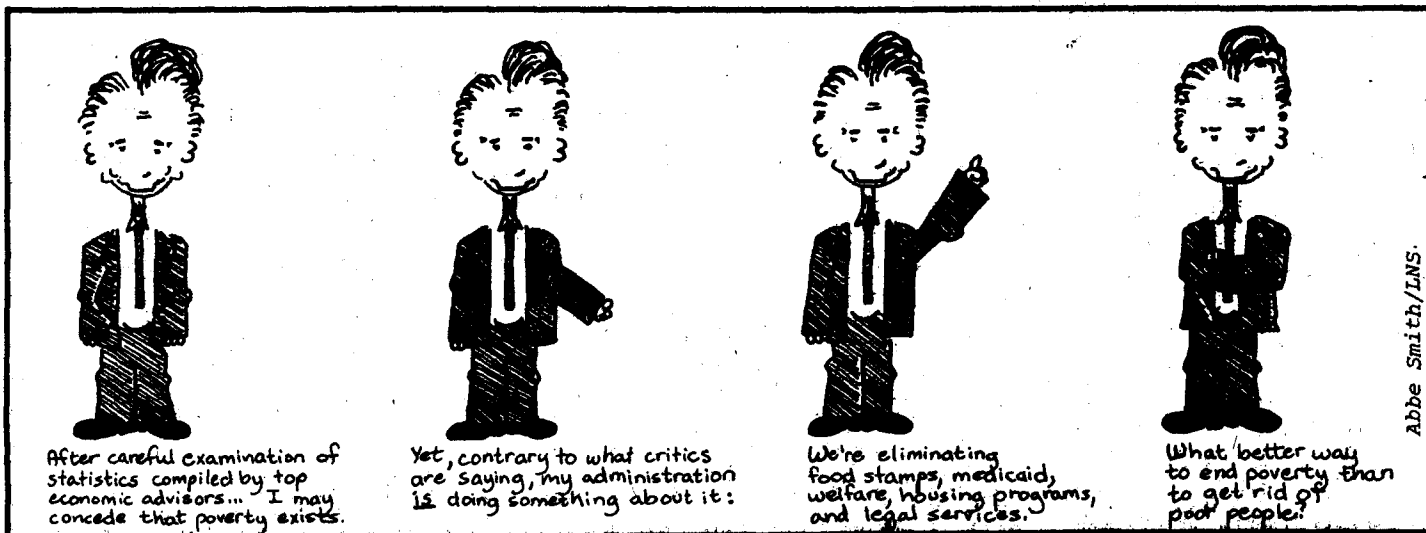
If a mother works, only part of her income is deducted from her grant, as an incentive for working.

The Reagan proposal would decrease this amount and eventually eliminate it entirely. Thus, unless a woman netted more than her welfare grant, she could not improve her lot by going to work.

The second exemption currently given to working AFDC parents is for actual expenses of earning income (taxes, lunches, transportation and child care). The Reagan proposal would cap deductions for work expenses at \$50 per month per child for child care. In New York State child care costs are typically closer to \$50 per week, particularly in rural areas where transportation costs are high. This proposal will leave women much worse off working than if they did not.

The mass media have reported on this work penalty as if it were an accidental and somewhat embarrassing by-product of the need to cut the budget. After reading the George Gilder book, Wealth and Poverty (Basic Books, 1980), I disagree. This bible of supply-side economics, endorsed by David Stockman, Reagan's chief ax-wielder, identifies two factors which keep poor people poor: welfare and affirmative action for women. Both, according to Gilder, enable women to have enough income (whether from a job or AFDC) to be independent of men. Men are thus robbed both of their sexual potency (very important in the Gilderian view of economics) and of the "natural" aggressiveness which enables them to make a living. Given this economic view, it makes sense to create a social policy which will tend to keep women out of the paid workforce.

It also makes sense to keep AFDC benefits below subsistence levels so that women will be forced to find men to support them. Other Reagan proposals work toward this end. Reagan would court both food stamps and housing subsidies as income to be deducted from an AFDC grant even though the stamps and subsidies are given to a family because its grant is too low to cover the entire cost of a minimally nutritious diet or of minimally decent housing. *cont. on page 14*



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Local

"Block Grants"

Currently the federal government provides education funds to the states. They are categorical programs which require that the grants be spent for specific purposes.

For the poor and disabled, the two most important categorical programs are: Title I which provides funding designed to help low-income, educationally disadvantaged children catch up in reading and math; and P.L. 94-142 which guarantees the right to a free, appropriate education to all handicapped children.

Reagan's proposal would combine Title I and P.L. 94-142 with a host of other programs (such as libraries, and instructional materials,) into a single "block grant" to the states. Total funding for the combined programs would be reduced by 25% this year and an additional 2% next year.

The states would not be required to spend any of the money they received on any specific program. Disadvantaged and disabled children would thus be forced to compete not only against each other but also against less essential programs for already reduced funds.

With reduced funds, the federal government could not easily require states to give handicapped children the education required by P.L. 94-142. Therefore current proposals being circulated in congress totally eliminate both the substantive and procedural protections of P.L. 94-142. The gravest danger for disabled children now is that they will wholly lose their right to a free and appropriate education.

The House Select Committee on Aging has predicted that reduced block grant funds are likely to result in reduced homemaker services for elderly people, and therefore increased institutionalization. Other programs which would be "block granted" affect elderly and disabled people, and child care services.

Locally, the Onondaga County Child Care Council has estimated that a reduction in services funds available for day care will hurt working families with children first, as day care for these families is not mandatory under the state plan.

Legal Services

The president has proposed the total elimination of the Legal Services Corporation (LSC). This organization (in Syracuse, Onondaga Neighborhood Legal Services) provides free legal services to poor people in civil cases. Most often their cases are routine landlord-tenant, consumer, public benefits, and family law cases. However, LSC offices have also represented clients who wished to challenge repressive legislation or policies aimed at poor and disabled people. It is this aspect of their representation which appears to have drawn the wrath of President Reagan.

Reagan has claimed that legal services can be successfully provided by private attorneys or by allowing individual states to use some of their block grants for legal services, but he did not propose that any of the money currently allocated to the Legal Services

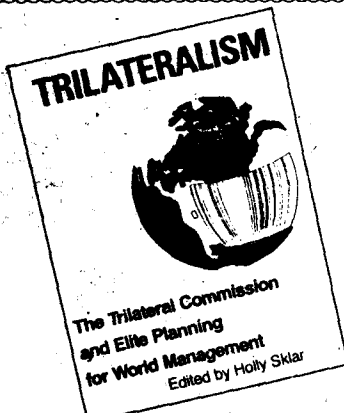
Corporation be given to the states or to private attorneys for this purpose. It seems clear that he does not want anyone around to challenge his war on the poor, disabled, and elderly.

What to do

Much has had to be omitted from this article. There has been no analysis of the cuts in housing subsidies, heat programs, mental health funding, medicaid, school and day care feeding programs, and unemployment insurance, or of the abolition of Public Service Employment and of much of CETA. Nor was there space to compare the decreases in social spending with the increases in Defense Department spending (a projected 56% rise over the next two years). Locally, The Central New York Coalition for Justice in the Budget has formed to urge a reassessment of the priorities implicit in President Reagan's budget. For information on the Coalition's activities, call Steve Taylor at 423-3851; or Maurie Heins or Christina Pezzulo at 475-3127.

The fate of most of the programs discussed in this article will probably be determined before the end of May. Much work needs to be done before then--staffing information tables to get the word out to people who will be affected, letter writing campaigns, and transportation of poor and disabled people to forums where they can speak out against the cuts.

If you want to help, first write your own letter to your representative and senators. Then call one of the people listed above for more specific involvement.



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Who Does He Speak For?

by John Maddaus

The choice of Alexander Haig as SU's 1981 Commencement speaker and recipient of an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree has prompted a wave of protests among faculty, students and community people. From his role in the Nixon-Kissinger White House to his belligerent anti-Communist stance as Supreme Commander of NATO and now as Secretary of State, Haig has consistently urged the expansion of American military power abroad in support of a U.S.-dominated world order.

Despite this, his selection by SU Chancellor Melvin A. Eggers should hardly come as a surprise. One need only consider the following sequence of events. In July 1979, United Technologies Corporation completed its contested takeover of the Syracuse-based Carrier Corporation. Shortly thereafter, UTC Chairman Harry J. Gray approved a contribution of over \$2 million to SU towards the cost of constructing its new football stadium complex, in return for having it named the Carrier Dome. And in December of that year, Gray tapped Haig for the #2 position at UTC, corporation president.

Now, one and a half years later, the Carrier Dome is ready for its first Commencement. Carrier Group Chairman Melvin C. Holm is a Director of UTC and chairs the SU Board of Trustees. And Haig has concluded a brief but apparently successful stay at UTC and has moved on to the highly visible and powerful position of US Secretary of State. Given the Carrier/UTC link, what could be simpler than for Eggers to invite Haig to give what could be a nationally-publicized address at SU?

Haig's time at UTC, though just a year, should only add to the concerns of those who question his Nixon-Kissinger role. It raises a conflict of interest question, and illuminates the stake of major U.S. corporations in the shaping of U.S. foreign policy.

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United Technologies Corporation, "known in recent years for rapid expansion and aggressive takeovers of other companies, ... now describes itself as one of the 20 largest U.S. manufacturing concerns." (Herald-Journal, 12/28/79) It is also the third largest defense contractor in the nation, with contract awards in FY 1980 totalling \$3.1 billion. Its main military products are jet engines from the Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Group (used for F-15 and F-16 fighter aircraft) and Sikorsky helicopters. Another wholly-owned subsidiary, Norden Systems, Inc., is involved in "the B-52 Offensive Avionics System program which will update it with new electronics to enhance its current capabilities and enable it to carry the Cruise Missile" (Moody's Industrial Manual, p. 4279).

Gray, in announcing Haig's selection as UTC president, dismissed any idea that Haig would be involved in selling UTC's military products to former colleagues in government. Instead, he stressed Haig's "extensive experience in world politics, diplomacy and international affairs... UTC, which already gets about one-third of its sales from outside the U.S., is seeking to expand its foreign business." UTC has made foreign military sales to 5 NATO allies (Norway, Belgium, Denmark, the Netherlands and West Germany) and to Israel.

Pentagon regulations forbid a retired officer to "represent anyone

other than the United States [government] in connection with a matter in which the United States [government] is a party or has an interest and in which he participated personally and substantially for the Government." (The Military-Industrial Complex by Sidney Lens, p. 8) Despite such rules, the top 100 defense contractors employ several thousand retired military officers, including such people as William J. Evans, a retired Air Force general who headed NATO's air forces and later became a UTC vice president.

Gray and Haig were apparently aware of this restriction on Haig's role, but did not feel it applied to UTC's dealings with America's NATO allies. Haig spent four and a half years as Supreme Commander of NATO and "is personally friendly with virtually every European foreign and defense minister" (Time, 3/16/81, p. 14) Such connections might surely have an impact on a European government's decisions about a UTC product. Is this why UTC paid Haig a salary and bonuses totalling \$1 million for just one year?

Beyond the specifics of this jet engine or that helicopter, there is the impact of Haig's views while in high office before and since his UTC presidency. It is in the economic interest of major defense contractors to have top public officials creating a demand for their products by calling attention to what they perceive as a major military threat. And as Time put it, "Haig is a man of simple, clear ideas. His world view can be summed up in a phrase: the Russians are coming."

Unfortunately, the world is not as simple as Haig would like it to be, and his preoccupation with the Soviets seriously distorts his perception of reality. Nowhere is this clearer than in the Reagan-Haig decision to treat El Salvador as a testing ground in US-Soviet confrontation.

The State Department's white paper claims to demonstrate "the central role played by Cuba and other Communist countries... in the political unification, military direction and

arming of insurgent forces in El Salvador." In fact, as James Petras demonstrates in an article in The Nation (3/28/81, pp. 353 & 367-72), "its evidence is flimsy, circumstantial or non-existent... and what facts are presented refute the very case the State Department is attempting to demonstrate."

For example, the white paper acknowledges that "during the 1970's, both the legitimate grievances of the poor and landless and the growing aspirations of the middle class met increasingly with repression." But, says Petras, the white paper fails, because of preoccupation with Cuban-Soviet intervention, to follow through to the logical conclusion that such repression has given rise to a strong, broad-based, indigenous opposition movement. "Over the last decade an enormously rich variety of social organizations have emerged in El Salvador, embracing the great majority of professional and technical workers, peasants, labor and businesspeople.... What is particularly unique in the Salvadoran case is the substantial leadership and its popular base of support that has developed among Christian communities."

The white paper also concedes that as recently as last September the Salvadoran guerrilla groups were "ill-coordinated and ill-equipped, armed with pistols and a varied assortment of hunting rifles and shotguns." In short, the Salvadoran struggle had reached a very intense stage, with a high degree of organization, without any Soviet bloc aid.

Much is made in the white paper of the trip to Soviet bloc countries last summer by Shafik Handal, secretary general of the Salvadoran Communist Party, seeking military arms. Petras concludes from the white paper's evidence that the initiative in seeking arms came from Salvadorans, and he points out similar requests by non-Communist Salvadorans addressed to Western European and Latin American nations. "The white paper's evidence of

outside Communist arms shipments supports only a small fraction of its claims. Such shipments as there were did not approach the flow of weapons, advisors, napalm, helicopter gunships and the like to the military-civilian dictatorship from the United States."

One must conclude, as the Most Rev. Thomas Costello, Auxiliary Bishop of Syracuse, did on the first anniversary of Archbishop Romero's death (3/24/81): "Superpower intervention is to be rejected -- no matter which superpower is in question -- this is the voice of the Church in El Salvador. Outside agitation, influence, even weapons would not be sown in such fertile soil if rampant injustice and fundamental

War advocates like Haig is that, as Harry Truman put it in 1947, the American free enterprise system "could survive in America only if it became a world system." (Lens, p. 23) Foreign trade, investment and sources of raw materials are necessary to maintain the U.S. economy in its present form. For the people of a Third World country to seek a more equitable relationship with the United States is intolerable to American corporate leaders. So an "outside agitator" must be identified and held responsible. The Soviet Union, which is certainly guilty of seeking to extend and then maintain its control in areas such as Eastern Europe, is a convenient villain. In this context, anti-Soviet propaganda serves both domestic and foreign objectives.

The power of the military in our society, combined with that of its corporate allies, "creates pockets of support in scores of milieus, from Congress to the Boy Scouts, from trade associations to labor unions, from academia to churches. And it holds these forces together with mountains of money, promotions for the officer caste, appeals to patriotism and a rabid anti-Communism which it wields, in the words of former Marine Corps Commandant General David Shoup (retired) 'somewhat like a religion.'" (Lens, p. 34)

As Alexander Haig speaks at SU on May 9, we would do well to keep in mind the words of another general, Dwight David Eisenhower. In his farewell address as president on Jan. 17, 1961, Eisenhower said, "In the councils of Government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist."

SU has provided Haig with a platform to promote his views. Those of us who believe he is wrong, and that the objectives he seeks are contrary to the best interests of our nation and the world, must make our views known.



A Greek cartoonist's view of Haig diplomacy.

iniquities did not exist today as they have for decades in El Salvador. To subordinate the people's quest for justice to a geopolitical policy of hemispheric security is to manipulate and use human beings in the worst way, is to betray the courage and to defile the memory of Archbishop Romero and those thousands of Salvadorans, the poorest of the poor, who have died."

Bishop Costello's conclusion applies equally to a host of other Third World countries. Again and again, Haig must ignore decades, even centuries, of oppression in order to find the source of the conflict in Moscow. The bipolar world view will not do.

The real problem faced by Cold



HERALD JOURNAL - NIMO'S MOUTHPIECE

On April 27, 1981 the Syracuse City Council voted 6-0 to form a committee to study the pros and cons of funding a feasibility study on public power for the city. Before the vote, one of the councilors told the jam-packed City Council Chambers, "this is the biggest issue we've had before us in a long time."

One would think that this kind of news would deserve at least a headline. Instead, the news was buried in an article titled, in banner headlines on the front page of the Herald Journal, "NM takeover could cost city 1,900 jobs -- \$6 million in taxes." This shows blatant favoritism to Niagara Mohawk, and it's misleading to boot.

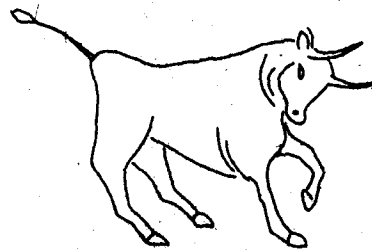
A public power system could hire as many or more workers, and possibly keep virtually the same personnel.

On the question of taxes, while it's true that a public power system would not be paying the city taxes that Niagara Mohawk now pays, it would be making payments "in lieu of taxes" for the equivalent of what the city would lose. These payments can come in the form of free electricity (say for city lighting) or excess revenues from the public power system.

NUCLEAR WASTE CONFERENCE

"Radioactive Wastes: Medical and Community Impact" is the title of a one day conference to be held on May 16 in Rochester. The day will include talks by medical and technical experts. There will be 12 workshops on such topics as the ethical issues relating to nuclear wastes, the West Valley experience, basic radiation physics and health effects, and the mental health effects of radiation facilities.

Barry Commoner will close the conference with a talk entitled "Nuclear Waste: Political Issues and Public Policy." Costs are \$25 for physicians, \$7.50 regular and \$2.50 for senior citizens. For agenda and applications, write: Physicians for Social Responsibility, 885 South Ave., Rochester, N. Y. 14620.



MERRILL LYNCH BULLISH ON STOPPING NINE MILE II

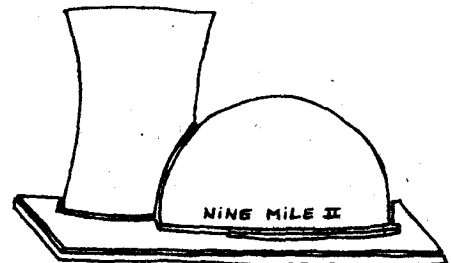
That bastion of capitalist insight, the Merrill Lynch investment firm, is recommending that the Nine Mile II nuclear plant in Oswego and 17 others proposed or under construction in the U.S. be cancelled. They say that the utility owners of these plants

would benefit financially from these cancellations.

We called Merrill Lynch to get a copy of the study that makes the recommendation, but weren't willing (or able!) to pay \$50 to get our hands on it.

From what we can gather in Nucleonics Week, the nuclear industry rag, the main reason for this recommendation is the declining growth in demand for electricity. The plants won't be "needed" once they are finished and thus won't be able to pay back their cost.

This is consistent with the N. Y. utilities' annual 15 year forecasting report, issued April 1, which shows that even according to their assumptions, neither Nine Mile II nor the Shorham nuclear plant, under construction on Long Island, will be "needed" in 1996. At that



time, our "reserve margin" over and above the level of peak demand could be as high as 31%.

This is consistent with what the Peace Newsletter has been saying for 4 years (see especially 2/80 Peace Newsletter) and with what intervenor groups have been saying before utility boards since 1973.

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International

TURKEY

Et tu, journalists?

The September 1980 military takeover in Turkey was greeted in the Western press with a tolerance that scarcely concealed approval, following as it did on months of economic chaos, mounting civil unrest and a virtual paralysis in the political process. Apparently because of Turkey's strategic value to the West, the American press was willing to forgive the coup, and the serious and widespread rights violations which followed it. (For instance, in April 1981, Amnesty International reported that torture is being practiced "systematically and on a large scale.") The US press also chose to ignore the underlying economic and political dynamics which led to the coup.

Basically, the Turkish economy had allowed itself--with much encouragement and a range of inducements from the West--to depend for its most basic needs on goods, industry and technology imported from abroad. For a brief time, roughly the years 1962-77, Turkey enjoyed a rapid rate of growth, along with a significant measure of prosperity and democratic rights. But eventually, what Turkey could produce for export in its domestic agriculture and industry was inadequate to pay for these imports. The unbalanced situation was brought to a crisis in the late 1970s with the precipitous OPEC oil price hikes and high international inflation. The only way Turkey could continue to pay for the imports its economy rested on was to undertake heavy borrowing from international banks and financial institutions, and their loans came with strict controls attached.

It is widely recognized that the military coup, with its accompanying repressive measures, was required to enforce these controls on an unwilling populace: wage freezes, high rates of unemployment, currency devaluation. The question remaining is on what economic course the new military government--now, of course, in tandem with its powerful creditors abroad--will embark. It is doubtful that whatever program emerges will be designed with the interests of Turkey's people foremost in mind.

GUATEMALA

Guatemalan President Accused of Torture

In perhaps the most hypocritical part of its militaristic Central American policy, the US announced last month a cutoff of the remaining \$15 million in aid monies that had already been approved. The bulk of those funds were to go to purchase wheat, a much needed commodity in a nation seeking to rebuild itself while trying to undo the legacy of being for so many years a producer of cash crops for export.

The move, coming at the same time as reports of mercenaries training in Florida for an invasion of Nicaragua, indicates a clear disposition on the part of the Reagan/Haig government to destabilize the Nicaraguan revolution by any means available.

The immediate effect, however, has been to strengthen Nicaragua's resolve to resist attempts by the United States to control the course of its revolution. Eighty percent of the Nicaraguan people signed a letter of national dignity in April pledging themselves to continuing to work for the freedom of their country in the face of any attacks.

The message the US seems to be sending to Central American peoples is "If you fight a dictator, we'll shoot you; if you beat him, we'll starve you."

NICARAGUA

Aid to Nicaragua Cut

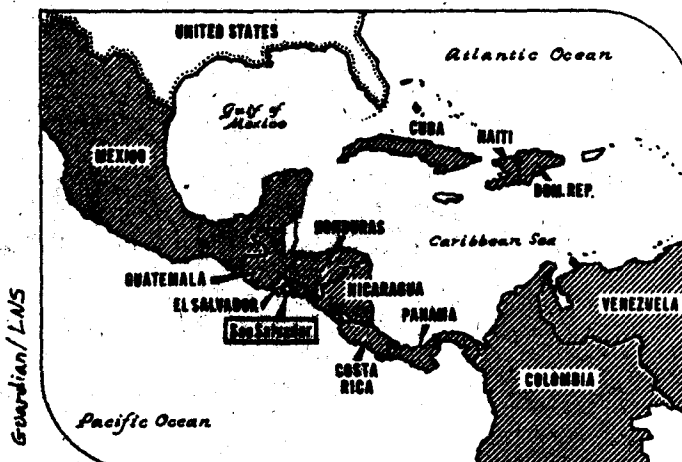
"The human rights issue that dominates all others in the Republic of Guatemala is that people who oppose or are imagined to oppose the government are systematically seized without warrant, tortured, and murdered and that these tortures and murders are part of a deliberate and longstanding program of the Guatemalan government."

Thus begins an Amnesty International special report released in February entitled "Guatemala: A Government Program of Political Murder." The report goes on to describe government complicity in nearly 5,000 such murders, and lays the blame at the feet of Guatemalan strong-arm General Romeo Lucas Garcia, who has personal veto power over the victims of execution.

In spite of barbarity of this magnitude the Reagan/Haig government is reportedly planning to resume open military aid to Guatemala. As always, the cry of the "red peril" is used to justify relationships with such seamy characters as Lucas Garcia. But the Reagan connection to Guatemala is even cozier than we might imagine. Michael Deaver, a top Reagan aide, is president of a public relations firm which has received 10's of thousands of dollars to promote Guatemalan tourism, and to counteract the "image problems" created by the barbarians. And two

of the leader of Guatemala's death squads were actually guests at the Reagan inaugural ball.

On the positive side, American Express has stopped offering tours to Guatemala this year, a sign that the international tourism boycott is having some effect. The US embassy in Guatemala City admits that tourism declined by 25% last year.



The Tangled Web *US Government Deceits on El Salvador*

by Ed Griffin

In the era of electronic media, a lie told often enough becomes truth. Counting on the complicity and passivity of the US media, the State Department has succeeded in confusing and misleading the bulk of the US public about El Salvador, thus justifying their interventionist actions. For people committed to stopping the US intervention, it is important to unravel the tangled web of deceptions and to explode the deliberate myths being distributed wholesale by the government.

Myth No. 1: The junta is a moderate, centrist government besieged by extremists of the right and the left.

Since the coup of October 15, 1979, which brought to power a military-civilian junta led by two army officers, the US has characterized the junta as "moderate" and "centrist." They fail to mention that the Oct. 15 junta collapsed on Jan. 3, 1980, when most of the progressives within it resigned, and that the current junta bears no resemblance to the original one. With successive reshufflings, in March and December of 1980, moderates have been given the door while hardliners consolidated their power.

Under this series of juntas, the security forces have killed over 16,000 civilians. The State Department and the junta often blame this terror on "right wing extremists" but Amnesty International and other independent sources conclude that there is no real difference between the security forces and right wing death squads. The collaboration between the government and the death squads becomes clear each night when the dawn to dusk curfew begins. Innocent civilians are shot on sight by police for being out, but the death squads roam around on flat bed trucks stalking their victims--and not once have they been stopped.

When the brutality of the junta becomes front page news, as it did recently when the army dragged 30 teenagers out of their beds in Soy-

pango and killed them, then it becomes more difficult for the State Department to defend them openly. So they more often resort to a new public relations tactic, a new myth.

Myth No. 2: The opposition is a small group of terrorists and extremists who kill as many or more innocent people as the government and the death squads.

(Note from the start that this tactic abandons the idea that the junta is worthy of support in itself, and instead tries to point it as the lesser of two evils.)

The problem with this interpretation is that there is absolutely no evidence to support it. Ex-Ambassador White says that "the primary killer of Salvadoreans is the government security forces." The Catholic Church Legal Aid Office reports that 66% of murders it investigated last year were committed by security forces, 14% by rightist death squads.

Occasionally the Army releases reports of atrocities committed by the opposition, but not one of these cases has been verified independently. In at least three cases, reporters found that victims which the government blamed on "leftist extremists" were actually killed with gov-

ernment weapons at close range, with their thumbs tied in the fashion that the security forces routinely bind prisoners.

The State Department and the junta still seek to convince the world that the opposition is a mere fringe group. So it is important to point out the nature of the opposition, the Democratic Revolutionary Front (FDR), and its military arm, the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN).

The FDR, the largest political coalition in Salvadorean history, is composed of the four major revolutionary "popular organizations" (which in themselves contain dozens of peasant and laborers' unions, professional and student associations, and community groups) and what was once the "centrist" opposition--educators, academics, professionals, church people, Social Democrats, and progressive Christian Democrats who have abandoned the junta. The FDR has unified the opposition behind a platform calling for an end to the repression, the nationalization of major industries, and a serious land reform (see 4/81 PNL for article on the junta's land reform), while maintaining political pluralism and a role in the economy for the private sector.



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March against intervention in El Salvador. Syracuse, April 25, 1981.

Ed Griffin lived and worked in Santiago Chile and has traveled in several countries in Latin America.

ACT NOW !

After the April 25 statewide rally in Syracuse and the May 3 march on Washington, the El Salvador solidarity movement is stronger than ever.

You can help right now in several ways:

- The House and Senate will be holding hearings and voting on a Foreign Assistance Act for Fiscal Year 1982, which includes a request for \$66 million in military aid to El Salvador. Write, call, VISIT your Congressperson to urge opposition to this aid. Also ask him/her to support HR 1509, a House bill to end the military aid, and S 728, a similar bill in the Senate.

- Write to the State Department demanding that Salvadorean refugees be given extended voluntary departure status and not be deported back to El Salvador. Returned refugees are often arrested, tortured, and killed.

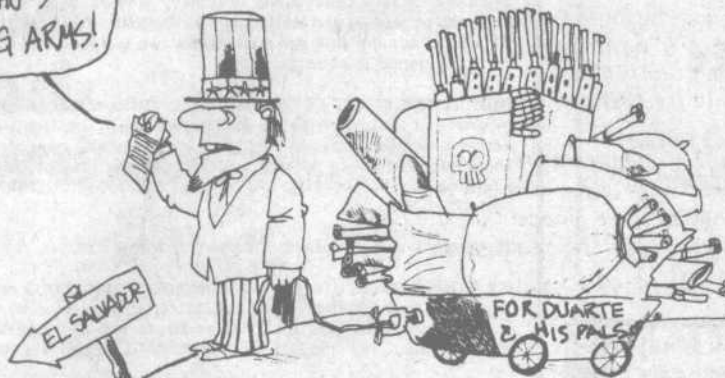
- Get involved with a solidarity group in your area. In Syracuse contact the CNY FOCUS (Friends of Central America United in Support) at 423-4932 (Ed) or 476-0048 (Mary). For resource or educational materials contact the Front Room Bookstore at SPC. To arrange a forum on El Salvador with a slide presentation, call Sr. Barbara Krick at 469-7312.

from government forces, 3) buying them on the world market with over \$50 million gained in robberies and kidnappings, and 4) through contributions from Social Democrats and supportive organizations throughout the world. In this context the support of the Soviet bloc is at best secondary in the struggle in El Salvador, but it has become primary in the Reagan/Haig strategy for — selling their aggressive foreign policy to the US public.

In the final analysis, Reagan and Haig are counting on one final myth in order to continue their murderous deeds in El Salvador. They count on their belief that the US people really don't care about what is happening in El Salvador today. All the other myths can be picked apart by careful analysis—but this last one can only be disproven through action. Get involved now!

US Out of El Salvador!!

I'VE GOT PROOF OF WHO'S SUPPLYING ARMS!



Roger/Barricada/LNS

The State Department's characterization of the FDR is revealed as a pure sham when we realize that the president of the FDR, Guillermo Ungo, was the leading civilian in the October 15 coup, which they were then praising as progressive.

Militarily, the FMLN controls four provinces to the extent that the army cannot enter with any security, even in daylight. Politically, it is impossible to gauge support since everyone is afraid to speak within the country. Refugees, however, enjoying a degree of personal security in Mexico, Nicaragua, and the US, have most often cited government violence as the reason they fled and have said they are awaiting the triumph of the FDR so that they can return.

Myth No. 3: US support of the junta is designed to aid them in their struggle against subversion and "international communism".

This myth could only have been cooked up by those with no awareness of the Salvadorean people's 50-year struggle against poverty and military dictatorships, and with no understanding of Third World struggles for self determination. But the myth that the uprising in El Salvador is the product of a few outside agitators has become a staple in the average TV watcher's diet.

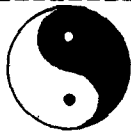
Just as the Carter government manufactured an "invasion" from Nicaragua (which Ambassador White later admitted never occurred—see 2/80

PNL) in order to send lethal weapons, so the Reagan/Haig government has created its White Paper on "Communist Interference in El Salvador" to justify sending nearly \$100 million in arms to this genocidal junta.

The White Paper is based on documents, reportedly captured from guerrillas, yet none of these have been authenticated. It claims to demonstrate that massive amounts of arms have flowed into El Salvador via Cuba and Nicaragua, but in fact only "proves" that 200 tons ever arrived in El Salvador, which is about enough ammunition to keep 200 soldiers in the field for about 10 days, according to the CIA. The heart of the Paper is a chronology of the travels of Salvadorean Communist Party leader Shafik Handal, and examining his record shows he had very limited success. In Moscow he was unceremoniously given a plane ticket to Viet Nam. In East Germany, he was told "we already gave" (1.9 tons!). All throughout his tour of Soviet bloc countries, Handal received agreements "in principle," but even the super sleuths at the CIA are unable to uncover or manufacture evidence that any of these handshakes ever resulted in the shipment of arms.

Even if all the arms Handal solicited did arrive in El Salvador, they would not be a significant contribution to the FMLN and would certainly have little political impact on the FDR. The Salvadorean guerrillas (the Spanish term for warrior) get their weapons four ways: 1) manufacturing them, 2) capturing them

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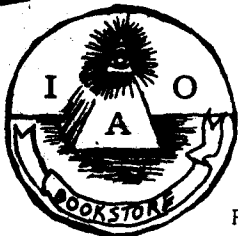
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Would you show support for **SPC** by working a 1+1/2 hour shift at the **GARAGE SALE** - Saturday, May 16? If yes, please call SPC-472-5478 and leave message for Corinne.

THESIS EXHIBITION - Photography and Printmaking by Paul Pearce (SPC'er) May 12-23 at SUNY Oswego, Tyler Hall Reception May 16 7-9pm. Everyone invited! Info: 343-2914.

Trucks and/or warm bodies needed for 1 to 2 hours on Tuesday evening- May 5, Tuesday evening- May 12, Friday evening- May 15 and/or Saturday morning- May 16 to transport **Garage Sale** items. If you want to show this kind of support for SPC, please call SPC-472-5478 and leave a message for Corinne or call 422-1659.

Lisa Johns (PNL Editor) went, and she's glad she did! That's the **SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR POPULAR ECONOMICS**. One week sessions (7/5-11, 7/12-18, 8/2-8 or 8/9-15) designed "to teach skills that help people debunk and defeat the... so-called 'economic facts' they face in their political work and on the job." Held in Amherst, Ma. Deadline for July sessions 5/15. Call SPC 472-5478 and ask for brochure.

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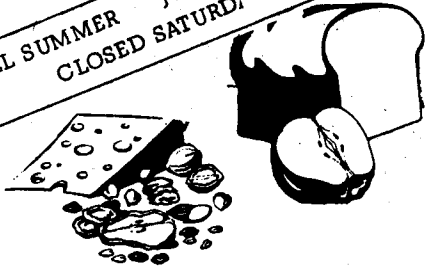
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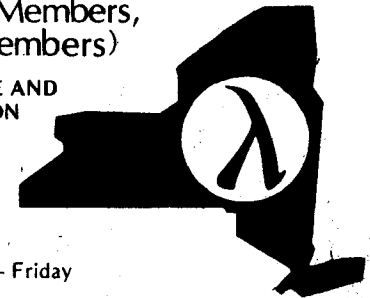
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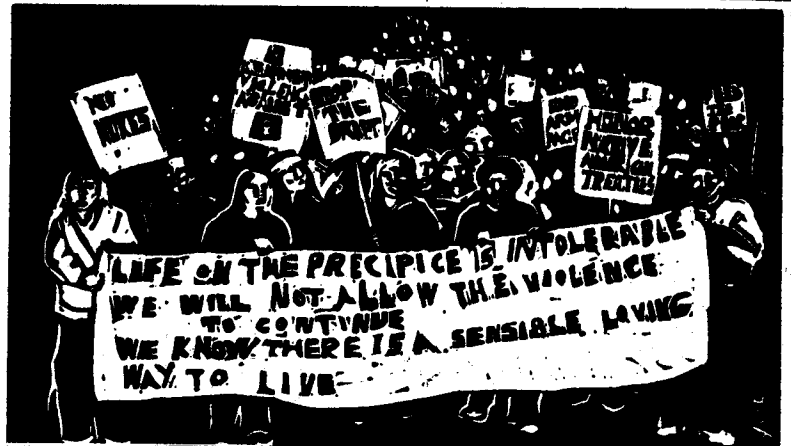
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17	SPC Potluck on Nuclear Waste see p. 5 8th Inst. On Alternatives to Violence 5/19-6/5 see Classifieds p. 22 423-3870 or 471-6923 Citizens United Agst. Police Brutality mtg. 422-5638	18	Syr. NOW mtg. 8 pm May Memorial SPC Spring Clean Up Day Join in the fun & work! Lunch provided Birth of Ho Chi Minh 1894 and Malcom X 1925	19	Little Big Man see NWS Films filer 769:30 Gifford Aud. Deadline for June PNL Calendar & Classifieds Wed. 7-8 pm Summer School. Women welcome	20	2 films on Death Aware- ness 7pm Pettit Library	21	garage sale?	22	ECOH - live music 9 pm Don Moxner(folk) MHMH 8 pm \$2	23	June PNL Meeting Party 30 more the merrier! at SPC Run for a Friend/Cerebral Palsy Center 455-5726 Pax Christi mtg 10:30 am 208 Stocum Ave. 472-5077 Rosalie Borrels at MHMH 8 pm \$4
24	Women On the Move Race for INFO at Onondaga Lake Park 10am 478-4636	25	Vegetarian dinner each Tues. Westcott Caf6 6-8pm \$3 PNL Production Day typing, layout, we teach!	26	Werner Herzog's Every Man for Himself and God Against All see NWS Films filer 769:30 pm Gifford Aud.	27	Chamber Music by Cam- erata Pettit Library 7:30 pm free	28	Massena voters choose public power 1974... want it in Syracuse? call 471-8252	29	MOVING? SPC pays \$20-30/month to get new addresses from P.O. ! Tell us before you move, please! ! !	30	
31	Memorial Day No SPC Potluck but we are working on the June PNL - come by to help!	32	Garage Sale ? ! Lina Wertmuller's Love and Anarchy see NWS Films filer 7:69:30pm Gifford Aud. \$1.50 Front Room Bookstore open till 9 pm each Wed!	33	PNL Production Day & Night! any help welcome	34	Garage Sale ? !	35		36			

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On the Haig Action

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Thanks to the network television news last Saturday, we became aware of the action at the Gen. Haig commencement address. BRAVO! BRAVO!! An excellent tactic!

We were not sure just who organized the action, but we felt that certainly the Peace Council was involved. We were impressed!

Keep it up! We're doing the same here in Pittsburgh whenever any of those jerks set foot here.

Joe Hughes
Pittsburgh Mobilization for Survival

Jamesville, N.Y.

All those people at the Dome who didn't want their day to have any distractions, no matter what the cause. These are the Americans who can ruin the earth. The people at the Dome run their lives like that day. They don't really care to know about death or murder or nuclear waste. They just want to keep on with their gadgets and fast living. Never to come down to thinking or caring about anything except their own selfish lifestyles.

All you people who looked at the protesters with anger, and then applauded Haig with enthusiasm, a man directly related to the death of other human beings. This is a mock on the word honor, on your selves and your university.

Thomas Bourdon

San Francisco, Here I Come!

Syracuse, N.Y.

I want to bid farewell to my friends in the Syracuse Peace Council, and to thank you all for a wonderful three years of political solidarity and friendship. I especially want to express my deep appreciation to my sisters in the Women's Pentagon Action who have passed on to me the Peace

Award presented to them at the Birthday Dinner....

I look forward to staying in touch with the community in Syracuse after I leave, particularly in our mutual political work. I will be coordinating the Program on Feminism and Non-violence at the War Resisters League/West, 85 Carl Street, San Francisco, Calif. 94132, for those who wish to contact me, or find out more about the program.

I can't close up without a couple of commentaries about recent PNLs. I was very disturbed about the attention given John Lennon's death, a page-long tribute, when in the same issue there was only a two-paragraph commentary on the passing of pacifist activist Dorothy Day, who had committed her life to political struggle and helping the poor....

Sorry as I am to see John Lennon murdered, I must admit disappointment with my political friends who spend so much energy grieving an armchair liberal, self-proclaimed socialist, author of "Happiness is a Warm Gun," who used the unveiling of his naked body as his statement against the Viet Nam war. John Lennon was a political flasher. And I can't help but ask bitterly how many of this talented millionaire's dollars will ever reach the progressive movement? So much for his socialism!

Finally, I just want to point out that the closing paragraph of Barb Kobritz's review of "Women by Women" in last month's [April's] PNL, which she attributed to the cast, is actually an excerpt from the Women's Pentagon Action Statement of Unity. I understand how Barb made the mistake, I heard the cast lift several bits from the Unity Statement without attribution.

Ah well, that's all. Thanks for everything, and keep on keepin' on!
Donna Warnock

Wortley's Town Meetings

Oneonta, N.Y.

The Reagan Administration, with the help of network news media, is trying to create a false impression of a public mandate for transferring money from human services agencies to the military. On April 27, CBS Television interviewed George C. Wortley, the Republican Representative from New York's 32nd Congressional district.

Wortley was portrayed as a typical legislator returning to Washington after having visited his district. On CBS Television he stated:

....I had five town meetings, during the district work period, and from New York 32 the answer is a resounding "yes." [My constituents] support the President's budget cuts.

That statement belied what went on at the Oneonta meeting, and apparently in Norwich and North Syracuse as well. The April 27th edition of Oneonta's local newspaper, The Daily Star, reported that:

Congressman George C. Wortley (R-32) was the target of complaints from approximately 70 area residents, most of whom accused him Saturday of supporting budget cuts that will harm his district.

In response to a question, Wortley said that the people present had expressed concern over the consequences of shifts from categorical spending programs to reduced block grants. While continuing to support the administration's plans, he promised to take Oneonta's message back to Washington. He must have lost it along the way.

Will Sigfried

Supporting Public Power

Syracuse, N.Y.

I would like to recognize the twenty Peace Council members who have shown their ongoing support for public power by helping with petitions, phone work and attending Common Council meetings. I believe they really know what a public power system can do for Syracuse, by advocating for a sane energy policy including no more nuclear power plants, energy conservation and alternative energy. The only way that a public power system can work is with effective citizen participation. We must make our system truly local and accountable to our needs!

Ann Stevenson, SPC representative, Syracuse Public Power Coalition

THIS ISSUE

These pages reflect the same dilemma which faced us last month—how to cover the "local" news and activism of Central NY, and leave any space for analysis of "national" or "international" events. But perhaps our own format obsession with section headings is confusing us. For example, this issue carries significant coverage of the un-welcome Haig received at Syracuse University's Commencement. His appearance pulled the issues together--US in El Salvador, the monstrous arms race, the anti-people Reagan budget. We want you to also hear the story behind the story, the grueling and exhilarating process by which a host of political actions were created. The other articles, too, on toxic wastes, occupational safety, and the criminal injustice in the Raul Mora case, defy their "local" headings.

All of which reminds us of a slogan from *Star Route*, a progressive West Coast paper: "Think globally, Act locally." Amen!

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How It Is With Us

The month of May has been exciting and sometimes overwhelming, in the Peace Council House. Committees cancelled meetings to dive into the planning of welcoming Haig.

The Peace Council house subsequently turned its energies to Spring Clean Up - the place is really shaping up! Some big maintenance jobs remain. If you can help paint the outside of the house, or make a new sign for the front yard, please call 472-5478.

By now many have received our Spring Fund Appeal (see p. 6.) Thank you to the people who gave up a sunny Saturday to collate, stuff and label.

There's a myth that summer's a slow time for political activity, but it's never been that way at SPC. The production of War and Peace, a primer on peacemaking in Central NY, is going into full gear. We need all kinds of help in putting it together, advertising and distributing it. War and Peace will take the place of the August Peace Newsletter.

William Sunderlin is co-ordinating downtown leafletting teams for noon hour each Friday. The first flier is an excellent pamphlet on El Salvador. We're also considering a range of events for the commemoration of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings, and then the NYS Fair. We also might bring Bright Morning Star back for a concert (remember last 4th of July?) Any and all of this depends on you--so please consider what you can do for the cause of peace this summer of 1981.

What is SPC

The Syracuse Peace Council (SPC) is a non-profit, community based, autonomous anti-war/social justice organization. We have an affiliation with Clergy & Laity Concerned (CALC). We have a vision of a world where war, violence and exploitation of all kinds (economic, racial, sexual, age, etc.) do not exist. Primary functions of SPC are to help people work for progressive social change and to overcome our sense of powerlessness through mutual support. We feel that education, agitation and organization lead to social change. We have a basic commitment to nonviolence.

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 and monthly pledges, and fundraising 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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SPC to hire new staff person

In May, the SPC steering committee reached a decision to hire a third staff person. The decision is consistent with the restructuring plan, approved in April, which calls for a staff person working in each of three areas: program activism, organization maintenance, and the Peace Newsletter. We'll be starting the search process in early June. Interested parties, please make yourselves known!

The only doubt in the decision was financial. In April 1980 we decided that we won't let a back salary accrue anymore (i.e. by paying outside bills instead of regular salary when we were in a pinch.) This has forced us to be very careful and stubborn about fund-raising because there's no longer a "buffer".

Please, help us into our period of restructuring. Consider starting a pledge (monthly contribution), consider increasing your pledge, or send us a contribution. Thank you.



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Celebrating Lillian's 80 years

A true community celebration was held at the Landmark Theatre in Syracuse on Saturday, May 16th. The occasion was the 80th birthday of Lillian Reiner, known as an activist for peace, safe energy, women's rights, gay rights, responsible and responsive government, etc., etc.

Lillian was greeted at the Landmark by pickets from the many organizations she has supported over the years: Syracuse Peace Council, Citizens United Against Police Brutality, Women's INFO, Women's Political Caucus, NAACP, ACLU, NOW, Liberal Party, League of Women Voters, Planned Parenthood, May Memorial Unitarian Society, First Universalist Society and many more. The pickets wished Lillian a happy birthday and brought her inside to view a program featuring the talents of the Women's Harvest Choir, Barb Dunn and Laura Wilansky, feminist comic Kate Clinton, the Spinning Cobras from Dunbar Center and presentations from many public officials including a citation from Governor Hugh L. Carey and the Proclamation of Lillian Reiner Day by Mayor Lee Alexander. A spectacular cake was created by Harry Freeman-Jones (see above.)

All told, more than 300 people came to honor Lillian. Many others sent cards, letters, telegrams and flowers. A committee of forty people from every segment of the community worked to organize the event, but the true reason for its success lies in the decades of tireless work for peace and justice by one person, Lillian Reiner.

- Joel Rinne

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Sterling and the State's Plan for Toxic Waste

by Ruth Caplan

Much has already appeared in the media concerning the controversy over the selection of the Sterling site by the Department of Environmental Conservation for a statewide toxic waste facility. It is important to look beyond the site controversy and ask why the state is assuming a lead role in the disposal of the most toxic industrial waste, rather than requiring industry to do it on its own. Can the DEC regulate the facility any better if it is on state land than on private land?

Liability

The rationale for the DEC approach is set forth in a March 1980 report of the Governor and Legislature by an advisory committee and the Environmental Facilities Corporation which will be responsible for the project. They propose private financing of the high technology facility and siting on state-owned land which, they say, "recognizes both the economic needs of private industry and the realities of the present fiscal situation." How are the economic needs of industry served? By siting the facility on state-owned land, the state will share in liability resulting from mismanagement. Further, they recommend legislation to limit state liability. They also propose legislation to protect the employees, officers, and directors of the private enterprise from personal liability. Finally, thirty years after waste processing is terminated, the state is to assume full responsibility for the site.

The bottom line is to "provide an incentive for industry to remain in New York and ensure the equitable distribution of disposal costs among responsible sectors of the state's economy." With limited liability, won't it be the local population who will pay the greatest cost--a cost measured in human health and welfare, not just in dollars?

Ruth Caplan is a member of Ecology Action of Oswego and the energy chairperson of the Sierra Club.



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Keeping Profits Flowing

The report is concerned that commercial waste disposers "require a growing market to be assured of an adequate revenue stream to cover capital costs for new treatment and disposal capacity." Of course, commercial operators will want to make a profit as well as cover costs. If New York succeeds in reducing its waste stream through recycling and using fewer toxic chemicals, then more waste will be brought in from out-of-state to feed the large capacity, high technology facility and to keep the revenues flowing.

The report also recommends that the operators be given an exclusive franchise within a designated area to ensure an adequate waste stream. Having thus created a monopoly, the authors at least recognize that "considerable vigilance and control over prices to be charged by such facilities will be required." A monopoly with limited liability--what more could operators ask for?

Action

The announcement of the Sterling site has aroused and united people in surrounding counties. Citizen networks which helped defeat the Sterling nuclear plant are gearing up, and are being joined by many other individuals and groups. This time it looks like safe energy advocates, bird watchers, fishing and business people, and politicians will all be working toward a common cause: defeating a misguided decision by an agency which is now

threatening our welfare instead of protecting it.

Petitions to Commissioner Flacke are being circulated by the newly-formed Hazardous Waste Action Coalition. If you can help, call 343-5610 in Oswego, 592-7686 in Fulton, 626-6773 in Cato or stop by the Peace Council.

As active committed members of our communities, we must educate ourselves, for the chemical hazards will not disappear when we defeat the Sterling site. If you feel at a loss to know where to begin, you may want to start by reading Laying Waste: The Poisoning of America by Toxic Chemicals, by Michael Brown, the reporter who broke the Love Canal story.

And as we study and organize, we should keep in mind the words of a Native American artist whom Brown quotes on Love Canal:

At the first Thanksgiving we taught you to be thankful for what's here, to cultivate it and not abuse it. It was never our belief to treat Mother Earth that way. The earth is our last home.

We must search for ways to make industry fully responsible for the toxic waste it creates. The government must regulate industry to assure safe disposal methods are used. Only when industry absorbs the full cost and assumes full liability will manufacturers think twice about the kinds of chemicals they produce and use.

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SODOMY LAW VICTORY

The people of the State of New York have a bit more freedom today as the result of a four year trek through the criminal justice system by a Syracuse man, Ronald Onofre. On Monday, May 18th the Supreme Court put to rest once and for all the so-called "Consensual Sodomy Law" which prohibited certain sexual acts between consenting, unmarried adults even in the privacy of their homes.

Syracuse Attorney Bonnie Strunk took Onofre's case from Onondaga County Court, to the Appellate Division in Rochester, to the Court of Appeals in Albany and finally to the Supreme Court. She won all the way, creating precedent setting decisions at all levels and reaching the goal gay activists have pursued for more than a decade through legislative means.

The victory was clouded just two days later when the Government Operations Committee of the New York State Assembly voted down a proposal to extend the protections of New York's Human Rights Law to lesbians and gay males. Syracuse Assemblyman Melvin Zimmer, Chair of that committee, voted against the bill. His address is: C/O New York State Assembly, Albany, NY 12248. In the past, lobbyists for gay/lesbian rights have been told that nothing could be done because the "consensual sodomy" law defined such persons as "criminals". Since this is no longer the case, they must have some other excuse.

LOCAL H-BLOCK ORGANIZING

A group called the H-Block Committee is organizing Syracuse support for the Irish hunger strikers. Their goal is to publicize human rights abuse in Ireland, to support the movement to gain "prisoner of war" status for the hunger strikers, and to counter the pro-British mainstream media with information about Britain as a colonial power.

Committee members have committed themselves to 24-hour vigils coinci-

ding with the deaths of the hunger strikers.

The committee is having a fundraiser on June 6 featuring Irish Folk music. The event will take place at the Hibernian Hall, 1200 South Geddes St. from 9PM to 2AM. \$5 donation includes beer. Proceeds will go to the National H-Block Committee.

For more information, contact Paula Stack 437-0998.



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H-Block Vigil in Syracuse, May, 1981.

STOP AID TO EL SALVADOR

Sometime between mid-June and mid-July Patrick Moynihan, Alphonse D'Amato, Gary Lee and George Wortly, along with the rest of Congress, will vote on the FY82 Foreign Aid Authorization Bill, which includes an additional \$26 million in military aid for the Salvadoran junta. This is for the Duarte junta that Amnesty International says is responsible for at least 80% of the killing in that country, killing that is now averaging about 1000 more deaths each month. The junta could not carry on so efficiently without US financial backing.

Up to now the Executive Branch under Carter and Reagan has borne sole responsibility for funding the junta. After mid-June, however, Congress will become a full partner in the Salvadoran repression-- or it will vote to cut out that \$26 million from the authorizations.

Now is the time to track the up-

coming votes in the House and Senate. Let Members of Congress know that you are looking on. Urge them to support all amendments to terminate the \$26 million in military aid. You and Congress won't get another chance like this until next year. Hold Members of Congress responsible for their part in the Salvadoran policy.

KAI'S DEATH: OFFICIAL VIOLENCE ?

In October 1980, the friends and family of Kai Yutah Clouds learned of the 32-year-old agriculturalist's kidnapping, torture and murder in Guatemala. [See 12/80 PNL.] The political situation in that small Central American nation can be likened to that in El Salvador, in that political murders annually number in the thousands and are regularly attributed to forces outside the control of the central government.

For three months following his death, the US Embassy and State Department accepted and responded to inquiries with the explanation of Kai's death put forth by Guatemalan authorities: that it occurred after a barroom fight, or a hit-and-run accident. People who had witnessed his abduction were outraged by these stories and smuggled letters out of Guatemala informing Kai's family and friends of the facts surrounding his death. In consequence, hundreds of letters were written by American citizens demanding a full investigation, and in January 1981 the State Department finally acknowledged that they had been aware of the circumstances of Kai's death as early as two days after it had happened.

A colleague of Kai's summed up the situation: "We as American citizens tried to get the US government, which has sold hundreds of millions of dollars of military hardware to Guatemala, trained their police force, given millions of dollars...to their security forces, to do a thorough investigation into a case with over 100 eyewitnesses. Four months later they have admitted the information which we knew after one week." With one exception: who was responsible for Kai's death remains--to the US officials who maintain friendly relations with Guatemala--officially a mystery. The same eyewitnesses, however, indicate that the kidnapers were officials of the Guatemalan Security Forces.

Trial of Cops in Mora Case: Equality and Justice for Whom?

by Sandee Susman

Why were the four cops found not guilty in the Raul Mora case? What does that verdict mean for our community?

These are questions posed by Citizens United Against Police Brutality (CUAPB) and by the Syracuse community in general. This is in response to the not-guilty verdict handed down by the all-white jury in favor of the four police officers who were accused of beating Raul Mora.

According to a CUAPB statement, "It was obvious that the trial would be a continuation of the white-wash and cover-up that had started months before, on the day of the beating." At the trial it became clear "that one of the accused police officers had actually taken part in the investigation for evidence to be used against himself. It was also revealed that another officer had been permitted to talk to the civilian witnesses prior to the trial. As one of the witnesses testified in court, he was encouraged to make his statement about the incident favorable to the police.

"On the first day of the trial, the Judge showed his predisposition in the case when he ordered all mem-

Sandee Susman is a member of Citizens United Against Police Brutality and FOCUS (Friends of Central America United in Support.)

bers of CUAPB to remove their organization buttons, while allowing the off-duty police officers, in full uniform, and wearing their guns, to pack the courtroom. Just in case the evidence could not be sufficiently covered-up, the atmosphere in the courtroom would intimidate the jury into a not-guilty verdict. The cover-up continued when the judge allowed the lawyers for the four cops to present Mora's arrest record to the jury, evidence which was totally irrelevant to the beating."

The attitude of the police and courts toward Raul Mora was one of dehumanization and degradation. It is this continuing attitude, based on class and race, that allowed the police to justify their brutality to the jury. It is this continuing attitude that fosters police brutality and allows it to remain as a viable means to control those who do not fit the mold of white middle-class Americans. The police in this city have different rules for blacks or Hispanics than they do for whites. The job of the police in our neighborhoods has become that of catching criminals, not preventing crime. And so when a black or Third World person is "caught" this merely serves to justify further oppression in those communities by the police. It proves their theory of "less than human" and justifies police brutality.

As CUAPB has stated, "The issue at hand is the right of citizens to

live free from the fear of police brutality. The issue is the right of the community to control the police.

"Although the verdict in this case may have shown us that the criminal justice system places the police above the law, we need not stand for this. CUAPB will continue to press for a Civilian Review Board. If the courts will not give us that control, then we must take it ourselves.

"The Raul Mora case has been a great step forward for this community, since the days of Jeremiah Mitchell and Dennis Collins. For the first time in the recent history of this city, the community concern about police brutality forced the D.A. to at least bring charges against the police. We must now grow stronger, and build a movement that will make the idea of a community control a reality.

"With the same courage that allowed some of the security guards and hospital personnel to come into the court and testify as to the brutality that they had seen, we must come together, Black, White, Latino, and Native American, to build a community where equality and justice for all has real meaning."

CUAPB has organized a funeral procession for justice on May 30, 1981. It starts at 11 AM at Salina and Colvin Streets and ends at 12 noon at the County Courthouse. Please come. Together we can stop police brutality. REMEMBER RAUL MORA.



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Working May Be Hazardous To Your Health

by Mimi Satter

For the past year representatives of many area labor Unions and concerned individuals have been meeting and organizing on a regular basis as the Central New York Council on Occupational Safety and Health (CNYCOSH). The formation and growing strength of CNYCOSH is indicative of a national trend by progressive trade unionists to form local or regional councils on occupational safety and health.

The goals of CNYCOSH include organizing around safety and health concerns, educating workers in both unionized and non-unionized shops about work place hazards and sensitizing the community generally about these issues. To achieve these goals CNYCOSH has conducted a series of workshops, focusing on New York State's recently enacted Right to Know Law, and the safety and health concerns of specific groups of workers. The Right to Know Law requires employers to advise workers what toxic substances they are exposed to and the employer's safety plan in the event of an emergency.

In addition, CNYCOSH is organizing a medical and technical committee that will be able to provide assistance and referrals to area workers. The medical and technical committee reflects the concern that frequently

doctors misdiagnose patients because of their ignorance regarding work place health hazards. This committee is also engaging in outreach to existing community groups such as Planned Parenthood in an effort to build coalitions around common concerns.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is a major focus of both the Reagan Administration's budgetary attacks and its anti-regulatory program. For example, OSHA recently burned thousands of copies of a booklet on cotton dust printed for distribution to textile workers. The rationale for this book burning was that the literature was "too pro-worker." Locally, OSHA has closed its Rochester office, forcing the Syracuse office to service both cities. At the same time that the Reagan Administration is doing everything in its power to dismantle and discredit OSHA, the incidence of occupationally caused cancer and other serious or fatal

illnesses is on the rise. Indeed; virtually every segment of the American work force is exposed to some safety or health hazard. These hazards range from the VDT's used by clerical and office workers, to the geometrically increasing number of chemicals used in factories. The health hazards of many of these chemicals as well as their cumulative effect is not known.

The growing activism of CNYCOSH, the six other COSH's in the State of New York, and the COSH movement nationally is in direct response to the current administration's attacks on OSHA and working people in general. As stated by one CNYCOSH activist: "I am involved with this movement because it so clearly demonstrates the choice between people and profit. Much more than issues like wage increases or additional fringe benefits, organizing around safety and health demonstrates the need to place people before profit."

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Responses To Haig POWERFUL, CREATIVE, UNIFYING

by Dik Cool

On May 9, and in the week preceding it, hundreds of Syracuse area people delivered a courageous, visible and principled message to Alexander Haig, to the Reagan administration, to Chancellor Melvin Eggers and to the world. That message was, quite simply, that we do not accept murderous and inhumane policies abroad or at home--no matter what the "official" rationale for such policies might be. By our actions we also said: NO we do not acquiesce, NO we will not be 'nice' and 'polite', NO we will not be invisible. We WILL speak out against injustice.

The diversity and spontaneity of responses at S. U. and in the community was truly remarkable and heartening. Collectively and individually people chose their path of protest: S. U. students formed the Ad Hoc Committee for a Fair Commencement. Many meetings, leaflets and news conferences followed. Finally, a decision was reached to wear red armbands (500-1,000 did) and to walk out at the beginning of Haig's speech (about 200 did, joined by some faculty). People also carried several banners around the dome floor and stood with their backs turned while Haig received his "honorable" degree.

Before the ceremony began a new organization, the Coalition for a Just Society, held a rally with 150 people outside the dome. The Coalition, initiated by the Service Employees International Union, Local 200 (SEIU), is an exciting local step towards the all-important unification of progressive groups and the disenfranchised (see p. 15). The Coalition also held a well attended news conference on May 8.

The Community Committee To Welcome Haig (p. 13) organized the powerful theatrical action inside the dome. Throughout Haig's speech 8 bloody nuns, 2 death-spectres and 8 bloody peasants, representing some of the 19,000 people slain in El Salvador, stood with fingers accusingly pointed. Surrounding them were 200 people acting as supporters, bannerholders, peacekeepers and chanters.

This scary, demanding, yet empowering action was made even more difficult since it was organized in near secrecy. The effectiveness of our efforts became clear in succeeding

days as we learned that both AP and UPI carried stories and photos as did most major city newspapers across the country. Two national TV networks (NBC carried our diploma, p. 14) covered it, and local TV and radio coverage was extensive. The Syracuse Herald-American even carried an incredible full-color photo. A notable exception to the reasonably good, though frequently garbled, coverage was WCNY (NET) which basically ignored the protest even going so far as to not say why Moses Finley (an honorary degree recipient who refused to attend because of Haig) was not present. Liberation News Service, the Guardian and Fellowship magazine have also carried stories. Unexpectedly, the SPC office began receiving calls from groups around the country who were excited, proud and congratulatory. Our spirits soared!

The opposition, of course, used a number of the predictable techniques to discredit and divide us. Among them were redbaiting (Post-Standard); the "outside agitator" ploy (Eggers and his PR man Julian); and the "small minority" tact (Haig). Such techniques are routinely used to deflect attention from real issues--such as people being killed in El Salvador.

But clearly our message had been heard. In the coming months and years the same message will increasingly be heard across this land as people intensify our continuing struggle for the ideals of freedom, justice and peace.



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Don't Mourn, Organize

by Carol Resnick

The Community Committee to Welcome Haig formed itself into a working political group during the few short weeks between the public news that Haig would come, and his actual appearance on May 9th. The time and the process was a microcosm of the usual organizing experience. First a few outraged and concerned people met to ask themselves, "What can we do?" Then they worked on an initial level of outreach into the community, inviting all the other concerned and outraged people they could think of to a Sunday night meeting to discuss the issues.

About 35 people responded, and what was to become the "group" was off and rolling. Much (but not all) of the diversity of the Syracuse progressive community was represented. We were experienced/inexperienced organizers; pacifist and not; women/men; members of other political groups/unaffiliated; liberal to left

in political persuasion; experienced with civil disobedience and not; and initially comfortable with a wide range in degree of "disruption" that we felt was appropriate at a gathering such as the impending May 9th commencement. Our unity was in our commitment to do something which would make a clear dissenting statement to Haig and to as much of the world as might hear us. Our task was to find consensus on the goals of our action, and then to determine the specific nature of the action itself. Once done with the talking, we had to organize and carry it out--and two weeks to get it done!

Agendas were organized, facilitation was firm, and debate was open, principled, and occasionally difficult. We had differences to resolve and virtually no time to do it in. But we did--with respect and trust for each other, and a clear focus on the priority of working it out so that we could make something happen that fine Saturday morning. Meetings were long and wearing, but patience was a shared virtue. The consenses were finally established, and the group had set sufficient guidelines for itself to go ahead and create the May 9th actions. Differences, disagreements, tensions, and difficulties were not forgotten, but we had effectively moved beyond.

Perhaps the most intensive test of this trust and unity came at the demonstration inside the Dome. The time came for the actors to stand, the chanters to chant, the banner holders to raise their messages, the silent supporters to offer their spirit and protection, and the peace-keepers to watch over all. The feeling of safety, strength, and unity was overwhelming. The power of our action bespoke the quality of our process. We did it because we had to. There was no time for a less trusting or committed process. We can do it again.

Dik Cool felt very high over our community's strength. He is a political/cultural organizer with SPC. Carole Resnick is a community resident and S.U. alumnus. She was previously a member of the New Salt City Press collective.



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Steve Susman

A creative protest of Reagan's budget at the outside rally.



Artis Lee

Heckling Haig: We Diminished Our Own Effectiveness

The following article is an opinion piece that does not represent any final consensus of the Community Committee to Welcome Haig.

"Warmonger!" "Fascist!" The shouts burst out of the crowd of demonstrators surrounding the bloodied nuns as they stood pointing accusing fingers at Alexander Haig. "Liar!" "War criminal!!" Every few moments a shout roared out, in antagonistic counterpoint to Haig's speech. All around heads swiveled to look at us in evident anger and distaste, while the tension grew at each exclamation.

"We had agreed from the beginning that there would be spontaneous outbursts from the group, that people could respond this way to the outrageous things we expected Haig to say in his speech," explained Richard Gardner, a member of the Community Committee to Welcome Haig, which organized the inside-the-Dome demonstration. "Our intent was not to disrupt his speech, but we also didn't want to be in the position of passively sitting and saying nothing while he

talked about the 'US playing a more constructive role in the Third World' and things like that. We actually expected the spontaneous responses to be less disruptive than, say, chanting during his speech."

However, it is clear in retrospect that no one anticipated the tremendously negative reactions it produced in the audience of parents and family members sitting around us--and even among some participants who hadn't known exactly what to expect. As one of the latter, I think the net result was to mar what was otherwise a tremendously moving, effective and morally forceful demonstration.

The arguments against the heckling are basically these, I think: 1) that it diminished the dignity of the nuns and other actors and drew attention away from them; 2) that we needlessly antagonized (and possibly frightened) the audience in our vicinity; 3) that men angrily bellowing the buzzwords of leftist rhetoric convey neither the spirit of nonviolence, nor any of the Left's style of concern for the feelings of others; and 4) that it

communicated nothing positive about the left at a time when positive political alternatives are needed desperately. As one parent said as we filed out of the Dome, "I don't like Haig, but I don't like you people either."

In an evaluation meeting held the following week, it was clear that many people perceived the heckling as a major point of controversy, although the group was far from unanimous in disapproving it. Virtually everyone seemed accepting of some form of verbal reaction, but the consensus appeared to be that attention should have been given to devising a more effective way to do it.

A final argument made in support of the style of the Haig action is that, in essence, this was no time to be "nice." But our concern has to be balanced equally, I think, between confronting the architects of morally repellant governmental policies, and at the same time keeping in mind the uninformed, apolitical public which lends unwitting legitimacy to those policies. Those people will continue to perform that function so long as they see no real alternatives on the American political scene. By way of offering that alternative, we can do worse than to be, if you will, "nice."
* --Lisa Johns

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Six labor organizations, the Syracuse chapter of the NAACP, both chapters of NOW, the Syracuse Peace Council, PEACE, Inc., the Women's Information Center, the Cruise Control Action Project, and numerous members of other religious and professional organizations unified around the following points:

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-Pat Rector



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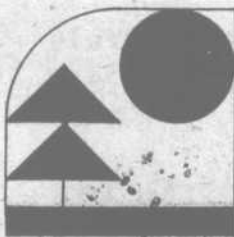
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We have been drawn together to work with a group of women for reasons perhaps as diverse as we are. We are married, single, gay, mothers, not mothers, young, old and ages in between. We are presently in the process of defining why it is important for us to work together as women. Some of us have been politically active, some of us are becoming active for the first time. Up till now, many of us have been able to deny the threat of nuclear destruction. To become a member of this group meant that we had to acknowledge this reality.

As our name implies we want to do more than study and learn -- we are willing to work for a non-nuclear future. Though our first goal is to educate ourselves, we want to reach out and educate others. We don't aim to limit ourselves to those already committed. The recent coalition of groups forming as a result of

budget cuts and Haig's visit indicates the variety of people becoming aware of the effect that military greed is having on the meeting of human needs. We hope eventually to build similar coalitions and networks around the issues of nuclear power and weaponry. Our concern about these issues supercedes our other politics in this group. In accepting each other's differences, we can put more energy into our common cause.

Part of this outreach should include listening as well as we are able to the opinions of other men and women, particularly the proponents of a nuclear future. This will help us in the development of more effective arguments.

Though we come together in a whole group, our plan is for interested women to work together in smaller

groups, or pairs, to research particular areas of concern, like the findings of Dr. Ernest Sternglass. A professor of radiological physics at the U. of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Sternglass has found that infant mortality rose sharply during the four months following the Three Mile Island (TMI) accident, in areas like Syracuse that were in the path of the radioactive fallout. (See PEACE NEWSLETTER, April 1981, "Currents".) With the aid of several interested physicians at Upstate Medical Center, we are attempting to uncover the causes of the increase in infant deaths here during the period April '79 to July '79, and to discover if there is a relation between this increase and the large amounts of radioactive Iodine-131 known to have been released from the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant.

Although we've chosen to be a group of women, we recognize the need to work with all people who share our concerns. We would welcome response and expression of interest from women who might wish to join us in our work. Our next meeting will be June 10th, 7:30 at 504 Allen St. Interested people call Pat at 446-2380 or Gloria at 479-5977.

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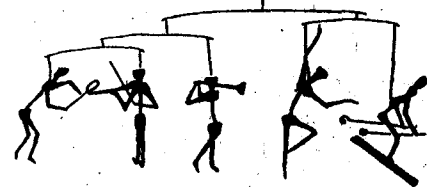
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The Human Life Statute: Anti-Life, Anti-Woman and Anti-Family

by Debbie Vogel

On May 21, after Jesse Helms warned Senators their constituents back home were "watching", the U.S. Senate voted to eliminate Medicaid funding for abortions to rape and incest victims. Since the House had previously voted on May 13 to eliminate these funds, it is virtually assured the joint Congress will pass the pending budget with Medicaid funds denied to women and girls pregnant as a result of rape or incest.

This move, in effect, requires these victims to carry the pregnancy to term, find money to pay for a medically safe termination or, in financial desperation, attempt a self-induced abortion.

It is clear the Congress has limited, if any, understanding of the complex human ramifications involved in the abortion issue. Even more frightening - this Congress will decide the fate of the pending Human Life Bill/Statute (HLS).

What Does HLS Say?

In essence, the Congress would assert through the HLS that there is scientific consensus that life begins at conception: On the basis of this, Congress would then declare a fertilized ovum, embryo and fetus a "person." That declaration would authorize states to pass laws to outlaw abortions. In short, the HLS would set in motion a process to eliminate abortion completely by putting the obligation upon the states to protect the fetus.

What Would Be The Impact Of HLS?

1. States could criminalize abortion. For the first time in the history of Anglo-American law, abortion for any reason could result in a woman and her doctor being charged with murder.
2. Certain contraceptives would be outlawed, including the IUD and forms of the pill that work after the egg is

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fertilized. This would outlaw the morning-after pill, used in rape cases where pregnancy is feared.

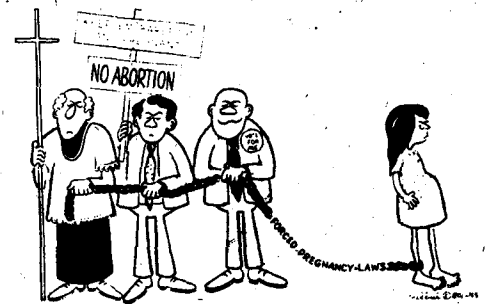
3. A system of government control and prosecution would have to be created to protect the unborn. Miscarriages would have to be investigated to assure the mother was not negligent in pre-natal care or had not acted in any way to intentionally miscarry.

4. By mandating compulsory pregnancy, women who suffer serious or life-threatening medical illnesses, women who face risk of genetic birth defects or teens and older women who face increased dangerous pregnancy complications would have to risk their lives or permanent physical damage by carrying a pregnancy to term.

5. The legal system would be in chaos. Anyone having contact with a pregnant woman, with or without knowledge of the pregnancy, could be held legally responsible for any action that might be linked to miscarriage, i.e., employers, friends carrying the woman in a car, etc. Criminal action could be brought against any one of these parties.

6. The HLS would establish a primary religious belief - that a fertilized egg is a human being from the moment of fertilization - and impose this belief on all, including those who do not share it. This is a clear and dangerous violation of our constitutionally guaranteed separation of church and state.

7. Perhaps most alarming in its scope is the ultimate intent of the HLS to strip the U.S. Supreme Court of its power. The declaration of fetal personhood in the HLS would flatly contradict the 1973 Supreme Court decision which clearly states that the word 'person' as used in the Fourteenth Amendment does not include the unborn. If the HLS is passed, the members of Congress (elected political officials) would be the sole judges of what the Constitution means.



Again this year, the Medicaid issue was debated in the State Senate and Assembly. Despite strong maneuvers by Right-to-Life legislators, the pro-choice proponents were again victorious. Therefore, despite the recent Congressional vote to eliminate funds for abortion for rape and incest victims, N.Y. residents on Medicaid will still have the choice where medically necessary abortions are needed, including rape and incest victims.

The attack of the "New Right" and "Moral Majority" has only begun with the abortion debate. There are many issues on their "agenda" that threaten to limit our freedoms, intrude into our personal lives and take away our right to decide for ourselves what course our lives should take. They are attempting to legislate their "morality" for an entire nation.

They are not pro-life or pro-family. The limitations they seek to impose threaten the quality of life for every individual, male and female, every couple and every family in this country. They are well organized and well financed. But they CAN be defeated.

What You Can Do

There are many ways to help. An effective movement needs people of all talents. Sending out alerts, making phone calls, and licking envelopes are just as essential to "getting the job done" as meeting with a legislator.

To become part of the Syracuse Alert Network (be informed of critical legislation, important events and action plans), or to help in many other ways, contact:

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Lebanon: The Battle of the Proxies

by Judy Bjorkman

There is no simple way of understanding the civil and other warfare taking place in Lebanon. But there is one truism about Lebanon which is helpful to remember: the Lebanese central government is too weak to prevent or control what happens in the state. Thus, there is really nothing it can do about the daily violations by Israel of Lebanese air-space and coastal waters, nor about the heavily-armed private Lebanese armies which owe allegiance to one or another of the country's wealthy Christian or Muslim families, nor about the well-armed Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) cadres and their Lebanese leftist allies, nor about getting the 20,000 Syrian troops out of the country (even though the Syrians are there by invitation of the Lebanese government and the Arab League).

Lebanon was supposed to be the neutral place, the garden spot, the playground of the Middle East, the place where East and West meet to do their banking, the laissez-faire democracy with quite a free press, the only country in the Middle East where

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Palestine Perspective, May 1978

The Lebanese village Quazzaye after Israeli bombardment

Christians formed about half the population and had an unmatched freedom of religious expression. All this was true, but there were other things about Lebanon which helped lead to the present nightmare. It was a country with an inadequate public education system and little by way of public services -- the impoverished South of Lebanon, with 20% of its population, received less than 0.7% of the State budget in 1974; running water, electricity, sewage facilities, telephones, and hospitals are either missing or irregularly operable in all but the large towns of the South. Dispossession of peasants from their land, inequitable prices for tobacco (the largest cash crop in Lebanon), government representation made up mainly of the

wealthy feudal families, failure to properly develop either the agricultural or the industrial sector of the economy, resulting in the primacy of a service-oriented economy dependent on outsiders, the failure of Lebanon to develop a national allegiance that would overcome various sectarian commitments -- all of these and more were Lebanon's darker side.

Like most of the other countries in the area, Lebanon had a colonial heritage that helped poison its chances for success after independence in 1943. In 1920, 400 years of Ottoman rule ended, and over 20 years of the French Mandate began. The French carved Lebanon out of Syria and reinforced religious allegiances which already existed. (The 3 main Chris-



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tian groupings are Maronite, Greek Orthodox and Greek Catholic; for the Muslims--Shi'ite, Sunni, Druze.) Representation in the government was frozen on a religious basis, with Maronite Christians playing the most powerful political roles because they were supposedly the largest of the sectarian groups. Thus, any suggested change in this confessional system was bound to be strongly resisted by the Maronites (and by small numbers of wealthy Muslims who also benefitted from the system) because they stood to lose the most power and privilege.

Conflicting with this sectarian arrangement on the ideological plane are concepts of Arab nationalism which stress the unity of the Arab peoples and a preference for a more secular type of government. Part of the dialog within Arab nationalism is the "Arab Question"--will the Arab world control its own destiny or will the West control it? All of these issues are being fought out in Lebanon. In general, the PLO and its Lebanese Muslim and Christian allies represent the progressive trends of Arab nationalism; the Phalange (mainly right-wing Christian Maronites) and its allies prefer the sectarian arrangement. The Phalange also sees Israel as a sectarian (Jewish) state and feels an affinity with that style. The Phalange had been casting about for a more localized "protector" than their old allies, the French, and recently made public that they buy arms and receive some training from Israel.

Where does Syria fit into this picture? Syria, so often portrayed as the "beating heart of Arab nationalism," entered the Lebanese civil war in 1976 on the side of the Phalange in order to prevent a PLO/Lebanese-leftist victory. This seems an incredible contradiction until one realizes that Syria does not want a radical leftist state on its western border, a state which could precipitate a war with Israel, into which Syria would inexorably be drawn. Syria has enough trouble with Iraq to the east, occasionally with Jordan to the south, and of course with Israel, who occupies Syria's Golan Heights to the southwest.

In fact, almost no one wants Lebanon to be a radical leftist state--most of the Lebanese don't, neither does Israel, Saudi Arabia, the United States (which is why all three of these countries concurred in allowing Syrian troops to stay in Lebanon as a "peace-keeping" force). Even the USSR could hardly regard such a state as a safe or effective ally, particularly when its current ally, Syria, is opposed to it.

Such a state would not even be good for the Palestinians. Many Lebanese fear that the PLO means to solve Palestinian statelessness at Lebanon's expense. The PLO has steadfastly repeated that only Palestine (or a part of it) is its goal. The PLO's occasional and militarily irrelevant raids into northern Israel have naturally irritated the Israelis, who have responded by bombing and invading southern Lebanon, causing several thousand civilian (mainly Lebanese) casualties and the displacement of about 200,000 Lebanese and 65,000 of the more than 200,000 Palestinian refugees in Lebanon. Israel's

motives are not hard to perceive--it would like to eliminate the one remaining geographical area in which the PLO operates quite freely. Israel also wants to drive a wedge between the PLO and its Lebanese allies.

All of this by no means exhausts the catalog of interwoven causes for Lebanon's trauma. Some of the confusion and despair felt by its citizens were expressed by a young militiaman: "I fought with the Lebanese leftists against Suleiman Frangieh's Christian militia in the civil war. Now Frangieh's forces may be attacked by their fellow Christians, the Phalangists. If they are, our leaders tell us we will fight to help Frangieh. So why did we fight the civil war?"*

What could help solve Lebanon's crises? Clearly, a comprehensive peace between Israel and her Arab neighbors, which would include self-determination for the Palestinians, would ease the load in Lebanon by gradually removing the armed Palestinian presence there. There would still, however, be many other problems which only the Lebanese can finally solve.


* From an excellent analysis, "The Tragedy of Lebanon," by James Fine, AFSC's M.E. Representative. 18pp.; 30¢+36¢ postage from Judy Bjorkman at AFSC.



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Book Review

The Press & the Cold War

Author: James Aronson

- Beacon Press - 1970 - \$3.95

by Toni Tavarone

According to James Aronson, co-founder of the Guardian newspaper, the US press has become a "voluntary arm of established power." Describing press coverage of major foreign and domestic events from the Bolshevik Revolution to the war in Vietnam, The Press and the Cold War meticulously details the role of the press in uncritically supporting government policy, even when such support means printing lies and distortions.

The date usually set for the beginning of the Cold War is 1946, when the US-Soviet wartime alliance began to crumble. Aronson, however, sets it 28 years earlier, in 1918. He claims that only five months after the Bolshevik Revolution, the West was already up in arms, quite literally, over the establishment of the first socialist state. In July 1918, President Wilson approved US intervention in the Soviet Union. Five months later a NY Times editorial clamored for more intervention, to "drive the Bolsheviks out of Petrograd and Moscow." In a supplement to the New Republic, Walter Lippman and Charles Merz published a report examining the news and editorials in the NY Times from March 1917 to March 1920. The Columbia Journalism Review called the report, published in 1920, "the 1st and still in many ways the classic analysis of American press coverage of Soviet events." Lippman and Merz concluded that on "the supremely important event of the Russian Revolution" the American people "could not se-

cure the minimum necessary information" to make an informed judgement. The Red Peril was created and firmly established in the minds of the American public.

The Allied Alliance of World War II softened the Red Peril image somewhat, but by 1946, the Alliance was over. Aronson documents the press's role in whipping up post-war anti-communist hysteria which led to the activities of Senator McCarthy. He describes how the press was deliberately controlled during the Korean War, to create the impression that nothing much was going on. He details exactly how the news was managed to cover up the CIA activities in Guatemala which culminated in the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba. He discusses how "news management" became official policy during the Kennedy administration when the US undertook the illegal blockade of Cuba known as the Cuban Missile Crisis. He spends a good deal of the book on the censorship of the news from Vietnam, and the distortion of the anti-war movement at home.



The book presents a detailed anatomy of how the US press represents ruling class, capitalist interests by distorting world and domestic events. But the book suffers from the fact that Aronson never outlines specifically how class interests are preserved. Instead, he details how individual journalists and publications kowtow to Washington's official line, and how controversy in the press is almost entirely limited to disagreement over how US policy should be pursued

never questioning the policy itself. He mentions advertising, especially in the case of radio and television, but pays no attention to its contribution to control of the news. Nevertheless, The Press and the Cold War contributes enormously to the understanding of how the media works. Aronson ends his book with a call for a strengthened alternative press as the only defense against the fundamentally biased capitalist media.

Although it was published in 1970, The Press and the Cold War is particularly relevant today as renewed conservatism and anti-Soviet hysteria increase. Alexander Haig's recent speech to Syracuse University's 127th commencement could have straight from the 1950's with its militaristic posture and anti-Red paranoia. Press coverage of the various protests that day was a living example of the phenomena described in Aronson's book. Even more frightening than the coverage of the protests however, was the coverage of the speech, which was accepted uncritically by the major media without so much as a blink of the eye. The Syracuse media was a particular culprit in the distortion of the graduation events. An anecdote from Aronson's book provides an amusing yet disturbing commentary. It happened late in 1956:

In Onondaga County, near Syracuse, NY the students of the senior class undertook to enter a class subscription to the NY Times. But the Solvay Board of Education early in March forbade the use of the Times in social studies classes on the grounds that the Times had a 'Communist slant' in its news stories. There would be no benefit for the students in the subscription, the Board said, since the paper was 'too intellectual' and would take 'too much time for other studies.' The instigator of the action was School Board member John Martino. Martino also was the auditor of the Syracuse Post Standard which, at the time, was serializing a 100-page handbook on Communism...

1956 does not seem so very far away.

The Press and the Cold War is available from The Front Room Bookstore, 924 Burnet Ave., Syracuse NY 13203. \$4.50 postpaid.

Toni Tavarone is not really a nun. (See pp. 12-13.)

FREE CLASSIFIEDS

Deadline for July Classifieds is Friday, June 19, 5pm. Your listing should be typed or printed and mailed to PNL Classifieds, 924 Burnet Ave., Syr., NY 13203. Ads are free and will run for two months after which further correspondence is necessary.

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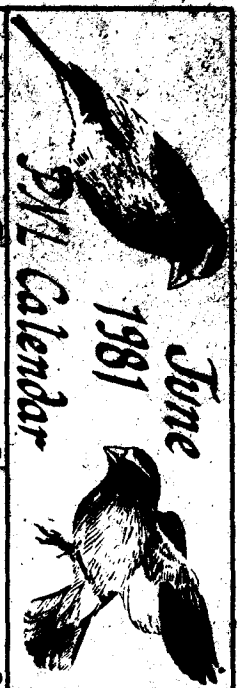


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Going to Jail is a Way of Life

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THIS ISSUE

This PNL evolved before our eyes into an issue on prisons and "going to jail." There seem to be two aspects which spiral in and out of each other. The first one is of political involvement which brings imprisonment, as with Leonard Peltier and the Plowshares 8. These are conscious, inspiring statements of resistance, the price we may all have to pay to retain our sense of future for the planet.

But for most men and women in US prisons, the circumstances are not empowering. Jail is not a choice; neither is poverty, joblessness, or violence. The NYS prison bond will not pretend to build prisons which help people take charge of their lives, or to change the conditions of society which helped bring them to prison.

This PNL also has a very provocative article on Northern Ireland and the H-Block hunger strikers. We never do shirk from controversy, and we welcome your responses.

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An important note to our readers:

Many of you are undoubtedly wondering why your September Peace Newsletter didn't arrive. Did the IRS seize the SPC typewriters as collateral for back taxes? Did the SPC staff skip off to Florida rather than brave the impending Syracuse winter? No, our typewriters are with us and so is our dedication to braving all sorts of harsh conditions, but our finances are in pretty poor shape.

As we were preparing to put the September Peace Newsletter together in the third week of August, we got a rude shock. After a year of being in fairly good financial condition we found that we owed out about \$2,800 in bills and had no money in the bank. There was no money to put out a September Peace Newsletter.

How did this happen? We found out at the end of August that our June fund appeal brought in only \$1,000, as compared to the \$2,500 we expected. Another reason is that, although we have received loads of praise for the special August issue, War & Peace (see p. 21), we have not sold many of the 15,000 extra copies we printed.

We decided that we would combine the September and October Peace Newsletters, thereby saving us the production and postage costs for one issue: \$800. While this helped substantially, it still leaves us in a severe pinch.

We've got some good solid fundraisers coming up in the fall: the phonathon (see below), the Cris Williamson concert (see p. 15) and the annual Plowshare Craftsair (see p. 30). But all of these events are at least a month off. In the meantime, we are in desperately poor shape.

We know there are a lot of you out there who know how important the health of the Peace Council is in these turbulent times. Please, send us a generous contribution without delay.

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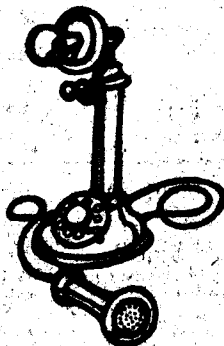
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The Peace Council staff collective

SPC's 1981 phonathon in October

We've tentatively set October 19-22 as dates for calling the entire metro area mailing list. We want to ask you if you will pledge \$3 per month, or more, to support the Peace Council. Pledges provide us with a steady income that frees-up the staff from doing fund-raising. If you contribute early, we won't call you, unless you'd like us to! (see right)



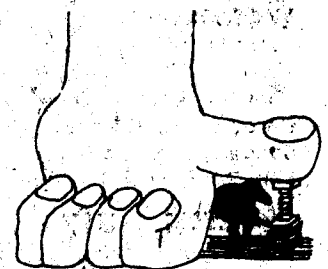
Count me in!

Here's a contribution of _____ to help ease the current SPC money crisis.

___ Whoops! I just realized that I haven't paid \$6 for my year's subscription to the Peace Newsletter. Here's the dough.

___ Don't call me during the phonathon. I'm contributing early.

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Zimmer Votes Against Gay Rights

Syracuse, N.Y.

We the members of the Syracuse Chapter of the New York State Gay/Lesbian Conference view with extreme dismay the recent vote in the State Assembly Governmental Operations Committee defeating A3595, the bill proposed to ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. This action once again serves to deny 10% of this state and community's taxpayers access to their basic rights in procuring housing, jobs and public accommodation because of the persons they choose to love.

It is our particular concern that Mel Zimmer, Chair of that committee, chose to add his most influential and deciding vote to those against the proposed legislation. He has expressed the opinion that he feels it should be left up to the courts. While the Onofre case recently ended the state's antiquated sodomy statute, we feel it is the purpose of elected government to enact legislation ensuring all segments of the community access to shelter and livelihood without prejudice.

We are aware that portions of Mr. Zimmer's constituency labor under the misguided idea that gays and lesbians are in some way less than whole, healthy and creative persons. Their views, fueled by stereotypical thinking, have little correlation to the reality of some twenty million of us in the United States who, largely unknown, labor and love in their midst. We can only suppose that Mr. Zimmer, by his action, is afraid to embrace the truth and act with the courage necessary to answer the false and vicious notions that classify gays and lesbians with criminals and other threats to society.

To deny us our basic rights is, at the same time, to support the worst sort of fear and ignorance about any minority which is viewed as being different from the general population. Our pluralistic society was estab-

lished precisely to secure liberty and justice for all. Mr. Zimmer struck a blow against this fundamental notion. We call on all persons who value the basic tenets of our republic to be mindful of his action when considering his future stewardship of any elective office.

New York State Gay/Lesbian Conference

Moving On

Syracuse, N.Y.

I feel sad and excited at the same time to be moving on to a new place and new work after two years in Syracuse. All of you whom I have come to know, to work with, and to love have made this a time of joy and growth.

Beginning in September, I will be working as an organizer for the Arizona Farm Workers, near Phoenix. From there I'll also be able to continue to work in the movement in solidarity with El Salvador and with the Salvadorean refugees.

I have gotten a lot of strength from all of you who have come together to help prevent a new Viet Nam in Central America, and have made the struggle of the Salvadorean people your own. May we continue united until the final victory and self-determination for all third world peoples. In peace and solidarity,

Ed Griffin

St. Lawrence Water, Air Unfit

Syracuse, N.Y.

In early August this year I had the pleasure of bicycling with a good friend along the St. Lawrence River and through the Adirondack Mountains. At one point in our trip we chose to spend the evening at the American Youth Hostel on the Akwesasne Reservation near Roosevelt town, N.Y.

In the course of spending one evening there, I became truly frightened. Three corporations along the St. Lawrence--and I am here referring to Alcoa, Reynolds, and General Motors--have polluted the local waterways and atmosphere to where the water is not fit to drink and the air is not fit to breathe.

The houseparent at the A.Y.H. chooses to haul water from 20 miles away rather than use local water

because fluoride levels are so high. Although she likes the area, she will be moving away soon because in the long run she fears for her own and her son's lives.

All ethnic groups who live in this area of the state are being threatened by the massive amount of pollution being generated by the aforementioned industries.

When we pedaled out the next morning, I was sad and angry. I also had an unexplained rash on my hands. The people at Akwesasne are fighting now for a principle because their land in its present condition is worthless if not deadly.

Visit Akwesasne, write your congressperson(s), boycott Alcoa, Reynolds, and General Motors. Become active. People are dying.

Christopher Fagg

Whither My PNL?

Craftsbury, Vermont

And so I ask't the sage
How immortality
Might be gained.

And spake he these words:

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And get on the PNL mailing list.
Then shall ye join the immortals."

[I sent in the dough.]

And so as time pass't
I gained enlightenment
No doubt from this cause.
And yet the PNL I have received not.
Could'st some botcher or botchess
Have defiled my order?

Could the Herald-Journal's henchmen
Be to blame?

Could a great tide

Have washed Lake Erie's
Foul waters

Along the path of the great canal
Destroying all in its path?

Could not one waterlogged copy
Be rescued for this noble obdurate?

David Briars

The problem seems to be that you moved shortly after you subscribed, and we didn't get your new address until after you moved. Often we find out that a subscriber has moved only when her PNL is returned by the Post Office with a forwarding address. It can take as much as another month to correct our mailing list. That's why we constantly admonish readers to let us know before they move. Besides, the Post Office charges us 25¢ for every returned PNL! --Eds.

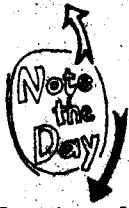
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October 1
Thursday**Nestle Infant Formula: Informational & Organizational Meeting**

Nestle (they make more than chocolate) has become notorious for its sales tactics in promoting infant formula in Third World countries. As many as 10 million infants annually are victims of diseases related to bottle feeding & the World Health Organization recently adopted a code banning infant formula promotion. A representative of INFACT (Infant Formula Action Coalition) will give a presentation, & there will be information on a National Rally to be held October 31 in White Plains, NY — US headquarters of Nestle. Facilitator will be Sam Martin (472-2983)

October 12
Monday**Six Weeks in Nanjing (It's In Central China on the Yangste)**

John & Sally Brule spent 6 weeks in Nanjing this summer teaching computer courses and conversational English, respectively. They feel that this extended stay in one part of China gave them a chance to see the culture in greater depth than if they had just passed through. So let's come together to ask questions, hear about the trip & look at some pictures!

October 19

Consensus: For Decision Making & a Way of Life

What is it? How does it work? When does it work? Is it important to understand & use? How does it fit into the politics of SPC? The instigator of this workshop promotes consensus as a way of life, but wholeheartedly welcomes a discussion with people who are not so convinced — Glenda Neff (at SPC 472-5478)

October 26

Electoral Politics: New Directions in Syracuse

Many community organizations are realizing it is time to build a coalition for fostering progressive local government. Discussion will involve thoughts about local government, electoral work & sharing some of the exciting examples of social change by electoral politics. Facilitated by Michael Messina of the Citizens Party (423-9581) and Ann Stevenson of Syracuse Public Power Coalition & SPC (472-3921)

November 2

Community of the Ark: Ghandian Community in Rural France

The Ark works to be a model of a nonviolent social order, stressing simple living, service to humanity & governance by consensus. To acquaint yourself with the community prior to the potluck see the article by Mark Shepard in the June issue of Fellowship, journal of the Fellowship of Reconciliation (there is a copy at SPC). We are hoping to have Pierre Parodi, successor to Lanzo del Vasta as leader of the community, to speak with us. If he is not able to come we will still have a discussion about the values of this type of community & invite all interested to share their views. (For more information call 478-2998.)

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The Left and Local Politics: What's Going On Nationally and in Syracuse

by Ron Ehrenreich

Many movement activists avoid involvement with electoral politics. Our collective experience with electoral politics has frequently been negative. We've often backed the lesser-evil candidate or the opportunist-liberal with a "compromise/realistic" program, only to be sold out. We've backed good candidates with sound platforms only to be frustrated by defeat or by their inability to effect changes once in office. We have contributed our time and energy and gained little beyond token reforms and minor shifts in incomes policy. Many of us have a commitment to direct action and feel that this is the preferred path to institutional change.

But there are also good reasons for engaging in electoral politics. Elections are a reasonable means of democratic decision-making in larger political units, such as cities and the nation.

It is true that electoral activity can be a drain on our energy and resources, with little short-term payoff in changing the social system. But direct action can also absorb our energies in ineffective gestures of opposition which merely reveal our lack of support. The mundane responsibilities of ordinary life, e.g., work and family, keep many people from direct action except in very unusual circumstances, while voting takes far less of their time and energy. Just as recent events in Poland have underlined the importance of large-scale direct action, events in France have shown the possibilities in electoral action. A combined strategy of direct and electoral action could be an even more powerful tool for social change.

Ron Ehrenreich is a student of Sociology at Syracuse University and an organizer for the Socialist Party locally.

Electoral politics could provide a vehicle for melding the single issues of the left into a coherent program and platform. The right wing/corporate victory in the 1980 elections demonstrates that single issue groups, once viewed as too extreme to hold office, can be coalesced and elected to public office. Reagan has also demonstrated that electoral politics really count even if the left stays home. In a few short months he has turned back the minor gains made in the last 30 years and pushed government towards an unrestrained corporate state.

It is clear that we do not now have the organized strength to challenge successfully the corporate elite on a national level. To move this country leftward away from the corporate state and the militarism of its empire, we will have to alter radically the policies of government. As a step in this direction we could create a local electoral coalition, rooted in movement and community organizations, and develop our own strategies, candidates and programs.

Electoral organizing does not guarantee success. Getting on the ballot, running a good campaign, and getting elected are all difficult. Achieving positive change once in office is also difficult. Progressive coalitions have elected candidates in several US cities in the last few years. This year Burlington, Vermont elected Bernie Sanders, an open socialist, as mayor and progressive Terry Bogardus as alderman. Last year in San Francisco Harry Britt, an openly socialist gay candidate, was elected to the city council, as was progressive Nancy Walker. And in Boston Tom Gallagher, a socialist, was elected state representative. There are other recent examples from Berkeley, Detroit and Oakland, where leftists have successfully won public office with the support of a local coalition.

While there may be little institutional changes achieved in the short run in these cities, the public is made aware of the program of the left and gets to see leftists as responsible public servants, and not as Red-Scare stereotypes. Also a public statement about an issue from an elected official can often raise public consciousness as much as a fair-sized demonstration.

In Santa Monica, California, the left has had more success and has made some real changes in the form, operation and goals of local government. This April a progressive political coalition, Santa Monicans for Renters Rights, was swept into office. This April SMRR candidate Ruth Goldway was elected mayor, and other SMRR candidates won a majority of the city council and retained control of the rent board. So far the new city government has passed legislation to provide for balanced development, combat chemical pollution, extend rent control and generally enhance the quality of life for Santa Monicans. They have also formed a municipal solar utility, and a new public enterprises division of government, and have instituted a decentralized neighborhood planning system. While there are certainly limitations to what can be achieved on a local level, it seems to be a good place to start.

Here in Syracuse community activists, progressives, and socialists have yet to unite in any effective coalition. Most leftists, but not all, have abandoned any hope of achieving change within the Democratic Party. The local Liberal Party has also served as a vehicle for local progressives and socialists to get on the ballot, but the party has not been able to gain widespread support even from leftists. The rest of the New York State Liberal Party hangs like an albatross around the neck of the local party. The state party supported conservative Repub-

lica John Anderson for president in 1980. It also supported centrist Republican Javits's Senate campaign and his spoiler role in stopping the Holtzman, a progressive, thereby electing Alphonse D'Amato, a Neanderthal reactionary.

The local Liberal Party's endorsement of major party candidates has also cost it support among leftists who have disdain for both Democrats and Republicans. They suffer further from the lack of any organizational base, thereby insuring defeat and the perception of its candidates as mere "protest" candidates.

This year the Liberal Party is the only third party on the ballot that is nominally left of the Democrats, but this could change in the near future with the local Socialist Party and the Citizens Party Chapter both hoping to field local candidates in the 1982 elections.

In November some local progressives will be running on the Liberal line. John Button, a school teacher, public power advocate and co-founder of the Syracuse Public Power Coalition, is running for Common Council

as an at-large candidate.

Elaine Levy is running for a County Legislature seat from the 20th district, in the southwest side of Syracuse. She is a long-time political activist, has worked as a teacher and as a machinist, and during the mid-70's she broadcast a movement oriented radio program in Syracuse.

Deb Pillsbury is the Liberal Party standardbearer in the mayoral race. She is a nurse and a counselor at the Association for Retarded Citizens and an outspoken advocate of rights for mental patients.

Dick Weiskopf is a physician running for the Board of Education. He is active in Physicians for Social Responsibility and has testified at public hearings on the dangers of low level radiation. He has also been active with Parents Concerned About Registration and the Draft, a group which has been struggling (so far without success) to limit public school officials' cooperation with military recruiters and to place alternative information about military service in the public schools.

Marsha Weissman is running on the Liberal line for Common Council in the third district. She has been

active in Citizens' United Against Police Brutality.

None of these candidates is likely to win in November. Their campaigns are isolated efforts by the candidates to reach the public. But they lack the organization, community base and coordination to achieve visibility and the possibility of success. If the left is to achieve any major changes in the way local government is run, we will need to form a broader based coalition of community activists organized around a comprehensive platform which addresses local issues as well as larger questions about the direction of our society.

Readers should be aware that SPC has for many years had a policy not to endorse candidates for election to public office. This article, therefore, does not attempt an inclusive listing of candidates for local office who may be deserving of support, but rather focuses on left-identified persons in the Syracuse community who have decided to act on their political convictions by becoming involved in election campaigns.-eds.


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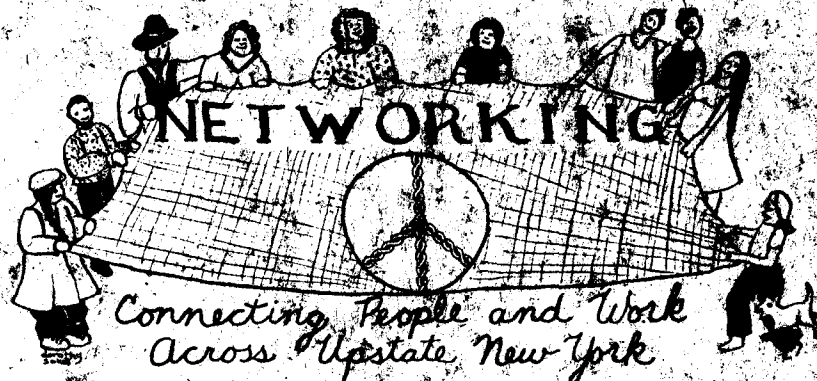
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Networking

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News and Events from Around the State

Nuclear Freeze Campaign

Across the farmlands and cities of Upstate N.Y. are groups of people working in their local communities for radical social change.

With the summer slipping away many peace groups are announcing their fall activities. It's exciting to see the diversity and number of events which are going on throughout this region.

Here is a sampling:

The Peace Center for the Southern Tier, in Jamestown N.Y., is organizing around world food day in October and a hunger walk in Sept. They are working to get the documentary War Without Winners shown on their local cable T.V.

Genesee Valley Citizens for Peace plans a 10 kilometer Peace Run in Letchworth State Park, Saturday, Sept. 26th. Call (716) 243-4000 for details.

Rochester Peace and Justice Education Center is doing major organizing around issues of food, hunger and self reliance. Throughout the week of Oct. 12-18th a multitude of activities are being organized involving the cooperation of a multitude of service organizations in Rochester.

Nov. 14 an Eco Justice Conference focusing on New Business Enterprises is being planned

In Ithaca the Nuclear Freeze Campaign & the Sept. 19th Solidarity Rally and the Women's Pentagon Action are the current projects.

The Wider Oneonta Rights Coalition (WORC) has recently chosen four priorities to work on:
1) food, land, & nutrition 2) Draft and Disarmament 3) Sexism 4) Oil-Buying Co-operatives

Geoff Navias is the co-ordinator of the Upstate Peace Network.

Upstate Resistance

The Selective Service System (SSS) has sent 134 names of non-registrants to the Justice Department for "investigation and possible prosecution." We don't view this as a serious effort to prosecute but rather an effort to intimidate non-registrants into registering. At least one million young men have refused to register so far. During the Vietnam war, only 1 non-registrant in 1000 was ever convicted -- half of whom served little or no time behind bars. The government is clearly seeking a few "show trials" in order to frighten and pressure men into registering.

The National Resistance Committee has called for national protests the day after the first people are arraigned, arrested and/or tried. If you would like to participate, call U.R. at (315) 471-6923, (518) 489-6742 or (607) 273-3997

Cruise Missile Control Project

The AFSC has decided not to extend funding of the Cruise Missile Control Project beyond Sept. 30, 1980. People interested in maintaining the project have met twice over the summer and have arrived at a plan. (Briefly) local cruise groups will work in their communities on disarmament issues using the cruise as an example and searching out other examples. We will come together 2-3 times during the year at Griffiss. We'll maintain communication about disarmament events and issues through the Upstate Peace Network. All sponsors will be sent a complete description of the plan and invited to sponsor the new project. Inquiries about the project or for info in general on the cruise can be sent to Cruise Missile Project, 109 Trinity Pl. Syr. N.Y. 13210.

The Nuclear Freeze Campaign is a national four year campaign calling on the leaders of the U.S. and the USSR to freeze further nuclear build up.

The congressional petition campaign ends Nov. 30. The drive goes well with two districts in Manhattan already reaching their 5000 signature goal. Central N.Y. has collected about 5000 signatures and needs at least another 5000. Western N.Y. and Albany are both picking up momentum.

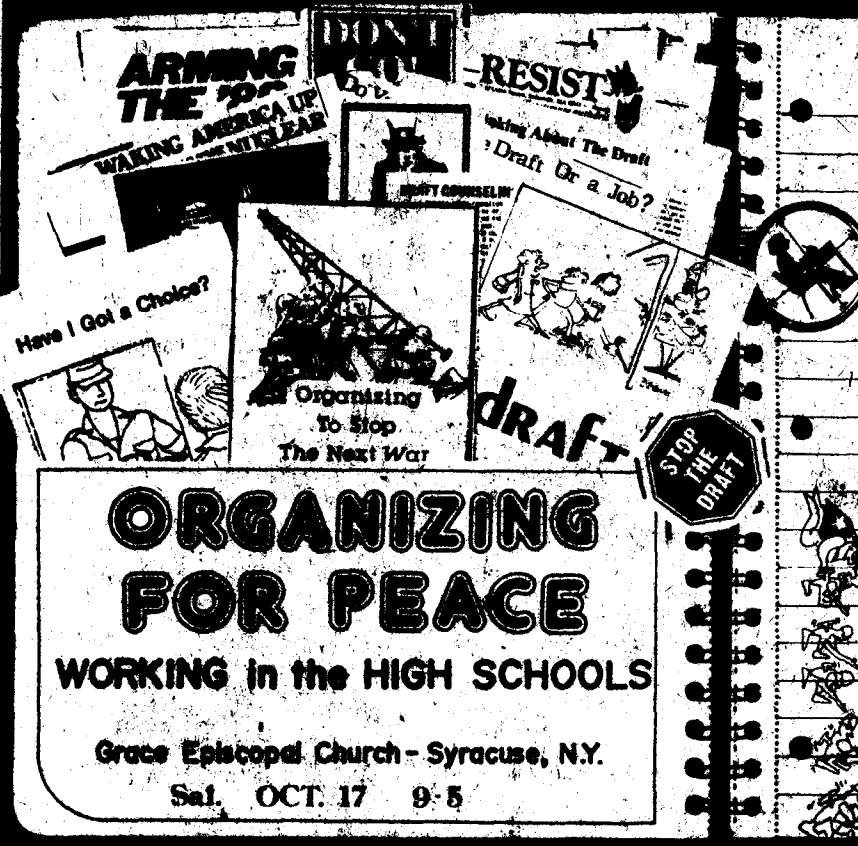
Women's Pentagon Action

Last year the Women's Pentagon Action brought over 6000 women together for two days of workshops and direct action, weaving the consciousness of feminism, ecology, and non-violence. Planning is well underway to return to DC on Sunday, November 15 and Monday, Nov. 16 for similar actions. Information on NY organizing is available in Rochester (716) 271-6523; Ithaca (607) 272-6922; and New York City (212) 254-4961. Syracuse does not as yet have an organizing committee; if you are interested in forming one contact Glenda Neff at (315) 472-5478

Two other important regional conferences are being held this fall in Upstate: Organizing for Peace (see facing page) and Korea and U.S. See page 27.

The Upstate Peace Network

Networking is a column coordinated through the Upstate Peace Network. The Upstate Peace Network is an organization of peace and justice groups through out the upstate area who meet regularly to share, coordinate and explore the needs and development of Upstate N.Y. as we build for a positive future. For more info write: Upstate Peace Network, c/o Geoff Navias, 111 Trinity Pl. Syr. NY 13210



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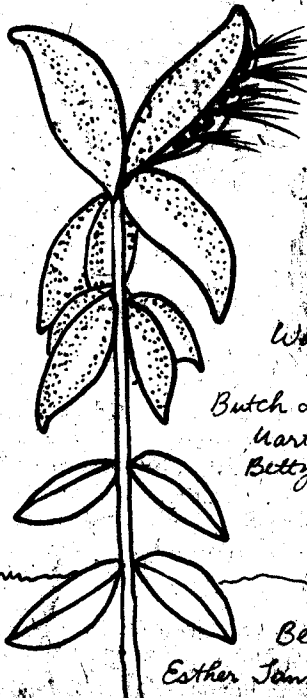
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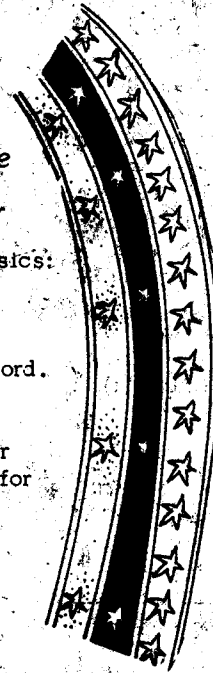
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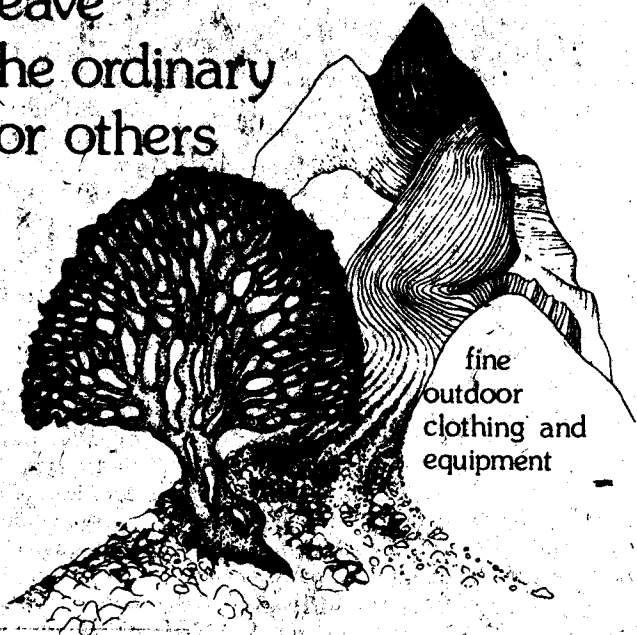
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Nine Mile II Costs Run Amuck

PSC Hearings for NiMo's Bloated Beast

by Ed Kinane

For years citizens have argued that nuclear energy is -
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 job destroying
 death dealing
 bomb making
 body diseasing
 corporation fattening
 technocracy promoting
 democracy eroding
 and just plain -
 unnecessary.

Each of these arguments is in itself sufficient to entirely discredit nuclear energy. But nuclear energy is still with us, bumbling on grotesquely - a maimed beast with vile breath.

Having bought the beast, the controlling powers figured they could tame it and use it to force us to yield up our hard earned dollars thru higher and higher utility rates.

And the strategy has worked... because the utilities are guaranteed by law a minimum return on their investment. Nuclear energy - since it's so expensive - has been an ideal way to expand investment and thereby get a greater return.

In other words, much higher profits.

But there's a catch: the monster is feeling its oats, it's getting too greedy. It's gobbling up money so fast that even the utilities are being run ragged trying to find enough capital to feed it.

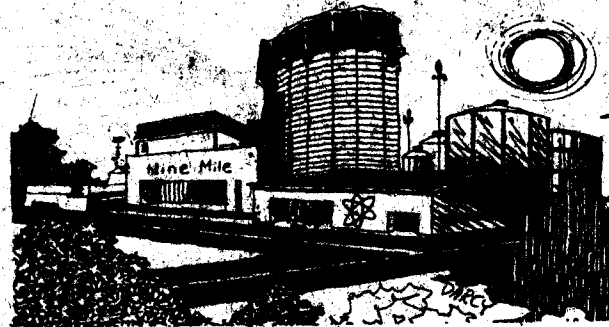
Nowadays monster fodder is getting scarce. There just isn't enough to slake all of the competing appetites.

Interest rates throughout the economy soar as competition for capital increases. And because nuke plants are such risky ventures, the utilities are forced to borrow at even higher rates.

Interest for nuke construction is

When writing about nuke economics, Ed resists the temptation to put an exclamation point after nearly every sentence...but, as he says, it ain't easy!

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now so high (around 20%) that it exceeds the guaranteed rate of return. This means some utilities (e.g. Central Hudson, one of NiMo's several junior partners on Nine Mile II*) are finding they may have to bail out or risk bankruptcy.

So now there's an additional argument that even the controlling powers have to heed: nuclear energy is so capital devouring that it's - profit threatening.

See how the monster's appetite has grown --

Back in 1971 NiMo estimated that the proposed Nine Mile II construction would cost \$357,000,000. That's in 1971 dollars; in 1980 dollars the figure would be \$613,000,000.

Now in 1981 - with construction only one third complete - the NiMo estimate has more than tripled to \$2,223,000,000. Again, that's in 1980 dollars; in 1981 dollars the amount might be a couple of hundred million more.

Note that this multi-billion (!) dollar estimate is for construction only. It does not include --

- hefty financing costs (interest)
- operating costs
- fuel costs
- accident and disease compensation (insurance)
- radioactive waste disposal
- or
- de-commissioning.

*At first Nine Mile II was solely a NiMo project. But as it got too unwieldy for one utility to handle, four other NYS utilities got in on the action: LILCO (18%), NYSEG (18%), RG&E (14%), and CH&E (9%). NiMo retains a 41% share and is responsible for building the plant.

Note further whose estimates these are: NiMo's - a source seldom suspected of integrity. Not even the NYS Public Service Commission - a bureaucracy hardly famed for its regulatory fervor - takes NiMo's estimates seriously.

In 1980 the PSC awarded Theodore Barry & Associates a \$500,000 contract to do an independent audit on the escalation of costs at Nine Mile II.

TB&A found that due to 'slippage' - it is unlikely that construction will be completed before 1987. This means at least one year's delay beyond the 1986 target that NiMo used for its most recent cost estimate. The completion date is critical because every year's delay means additional hundreds of millions of dollars in financing charges.

TB&A also found that NiMo's estimates woefully under-anticipate contingencies. Contingencies are the unpredictable costs that inevitably accompany nuke construction.

They include, for example, any labor disputes which might cause further delay. But probably more devastating are the NRC rulings issued from time to time requiring plant re-design to insure greater safety.

Taking these and other factors into consideration, TB&A, in an April '81 draft of the audit, estimated that construction and interest costs at Nine Mile II would probably total some \$5.6 billion, or 50% more than the comparable NiMo estimate.

However, having reached this conclusion, the supposedly independent TB&A then did a curious thing. In-

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stead of releasing the April conclusions, they took them to... NiMo (see published draft, p. 1-2).

After conferring with NiMo and other involved parties, TB&A rewrote certain sensitive passages. Fortunately the Peoples Power Coalition and Sierra Club, using the Freedom of Information Act, obtained a copy of the uncensored April version.

The final draft, released publicly after some delay in July, failed to mention TB&A's earlier estimate; in fact it failed to venture any estimate at all. (See Aug 1, '81, Network, for a side by side comparison of key paragraphs from both versions.)

Reaction to the two TB&A documents was swift. Some energy groups from around the state combined with several government agencies** to de-

**These are: the NYS Consumer Protection Board, NYS Attorney General, NY City Council President, Sierra Club (Atlantic Chapter), People's Power Coalition of NYS, Long Island Citizens in Action, Genesee Valley People's Power Coalition, Capital District Anti-Nuclear Alliance, Hudson Valley GREEN, NY Public Interest Research Groups (NYPIRG), Coalition for Safe Power.

mand that the PSC immediately hold public evidentiary hearings to decide Nine Mile II's fate.

In their July 28 Petition they ask that PSC hearings resolve the following issues:

- "What is the best estimate of the probable final cost of the project?
- Will the energy supplied by the plant be needed to meet increased demand or to replace higher priced, oil-fired capacity?
- If so, are there more economic alternatives to the project's completion?
- Under all circumstances, are the five co-owners able to finance the project without jeopardizing their ability to provide safe and adequate service to their customers at just and reasonable rates?
- If abandonment is justified, what is the proper method to handle sunk investment dollars [ie the approximately \$1 billion that's already been spent on the project]?"

With a grant from the NYS Consumer Protection Board the citizens' coalition hired Charles Komanoff to carefully analyze the TB&A audit.

Komanoff, author of Power Plant Cost Escalation, is internationally respected as an expert on the economics of nuclear and coal power generation. Komanoff's 90 page critique was submitted to the PSC on August 25.

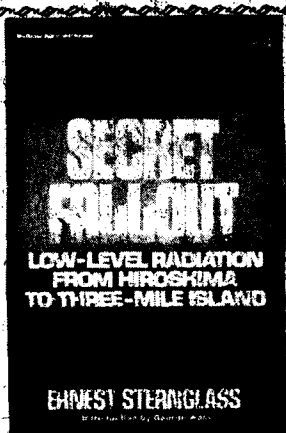
It examines the potential NiMo estimations identified by TB&A. It shows how some of these failed to be accounted for in TB&A's April estimate.

It argues that pending and potential design and regulatory issues before the NRC - which neither NiMo nor TB&A adequately allow for - are sure to escalate costs for the two thirds of the project yet undone.

Komanoff warns that lessons still being learned from the accident at Three Mile Island may lead to NRC mandates forcing costly retrofitting on work already completed.

Such design changes have already been a major construction expense. Further, they have been a major cause of schedule slippage, which in turn has led to spiraling finance costs.

Komanoff shows that a practical alternative to nuclear generation does indeed exist. By building three 310 MW coal burning generators instead of the 1080 MW Nine Mile generator, similar amounts of energy would be




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However Komanoff is quick to point out that -

Virtually every study of energy alternatives...has shown that energy-conservation measures create more electricity-equivalent per dollar of investment than new central-station generating plants.

He further observes that -

most conservation measures could be implemented more quickly, with faster dollars and oil savings, than either completion of Nine Mile II or construction of new coal plants. (p:6)

On Sept. 1 the PSC unanimously ordered that public hearings on Nine Mile II be held. How thoroughly the hearings will go into the complex issues involved is an open question.

They are to commence in Albany on Nov. 16 and conclude ten days later. A decision is expected by the end of the year.

Before deciding to hold hearings the Commission had been provided with a report authored by Thomas G. Dvorsky

and Kevin M. Bronner of the PSC Staff. Using T&E data on Nine Mile II, the report provides a comparative cost analysis of six different plans for developing more state-wide energy generating capacity.

Three of the plans include Nine Mile II; the other three substitute coal generation for nuclear. Typically, investments in conservation and renewable energy weren't considered.

Like Komanoff, the Staff finds that coal generation would be cheaper than Nine Mile II if costs already incurred (sunk costs) are ignored. That is, the total cost of equivalent coal plants not yet even begun will be less than the money not yet spent on Nine Mile II.

Nevertheless the Staff report, released to the public on Sept. 10, concludes that completion of Nine Mile II 'is warranted.'

Why? Just listen to their loyalties -

[If Nine Mile II were abandoned and the sunk costs] were charged to the...shareholders, a negative reaction by investors would most likely occur....

The choice is to have the customers pay the sunk costs, a situation which makes Nine Mile II

economic in all cases, or, have the utilities absorb the sunk costs and face possible financial problems. (p. IX-I)

In case it still isn't clear whose side the authors are on, note that in all six plans

the Staff's study used a method to dispose of sunk costs that charges the entire amount to ratepayers.

The authors do provide the disclaimer that this method of disposing of sunk costs

should not be construed, however, as an admission by Staff that all or any part of the Nine Mile Point II costs should be charged to the ratepayers if the project is terminated. (p.V-I)

Despite this disclaimer, the obscene implication of both the method and the conclusions of the report is that we should bail the utilities out of their boondoggle; that we should pay for the malicious mistakes of corporations whose only interest is in extracting more and more profits from us.

The obscenity is compounded when it is realized that this extortion can only occur with the servile compliance of the Public Service Commission - an entity whose mandate is to protect the public.



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The Public Power Challenge: Residents Await Council's Decision

by Michael Berres

It is predicted that within four years, average monthly energy costs in New York State will exceed most families' monthly housing payment. Businesses cite energy costs as the fourth most important reason for relocating away from the State. Energy costs will continue to soar, partly for reasons beyond our local control (e. g., the Reagan Administration's effort to deregulate natural gas prices). Yet, personal greed, unsound energy planning, and monopolistic business practices at the local level also account for much of our crisis.

Numerous constituency groups have addressed the twin problems of escalating energy prices and lack of consumer input into Niagara Mohawk policies. PEACE, Inc. and the Urban Ministry Board unsuccessfully met with NIMO to seek relief for city residents. Syracuse United Neighbors focused attention, again without success, on the Public Service Commission.

Other residents became convinced that a publicly-accountable power company would be the only viable solution. The Syracuse Public Power Coalition was created one and one half years ago taking its inspiration from the over three thousand public power systems in operation nationwide. These range from small systems such as one in Solvay nearby to larger systems such as those in Los Angeles and Seattle. Research has conclusively shown that public utilities provide lower consumer prices, more efficient operations, and more responsiveness to community needs.

Supported by a petition signed by over five thousand city residents and endorsed by nineteen community organizations (including the United Auto Workers--Local 854, The Syracuse Teacher's Union, and the Syracuse

Peace Council), the Coalition asked the Common Council to fund a feasibility study on the pros and cons of establishing a public utility in Syracuse. Before a capacity audience and large press contingent, the Council accepted the petitions, spoke in vague terms about the local crisis, and promised to establish a special Committee on Energy to look into the matter.

The Committee formed in late spring, is chaired by Councilor Edward Nowakowski and staffed by Councilors Bernard Mahoney, Joe Nicoletti, and Walter Ludovico. Originally mandated to develop guidelines for what a feasibility study should accomplish, the Committee has instead embarked upon a mini-feasibility study. Committee members have researched the situations in Massena, which has finally accomplished its long-sought takeover, and Buffalo, where the City Council recently authorized funding for a feasibility study on a possible city takeover. The Committee has also heard presentations by representatives of Niagara Mohawk, the Power Authority of the State of New York (PASNY), and the Coalition. While the Coalition maintains its support of public power viability, it only requested that the Council fund a study of the issue. The Coalition believes that only an independent, firm--fully skilled in energy matters and completely unaffected by the considerable political pressures within our city--can make an accurate assessment of this complicated issue.

During their unpublicized presentation, NIMO speakers said that a takeover would be fiscally unsound for the city and result in less efficient service. PASNY representatives solemnly informed the Energy Committee that no New York State hydropower could be guaranteed to the proposed municipal system.

A week later, in a move some regard as a covert attempt to stop the growing statewide public power movement, PASNY disclosed a detailed reallocation plan that would serve to distribute the hydropower to every

household via a statewide "public power system." The proposal would result in private utilities receiving power originally directed to municipal systems under Federal law.

The present status of the campaign is unclear. Some city watchers suggest that the Council does not want to deal with this politically volatile issue until after the upcoming elections. Another prevalent view is that Council members will be unable to sift through the public relations hocus-pocus of NIMO and the continually-changing information from PASNY, and therefore, may make an unsound recommendation to the entire Council.

Ultimately, the issue is political. It will succeed only if there is a mobilized constituency that lobbies and votes. Phone calls need to be made to members of the Council committee chaired by Edward Nowakowski, which is examining the public power issue, to express strong support for the independent study. Other Council members should be contacted as well, since none has expressed yet a firm commitment to the feasibility study. It is certain to require considerable outside pressure from the public on the Council to get them to approve funding for the feasibility study, given the very considerable counter-pressures which Niagara Mohawk, with headquarters in Syracuse is able to exert.

At least two candidates for local office are running on platforms openly supportive of a full, impartial feasibility study. They are John Button, a candidate for the Common Council on the Liberal Party ticket, and Elana Levy, who is running for a County legislature seat, also with Liberal Party backing. Both deserve support.

Our present energy distribution system fostered irresponsible and dangerous energy politics. A public power system--established for the benefit of local consumers--is a concrete way to resurrect public control over a vital part of our lives.

Michael Berres is in the Special Education Department at Syracuse University and an activist in the public power campaign.



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Cultural Workers Share

This summer several cultural/political workers of Syracuse attended various conferences and festivals. We were strongly stimulated. Here I share some of my learnings and relearnings from "The Gathering" and touch on other people's impressions of how cultural work lubricates revolution.

I'm hooked on culture. I'm also hooked on change, struggle, trying to be radical. Since an early age when dance lessons brought me out of a depression, I have struggled, sometimes painfully, to fill both needs for artistic expression and social justice. Today I'm convinced that the two go hand in hand. I've no self-doubt that along with many others, I am a cultural worker.

"The Gathering"

Thousands of people cloudburst on the August streets of Saint Peter, Minnesota, old and young parading masks, floats, and 20-foot puppets symbolizing River, Woods, Prairie, Sky...what gaiety! What excitement and relief shown on faces of people lining the streets! We all followed the River puppet to a park for a heartfelt ceremony in which we sang (and wept) "Oh Beautiful For Spacious Skies" and then, amazed, saw an enormous blue heron puppet fly out over us all, inspiring us, welcoming us to our "Gathering". Strangers mingled with townspeople at dusk.

"The Gathering", as we called it, was a highly organized week during which political theater artists and radical resource people met in Saint Peter (small mid-western college town where Green Giant cans corn) to share our strategies, our hope and despair, our art. We cultural workers from all over the U.S. shared our sparkling juices with the town that week.

And why "cultural"? Why "worker"? I feel that every individual and community has the right to a name, a place, a story, and the right to share it. "Culture" is the way a community shares their stories. It often involves hard work in order to share them, thus: cultural workers.

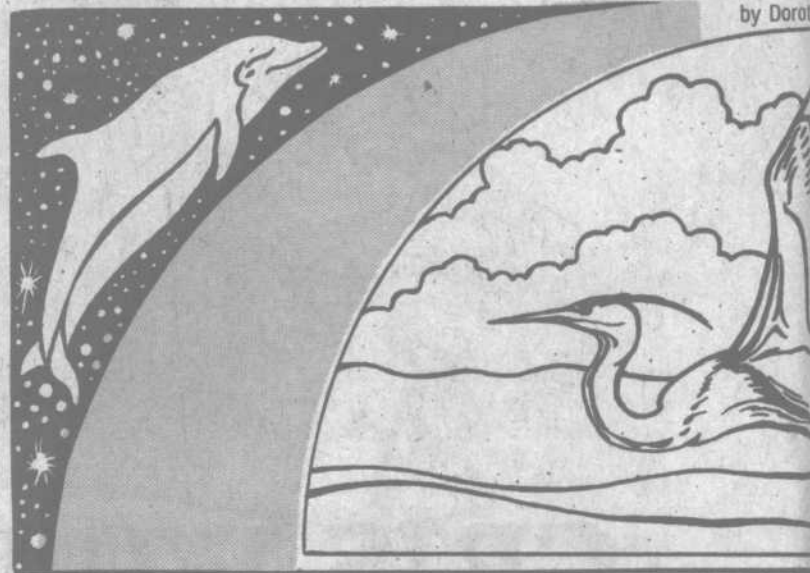
Karen Mihalyi, Women's Harvest Choir director, says "The Gathering" showed her that meaningful symbols are being created by communities. The process of creating stimulates us, rejuvenates us, makes us all feel high and gives us potential to reach out to people people not part of our circles."

Dorothy Sokol has spent the past year re-evaluating her motivations and role as a cultural worker.



Cultural Workers Give

by Dorot



Everything in life has a story. We express stories to give information about our changes and the pains and joys that go with them. We need to share who we have been, who we are, what we choose to become. Only once we feel our stories are heard do we feel open to new ideas.

Cindy Squillace went to Dell'Arte School for Mime and Comedy this summer, where political satire and social commentary are incorporated into an art form called "commedia". When challenged about pushing her beliefs on audiences she replied, "I want to use comedy to deal with serious subjects. I don't want to recondition anyone, just offer them exposure to other ideas. I would like to change oppressive myths myths around, beautifully."

Cultural mediums are part of the story a people tells about themselves. A minimal story is told by fingernail scratches on walls of gas chambers. "We were murdered here". The story and its symbols are not only true, but self-fulfilling. When we choose symbols to express our stories, we become them. They become us. Art becomes life. And art becomes work because we need to decide on our symbols, our culture. We may need to change old symbols. Example: Although we find little recorded about

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Juice to Thirsty Revolution

by Sokol



women's lives through the past, there certainly were women. We are changing the myth that they hardly existed, identifying the oppressions, the beauties, the contributions, the truths. We can change the past.

And we can seize the present. Let's be energetic and own our stories. Let's create the future, decide what we want our story to become!

Bread 'n' Puppet Circus

Jack Manno went to Bread 'n' Puppets Domestic Resurrection Circus in Vermont, August 15-16. He says, "It was impressive how they combined social commitment with theater. They reached a large number of regional farmers and townfolk. How? By being good entertainers. While maintaining high critical and aesthetic standards, evocative, beautifully sculpted puppetwork, they did politically conscious and socially instructive theater. Their aesthetic standards made it possible for their message to be effective. Also attractive was the immensity—the physical size of puppets, use of space—an entire field as a stage, entering from hills and woods to perform. People seemed ready to be involved and that potential was not exploited. I was surprised how smoothly it was organized—30 events at once in the rain, on time! The spirit of determination was remarkable.

Some cultures are aggressive. The community fears its life will go unnoticed. To have their stories survive they are loud, they argue. "We must attract attention. We're here! See us!"

Other cultures have more power (wealth) to get their stories into circulation. The consumer culture now dominates much of the world. To fill their thirsty cultural void the white corporate culture robs blacks of their music and dance, the East of its religions, native peoples of sacred rituals, and as Geoffrey Navias says,

"Madison Avenue coopts these growing communities by mass marketing their cultures. We need to nurture cultural workers who are decentralized and work in mediums not easily coopted: oral traditions, live theater. I saw at the 7th National Conference on Men and Masculinity (Boston, June '81) that, as the women's movement has clearly done, the developing radical men's movement is recognizing cultural work as 1) articulating oppression felt in relation to old images and 2) creating new male images and statements toward liberation through new song, theater.."

I'm not saying cultures are unmixable; we can merge* our art forms beautifully. But to deny that "I have a story and you have a different one is to become grabby (Give me your juicy culture!) or prosthetize (you better believe what I believe). I feel we need to recognize the value of all our stories and share them; challenge each other and be validated.

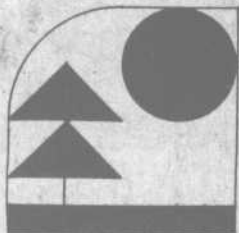
Jennifer Papp, a painter who went to "The Gathering says, "Bob Alexander's (of The Living Stage, Wash., D.C.) workshop on Life, Death, and Creativity, inspired me, got me in touch with myself as a performer and how powerful improvisation can be. The image of a professional artist can be restrictive to artist and audience. Elitism of artists needs breaking down so each person can discover their creativity and not be judged for it."

I want more colors than white in my world. I want my ancient rhythms back. I want understanding political concepts not to be a chore. I challenge us to look at our culture. Who are we sharing our stories with? What style revolution do we want? I want mine crisp, tempting, bright, graceful, dark, gutsy, leaping, sensing. A juicy revolution, please. Thanks!

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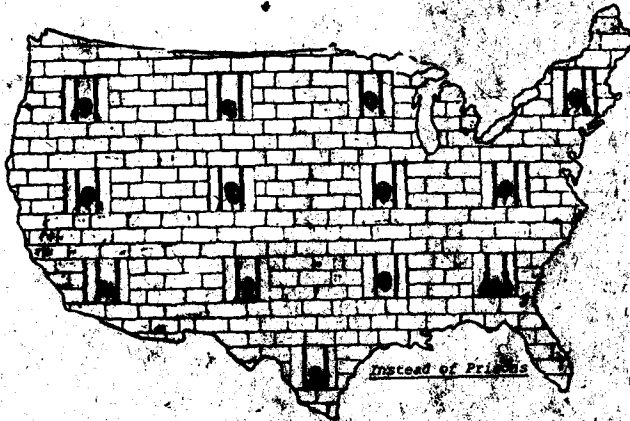


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Voters Fight Prison Bond

by Michael Chamberlain



Proposition 1 on this November's N.Y. State election ballot will be the "Secure Correctional Facilities Bond Fund." The \$500 million raised by this bond will be used to build three new maximum security prisons and expand other prison capacities, juvenile facilities, and the Forensic division. Although some might think that this is just what is needed with rising crime rates, the Voters Against the Prison Construction Bond (VAPCB) are working to educate voters as to the drawbacks of the bond proposal.

The VAPCB says that the bond will be enormously expensive and yet fail to address the needs of criminal justice. They point out that according to N.Y. State budget analysts, the total cost of the construction proposed by the bond will be at least \$1.3 billion. Once the construction is completed, there will be an increase of \$80 million in the yearly prison maintenance budget to take care of the new facilities. In addition to these costs, another \$125 million will have to be spent by city and county governments to qualify for the 50/50 matching grants which

are a part of the bond's overall program.

In spite of these tremendous costs, the VAPCB notes that the bond will not address crime prevention. Several studies have shown that increasing prison capacities has no proven effect on decreasing crime; in fact the recent growth in prison populations is actually due to the longer sentences imposed by mandatory sentencing laws. Although such new laws have taxed the capabilities of the prison system, they have not decreased the rate of repeated offenders. In New York State alone, a doubling of the prison system over the past ten years has not reduced the crime rate.

One of the most striking aspects of the bond proposal is that it does not address the present overcrowding. The proposed construction would take several years, during which time the present conditions will worsen, with little or no relief. Despite this, inexpensive and effective alternatives are being ignored. Granting allowances for early release, accelerating schedules of "time off for good behavior," and using alternatives to

incarceration are a few alternatives for handling the immediate problem.

On a long-term basis, the sensibility of incarceration needs to be evaluated. The present state prison system has no oversight agency to deal with this, and the bond proposal also ignores it. Consequently it will remain an ineffective and uncoordinated system, where most people who pass through its jails will not need to be there, but will be simply because the system has no other means to deal with them. Already most of the people in New York City jails are there awaiting trial, convicted of no crime. Similarly, three-fourths of the prisoners in county jails around the State are released within ten days.

As the VAPCB says, the question is whether there aren't more effective and less expensive alternatives to the proposals of the Secure Correctional Facilities Bond. With the increasing pessimism on Wall Street about the future of public financing through bonds, the VAPCB thinks voters should realize all the short comings of the bond proposal and vote against it.

For additional information or brochures, contact Margaret Stinson, the VAPCB regional coordinator, at (315) 637-3344.

Other groups in Syracuse working on prison-related issues:

- Onondaga Coalition for Alternatives to Incarceration, 423 W. Onondaga St., Syracuse 13202, 422-5938.
- Jail Ministry, 257 E. Onondaga St., Syracuse 13202, 424-1877.
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The People's Run for Leonard Peltier travelled through Syracuse Friday, September 4, pausing long enough for a visit to the Onondaga Reservation and to hold a well-attended press conference. The Run began on Sept. 1 in Buffalo and was completed Sept. 12 with a rally at the United Nations Plaza in New York City. The Run was dedicated to the people of El Salvador and Guatemala, and the victims of the Atlanta murders of black children. It addressed the issues of: the draft, the reforms needed in the prison system, nuclear power, nuclear weapons, strip mining of uranium on tribal lands, forced sterilization of minority women, and demanded the dismantling of the FBI and CIA.

But the main focus of the Run was the case of Leonard Peltier, a leader in the American Indian Movement (AIM). On June 26, 1975 FBI agents,

SWAT teams, state troopers and police of the BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) invaded the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. On that day Joseph Stunz, a Native American, and two FBI agents were killed in a fire fight provoked by the FBI. On that same day BIA tribal council "chairman" Dickie Wilson was in Washington DC negotiating the transfer of 1/8 of the Pine Ridge Reservation (133,000 acres) to the Department of the Interior. This land has now been made available to Union Carbide Corp. for uranium exploration. Bob Robideau, Dino Butler, Jimmy Eagle and Leonard Peltier were all charged with the killing of the FBI agents. Robideau, Butler and Jimmy Eagle were acquitted on self defense after contradictory affidavits of prosecution witnesses surfaced. Peltier, who had fled to Canada, was left to face the charges alone. When

Peltier's case came to trial, Judge Paul Benson, a Nixon appointee, was presiding and refused to allow any evidence regarding FBI intimidation of witnesses, or any of the contradictory affidavits to be presented. This left Leonard Peltier without a defense strategy and in a deliberation of five hours the jury convicted him of killing the agents. He was sentenced to two life terms in Marion Federal Prison.

How the jury could convict him is impossible to understand. The Columbia Journalism Review concluded from its own investigation that the FBI had lied about the "incident" on Pine Ridge Reservation. In the trials of Robideau, Butler and Eagle, Senator Frank Church testified of the abuses of the FBI; FBI Director Clarence Kelly testified there was not "one shred of evidence" regarding accusations the FBI had made about AIM planning to commit ten violent crimes.

All of the legal appeals in this nation have been exhausted. That is why 50 Native Americans from different nations gathered to run 710 miles across New York State. The Leonard Peltier Support Committees are trying to bring his case before international conferences on human rights, to put pressure on the United States to reopen the case. Leonard's case has also been assigned to the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights. Leonard Peltier needs our support. If you can help, call or write: Leonard Peltier Support Group PO Box 176, Mohegan Lake, NY 10547; 914/737-5614.

-Dave Wendt

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10 years ago: September 1971:

Prisoners of Attica rose in revolt to demand dignity and respect. The response from the State of New York: a slaughter of prisoners and guards. This September prisoners in Attica spent three days in silence, commemorating the rebellion and massacre. The conditions inside are worse now than ten years ago.

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If we can name one lesson of Attica, it is this: contempt of life and the violence of the state are with us everyday-at work, in the government, in schools, on the street, in our homes. We are a part of it all. But like the prisoners of Attica we can choose to challenge it, to change ourselves and our reality.

Norristown: Going to Jail Is Becoming a Way of Life

by Barb Major and Bill Cuddy

Civil Disobedience, according to Eqbal Ahmad, is historically a traditional American response to "deeply felt grievances (denied) by the established institutions of power." Across the generations people have had to take recourse in extra-legal means "from the Boston Tea Party to the Abolitionists, Suffragettes, labor, civil rights and anti-war movements."

Our trip to Norristown, Pennsylvania for the sentencing of the Plowshares Eight was an experience in this other America: there are people who have made a personal commitment to encourage the forces of life within and around them, while they seek "to expose and rebuke (the current) idolatry of the power of death in any and all regimes in this world." (Stringfellow)

The Eight, Phil and Dan Berrigan, Carl Kapat, John Schuchardt, Molly Rush, Anne Montgomery, Elmer Maas and Dean Hammer were being sentenced for the act of entering the General Electric Plant in King of Prussia on September 9, 1980, to hammer two nuclear re-entry Mark 12A cones (each of which would be ninety-times more destructive than the Hiroshima bomb) into symbolic plowshares—the first nuclear disarmament in thirty five years.

Monday night's rally brought people together from all over the East Coast and beyond. We immediately felt the presence of a resistance community whose length, breadth, and depth are far greater than we had imagined. The range of people included infants, grandparents and people from every conceivable walk of life. The evening's program blended song, dance, storytelling, reflections and prayer into a marvelous celebration which, despite obvious sadness over the impending sentences, was vibrant with joy and hope.

Barb Major is a visitor/advocate with Jail Ministry, a breadbaker and citizen of a new age. Fr. Bill Cuddy is a priest in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse and full time worker in Jail Ministry.



A current of conversation ran through the evening that gave expression to the growing resistance community that is forming in this country. People were catching up with each other on the latest in regard to action, arrests, court dates and prison sentencing. A way of life is once again emerging for people who resonate with Dan Berrigan's challenge that hundreds of us in this nation have to go to jail in order to get the word out. We must act now in order to ensure life for generations to come.

Molly Rush led the liturgy at the evening's close. Before entering into the Plowshare act of resistance she had to work through with her husband and six children the likelihood that she would be going to prison for a considerable length of time. It was precisely the concern for the future of her children that brought her to this act of conscience.

The morning of the sentencing began with a demonstration at the GE plant to serve notice that resistance will continue, no matter what the resulting sentence. A die-in at the plant's entrance portrayed the

tortured scene of writhing, blood spattered victims crying out for help—a scene that would result from the nuclear weapons being constructed at that very place. People coming to work passed by the gruesome scene as if they didn't notice. The employee's indifference symbolizes for us the unconscious and insensitive America that continues to rush headlong towards the nuclear disaster.

At the courthouse, the harsh sentencing of Judge Samuel A. Salus was announced. Though expected, the severity of prison time came as a shock, ranging from one and a half to three and a half years at minimum, to five and ten years maximum, with added probation and no bail pending appeal. Two days later a higher court overturned the bail ruling of Judge Salus and set bail pending the appeal. Four have opted to remain in prison for the present time.

The nuclear crisis is forcing us to choose between continuing an interrupted "normal" life, or organizing our lives and communities to accommodate the harsh demands made by non-violent direct action. We return to Syracuse convinced of the need to choose the non-violent alternatives.

The Plowshares Eight "necessary justification" defense (destroying property in order to avert a greater evil) did not carry the day in the lives courtroom of Judge Salus. However it does carry the day in the lives and hearts of people who will persist in acts of conscience. A National No Nukes Prison Support Collective has formed so we can keep track of people who participate in civil disobedience and are subsequently jailed. (Another goal is to build links between the anti-nuclear and prison support movements.) The Collective encourages the rise of community networks to provide support for those prepared to do civil disobedience, as well as for their families and households. The Newsletter carries updates, addresses and reflections on the strategies of resistance. It is available from the NNNPSC, Box 1812 Madison, WI 53701 (and please send a donation!)

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Sharing a booth with two other groups was not the only way in which this year's booth differed from past SPC booths at the Fair. By pooling resources, we were able to invest in a commercial booth. This enabled The Front Room (as well as FOCUS and AFSC) to sell literature, t-shirts, bumperstickers and buttons.

Much hard work went into the booth, and the planning committee (Carol Baum, Sandy Gioffi, Kathy Delaney, John Maddaus, Vince Sgambati, Bob Staley-Mays and Larry Tolchin and Diane Trifosa) would appreciate feedback and suggestions for next year's booth.

For further information on the issues covered in the booth, call SPC at 472-5478; AFSC at 475-4822; or FOCUS at 476-3396 (Pete Wirth). We need your help to continue outreach to the community--do you belong to a school, church, union or other community group? If so, ask the program chairperson to contact us and schedule a meeting on one of these issues. Do it today!

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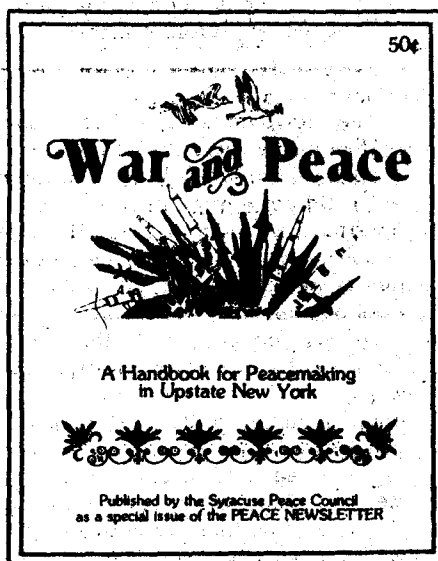
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Ireland: H-Blocks are the Wrong Issue

by Dale Tussing

Ann, Aaron, Nicholas, Mary and I have just returned from a two-year stay in Ireland, where we have lived four years of the last nine. I have been and still am deeply involved in political and social issues in Ireland.

Though we all dearly love Ireland, we also know it as a country troubled by economic, social, and political problems. To mention a few:

- * A peripheral European economy, Ireland offers foreign investors, led by American multi-nationals, virtually zero tax rates on profits, and cash grants as well, for investments in Ireland, and yet has the highest rates of unemployment in the EEC, the European Common Market.
- * Irish society is highly class-stratified, and the school system acts as a powerful agent for reinforcing and reproducing the class structure. Only about ten percent, mainly from the upper classes, go on to higher education, the costs of which are heavily subsidised by the working class.
- * There is general agreement that the tax system overburdens workers relative to businesses and the rich, but in spite of much talk, little is being done to correct the situation. The most massive street demonstrations in recent years have been trade union organized protests against the tax system.
- * In terms of employment status, marriage and family law, and other legal rights, Irish women have the worst situation in Europe -- worse even than that in Spain. The status of women is worse in the Catholic-

Dale Tussing, who teaches economics at Syracuse University, has been active in civil rights, anti-imperialist, and other progressive movements, both here and abroad. He and his family have just returned from Ireland.



Youths flee British troops in Belfast May 5 after a series of encounters with the soldiers following Bobby Sands's death.

dominated Republic than in British-ruled Northern Ireland, though religion cannot be the sole explanation, as Ireland lags behind many other Catholic countries.

- * Monopoly and oligopoly in retail businesses such as banking and consumer goods is one major reason why prices -- and profits -- are higher than in the U.S., even though Irish incomes are far lower.
- * In spite of all these problems, and more, traditional working class, left wing, and even liberal politics are underdeveloped. The two major political parties are right-wing, and they contest elections completely non-ideologically. The Irish Labor Party, together with all splinter left parties and independent socialists, never gets more than 15 percent of the vote. The Social Democratic and Labor Party (SDLP), the largest Catholic party in Northern Ireland, has apparently ceased to support socialist policies and has lost a number of its best-known socialist members.

A concise summary of Ireland's political and economic problems is that no effective left-wing or liberal force has developed, even as a watchdog, to control and limit the natural tendency of a dependent, peripheral, and underdeveloped society dominated in the south by the Catholic Church and in the north by right-wing fundamentalist Protestant sects, to be exploitative, undemocratic, sexist, and socially backward. Ireland has paid a high price for the arrested development of ordinary left-wing or liberal politics.

There is substantial agreement on the reason for this arrested development. It is the unsolved -- and possibly insoluble -- "national question", the fact that of the 32 counties of Ireland, six, which together have a large Protestant majority, are still under British colonial control, having legally been incorporated into the United Kingdom.

People who might otherwise have been active in pursuit of social and economic justice instead are absorbed

in the national question. Radicals who are concerned with other issues get distracted into nationalist campaigns. Because the national question attracts many who are right-wingers on social and economic issues, alliances are formed, and progressive politics are soft-pedalled, even by leftists.

The same is true, but to a still greater degree, of Americans interested in Ireland. To them, the national question is all, and the other issues do not exist.

Thus it is no surprise that the issue of political status for IRA and other para-military convicts in Northern Ireland prisons, the issue dramatized by the agony of fast-to-death hunger strikes, is the one which has attracted the greatest interest and support of progressive and/or sympathetic Americans.

The demands of men held in the Maze prison (called "H-Blocks" because of the layout of the compounds) and women held in Armagh prison are the subject of a great deal of confusion on this side of the Atlantic. In comparison with the more substantial issues mentioned above, they are a distraction. The H-Blocks issue is the wrong issue, raised for the wrong reasons by the wrong people. It does not concern prison reforms. The prisoners' demands are reactionary, not progressive. The campaign is fundamentally and thoroughly violent. And it is completely under the control of the Provisional IRA, whose purposes alone it serves.

The Northern Ireland government, the "Protestant government for a Province for 50 years with very little interference (or even interest) from London, granted paramilitary prisoners "special category status" in 1971.

testant people" which ruled that pro-British, when they dissolved the Northern Ireland government and took over direct rule in 1972, simply continued the practice. Under it, convicts claiming affiliation to one or another of the paramilitary organizations conducting campaigns in Ireland -- the Provisional IRA, the Official IRA, the Ulster Defence Association, the Ulster Volunteer Force, and, over time, others -- were treated completely differently from the rest of the prison population. Each paramilitary group organized and controlled compounds of the prisons. There would be, for instance, a Provisional wing, in which all the prisoners were Provo volunteers, operating under a completely articulated Provo command structure. Convicts in this wing wore paramilitary uniforms, rather than prison garb, and were exempted from prison work routines. They were given other special privileges, such as extra visits from the outside, and extra food parcels. They had the right of free association with other prisoners in their wing. The same was true not only of Provos but of members of all paramilitary groups. Meanwhile, "ordinary" criminals -- unemployed people who robbed liquor stores for economic reasons, people convicted of white-collar crimes, and people convicted of assault, murder, and other serious crimes but without connection to a paramilitary group -- could not avail of these privileges.

In 1976, William Whitelaw, the British M.P. who was Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, decided to "criminalize" the "men of violence." While those already in prison could serve out their sentences under special category status, newly convicted prisoners would be treated the same way other prisoners were

treated. They would wear prison uniforms, and do prison work. They would not be free to organize into military units.

All of the paramilitary organizations opposed the end of special category status, but none so vehemently as the Provisional IRA. Of all the organizations, the Provos are the most steeped in military mystique. Uniform, insignia, close order marching, rank, and all of the traditional paraphernalia of militarism are central in the lore of the Provisionals. (Outsiders get a glimpse of all this at funerals of Provo volunteers, where militarism comes together with that other constant of the Irish republican tradition, a love affair with death, particularly heroic death.) Where a left-wing organization might have leaped at the chance to break down the barriers between themselves and "ordinary criminals," or have demanded that all convicts be given "political status" on the argument that most crime is a political, or class, phenomenon, the Provos saw themselves as an elite and wanted special treatment. Where a liberal organization might have campaigned for prison reform to apply to all prisoners, no such thought entered the minds of the Provos.

Instead, they wanted special treatment for a reason. Recruiting and keeping members and maintaining discipline, and getting support from the population at large, depend crucially on a shared understanding that the Provos (and, by implication, all paramilitaries) are not criminal, but soldiers.

In 1969, the political party Sinn Fein and its military counterpart, the IRA or Irish Republican Army, split into two factions: the right-wing and militarist Provisionals, and the left-

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Resources on Ireland from The Front Room

'H-Block Hunger Strikes'

--Frank Murray. WIN; August 1, 1981. \$1
Murray's article gives a capsule history (5 pages) of the conflict in Northern Ireland and the H-Block protest.

On the Blanket: The H-Block Story

--Tim Pat Coogan. Ward River Press, Dublin; 1980. \$7
Coogan analyzes the history, politics and media debate surrounding the H-Block protest and the dilemma of British rule in Ireland. He relates all this to the lives of ordinary people.

Beyond Orange and Green

--Belinda Probert. Zed Press, London; 1978. \$6
Probert develops a class analysis of Protestant politics in Northern Ireland. She examines the history of several Northern Ireland groups and their confrontations with the government, British army and each other.

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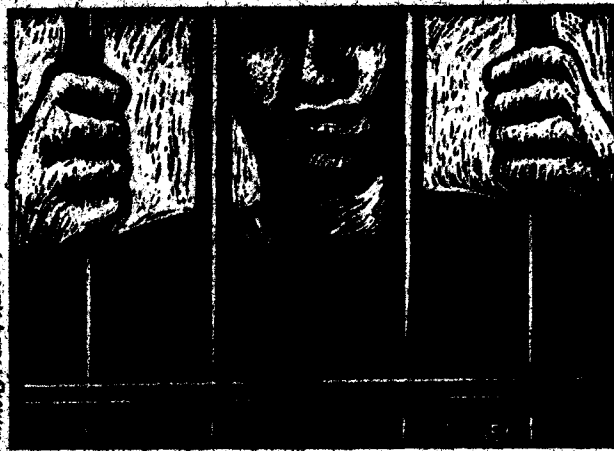
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wing and politically oriented Officials. According to Official Sinn Fein, now called Sinn Fein Workers Party (SFWP), the Official IRA no longer exists. The secret command structure that once ran the Official IRA still certainly runs SFWP, but the Official IRA might in fact not exist as an army, as a great many of their former volunteers are now members of the INLA (Irish National Liberation Army), the military wing of the ultra-left IRSP (or Irish Republican Socialist Party), itself a splinter from Official Sinn Fein.

The campaign to restore political status is not new: it began when special category status was abolished. I recall attending the annual conference of Official Sinn Fein in 1976, where the issue of political status for prisoners was a hotly contested issue. Then party secretary Mairin de Burca made a powerful speech, calling political status undemocratic, elitist, and counter-productive. Her side, or I should say our side, lost. (She has more recently written that the campaign for political status is a cause that is antipathetic to feminism, which exploits women in support for "machismoistic military activities".) The issue has continued to divide the left. Anti-nationalist socialists, of whom there are an increasing and extremely important number, including two in the Dail (the lower house of the Irish parliament), oppose political status. So apparently do virtually all pacifists.

It will be clear that I do not endorse, or even accept, the principle of political status. But in spite of that, I would support the prisoners' demands for tactical reasons if I supported the Provisionals' military campaign. I do not. Their campaign cannot possibly succeed. If it could, it would yield an oppressive and undemocratic state.



Anthony Rowland, 1985

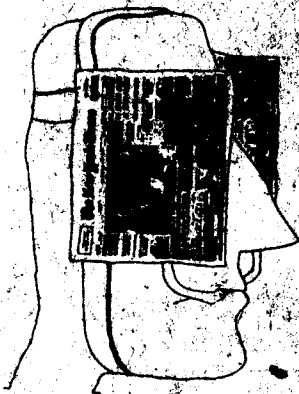
One basic problem in Northern Ireland is that there are a million Protestants who fear a united Ireland. No political system, including a re-united Ireland, can persist without their support, or at least tolerance. The Provos' campaign is so counter-productive to the conditions necessary for end to partition that one might almost suspect it to be a ploy by Unionists who oppose Irish unity and who want the link with Great Britain retained. The Provos seem to think of Ireland, and Irish unity, not in terms of people, but rather in terms of territory -- land. Ulster is the "fourth green field" which is "held in bondage," a concept which ignores the fact that the large majority of those who live in that "field" don't want it joined with the other three.

Only a reunited Ireland will bring peace to that island, and moreover will permit the ordinary development of liberal and left-wing politics. Moreover, a reunited Ireland is historically just. Some degree and kind of coercion on the Protestant population in the North will almost certainly be necessary and is probably morally justifiable. But to work, it must be

coercion exercised by (or through) Britain. Neither the Provos' military campaign, nor the H-Blocks/Armagh protests, bring that solution one step closer.

So the Provos' campaign, which cannot succeed, feeds on itself and continues indefinitely. Policemen, national guard reservists, and their relatives (and look-alikes) are targets for assassination. To support their prison demands, the IRA has shot and killed many prison guards. Informers and members of rival republican groups are shot dead without public trial or chance of appeal. From time to time the Provos have had extended campaigns of killing people more or less at random, if they were Protestants, in retaliation for sectarian murders of Catholics by the other side.

Against this backdrop, the current hunger strike campaign began a year ago. Some might view a hunger strike as a non-violent method. (The Irish Catholic Church is clearly ambivalent. While the Church regards suicide as a sin, the Irish Bishops have stated that the hunger strikers are not suicides, as they really do not want to be dead.) But the Provos' hunger strikes are



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something else. They are in support of an interminable and unwinnable campaign of violence, and they are in turn supported by a violent campaign. The number of persons -- Catholic and Protestant, civilian and security forces -- who have died in the violent aftermaths of hunger striker deaths exceeds the number who have starved to death. A familiar sight today throughout Ireland, north and south, is the symbol of the black flag, the insignia not of anarchy but of death. In Dublin, H-Blocks marches, far more poorly attended than anti-unemployment marches which however gain no international publicity, have been the occasion of systematic intimidation of shopkeepers. By no stretch of the definition can the hunger strike campaign be called non-violent.

Some might regard it as a campaign for prison reform. In Ireland, it has always been clear that it is the opposite: a campaign for a two-class system of incarceration. Much publicity has been given to the demand that IRA and INLA convicts be permitted to wear their own clothes. What is not usually stated is that "their own clothes" means black paramilitary uniforms, and convicts in IRA wings who really

wanted to wear their own clothes would be subject to IRA discipline. There have been campaigns for true prison reform in Ireland, and those who have conducted such campaigns have received very little publicity, and little support from the Provos or the H-Blocks/Armagh Committee.

Some might think that the campaign is independent of the Provisionals. While non-Provo people such as Bernadette McAliskey are prominent in the campaign, it is clear that the Provos (whose campaign McAliskey supports) call the shots. Recently an IRSP leader quit the Committee, alleging that it was not a free agent but took orders from the Provos. All the evidence suggests that the campaign is directed by Provisional Sinn Fein Vice Chairman Gerry Adams.

What can one say about the safari protestors -- Ramsay Clark, Dan and Jerry Berrigan, Dick Gregory -- who have flown into Ireland, made statements of support, and flown out again? We felt more embarrassment than anger. It does no one a favor to encourage the prisoners to continue their hunger strikes. These Americans are clearly convinced that the campaign is just and progressive. I have no doubt at

all that they are wrong.

The intransigence of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who, most Irish commentators seem to agree, could have undermined the campaign with minor concessions early on, has helped convert the campaign into the most politically successful one the Provos have had for years. Yet she is supported strongly by British public opinion. Recent polls indicate that while nearly two-thirds of the British public want Britain to pull out of Ireland completely, only 15 per cent support political status. Though no reliable polls exist, the support for political status could not be much higher than this inside Ireland. There seems to be no doubt, however, that the Provos' standing in Ireland is higher than it has been for many years.

All of which is bad news all around. The Provos' campaign has been given a breath of life, and it will surely continue for years yet. And the development of liberal and left-wing politics in Ireland, and an assault on the problems of privilege, monopoly, sexism, and undemocratic institutions are put, as they say in Ireland, on the long finger.

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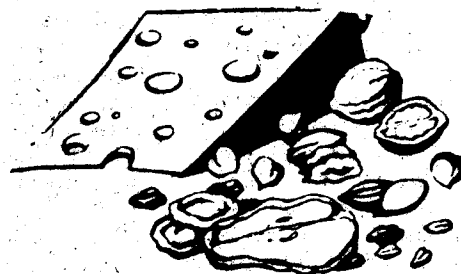
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The conference is intended to lay the ground work for the establishment of a Korea network throughout Upstate New York. It is being organized by the Committee for a New Korea Policy which is co-ordinated by Maud and David Easter in Albany. Syracuse Peace Council and American Friends Service Committee are two of the co-sponsors. For an invitation and more details call 315/472-5478, or 716/244-7191(Rochester) or 716/835-4073(Buffalo) or 518/438-5105 (Albany).

OFFICE ORGANIZING IN CNY

In March of this year Working Women, the National Association of Office Workers, and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), the 7th largest union in the AFL-CIO representing 650,000 workers, created District 925, a new union for the nation's office workers. Since then publicity from that announcement has generated a flood of requests from clerical and technical workers around the country seeking unionization of their workplaces. Here in Central New York the response has been so enthusiastic that the union has recently opened a local office to respond to the demand.

District 925 utilizes the strength of a major union and the expertise of a national advocacy group for office workers' rights. It brings to the Syracuse area a unique perspective and new strategies for winning long overdue rights, respect, and raises through collective bargaining for office and technical workers in banks, insurance companies, college campuses, and law firms. The new local

office will be directed by District 925 organizer Regina Canuso. For more information contact her at 730 S. Crouse Ave., Syracuse 13210, 422-8748.

WESTCOTT RECYCLES UPDATE

Westcott Recycles is making slow but steady progress toward opening and once again being a community resource. On July 30 an airtight case was presented to the Zoning Board of Appeals, and a variance was granted to 1059 E. Fayette St. for a recycling center.

The City Department of Public Works has begun its share of the work necessary to bring the center up to code. A lot next to the building is being graded for parking, a loading dock is being cut in the east wall. Donations of money, materials and time are still urgently needed for interior repairs. Volunteer to make phone calls, do repairs, work benefits, can call Lee at 472-4157 or Carol at 472-2750.



The messages are ageless.
circa: September 1981 at the NYS Fair
(see report on p. 21)

PATCO STRIKE FUND

Members of PATCO (Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization) in the Syracuse area have found it necessary to set up a Strikers' Benefit Fund. The local has \$50.00 in the treasury, which "won't even buy the postage stamps" to send out a mailing. Because public employees do not have the legal right to strike, a decision to deny unemployment insurance benefits was handed down from the NYS Department of Labor. On top of that, the PATCO members' medical coverage runs out during mid-September (a serious matter, as stress related illnesses are a concern which motivates the strikers.) The PATCO Benefit Fund address is PO Box 2186 Syracuse, NY 13220. Letters to the daily papers, the governor, and NYS Labor Commissioner Lillian Roberts can express our support for their right to strike, and protest the decision to deny benefits.

Book Review—

Barefoot Gen

Author: Keiji Nakazawa
Project Gen, 1978. \$3.80

by Christian Spies-Rusk

Barefoot Gen is a book, in comic book format, about a family in Hiroshima, Japan during the end of World War II.

Gen's family spent a lot of time running away from air raids; altogether the war disrupted people's lives in many ways. The Nakagawa family was all split up; Akira was at the group evacuation (the group evacuation was a camp kids went to so they would not be near the city where they would get bombed), Koji was at the muni-

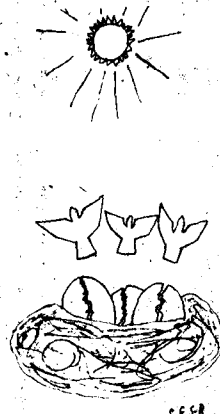
Christian Spies-Rusk is a nine year old who has been at many demonstrations and vigils. He says it's fun to tell people about peace and non-violence.

tions factory. All they had to eat was potatoes and watery gruel. They were going to have rice cakes, but it didn't work out; the town chairman caught them buying them on the black market. One time Gen's father made fun of spear drill. Another time the police arrested Gen's father for talking against the war. Gen and Shinji found out that the town chairman had told on their father. Their friends turned their backs on them when they found out they were against war. Other kids wouldn't play with Gen

and Shinji because they were against the war. But Mr. Pak, a Korean, gave them some rice when their father came home from the police. The chairman and his son had destroyed the Nakagawa's wheat field. Akira ran away from the group evacuation. They got potatoes from their friends in the country. Their mother was sick for awhile. Then the U.S. dropped the atomic bomb and the war ended. Gen and his mother escaped from the flames and his mother had a baby. Gen's father, brother, and sister were caught under the house and they all died.

I like the way the book tells about the idea of conscientious objection. War made people hate each other -- not just the enemy, but also fellow Japanese. The illustrations are very clear. The balloons are shaped so they don't cover parts of the picture. You can distinguish the people in the pictures very easily. The facial expressions are drawn very nicely. It is the best comic book I know of.

I have read **Barefoot Gen** six times, more times than any other of my books. It seems to teach me something new every time I read it.



graphic: Christian Spies-Rusk

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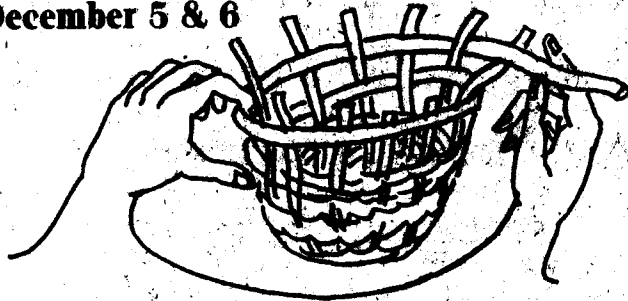


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Dawn, the Irish Journal of Nonviolence, is a good resource for people who want to be kept informed about the internal events in Ireland and Northern Ireland. An excellent source of info. about Irish involvement in the campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and for the alternative lifestyles people are trying to build. Subs. paid by international money order. Air Mail: 10 issues/5 pounds (\$10 approx.) Surface: 10 issues/3 pounds (\$6) to Dawn, SCM house, 168 Rathgar Rd, Dublin 6, IRELAND.

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## How It Is

To all who organized, worked at, or visited the SPC/ AISC/ FOCUS NY State Fair booth--Thank you. We deserve to wear "I survived the Fair" medals. But seriously, it was a huge effort, with many people participating. There is a report and photograph in this issue.

We welcome a new boarder at the SPC House--Patrick Scannell. He is a Forestry student from the Albany area.

In our search of a third staff person, we are coming close to making a decision--but the actual hiring hinges on the result of our 1981 Phonathon (have you read p. 3?) So please remind yourself and yourself and your neighbor to start thinking about a monthly pledge to SPC.

As full time staff of SPC, William and I have tried to mold the staff job into a livable one (the wages notwithstanding.) Last week I attended a workshop led by Fran Macey called "Despair to Empowerment." It showed me alot about why working for peace full time is so exhausting and stressfull. That evening 45 peace people from Syracuse dealt with their feelings about the possibility of nuclear holocaust. I hope we have more of these workshops in Syracuse, because I do believe we can face our worst fears and know we're not alone. The empowering aspect of the workshop came through exercises which enabled us to feel the unity of life within ourselves and with other people. We need more of that, too!

-Glenda Neff

## What is SPC

The Syracuse Peace Council (SPC) is a non-profit, community based, autonomous anti-war/social justice organization. We have an affiliation with Clergy & Laity Concerned (CALC). We have a vision of a world where war, violence and exploitation of all kinds (economic, racial, sexual, age, etc.) do not exist. Primary functions of SPC are to help people work for progressive social change and to overcome our sense of powerlessness through mutual support. We feel that education, agitation and organization lead to social change. We have a basic commitment to nonviolence.

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 and monthly pledges, and fundraising 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 Budget:

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Brutality: Angus Mac Donald

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#### Cruise Missile Project:

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Nuclear Weapons Freeze Cam-  
paign: Marty Bartlett 458-5262

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vention of Nuclear War:

Ollie Clubb 479-5977

Syracuse Public Power Coali-  
tion: Ann Stevenson 472-3921

#### Upstate Resistance:

Kath Buffington 471-6923

Women Working for a Non-  
Nuclear Future:

Pat Rector 446-2380

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please join us!

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(on various issues):

William Sunderlin 472-5478

War and Peace promotion and  
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October  
Harvest PNL  
1981



30  
Women loving women support group, 9:30 am. Women's INFO, 601 Allen. Every wed. Ernesto Cardenal at Cornell, for events call CUSIAR 697/256-7293

1  
Yoga classes for beginners at Center for Holistic Living, 6:30, 471-4564. SPC POTLUCK Nestle's Infant Formula See p. 5

2  
NVS Films, Grant Aud., 8. U., 8pm (see insert). **Tree of Wooden Clogs** DUALT RESISTANCE CONFERENCE thru 10/4 call 471-6923 Karin Franklin show, 10am. Ch. 9. On the local Nuclear Freeze Campaign.

3  
Parthena. Baroque & renaissance music at the Market House Music Hall, Oswego.

4  
Douglas & Cynthia at the Westcott Cafe, 9pm donation.

5  
Bright Morning Star, Cathy Winter & Betsy Rose, Albany, 8pm 518/489-6742. Yoga classes at Center for Holistic Living, 5:30 & 7:00. Call 471-4564. Citizens United Against Police Brutality mtg 7:30 633 South Warren.

6  
Lunch Hour Film Series: WOMEN & THEIR WORK "Union Maids" 12:10 pm "With Babies & Banners" 1:10 pm. Free. Gates Room, Central Library, Montgomery St. NVS Film con. open potluck. 6:30. See p. 30.

7  
"Human Sexuality & the Helping Professional" workshop at Planned Parenthood, 1120 E. Genesee, 9-11:30am. \$50 for ten sessions.

8  
Syr. chap. Gay-Lesbian Conl. mtg. 475-6857. Women loving women support group, 7:15, Women's INFO. Bright Morning Star in Rochester. 716/244-7191

9  
NVS Films, Grant Aud., 8. U., 7:49:30pm (see insert). **Six Films by Women** Educational & informational packet & rally on the mental health system. Meet at Hutchings, 9:30. Info: Betsy Jo 475-2202.

10  
Nonviolence training, 9-noon at AFSC, call 471-6923. Geoff Bartley, blues, jazz, Market House Music Hall, Oswego. Teach-in on vanishing farmland, 1-4pm, Fulton 592-9294.

11  
Socialist Forum, Westcott Cafe, 3-5pm. "Appropriate Technology" SPC MONDAY NIGHT POTLUCK - "Brule's on China", see p. 5

12  
Phonathon

13  
Lunch hour film series: WOMEN & THEIR WORK 4 shorts on changing roles, 12:10 pm, free. Central Library, downtown, Montgomery St. "Female Sexual Enhancement". \$75/8 session. Planned Parenthood.

14  
Do I Need a Planet?

15  
NVS Films, Grant Aud., 8. U., 7.9. 11pm (see insert). **No Nukes!**

16  
NVS Films, Grant Aud., 8. U., 7 & 9:30pm (see insert). "East Coast Socialist Conference", through 18th. Kingston, NY. More info: 478-0793.

17  
Cris Williamson! In concert to benefit SPC & Women's INFO. See p. 15. Charlie Maguire, Market House Music Hall, Oswego. **Organizing for Peace** Working in the high schools. See p. 9

18  
Sue Gaynor & Jennie Broadhurst at Westcott Cafe, 9pm. donation. SPC MONDAY NIGHT POTLUCK - "Politics of consensus", see p. 5

19  
SPC Phonathon See p. 3

20  
from the 19th to the 2nd

21  
Euclid Community Open House benefit garage & book sale, 826 Euclid, 10-4, through 30th. Summer Schol. Square Dance with Sandy Bradley, 82.50 472-1777.

22  
"Living the Good Life" - film about Helen & Scott Neuring, 7pm. Pettit Library, Victoria Place. plus short "Wood Heat".

23  
NVS Films, Grant Aud., 8. U., 7.9&11pm (see insert). **Crime & Punishment, U.S.A.**

24  
Driveaway Wilson, guitarist & composer, Market House Music Hall, Oswego.

25  
Byron Wendt at Westcott Cafe, 9pm. Donation. At Auction to benefit the YMCA Town Youth Center. Work of local artists. Preview noon, 1-5pm. Everson.

26  
SPC MONDAY NIGHT POTLUCK - "Electoral politics: new directions in Syracuse", see p. 5 '81 Plowshare Crafts fair applications available Call 472-5478

27  
MOVING ??? please tell us before you move, PLEASE!

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31  
Rally at Nestle's! Boycott Nestle's Rally, White Plains, NY 518/463-4411. At the Harrison Center, Lancaster Ave., 9-5. See p. 27 for info.

The Transition Team is presently interviewing people for the two new steering committees: Program and Evaluation Committee, and Organizational Maintenance Committee. If you are interested in talking to us about it, call 472-5478. The idea Gatherers are busy at work. There have been quality reassessments, but not quantity. Does this mean you have nothing to say? We find that hard to believe! If you like to let them know what you think, the focus (and goal) of SPC should be, call Gerry Edwards or Kathie Bunting at 471-6923 or write 109 Trinity Pl., Syr. 13210



**SPC's First Council Meeting in November**

The Council Meeting will be a day-long opportunity for SPC members, and the two new committees (see left) to discuss SPC projects, plans and proposals. It will take place on a Saturday in early November. Call SPC if you want to know the details soon as we know them!



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Jan Peterson/American Myths Calendar

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Dear Mr. Sunderlin:

We have received numerous letters from your readers and each has been answered. I have explained to each writer that we no longer sell these licenses and instructions have been given to destroy any such licenses in existence. Furthermore, the Texas company which produced these licenses has assured me that they will not be produced in the future.

In view of these facts, we feel that our moral obligation has been dealt with in a responsible manner. It is respectfully requested that the Peace Newsletter print a follow-up indicating that the licenses have been removed. Your organization may take credit for bringing this oversight to our attention.

Cordially,  
Phil Rizzo, Mechanical  
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**Putting money where it counts**

Phoenix, N.Y.

Dear People,

I'd like to take this opportunity to raise my pledge to SPC from \$5 to \$10 a month. I just heard on the news about Ray-gun wanting more B-1's and the MX and I was so stunned and mad that I have to release some positive energy through SPC. Yours in struggle, peace and love,

Ed Hamlin

**In response to Dale Tussing's  
"H-Blocks are the Wrong Issue"**

Syracuse, N.Y.

Six men, Dan, Phil and I among

them, traveled to Belfast in August, 1980. Our concern was the plight of the men and women "on the blanket" in Long Kesh and Armagh prisons. The H-Block committees of Dublin and New York had sent us urgent invitations. Taking these as moral imperatives, we accepted. We paid our own way and stayed a week.

In Belfast we were billeted among wives, parents, sisters and brothers of the prisoners. Quickly we found the IRA trying to exploit our presence to promote their cause of mines, bombs and bullets. We resisted, successfully, I believe. Through the Irish media we said over and over, "We are come as nonviolent persons, as peacemakers, to defend the cause of human rights, so violated among the prisoners. We agree with the families of the H-Block victims who say 'we have no more use for IRA violence than we do for the British variety; all we want is peace with justice.' Their voice is our voice."

In his article in the last Peace Newsletter, Dale Tussing speaks as an economist. Thus his views are special: the difficulties of Ireland and of the prisoners are economic in base. Yet to me this makes little more sense than to claim, "The difficulties of the people of El Salvador are fundamentally political."

Our rationale, that of the six peacemakers, was different. Believing that the reality of nonviolent talk and action in a very violent scene might be productive, we tried to get close, show compassion, ameliorate. That we were denied entrance into Long Kesh and Armagh adds emphasis to our words: "No one has a right to treat human beings worse than animals." Simple? Again, our words: "Terrible violence is being done these men and women prisoners, many of whom are innocent. This we protest; we stand with them." Direct?

Now I wonder: if at the time of his writing Mr. Tussing considered "The H-Blocks the Wrong Issue," what does he now think is the "right" issue? In our view, expressed concern for human rights is perennially, timelessly, the "right" issue. This I feel sure Dale Tussing would not deny.

One final point. I fear that Mr. Tussing damages his own intention--

to clarify the Irish issue--by hanging on us six the label "safari protestors. Gratuitous. Nor could I fit into any context his equally unwarranted, "We felt (at the presence in Ireland of the Berrigans et al) more embarrassment than anger." But why does Dale Tussing condescend? Why oh why is he embarrassed? Implied, I fear, is his judgmental finger wagging at us: "You six fellows were naive; you were used by the IRA." Personally, I doubt it. Of us six, four have been in prison, that school of harsher realities. Thus we were as chary of flattery as we were wary of rhetoric. We saw clearly that the IRA was a perpetrator of the BIG LIE, as clearly we saw the British likewise. We were not tricked.

Jerry Berrigan

Syracuse, N.Y.

There was much wisdom in Dale Tussing's recent piece on the situation in Ireland. One does not need any special credentials to offer an opinion on this issue, but especially as an Irish Catholic whose Grandmother was born in Waterford, I have never understood how anyone could support the voluntary slow death of some in Maze Prison in order to encourage still others to go on killing. Tussing helps us all to see what a tragic mistake it is to give any blessing to either the IRA or the H-Block protest. Sincerely,

Gerald Grant

Syracuse, N.Y.

In general I thought that Dale's political analysis of the situation in Ireland was well done. There was error though when he chose to attack people personally. To write such a fine article and then call Ramsey Clark, Dan and Jerry Berrigan, and Dick Gregory "safari protestors" who "caused more embarrassment than anger" was mind-boggling. It's his personal opinion and he is entitled to it, but it invalidated the article for me. Those men's lives and their lifestyles speak for themselves.

I have more criticisms. Dale refers to the H-Block issue as "the

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## THIS ISSUE

Response to Dale Tussing's H-Block article (10/81 PNL) was vocal and this month we've devoted extra space to record that response. Through a conversation with one reader we became aware of a misinterpretation we might be creating. Just because we've printed an article doesn't mean that it's the new Peace Council "position", nor even that of the Peace Newsletter editorial committee. We'd like to believe that the PNL can be a forum for movement opinion and analysis. We also want to be honest and say that our own politics will affect what is selected and how much space we give it. This is true of any paper but we happen to be up front about it.

On page 17 you'll find an editorial representing the consensed point of view of the PNL editorial committee. It does not represent the point of view of SPC, necessarily. We hope these words clear up any misconceptions that have arisen.

## Editorial Committee

William Sunderlin; Production Coordinator, Mairead Connor, Ed Kinane

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Jim Creveling, Mairead Connor, Carol Baum, Karen Beetle, Glenda Neff, Wm. Sunderlin, Dik Cool, Ed Kinane, Corinne Kinane, Lesley Pease, Tom Law, Mary Beth O'Connor, Gary Weinstein, Linda Perla, Peggy Galvagno

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Charlotte Haas, Ed Kinane, Ruth Lyman, Diana Trifosa, Kathy Delaney, Annie Graham, Dik Cool, Joe Clapper, Zoe Honor, Chuck Durand, Patrick Scannell, William Sunderlin, Pat Hoffman

## Next Month's Production

Monday November 23 through  
Wed. November 25 1981  
Mailing Party: Saturday Nov. 28

## Deadlines

Space Requests: November 6th  
Display Ad Deadline: November 13th  
November Classifieds & Calendar:  
November 20th

## Fuses for conventional artillery shells - Seneca Army Depot

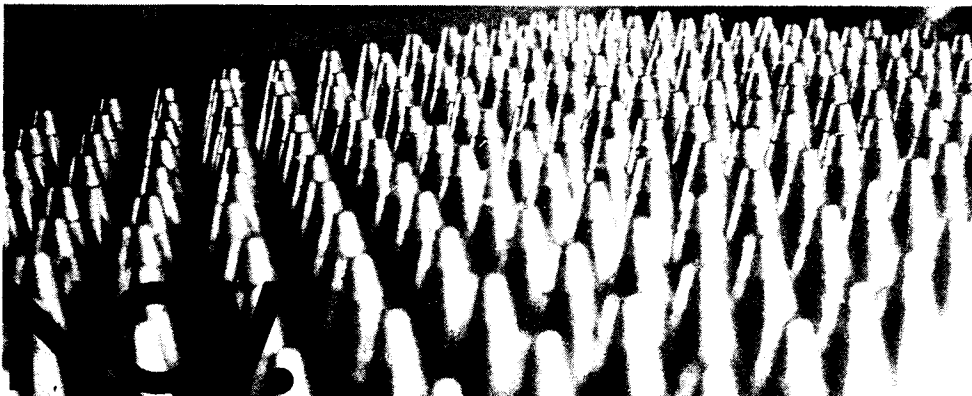


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## COVER

In this month when Thanksgiving is on the minds of many people, it is humbling to reflect on the fact that there were people on this continent long before Columbus "discovered" it. Local artist Jan Peterson's illustration graces our cover and the Peace Council's American Myths 1982 Wall Calendar (see page 9)

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# Syracuse Peace Council

## How It Is

It's now the one-year anniversary of the SPC retreat at Camp Whitman and the decision to restructure the organization. After a grueling series of meetings on defining and implementing the changes in the first half of this year, and a breather on meetings this spring and early fall, we're now busy interviewing candidates for the three committees that will be the central feature of the new structure -- program & evaluation, organization maintenance and PNL editorial.

Karen Beetle has been hired as the long-awaited third staff person; we welcome her with open arms.

The results of our second annual fundraising phonathon and the Cris Williamson concert have given us cause to feel fairly good about our finances. We thank all of you who helped on the phonathon, those of you who gave, and the Cris Williamson concert committee -- Liz Cool, Kathy Collins, Marian Andrews and Karen Mihalyi.

This month has seen more blatant thefts from the mouths of hungry people and gifts to the war machine AWACS, B-1, M-X. We are now aware that the machinery for "limited" nuclear war is just 60 miles west of us in Seneca County. If you haven't done so already, please visit us to see what you can do to help in the awesome task of confronting nuclear madness.

## What is SPC

The Syracuse Peace Council (SPC) is a non-profit, community based, autonomous anti-war/social justice organization. We have an affiliation with Clergy & Laity Concerned (CALC). We have a vision of a world where war, violence and exploitation of all kinds (economic, racial, sexual, age, etc.) do not exist. Primary functions of SPC are to help people work for progressive social change and to overcome our sense of powerlessness through mutual support. We feel that education, agitation and organization lead to social change. We have a basic commitment to nonviolence.

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 and monthly pledges, and fundraising 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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## SPC Collectives, / Committees & Projects

New people are always welcome to join any of these activities. Contact the person listed to find out what you can do.

### Staff Collective

Glenda Neff, William Sunderlin  
Karen Beetle

### SPC Press Collective

Gary Weinstein

### Peace Newsletter

#### Editorial Committee:

SPC Staff, Ed Kinane, Lisa  
Johns

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#### Nestlé Boycott

Sam Martin 472-2983

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## The 1981 Phonathon Results are in



# THANK YOU!

The 1981 Phonathon was a highly rewarding event, and a good time was had by all. Folks, SPC is becoming, slowly but surely, a financially stable organization (and as solidly grassroots as ever.) This year 187 people responded positively to our telephone inquiry. SPC gained 84 new pledges totaling over \$3,000; 103 other people promised contributions totaling about \$2,000. This figures to over \$250 of pledged income each month to add to our present pledges.

Thank you's to the people who were able to respond so generously. We also acknowledge the people who told SPC callers that they support the Peace Council's work, but cannot afford to contribute at this time. Thank you's also to the organizers, the callers, and to the Service Employees International Union for use of their office space and phones.

## WORK WORK WORK

The work for peace is never done. So if you come home from your regular job with that empty, unfulfilled feeling, try a few hours each month, or each week, at an SPC project. Peace work offers excitement, job training, and self-empowerment, plus lots of fun and expanded consciousness! (If you belong to the Syracuse Real Food Co-op, you can fulfill your monthly work requirement at SPC and eat good food at cheaper prices, too.)

Here's a current (but not exhaustive) listing:

### Be a part of Plowshare

This warm and joyous community event thrives on warm and joyous bodies. Here's where you can help:

- \*\*set up on Friday(12/5) evening
  - \*\*childcare
  - \*\*helping in the kitchen
  - \*\*door greeters
  - \*\*staffing the SPC crafts table
  - \*\*postering the town
  - \*\*raffle ticket hawkers at the Fair
  - \*\*clean up on Sunday(12/7) late afternoon
  - \*\*staffing The Front Room Bookstore tables
- call Glenda at SPC with your preference today!

### Office Workers

Some vital tasks which need regular attention:

- \*\*phone shifts
- \*\*doing bi-weekly bank deposits
- \*\*filing of periodicals and information
- \*\*maintenance of the Peace Newsletter graphics files
- \*\*staffing The Front Room Bookstore on Saturdays during the holiday season

### Projects

- \*\*Monday Night Potlucks: scheduling programs and publicity. call Lois Levitan at 478-2998
- \*\*SPC Film Committee: distributing films and slideshows and purchasing new ones. call Lois or SPC
- \*\*Nestlé Boycott: see PEACE on p. 12 call Sam Martin at 472-2983
- \*\*Become a moderator for the radio program PEACEWORK on WAER-FM. call SPC
- \*\*Maintenance of a phone and letter network to monitor government moves concerning the nuclear arms race. call SPC

and last but not least:

### American Myths 1982

The American Myths 1982 Calendar is potentially a large fundraiser for SPC, while being an important way of spreading our people's culture. You can help us get the Calendar in front of people by taking copies with you to conventions, conferences, classes or demonstrations; you can even take it to other cities you are visiting when you might have an opportunity to visit alternative bookstores or groups. We call it our "each one-reach one" \* technique. You too can be an SPC salesperson. Just call Dik or Mary Beth at the SPC office for the spellbinding details. It's easy - the Calendar does all the talking!

(\*apologies to Laubach Literacy.)

## Council Meeting Postponed

The Transition Team was forced to face the reality-- the all-day Council meeting as envisioned by Thigmo proposals cannot happen in November. It cannot happen until the new steering committees, Program and Evaluation (P&E) and Organizational Maintenance(OM) are

ready to take the wheel (s.) Transition Teamers are busily interviewing prospective members for P&E and OM; if you would like to consider a term on one of the committees, call SPC. Watch for a new Council date-- a Saturday in late winter.



# SYRACUSE PEACE COUNCIL'S MONDAY **POTLUCK** DINNERS and **DISCUSSION**

Open to All at No Admission Charge for Comradery & Discussion

November 9 **Community of the Ark: Gandhian Community in Rural France**

Pierre Parodi, successor to Lanzo del Vasta as leader of the Community of the Ark, is visiting & speaking in this country. The Ark works to be a model of a nonviolent social order stressing simple living, service to humanity & governance by consensus. An article about the Community appeared in the June issue of Fellowship & it is available for you to read at the Peace Council.

November 16 **Report From Chile: "Reagonomics" In Action**

Since the 1973 junta, Chile has been a "laboratory" for the kind of economic policies now being implemented in the US by the Reagon administration. Thus there are likely to be some important lessons for us about the effect of these policies on peoples' lives & about the struggles that arise in response. David Molineaux, who lived in Santiago, Chile, for the past 4 years as an AFSC (American Friends Service Committee) representative, will speak.

November 23 **Thanksgiving Holiday-No Potluck**

November 30 **A Gathering of SPC Folk for Political Chit-Chat:  
What Are We Doing, What Are We Thinking**

A chance to discuss your pet political project, your current thoughts on progressive goals & strategies...your ideas on how it is all going to happen. Come to connect with and to listen to others who are thinking & working along similar lines. Facilitiated by Lois Levitan.

December 7 **Reflections on 2 Years In Ireland: Social & Cultural Issues**

Ann & Dale Tussing have recently returned from a 2 year stay in Ireland — their third such trip in 10 years — and their presentation will include daily life in Ireland, inequalities, Ireland as a peripheral economy, the status of women & the North.

December 14 **Sing-Along: Songs of Freedom & Struggle**

For all musicmakers & songsters, instrumentalists & listeners — an informal gathering to share the songs of progressives past and present.

## Happy Holidays - Potlucks Resume on January 11

6p.m. **DINNER:** bring a dish or beverage to share

7 - 9 pm **DISCUSSION**

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# PLOWSHARE CRAFTSFAIR



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 10<sup>AM</sup> - 5<sup>PM</sup>  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 12 - 5<sup>PM</sup>

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wrong issue raised for the wrong reasons by the wrong people." I find that judgmental and too much of a generality. How can anyone make a blanket statement like that in seriousness. If we call ourselves civil rights supporters are not these people allowed to think and feel what they believe? Gandhi was a peaceful man and he used the hunger strike as a nonviolent strategy. Are we to judge the H-Block hunger strikers as the "wrong people" for having used this method?

The statement which said that the Irish Catholic church is "clearly ambivalent" on whether the hunger strike is nonviolent is not supported by facts in Dale's article. One of Pope Paul's encyclicals ("Progress of the people"--1967) states that revolutionary violence is not acceptable except in cases of prolonged tyranny. This is my opinion as well. The British have taken land away from the Irish and have literally taken the food out of their mouths for centuries. Those of us in this country who profess nonviolence, how easy it is for us to be this way when

we've never lived in a land where we could not express our own preferences. The Irish people do not have "a love affair with death" but rather a passion for justice and liberty--and an irate dislike for starving.

Mary Keough

South Butler, N.Y.  
Dear People:

One member of my household receives your newsletter, and having picked it up and read your plea, I have decided to send you some money.

This is due to my reaction to Dale Tussing's article on Northern Ireland. I have been intensely interested in the problems of Ireland for the last twelve years, have visited there, and read scores of books about Ireland and literature by Irish authors. But I have never heard the problems of that country described in the same context as our own.


The confusion and ambivalence in my own mind have largely been caused by the fact that I also have

been caught up in the singleminded-propaganda which has led me to believe that the union of the two Irelands was a prerequisite to any sort of progress, social or political. Your unflatteringly realistic portrayal of the Provos as an elitist group that would probably administer an equally repressive/reactionary state (had they that power), and your mention of the neglected development in almost all the other areas that we of the left hold dear, have enabled me to re-focus my opinions more realistically. I am only amazed that in all my reading on the subject, these issues were never brought forward, and more importantly, that I was never able to discern these problems and open my eyes. More and more I find myself believing that societal problems, no matter what nation, only can be solved from the ground up--rather than from the top down.

Thanks again, and I hope you'll send me my own newsletter so my housemate won't wonder where hers has gone. Good luck! Sincerely,  
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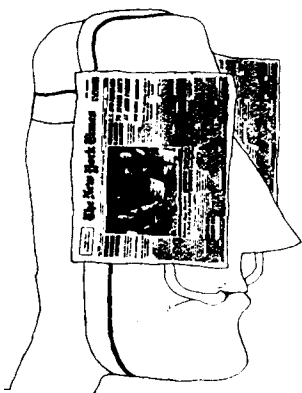
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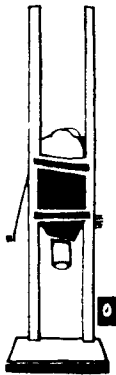
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# It is likely that the U.S. Army will be storing the neutron bomb about 60 miles from Syracuse.

The deadly secret of the Seneca Army Depot is out.

According to a City Newspaper story by Rochester reporter Mark Hare, the depot is the Army's major storage area and shipping point for nuclear weapons to Europe.

Hare also says that "given the depot's role in supporting Army nuclear operations in Europe, it is very likely that the Army will house its latest nuclear weapon--the neutron bomb--here, in Upstate New York."

Evidence shows that 60 miles from Syracuse are the nuclear warheads that over one million Europeans demonstrated against in October.

The Seneca Army Depot is located between Routes 96 and 96A in the small village of Romulus, Seneca County.

The Army has refused to confirm or deny the presence of nuclear weapons at the depot as a matter of policy, but it has finally admitted under pressure by Hare that the depot is "nuclear capable" and has a "special weapons" mission. "'Special weapons' is Pentagon language for nuclear weapons," wrote Hare.

The City Newspaper bases its conclusion on abundant evidence and documentation dug up by Hare, the most compelling of which follows:

(1) "A 1975 Technical Manual on the Transportation of Nuclear Weapons Material, includes Seneca in a list of 'military first destinations' for the receipt of nuclear weapons and 'limited life components' received from the Atomic Energy Commission (now the Department of Energy), which manufactures nuclear weapons for the military."

(2) "A July 1980 (Department of Defense/Department of Energy) planning document also identifies Seneca as one of only two Army depots which provide 'logistics support for Army nuclear munitions.'

"Both the technical manual and the long-range planning document pinpoint Seneca as the Army's only nuclear weapons storage facility with requirements for quick deployment of weapons to Europe."

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(3) Seneca depot has 60 nuclear storage igloos and a 28,000-square-foot, earth covered, temperature and humidity controlled building essential to plutonium maintenance.



Water tower at Seneca. Photo by Ed Petrosky

(4) Army Special Weapons Directories and 1980 Congressional Military Constructions hearings both refer to Seneca as having "deleted" type weapons. This is generally known to be "nuclear," but it is policy to delete this word in public records.

Other evidence that Hare has obtained indicates that the Army is planning to step up its nuclear activity at the depot. Runways are being expanded; special security detection systems are being installed; and plans are in the making to expand housing for the 833rd Ordnance Company which performed a nuclear function in South Korea.

Not only is Upstate New York being faced with the storage of nuclear weapons, but we also have to think about how the weapons get to Seneca. It seems clear that the Army is using our roadways to move warheads through the area at unknown times and through unknown communities that are totally unprepared to deal with any accident.

The size, range and quantity of nuclear weapons at Seneca "can only be surmised from the evidence," according to Hare. "...When it comes to the Pentagon's nuclear plans, we can only talk about 'probable' scenarios. The generals never leave behind a smoking warhead."

--Mairead Connor



Conventional ammunition bunker at Seneca Army Depot. At least 60 similar bunkers are set aside for "special weapons." Photo by Ed Petrosky.

# Upstate "stares down the barrel of a nuclear missile..."

Copyright, 1981, City Newspaper  
by Mark Hare

Some readers will say that the (City Newspaper) has gone too far-- that revealing a major nuclear weapons storage facility jeopardizes the security of the country and makes the arsenal more vulnerable to attack.

We don't believe that's true.

The secrecy and lexicon of euphemisms which surround nuclear weapons serve another purpose.

There are at least 120 military installations in the United States (and at least three in New York) which house nuclear weapons from time to time. Some estimates say there are 400 installations which are, or soon could be, "nuclear capable."

**"We think differently about national security when we realize the bombs are among us, that they are not fail-safe..."**

Thanks to the Pentagon's veil of secrecy, the public never knows that nuclear weapons are routinely trucked through and flown over our towns, villages, and cities. The Pentagon has even carelessly stockpiled weapons along the San Andreas Fault and parked them within a mile of a major airport runway--all without much public scrutiny.

How long would Americans support the trillion-dollar Haig-Weinberger-Reagan military buildup if they knew of the Pentagon's plans for stockpiling the weapons in their towns?

To most of us the arms race remains ephemeral. Thanks to the Pentagon's control of information about nuclear weapons and their whereabouts, we have all come to think of nuclear weapons as checkmarks on a scorecard. If we have more checks than "them" we're safe. If "they" have more checkmarks than us, it's time to re-arm.

This secrecy doesn't keep the Russians from knowing about our nuclear arsenals. But it does keep Americans from rethinking the arms race.

Faced with the day-to-day problems of surviving, "psychic numbness" (as Dan Berrigan calls it) sets

in whenever talk turns to distant problems like nuclear weapons.

Whether by design or by accident, this numbness nicely suits the interests of the military.

But the entire syntax of the arms race changes when people come face to face with the presence of these instruments of unthinkable destruction in their communities. We think differently about national security when we realize that the bombs are among us, that they are not fail-safe, that they are being tinkered with by real people, who (just like us) have family problems or drink too much or work too hard.

In Europe, the movement to ban the bomb is strong precisely because Europeans know what it is like to stare down the barrel of a nuclear arsenal poised just outside their cities and villages.

Nor is it clear to most of us just how this massive nuclear arsenal syphons our economy and makes security harder to attain.

But look closely at tiny Seneca County, one of the poorest in the

state. Just last week, 310 persons were laid off by Philips ECG in Seneca Falls. Unemployment is higher than the state average. Farmers, faced with ruinous rains, risk losses which could force some of them out of business.

State officials just last week announced that federal cuts will cost New York \$2 billion in the coming year. The unemployed of Seneca County will have less state and federal money for health care, food stamps, public education, small business loans, or loan guarantees. There will be less money for housing, energy needs, for alcohol abuse, and for child care.

But despite the loss of vital services, money will still be spent. Right in the heart of Seneca County, just behind the triple chain link fences and the electronic sensors, lies perhaps \$1 billion in nuclear weapons. The money's there all right, and it's coming out of the pockets of the very people whose security the Pentagon says it will protect.



About 300 women and children from a group called "women for Peace" laid down last August in front of the U.S. consulate general in Stuttgart, W. Germany, to protest the neutron bomb. Some of their signs read "Atomic weapon-free Europe," "Women against the neutron bomb. No suicide for Europe," and "Protect ourselves against stationing them in Europe."

Over the past month, more than one million Europeans took to the streets to protest Pershing, Lance, Hercules and Nike II missiles and the neutron bomb. They understand their vulnerability after going through wars and devastation on their continent. Now we in Central New York find the same missiles in our backyard. We are just as vulnerable! It is time for us to build just as strong a movement to create a nuclear-free world.



## ROTC REVIVAL

Following a decline in enrollment and status on campuses across the country during the decade of the 1970s, ROTC--the Reserve Officers Training Corps--is making a comeback. ROTC is a military training program offered by participating colleges and universities to undergraduates. ROTC will pay student tuition costs, and upon graduation participants join one of the military services with a commission as a junior officer. Because of rising tuition costs, cuts in federal financial aid to students, censorship of Viet Nam history, and so on, students increasingly are finding the "new," seemingly harmless Army an appealing option. What is not included in the slick recruiting talk and glossy leaflets are such things as "punitive activation," "commission on the basis of good moral character," and the usual arguments relating to war and peace.

To challenge the resurgence of ROTC, a group at Buffalo State College is now in the process of forming a national network to challenge all militarism in education, including ROTC, Junior ROTC, research, and recruiting activities. The group plans a conference of all groups and persons interested in these issues for the spring of 1982. If you or your organization is interested in the network, please contact: Student Committee on Peace Education, P. O. Box 803, Ellicott Station, Buffalo, N.Y. 14205.

## TO REMEMBER IS TO RESIST

Armistice Day, November 11th, has been chosen by peace groups in North America as a day to remember the misery caused by militarism. In Toronto, Ontario, the Cruise Missile Conversion Project has organized a demonstration and civil disobedience at the Litton plant, where the guidance system for the cruise missile is manufactured. Non-violence training, overnight housing, and transportation from Toronto to the plant are available. Contact CMCP at 532-6720 in Toronto, or in Peterborough at 748-1234 (or call SPC at 472-5478).

# PEACES



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## SYRACUSE ORGANIZES NESTLE BOYCOTT

A well-attended SPC Potluck on the Nestlé Boycott was the springboard for the building of a local effort against unethical infant formula promotion.

While the trend in the U.S. has begun to turn towards breastfeeding, poor women of undeveloped countries are buying expensive infant formula. Companies like Nestlé and Bristol Meyers have turned to Third World populations to push their products, whether or not the formula can be properly used. UNICEF estimates at least one million infants die each year from malnutrition caused by diluted, unsanitary bottle feeding.

The Syracuse group joins the national network--Infant Formula Action Coalition (INFACCT). INFACCT wants Nestlé and other corporations to cooperate fully with enactment of the marketing code set up by the World Health Organization this summer. If you want to help, come to the next meeting on Thursday, November 19th, 7:30 p.m. at 1057 Lancaster Avenue, or call Sam Martin at 472-2983.

## Rx: FOR RADIATION EMERGENCIES

According to a report of the Special Committee on Nuclear Power Safety prepared recently for the New York State Assembly, the prompt administration of large doses of non-radioactive potassium iodide would prevent the absorption of radioactive iodine, should there be a melt-down or serious emission at Nine Mile I or the Fitzpatrick nuclear power plants.

In Great Britain, potassium iodide is routinely stockpiled at police stations located near nuclear facilities, and quantities of it were manufactured in the U.S. on an emergency basis during the Three Mile Island episode. None is currently stockpiled in Onondaga County for use either by county residents or "evacuees" from Oswego County, should a radiological emergency force them to come to Syracuse for medical treatment or assistance.

The effectiveness of potassium iodide as a means to block contamination of the human thyroid by radioactive iodine 131 has been known for fifteen years, and has been so recognized by the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurement.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has prepared tables for the administration of doses, which apparently are based on the weight of the individual. However, at the present time the prescribed dosage table is available locally only through one physician at the County Health Department. Most other physicians and pharmacists are either uninformed about this use of potassium iodide, or do not know where to get information on proper dosage. Children and infants are particularly vulnerable to absorbing the radioactive iodine if not treated with potassium iodide.

A public informational forum entitled "The Politics of Potassium Iodide: Some Health Choices for Citizens" will be sponsored by Women Working for a Non-Nuclear Future on January 13, 1982. For more information call 446-2380.

# The Front Room Bookstore's 1981-1982 Catalog

## Who We Are

The Front Room is a non-profit bookstore specializing in hard-to-find materials on issues of social change and justice. We are part of the Syracuse Peace Council and see ourselves as a resource for the progressive community. We care about who we order from and try to support small movement presses rather than large corporate publishing houses.

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## In This Catalog

This catalog contains a sampling of what we carry. We have included ads from three presses we feel good about (and carry almost all of their books!) along with two full page listings of books on topics especially close to our hearts (women and changing the world). Bored with the Top 40? Check page 5 for records. Want to wear your beliefs? Don't miss the page on T-shirts, buttons and pins. Would you like to find out how much fun it is to work at The Front Room? Do something about the Get Involved box on page 8.

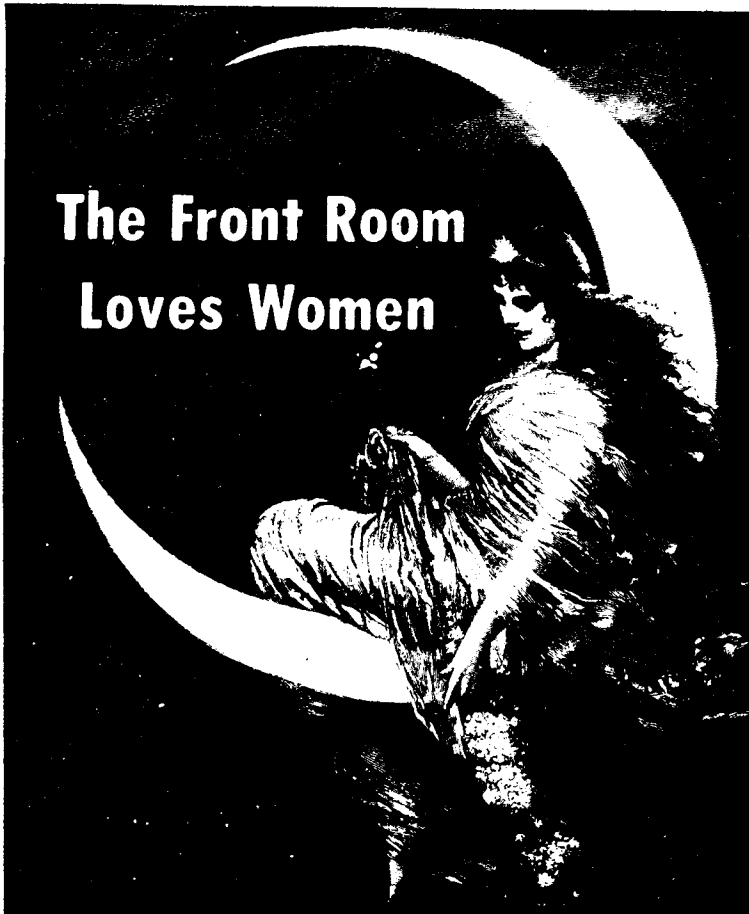


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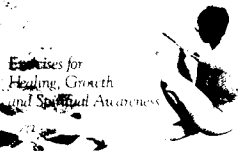
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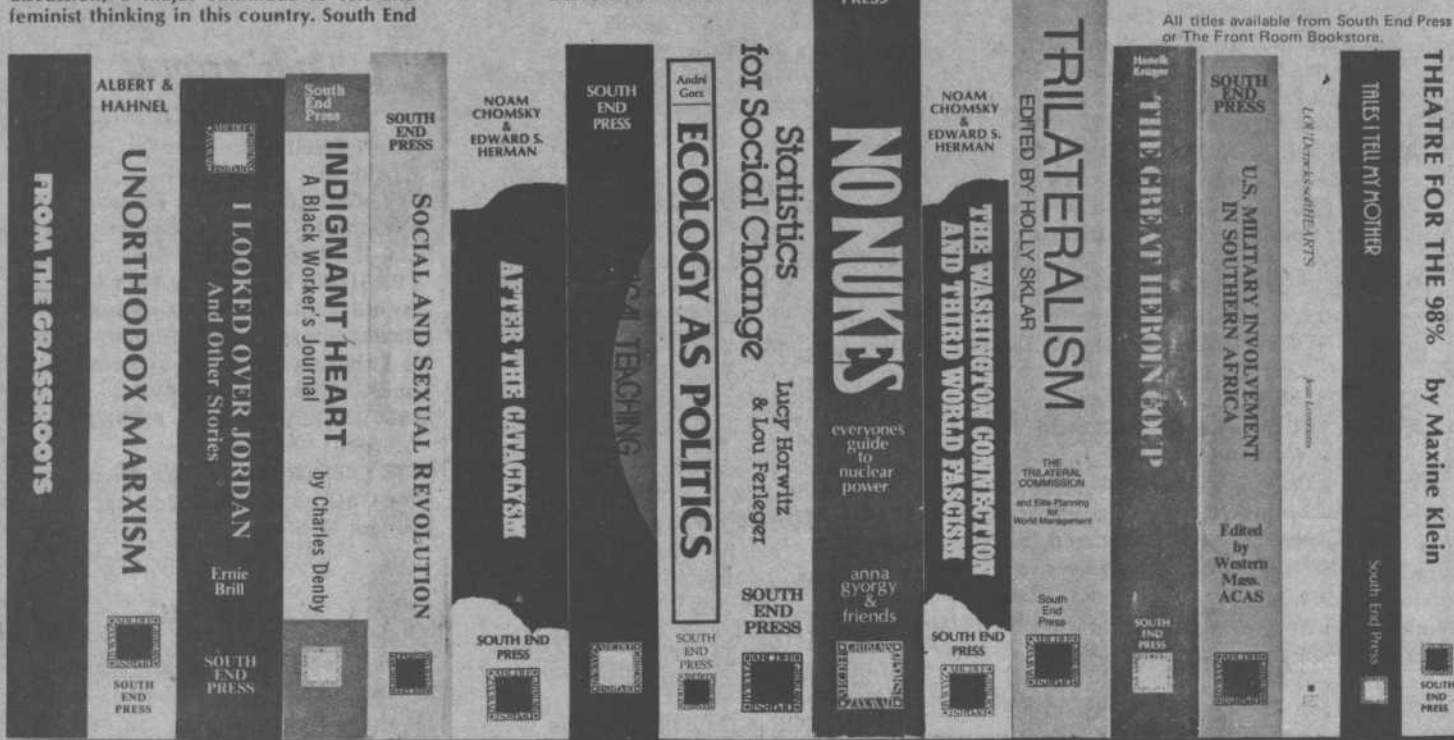
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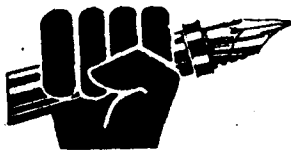
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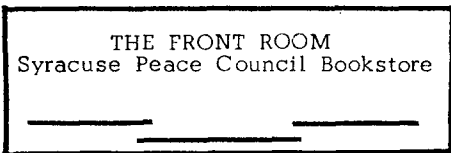
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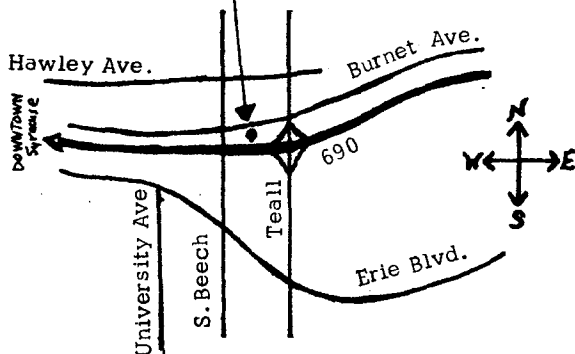
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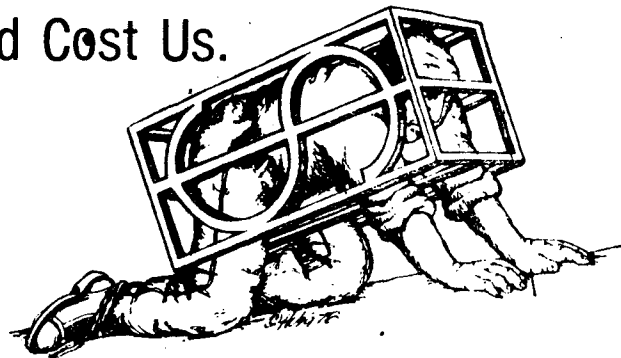
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# Nine Mile II: How Much It Could Cost Us.

by Ed Kinane



If construction isn't stopped on the Nine Mile II nuclear generating plant now being built near Oswego, it will cost each of us one heck of a lot of money. Billions of dollars will be siphoned out of our pockets and into those of the big money boys who have plotted this nuclear attack on us.

Altho five NYS investor-owned utilities are co-conspirators in the swindle, I'll restrict my figures to the ringleader, Niagara Mohawk (alias NiMo). NiMo is the power mafia in Syracuse and has the largest share of the action (41%).

Theodore Barry & Associates, the independent auditors of the project, have estimated that construction alone (along with its financing) will probably cost \$5.6 billion. NiMo ratepayers would have to pay 41% of this, or \$2.3 billion.

Such a staggering amount is equal to 46% of NiMo's 1980 net utility plant. In other words, our projected share of the cost of Nine Mile II is almost half of NiMo's current invest-

*For more background, see Ed's article "Nine Mile II Costs Run Amuck" in the Sept. '81 PNL; also, turn the page for a brief report on Reagan's efforts to pump blood into the ailing nuke industry.*

*Ed always tries to remember to turn off the light when he leaves a room. He doesn't want to subsidize NiMo any more than he has to.*

ment in all other electrical generating operations.

But such a huge investment will increase NiMo's generating capacity - not by 46% or anything like it - but by only 8% (TB&A, Exhibit II-1).

This is wildly out of whack. It's like mortgaging your house to build a backyard barbeque pit. Actually, it's stupider than that: since it's unlikely the 8% added capacity will even be needed, it's like building a barbeque . . . after you've given up eating meat.

The NYS Public Service Commission estimates that if Nine Mile II comes on line, NiMo ratepayers will have to pay twice as much per kilowatt hour (11¢) in 1990 as we do now (5.5¢).

Another way to look at the burden of Nine Mile II is to roughly calculate the average dollar cost to each individual ratepayer. Residential ratepayers pay some 31% of NiMo's total generating bill. 31% of NiMo's share of Nine Mile II (\$2.3 billion) is \$713 million.

Dividing \$713 million by the num-

ber of residential ratepayers in NiMo territory (approx. 1,200,000), we get the average cost per ratepayer, or \$594.50.

This is an awful lot to pay for something that isn't needed and isn't wanted, and that won't do us any good, and which may do us a lot of harm.

But \$594.50 is only a fraction of the real cost to the ratepayer. Instead of paying 31% of the \$2.3 billion, residential ratepayers actually would end up paying much closer to 100%.

This is because commercial and industrial ratepayers can be expected to pass on their share to the public in the form of higher retail prices for the goods and services they produce.

Where they can't do this, their added overhead may lead to job cut-backs. Or it will even lead to more companies closing down or moving to less expensive parts of the country or to U.S. colonies abroad.

This means less regional and national self-sufficiency. It also means more unemployment and further recession in Upstate New York.

## How To Stop Nine Mile II!

The Nine Mile Two Coalition urges you to take action by:

1. distributing leaflets (available from any of the groups listed below);
2. signing and circulating a petition to the PSC, the state legislature, and Governor Carey to have them take action to stop Nine Mile II;
3. joining your local consumer/public interest group and becoming a part of the statewide fight to stop the nuke;
4. writing PSC Chairman Paul Gioia and telling him why you cannot afford such expensive, unhealthy electricity and that PSC should stop the plant. Write to: Agency Building 3, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223.

The Coalition was formed in October. It's made up of the following citizen groups:

NY-PIRGs (Binghamton, Buffalo, Syracuse), Peoples Power Coalition, Sierra Club, CDANA (Capital District), Coalition for Safe Power (Auburn), Hudson Valley Green, Long Island Citizens in Action, Women Working for a Non-Nuclear Future (Syracuse), & Syracuse Peace Council.

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# Reagan's Plan to Bail Out Nuke Industry

Ronald Reagan talks out of two mouths.

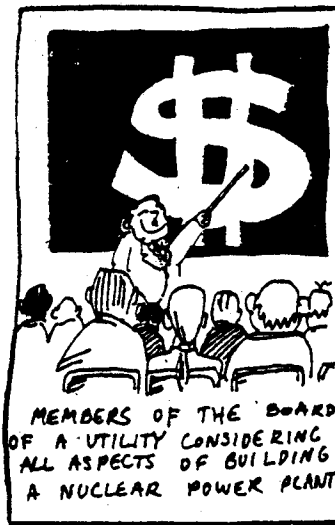
With one mouth he decries government spending and government interference in the free enterprise system. With the other he launches a crusade for more government spending (on armaments) and thereby further merges big government with the big corporations that make the big weapons for big profits.

Reaganites argue that such massive subsidies to corporations and their investors are necessary to insure national security. But the only security that is really insured are those bought and sold on Wall Street.

Reagan's preoccupation with the security of investors is made clear when his domestic nuclear policy is examined. His recent Presidential Statement on Nuclear Power reads as if it were drafted by the investor-owned utilities themselves.

The Statement includes five major policy objectives. The first reads:

To encourage a revitalization of U.S. industry's efforts to increase nuclear power genera-



Courtesy of Geoffrey Murphy and Minnesota PIRG Statewatch.

tion, the financial viability of our investor-owned public utilities must be restored. . . . Consequently, I am directing that an independent task force be established to review the condition of the utilities and recom-

mend appropriate changes to restore their financial health and to enable them to attract new investor capital.

The other four objectives completely reinforce the first. They explicitly aim to:

- accelerate the nuclear power plant licensing process;
- develop breeder technology, including completion of Clinch River;
- remove the ban on and encourage commercial reprocessing;
- move swiftly to solve the nuclear waste problem.

Reagan's full-throttled support for the disaster that is the nuclear industry not only exposes the hypocrisy of his politics, but shows that he is a man out of touch with fiscal reality and with the needs of the nation.

His support for the increasingly discredited nuke threatens to cost the public billions of dollars. It will give heart to those utilities embarked on nuclear projects because they know they have a friend in a high place who will help see to it that the ratepayers bail them out of their recklessness.

- Ed Kinane

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Photo by Dorothy Marder

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In Syracuse women who can give or need rides, please call Sue Panetta at 475-5011. If you are planning to go, please pick up a registration form at SPC, or ask Sue to mail you one. The women co-ordinating the two days need your registration. Syracuse women are also looking into housing in DC, so a call to Sue will help us plan.

If you are returning to the Pentagon, bring a new woman with you. It promises to be a strengthening and inspiring experience.

## SELF-DEFENSE COURSE

I have walked through areas of the city and at times that I knew other women were afraid to walk. I have been verbally harassed, but had never been physically violated. It seemed that I had a protective bubble about me which gave me immunity.

My bubble has been burst. In the well-lit lobby of an office building, a stranger passed me, backed up and grabbed my crotch. He let go and calmly continued walking. I swore at him three or four times, each time with more intensity than the last.

I am very angry that this kind of violation can happen to myself and other women. If and when I am intruded upon again, I want to feel confident that I am capable of responding with more than a yell.

I have organized a Women's Self-Defense Course. The course will run for 6 sessions beginning November 11th, 6:30-7:45 p.m., at E.C.O.H., 826 Euclid Ave. The classes will be on Nov. 11 (Wednesday), Nov. 20 (Friday), Nov. 25 (Wednesday), Dec. 2 (Wednesday), Dec. 7 (Monday) and Dec. 16 (Wed.).

Our instructor will be Marty Linehan who is a certified Social Worker and a black belt in Tae-Kwon-Do. Marty has taught this course twice at O.C.C. It is designed for women. The techniques are simple enough for young and old, athletic and non-athletic. Marty will present a wide range of alternative responses to attack -- non-physical as well as physical. The goal of the course is to provide women with a sense that we know what to do in case of attack.

Class size is limited. Call Corinne at 422-1659.

This course is co-sponsored by the Euclid Community Open House (ECOH), Syracuse Peace Council and Women's Information Center. Course fee is \$16.

## PRO-CHOICE UPDATE

Two schemes have been devised to take away women's freedom of choice regarding our bodies and reproduction: the Human Life Statute and the "Human Life Federalism" Amendment.

The Human Life Statute is simply a statute version of the Human Life Amendment (HLA) - which would make abortion illegal - and will likely be on the Senate's December calendar. The anti-choice organizers are opting for this alternative to the HLA because it is more likely to pass.

The "Human Life Federalism" Amendment (Senate Judiciary Resolution 110) is the newest and scariest anti-choice tactic. It would give Congress and states the power to restrict and prohibit all abortions. It states that the presiding law would be that of Congress or of the particular state, whichever is more strict.

Let your representatives know that this is an outrage:

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--Corinne Kinane

# Reflections on Electoral Politics

by Jeff Grabelsky

The notion that citizens are incapable of self-government has never been challenged by electoral activity.

During that first two decades of the 20th century, the Socialist Party made effective use of electoral politics to help build a vibrant socialist movement unequalled in American history. Though it boasted over 100,000 members, published 100's of papers, elected over 1,000 of its members to public office and won nearly 1,000,000 votes for its presidential candidate Eugene Debs, the Socialist Party's electoral legacy raises serious questions.

In Milwaukee, where that Party achieved its greatest successes, the Socialists captured the municipal government in 1910. The Party's platform had devoted less and less attention to socialism, and by 1910, only the last sentence in an elaborate program of immediate reforms mentioned the long-term vision of socialism. After the victory, Milwaukee Socialist leader Victor Berger - who had built a political machine complete with bosses and patronage - proclaimed that, "we want to show our comrades all over the country that our principles will lose nothing of their revolutionary energy by being thus applied to a local situation." But that proved to be a challenge socialists-in-office could not face.

The Socialists turned Milwaukee into a model progressive city, cleaning up graft and streets, attracting trade and manufacturing, and engineering a precipitous decline in the number of strikes as socialist-led workers increasingly looked to their political leaders - now in office - to resolve the problems they had previously solved by their own independent activity as workers. This represented

a subtle but serious disempowerment.

As Socialists continued to moderate their radicalism - in order to hold power and win office elsewhere - their ambiguous socialist vision soon became indistinguishable from other liberal reform programs. Voters discovered that they could achieve the same short-term ends by electing reformers from the major parties without being burdened by the radical rhetoric of the Socialists. The Progressive reformers - hoping to preserve and strengthen capitalism - consciously moved to the "left" in order to pre-empt the socialist threat. This did not, however, induce the Socialists to halt their drift to the right. Their electoral conservatism soon overwhelmed their direct, "economic" activity: they abandoned the vital issue of industrial unionism in the AFL and failed to challenge the reactionary leadership of Samuel Gompers after 1912.

Oftentimes, socialists-in-office were stymied in their reform efforts by the powerful corporations and confronted by a hostile and disappointed electorate. In these cases, Socialist electoral victories were turned into bitter defeats and the socialist movement actually lost ground. But even in the best of times, it was clear that the socialists' campaign efforts were unable to penetrate the culture of political passivity and in 1912 - the crest of the Progressive and Socialist movements - when Wilson, Taft, Roosevelt and Debs contended for the Presidency, fewer citizens participated in the election than in any presidential contest since the Civil War. The Socialists proved sadly unprepared to reverse the growing disempowerment of the American people, who more and more looked to professional politicians to solve their problems for them. In the process, modern capitalism and the modern state tightened its deathgrip on the nation.

If we are to turn "a combined strategy of direct and electoral action" into a "powerful tool for social change," -- as Ron Ehrenreich suggests



gests in last month's PNL -- we must consider the implications and shortcomings of electoral politics.

The Constitution of 1787 established the political framework within which all electoral activity takes place and was predicated on the assumption that common citizens are incapable of self-government.

Though our nation's birth was inspired by a contagious exuberance for democracy, the upper class architects of the Constitution sought to curb the democratic movement of the American Revolution with a document that reduced the citizen to the role of political spectator. The people -- once citizens with a remarkable political self-confidence -- were soon viewed as the consumers of the political goods peddled by electioneering elites.

This process of political degradation was accelerated at the turn of the century with the rise of professional politicians who argued then - and with greater force today - that the problems facing society had grown too complex to be resolved by the thoughtful deliberations of a politically engaged citizenry. Rather, citizens should defer - through elections - to the judgment of experts.

The fundamental social, political and economic crisis facing American society today can only be resolved by a bold and creative departure from old political strategies. Our nation's future depends on a renewed commitment to self-governing citizenship. We must struggle to discover new forms of autonomous political engagement that transcend traditional electoral activity. Both the advocates and detractors of electoral politics should contribute to that discovery.

*Like so many others, Jeff Grabelsky believes that those of us who ignore history are bound to repeat its mistakes.*

*This article is a response to Ron Ehrenreich's piece last month, "The Left and Local Politics."*

## An Editorial— Why We Don't Mourn Sadat

We do not join Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, Henry Kissinger, and Alexander Haig in mourning their "friend and peacemaker," Anwar Sadat.

True peace is not just the laying down of weapons. True peace is liberation from all forms of oppression and exploitation. Peace at any price is not peace, and the Egyptian, Palestinian, and other Arab people are paying a high and deadly price for Sadat's "peace."

Since the Camp David negotiations, the U.S. government and media have fed us a myth that Sadat was a peacemaker because he "dared to break with Arab unity" and stop the war against Israel. However, we see this as a way to further ally himself with U.S. corporate and military interests--certainly not a "peaceful" thing to do.

Perhaps the best way to see through the U.S. media's "peacemaker" picture of Sadat is to examine (1) his Camp David policy, (2) his pro-Western internal economic policies, and (3) his role in the overall U.S. plan for the region.

First, Sadat betrayed the Palestinian people through his negotiations at Camp David. Sadat, Begin, and Carter actually assured the continuation of fighting in the area by excluding the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) from the bargaining table. They agreed upon a murky Palestinian "autonomy"--a yet unde-

finied geographical area that is to remain under Israel's military and political control. Driven from their occupied homeland and denied self-determination by Israel, Palestinians will continue to fight and ally themselves with other Arabs who will aid their struggle. Sadat's so-called "peace" is actually a sell-out of the Palestinians' right to their own secular, democratic, independent state, the key element in a true Middle Eastern peace.

In exchange for his collaboration, the U.S. promised Sadat military and economic aid. Such aid was not designed to help the Egyptian people, but rather to strengthen Sadat's repressive regime and U.S. military control of the area. Also, in exchange for Egypt agreeing not to attack Israel from the western flank, Israel is to return lands taken in the 1967 war. This gave Sadat the political mileage to temporarily quell domestic opposition to his Palestinian sell-out and pro-U.S. economic policies.

Second, Sadat derailed Nasser's socialist economic plans. This has meant an "open door" in Egypt for Western corporations and banks, allowing them to make big profits at the expense of the Egyptian people. Sadat's pro-Western development has left no hope for the impoverished masses of Egyptian people, resulting in widespread unrest and opposition from within.

Such internal rebellion has threatened to destabilize an important U.S.

ally. Sadat's response has been dictatorial--human rights violations and military suppression. In September alone, he jailed over 1,500 opponents from all segments of the population. The military has occupied Egyptian campuses for months.

Third, the U.S. government has military and economic plans for the region. Sadat was a key to

those plans. The purpose of Carter's and Reagan's Middle East policy has been to build an alliance of conservative governments (Arab nationalist or Zionist) that would check the growing tide of radical forces and Soviet influence. (The AWACs sale to Saudi Arabia is Reagan's next step.)

The underlying reason for U.S. policy is to stabilize pro-Western governments so that capitalism's oil supply and trade routes are protected. Sadat's importance was increased, especially after the fall of the Shah of Iran, when he allowed Egypt to be used as a staging area for the RDF (Rapid Deployment Force) and massive U.S. military build-up.

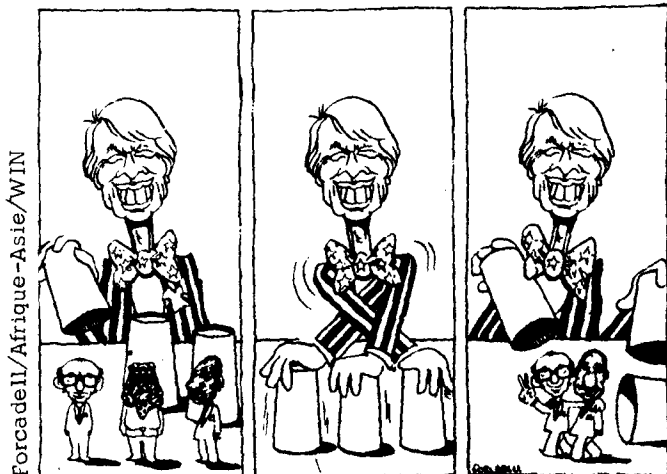
Another way to understand Sadat's role is to put him in a line-up with his crony, the late Shah. In a revealing display of criminal solidarity, it was Sadat, alone among the world's leaders, who provided the fugitive Shah with asylum. Just as Sadat came to follow the Shah in life, so too did he follow him in death. By an uncanny irony of history, the two opportunists died at the same spot, Maadi Military Hospital in Egypt.

For obvious reasons both men were mourned more by the U.S. government than by their own people. It is fitting that the likes of Nixon and Begin attended Sadat's funeral, but the heads of neighboring Arab states and the Egyptian masses did not.

In this age of political repression, all too much power has come to be invested in all too few men. Too often these men's loyalties to U.S. corporate interests make them vulnerable to coups or the wrath of their own people.

The number of fuses which may ignite World War III are too many to count. The U.S.'s unreasoning appetite for oil helps assure that the Middle East fuse is terrifyingly short. On hearing of Sadat's death, one of our first thoughts was this: will it cause sparks that will light a fuse? Our major concern about Sadat's death comes from the horror of this spectre.

The next PNL will have an article about non-violence and assassinations.



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Upstage is a group of women from Syracuse and Ithaca who have come together to bring this tour to Central New York. By supporting the work of Grupo Raiz and Wallflower Order, and by building support for the progressive people of El Salvador and Chile, we intend to challenge the fascist regimes in these countries which are backed by the United States government. We hope that this concert will begin to help build alliances between the various progressive movements in our communities, and that we can work together to end the oppression of all people.

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Wallflower Order has been performing on the women's circuit for the last six years. Their three national tours have earned them rave reviews. Wallflower's performance is a holistic blend of various art forms including ballet, modern and jazz dance, gymnastics, martial arts, sign language, drama, song and comedy. The content of their pieces is also quite broad as they explore stereotypes of

adolescence, the plight of endangered animal and human species, and the many faces of women in today's world. Wallflower has combined art and politics gracefully. Their sensitivity, ideological seriousness, and bold expression have enabled them to create one of the most powerful performances on the dance/theatre scene.

The music of Grupo Raiz is an offshoot of the New Song Movement that draws on the traditional music of the Andes, the Nueva Cancion from Chile, the liberating and lyrical experimentation of the Nueva Trova Cubana, Caribbean percussion, and even touches of North American jazz. In addition to a full repertoire of traditional Latin American folk music, Raiz moves beyond their origins to a new dimension, creating a style that is contemporary and yet closely tied to both their ancestral musical heritage and the social reality of today. Raiz formed in a country foreign to

most of its members. Four of them are from Chile, some exiled by the dictatorship that assassinated Allende, and two are from the United States. They work together at La Pena Cultural Center in Berkeley, California. All arrangements by the group are done collectively. Their first album, "un Solo Camino", includes original compositions as well as the work of Latin American poets Pablo Neruda and Lolita Lebron.

In an effort to encourage people from all backgrounds to attend this event, Upstage has decided to keep ticket prices quite low (sliding scale \$4.50-7.50, available at Spectrum Sundries, Salamander Bakery in Syracuse and Smedley's Bookshop in Ithaca). This decision means that we will not meet our budget (\$3500) through ticket sales, as any ticket sold below \$6.00 will be recorded as our loss. Upstage is attempting to raise a minimum of \$1500 to help finance this event. That comes to about 5¢ for every \$1500 check the US government has already signed over to the Salvadoran and Chilean juntas.

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**THE SECOND AWAKENING OF CRISTA KLAGES**

Friday Nov. 13 7:30 & 9:30

*Margarethe von Trotta, western Germany, (English subtitles) 1977.*

The Syracuse premiere of a highly entertaining yet provocative work by a director whom Vincent Canby (*N. Y. Times*) called "a feminist of striking movie-making talent." Christa (Tina Engel), robs a bank to support her money-troubled alternative day care center. A major element in the ensuing thriller is the friendship and bonds of identification between women. "It's the film that the touted 'Girlfriends' never got around to being". (*The Chicago Reader*) The underlying theme is "the need to take risks and to make choices." (*Canby*)

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**Schedule Change!**

The OLDE TIME FLICS are now being shown on December 11. RED NOVEMBER, BLACK NOVEMBER is shown on December 18.

THIS SHOWING AT SUMNER SCHOOL (Corner of S. Beech & Bassett Sts.)

**MEN'S LIVES and BETWEEN MEN**  
Friday Dec. 4 7 & 9:30

Two pioneering works which begin the enormous task of examining and changing male values. **BETWEEN MEN** (Will Roberts, 1979) examines the relationship between masculinity and militarism and the resulting effect on U.S. society. **MEN'S LIVES** (Josh Hanig and Will Roberts, 1974) is a lively, affectionate and humorous look at men's attitudes toward sexuality and how they see themselves as men. Both films have won many awards. Will Roberts will lead a discussion at 9PM following the first showing.

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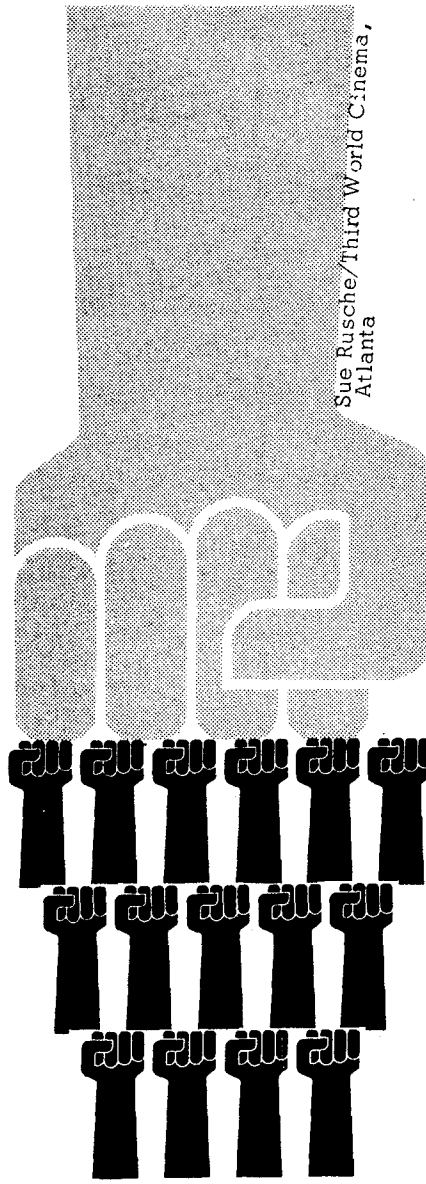
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**RED NOVEMBER, BLACK NOVEMBER**

Friday Dec. 18 7 & 9:30

*Sally Alvarez & Carolyn Jung, 1981*

On November 3, 1979, 5 people were gunned down during an anti-Klan demonstration in Greensboro, North Carolina, by Nazis and Ku Klux Klan (KKK) members. The five, all Communist Workers Party (CWP) members, were labor and youth organizers, textile workers and medical activists. On November 17, 1980, six Klan/Nazis were found not guilty of the murders even though there are witnesses and film footage. Since the film's completion, the role of a government provocateur has slowly emerged. The film, though marred by CWP rhetoric, is well done. Its urgent role of documenting and making visible the massacre could not be more important in the face of mounting right wing repression in the U.S.



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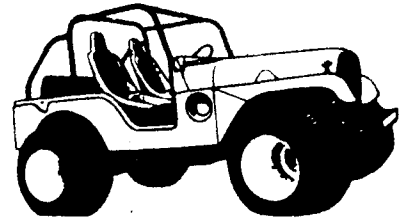
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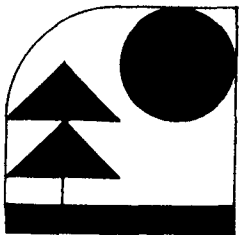
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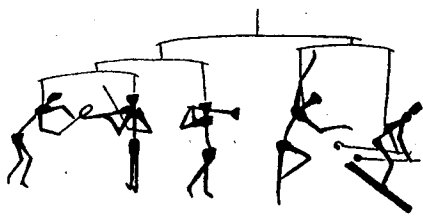
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| <p>mtg about Rolling Stones<br/>7 pm INFO see Classified</p> <p>Women writers from Caz. 9pm<br/>Westcott Cafe \$1 or donation<br/>Pett Lib. 473-2636</p> <p>Pierre Parade 7-9pm Church<br/>Center 3049 E. Genesee</p> <p>Haz. Waste Disposal-Socist<br/>Forum 3-5pm Westcott Cafe</p>          | <p><b>8</b> SPC Potluck 9</p> <p>Pierre Parade see p. 6</p> <p>Women's Films 7pm<br/>Pett Lib. 473-2636</p> <p>Disabled in Action mtg.<br/>ECOH 7pm 446-7031</p> <p>Citizens Party mtg. 7:30<br/>408 Clarendon 472-3921</p> | <p><b>10</b></p> <p>Advocates for Enlightnd.<br/>Childbirth Disc. w/ M/D<br/>&amp; nurse midwife. 7:30<br/>Plymouth Ch. 446-1726</p> <p>Deadline for ad/space<br/>requests in Dec. PNL</p> | <p><b>4</b></p> <p>co-op council mtg 7:45<br/>408 Clarendon 472-1835</p> <p>Peacemaking in the 80's<br/>Rev. Sandbourne 7:30<br/>SU Hendricks 423-2901</p> <p>call now for Women's<br/>self defense course--<br/>422-1659 see p 15</p> | <p><b>5</b></p> <p>Nuclear Freeze 7 pm at<br/>St. John Baptist 458-6266</p> <p>Advocates for Enlightnd.<br/>Childbirth 7:30 446-1726<br/>100 Berkeley Drive</p> <p>Michelle Cliff - public<br/>reading at Women's Writ-<br/>ers Center, Caz. 8 pm</p> | <p><b>6</b> South Africa:<br/>Roots and Resistance</p> <p>Grant Aud. 7:30 \$1.50 p. 20</p> <p>Speaker from El Salvador's<br/>FDR 471-6677 for info</p> <p>dinner/lecture East/West Ch<br/>1001 Lancaster 6 pm \$7.00<br/>425-7230</p>              | <p><b>7</b></p> <p>5th Annual all-night<br/>benefit Market House<br/>Music Fall 8pm-7am<br/>342-1736</p> <p>Reception for El Salvador spk<br/>4:30 1342 Lancaster 471-6677</p> <p>Cranberry Lake May Mem'l<br/>8 pm \$3.50 benefit for Friends<br/>of Traditional Arts</p> |
| <p><b>15</b> Susan Apod, music<br/>9pm Westcott Cafe \$2</p> <p>Opening - Art &amp; Conscience:<br/>The Last Decade, Lowe Gal.<br/>3pm, 423-4098</p> <p><br/><b>Women's Pentagon Action</b><br/>see p. 15</p> | <p><b>16</b> SPC Potluck 16</p> <p>on Chile see p. 6</p> <p>Women &amp; Work Film -<br/>"William 8" 7pm Pet-<br/>Lib. 105 Victoria 473-<br/>2636</p>                                                                        | <p><b>17</b></p> <p><br/>Greater Syracuse NOW<br/>Mtg. May Man. Ch<br/>8pm 472-2406</p>                  | <p><b>18</b></p> <p>Rev. Virginia Mackey<br/>"Criminal Justice:<br/>Theological &amp; Philo-<br/>sophical Dimensions."<br/>7:30pm, Hendricks<br/>Chapel SU 423-2901</p>                                                                | <p><b>19</b></p> <p>Disc. "Health Care<br/>Alt." Ctr for Holistic<br/>Living 12-1 Consortium<br/>445-2200 Donation</p> <p>Nestle Boycott Mtg.<br/>1057 Lancaster 7:30<br/>472-2983</p>                                                                | <p><b>20</b> Celine and Julie<br/>Go Booting</p> <p>Grant Aud. SU 8pm only<br/>\$1.50 see p. 20</p> <p>East West Ctr. Dinner &amp;<br/>Lect. 1001 Lanport. 6pm \$7<br/>475-7230</p> <p>Deadline for Classifieds &amp;<br/>Calendar in Dec. PNL</p> | <p><b>21</b> Westcott Recycles Pan-<br/>cake Blast, ECO3<br/>9am-1pm 472-4157</p> <p><b>Latin America<br/>Events:</b></p> <p>March Against Military Mad-<br/>ness and Wallflower Order/<br/>Grupo Raiz see pp. 18 - 19</p>                                                 |
| <p><b>22</b> Utah Phillips</p> <p>MHMH, 8pm, 342-1733</p> <p>Ky. 1965 - Widow Combs<br/>arrested for blocking<br/>strip miners.</p>                                                                                                                                                            | <p><b>23</b></p> <p>Dec. PNL production<br/>all day at SPC 472-5478</p> <p>new co-op hours: Mon. -<br/>Fri. 10am-7pm; Sat. 10-5</p>                                                                                         | <p><b>24</b></p> <p>PEACEWORK every Tues.<br/>9:30pm on WAER-FM88</p> <p>Vegetarian Dinner each<br/>Tues. Westcott Cafe<br/>6-8pm \$3</p> <p>Dec. PNL production<br/>all day 472-5478</p>  | <p><b>25</b></p> <p></p>                                                                                                                             | <p><b>26</b></p> <p>"Thanksgiving. Last we<br/>forgot: Native Ameri-<br/>cans helped European<br/>settlers survive.<br/>White people respond-<br/>ed with genocide."</p>                                                                              | <p><b>27</b></p> <p>Woman Speaker from<br/>El Salvador, 471-6677<br/>for details.</p>                                                                                                                                                              | <p><b>28</b></p> <p>Pax Christi C'nl Mtg. 28<br/>10:30 am, 208 Slocum Av.,<br/>newcomers welcome</p> <p>Dec. PNL Mailing Party at<br/>SPC 472-5478</p> <p>Westcott Recycles glass, pe-<br/>per, alum every Sat. in Nov.<br/>12-4pm, 301 Peat St.</p>                       |
| <p><b>29</b> Dan Duggan, Hammer Dulci-<br/>mer, 9pm, Westcott Cafe,<br/>\$1 or donation</p> <p>Women's Info, Newsletter<br/>Collating Party 4pm,<br/>601 Allen</p>                                                                                                                             | <p><b>30</b> SPC Potluck 30</p> <p>SPC chit-chat see p. 6</p> <p>Mtg. Women Working<br/>for Non-Nuclear Future,<br/>7:30pm 446-2380 for<br/>location</p>                                                                    | <p><b>1</b> MOVING???</p> <p><br/>MOVING???<br/>please tell us before<br/>you move, PLEASE!!</p>          | <p><b>2</b></p> <p>"Minority Aging" Cynt.<br/>Cozier, Afro-Amer. St.<br/>1916 Bird Lib. SU 2:45-<br/>4:30pm 423-4302 info.</p>                                                                                                         | <p><b>3</b></p> <p>Marcus Raskin - "Peace,<br/>Justice &amp; Nat'l Sec."<br/>7:30pm, First Pres.<br/>1605 Genesee, Utica</p> <p>noon hour entertainment<br/>every Thurs. Plymouth<br/>Church free</p>                                                 | <p><b>4</b> Men's Lives &amp;<br/>Between Men</p> <p>7 &amp; 9:30pm, \$1.50<br/>see p. 20</p> <p>(at Sumner School)</p> <p>Plovshare set up - workers<br/>needed 472-5478<br/>cider, donuts, excitement!!</p>                                      | <p><b>5</b></p> <p>see p. 7</p> <p><b>Plovshare Craftfair</b></p> <p>10am-5pm Plymouth Church</p> <p>Children's films every Sat.<br/>Pett Lib. 2:30</p> <p>Co-op solar work day every<br/>Sat/Nov. 472-1835</p>                                                            |

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for the people of Central America

## March Against Military Madness

1 pm. 2:00-4:00 pm. indoor rally  
& Solidarity Fair

NOV. 21, 1981



## Wallflower Order & Grupo Raiz

A Women's Dance Collective  
A Latin American Musical Group

8 pm. see pp. 18-19 for more info.

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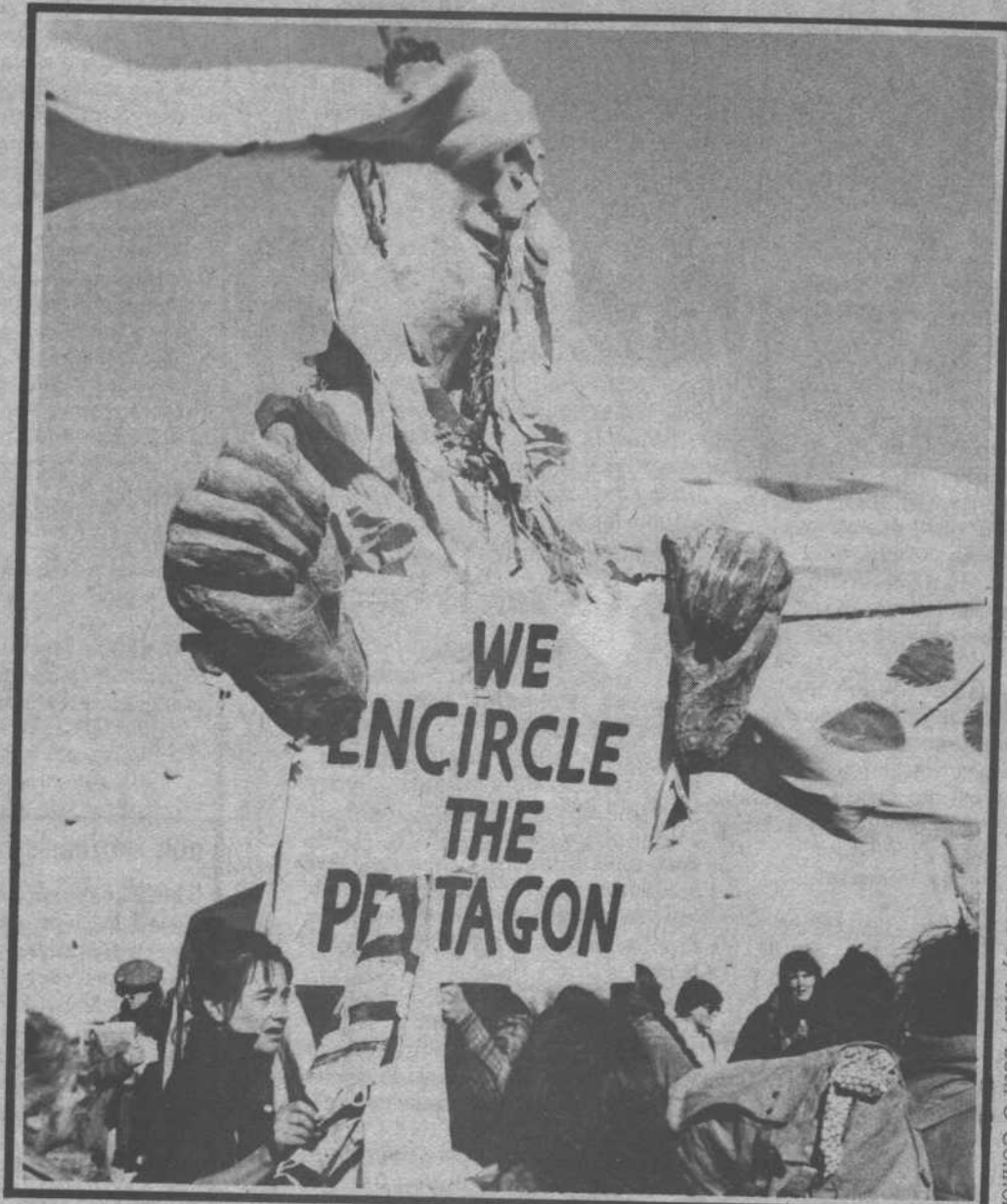


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**Impeach Reagan**

Syracuse, NY

It was the clear intent of the framers of the Constitution that those bodies which contain the broadest representation of the people of the U.S. should have the power to decide whether to declare, or not to declare, war. The Constitution was that way to check the power of the President.

Since his election President Reagan has persistently tried to start a war between the U.S. and the USSR. He brushed aside an offer by the Soviet to discuss differences between the two countries. He has illegally sent members of the U.S. armed forces into El Salvador to shore up one of the most bloody dictatorships in the world, with the excuse that it was necessary to oppose Soviet expansion.

Reagan has tried to evade the intent of the Constitution and to usurp the powers of Congress. He must be stripped of the powers he has abused, removed from the office he has dishonored, and severed from the leadership of the nation which his actions have placed in mortal danger.

Angus MacDonald

**Response to Sadat Editorial**

Syracuse, NY

I was angered and incensed upon reading the editorial, "Why We Don't Mourn Sadat." In my opinion the editorial expressed a most narrow, intolerant and unforgiving point of view- not at all worthy of SPC- and was in extremely poor taste. No matter what we thought of Sadat- and no doubt there was room for disagreement about that- he was a man, a human, gunned down.

Like most humans he was complex and did some good and bad things. In my opinion his efforts were a step toward peace and he showed

tremendous courage. I often agree with SPC editorials, but I can't remember being made more furious and disappointed than by this one.

Richard Weiskopf

Syracuse, NY

Thought your unsigned editorial in Nov. 81 issue was smug, hypocritical, and misleading. Sadat was no bargain, but also no shah. He was mourned by the "Egyptian masses" as much as any head of state is mourned. I also have no great admiration for Begin but he is no more conservative or fascist than Arafat and any leader of any Arab state at this time.

If you are going to relate this matter to WWII and oil you should suggest some reasonable alternative M'd. East policy. Do you admire the freedom loving government of Iraq and Syria? The progressive leaders of Libya and Yemen?

Israel is no more likely to hand itself over to the Palestinian than Jordan is, and the case is just as strong (or weak).

I do like your paper and your movies.

William Mangin

**Rolling Stones**

Syracuse, NY

The popularity of the Rolling Stones has reached astronomical proportions. Unfortunately, except for some women's groups, few people have been sensitive to their anti-female themes. Many of their songs have lyrics that are abusive to women like "Under my thumb" and the songs of the Some Girls album.

In 1976, the Rolling Stones advertising campaign included a billboard of a woman in chains with bruised legs and face and a caption reading "I am black and blue from the Rolling Stones and I love it."

Women's bodies have become a commodity to be exploited for financial greed. The song "Under my thumb" and the billboard are classic examples of this attitude. Violence against women in the media gets translated into a violent climate for women both in the streets and at home. This exploitation is not only damaging to women; it demeans men as well, and transforms society into a vast, cruel "meat market."

Usha Fairbank & Deborah Rizzo

**Unity Kitchen**

Syracuse, NY

From the Unity Kitchen Annual Letter

"We certainly are not out to solve the 'street people problem;' which we see as a symptom rather than a problem: a symptom of a dying culture which no longer values human life. In the face of nuclear madness, poor people are prophetic to us. They are a warning to us of how far we've gone in this nation in denying the value and giftedness of every human life, of how willing we are to sacrifice human values, even human lives to our military/ industrial idol.

We are facing a treacherous winter financially, just as all the poor will be bending under the ever greater oppression from Niagara Mohawk. Last winter the poor had to choose between eating and heating. This year with Reagan's cutbacks in foodstamps and Family Assistance, and with Niagara Mohawk's draining of the poor, there won't even be that choice: very little for heating or eating. In Unity Kitchen, we always live hand to mouth, but this winter it is even more threatening."

We have reprinted this letter because the importance of the cause is clear. Please give if you can.

Unity Kitchen  
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Syracuse, NY 13202

**OUR APOLOGIES TO JEFF GRABELSKY**

Jeff Grabelsky wrote an article called "Reflections on Elections" for the November PNL. It was a response to Ron Ehrenreich's, "The Left and Local Politics," published the previous month.

During the Production process, the night before we went to press, the first three paragraphs of his article accidentally got pasted up in the wrong place. If those consecutive paragraphs (beginning with "If we are to turn..." at the bottom of the middle column on p.16) were put at their rightful place at the beginning of the article, the page would have read properly.

We regret the confusion this may have caused our readers. But more importantly we feel bad that Jeff's work didn't get the attentive care that it and all PNL articles deserve.

## IN THIS ISSUE

Following up last month's editorial on the Sadat Assassination, Ed Kinane analyzes the interface of nonviolence and assassination. His article pushes forward our understanding of nonviolence. For Linda DeStefano, global population is as much a crisis as ever, but several myths undermine our paying serious attention to the problem. William Sunderlin invites us to look at M., the journal of the national pro-feminist/anti-sexist men's movement. Our centerfold carries two articles on the Syracuse Real Food Co-op. By far the most successful local movement business, the Co-op is also a political organization with a broad base. It is a powerful, living example of an alternative organization based in cooperation.

The PNL will be taking its yearly holiday break and returns to you in February.

## Editorial Committee

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## Next Month's Production

Mon. & Tues., January 25 & 26, 1982

## Deadlines

Space Requests January 5  
Display Ad Deadline January 12  
Feb. Classifieds & Calendar Jan. 20

*We are flow, we are the ebb,  
we are the weavers, we are the web.*

2,500 Women in Procession Through Arlington Cemetery Nov. 16, 1981



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## COVER

Twenty-five hundred women gathered at the Pentagon on November 15-16 to oppose military madness and patriarchy. Mary Beth O'Connor, who went down to D.C. with a group of 23 local women, caught the spirit of the event with this photograph.

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# Syracuse Peace Council

## News from the SPC House

If you've come by the Peace Council house lately, you can't help but notice the amazingly elegant exterior--creamy yellow with a russet clay trim. We want to thank Brent Bleier for the many hours he put in.

Inside the house, there's been nary a quiet moment. The American Myths 1982 Calendar is back from the printers. WOW! Better pick yours up soon, because it's very likely to sell out. Flowers of Liberation, the booklet on cultural work which accompanies the calendar, is superb in its own right.

Meanwhile, new staffperson Karen Beetle is quickly adapting to the pace here (see her introduction on next page.) Other faces you will see, or voices you will hear answering the phone, on a regular basis are Mary Beth O'Connor, Jim Creveling, and Pat Hoffmann.

We are grateful for the contributions, great and small, which keep coming in. Our back salary debt is slowly but surely shrinking, and salaries have been paid regularly for a year and a half now.

After Plovshare we hope to have a breather. The office will be closed between Christmas and New Year. (Some people tend to come in anyways, so give a call if you happen to be in town for the holidays.)

## What is SPC

The Syracuse Peace Council (SPC) is a non-profit, community based, autonomous anti-war/social justice organization. We have an affiliation with Clergy And Laity Concerned (CALC). We have a vision of a world where war, violence, and exploitation of all kinds (economic, racial, sexual, age, etc.) do not exist. Primary functions of SPC are to help people work for progressive social change and to overcome our sense of powerlessness through mutual support. We feel that education, agitation, and organization lead to social change. We have a basic commitment to non-violence.

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 and monthly pledges, and fundraising events. It's an unending struggle to raise our \$30,000 annual budget. SPC's major work is done through committees and in coalitions. Three collectives work out of the SPC office: the program staff, the SPC Press, and The Front Room Bookstore.

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## SPC Collectives, Committees & Projects

New people are always welcome to join any of these activities. Contact the person listed to find out what you can do.

### Staff Collective

Glenda Neff, William Sunderlin  
Karen Beetle

### SPC Press

Gary Weinstein

### Peace Newsletter

This month's editorial committee: SPC staff 472-5478  
Ed Kinane, Gary Weinstein  
422-2887

### Promotion & Distribution:

Glenda Neff 472-5478

### Classifieds:

Peggy Galvagno 656-8297

### Advertising:

needs someone! see page 5  
PNL Calendar 472-5478

### SPC Programs/Projects

Defense Spending in Onondaga County:

Gary Weinstein 472-5478

### Philippines:

Sally & John Brulé 445-0698

### Animal Rights:

Linda DeStefano 475-0062

### Nestlé Boycott:

Sam Martin 472-2983

### Energy Legislation:

Diane & Peter Swords  
479-5658

### NVS Films:

Dik Cool 472-5478

### Political Economy Study Group:

Jane Begley 478-8521

### Syracuse Science Collective:

A. P. Balachandran 479-8826

### SPC Film Committee:

Lois Levitan 478-2998

### SPC Potluck Series:

Lois Levitan 478-2998

### American Myths Calendar:

Dik Cool 472-5478

### War & Peace Promotion and

### Distribution:

William Sunderlin 472-5478

### Women's Pentagon Action:

Karen Beetle 472-5478

### The Front Room Bookstore Collective

Carol Baum, Dik Cool

### Steering Committee

Brent Bleier, Jim Doherty,  
Kath Buffington, Mimi Satter,  
Vince Sgambati, Carol Baum

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Brutality:

Angus MacDonald 476-8062

Cruise Missile Project and  
Seneca Army Depot 472-5478

Nuclear Weapons Freeze

Campaign:

Louise Mullen 682-9336

Syracuse Citizens for the

Prevention of Nuclear War:

Ollie Clubb 479-5977

Syracuse Public Power

Coalition:

Ann Stevenson 472-3921

Upstate Resistance:

Kath Buffington 471-6923

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Nuclear Future:

Pat Rector 446-2380

East Timor Human Rights

Committee:

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Nine Mile II Coalition:

William Sunderlin 472-5478

Friends of Central America

United in Support (FOCUS)

Gary Weinstein 472-5478

Upstate Peace Network:

Geoff Navias 478-4414

## Introducing the New Staffperson at SPC

There is only one choice.

Hello! I have been working hard(many long hours) at the Peace Council for nearly a month now. I'm beginning to get a sense of Syracuse-at least by bus. It's been exciting meeting those of you who have stopped by.

Before I came to Syracuse I was living in Portland, Oregon and organizing for the Diablo Canyon Blockade. However I've spent most of my life in Albany, NY. I like Upstate NY. I grew up in a Quaker family, and have been involved in peace and disarmament work for a while, starting with taking part in the Continental Walk for Disarmament and Social Justice in 1976. In the summer of 1980 I went to the USSR with a peace delegation for three weeks. I'm interested in talking about that experience. I also spent some time in Rhode Island working with AFSC, and learning to print with an IWW printing collective.

I just got back from the Women's Pentagon Action; I'm real eager to be working with other ♀♀♀♀ on the connections between militarism and feminism. I'm also interested in helping to plan actions around the first prosecutions of non-registrants. I've been discovering latent anarchist tendencies in myself lately (explosive ideas for cold winter nights.) Is anyone out there interested in an anarchist study group? --Let me know! !

Call it Freedom.

-M. Piercy

In addition to changing the world and myself, I like to bake bread, play my guitar, hang out with friends, and escape to the woods.  
-Karen Beetle

## Whither the Annual Dinner ?

You may be wondering what happened to that highlight of the fall season, SPC's Annual Dinner. The present steering committee is very small, as its members wait for the new committees(Organizational Maintenance and Program & Evaluation) to begin in January. \* So with the limited energy available we decided to make make the transition to new committees our priority. There will be no Annual Dinner in 1981. At the talk by Noam Chomsky on Thursday, January 21st(see back calendar for details) you will have the opportunity to meet the people serving on the two new steering committees. Please plan to come.

\*Yes, we are still interviewing for these committees; you still have a chance to consider serving on one of them. Contact Glenda or Carol at SPC.

## Wallflower Order and Grupo Raiz

The performance by these two groups left us deeply touched and renewed. Upstage, the production company which brought them here, knew money would be lost on the project. Unfortunately, even more money was lost than they expected(partly due to the low ticket prices, also a political decision.) Upstage asks for contributions(tax-deductible) be made, payable to Wallflower Order c/o Upstage 114 Eddy St. #6 Ithaca NY 14850. About \$1000 must be raised to pay the artists adequately. Please contact Upstage if you can consider helping them with a loan.

## Peace Newsletter Editorial Committee

needs people in various capacities:

- \*\*editorial committee members to plan and produce the Peace Newsletter. Call William at SPC.
- \*\*someone to solicit, co-ordinate and produce ads for the Peace Newsletter. someone to do billing.
- \*\*someone to send out monthly mailings to International and bulk Peace Newsletters subscribers.

## Projects

- \*\*Nestle Boycott: local leafletting planned for January. If you can help call Sam Martin at 472-2983(evenings.)
- \*\*Maintenance of a phone and letter network to monitor government moves concerning the arms race. call SPC
- \*\*Ongoing education and organizing about the Cruise Missile at Griffiss Air Force Base, and the Seneca Army Depot. Call SPC.
- \*\*Promotion and distribution of War & Peace. Call Karen or William at SPC.

## SPC Staff Position Open

At the end of January William Sunderlin will be leaving the SPC staff. We are looking for a new staffperson to begin in early January, learning from William during that time. As we do not necessarily want an all-women staff, we encourage men with feminist values to apply. Contact Glenda Neff at SPC-315/472-5478.

## Upstate Resistance Alert

It is expected that Selective Service will make the move in December or January to begin prosecution of young men who have not registered for the draft. The National Resistance Committee is planning to have simultaneous demonstrations in 28 cities immediately after the first indictment or arrest is made. Upstate Resistance is part of NRC and is organizing to hold actions in Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse on the Saturday following the first move by the SS. People are needed now to be part of telephone trees, ready to call others to mobilize for these demonstrations. Call Kath Buffington at 471-6923(evenings) or SPC at 472-5478(days.) These actions will show the government that we are serious about supporting non-registrants and will not be intimidated.

To stop nuclear madness and build a peaceful world, we must educate ourselves and others..

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# MONDAY POTLUCK DINNERS *and* DISCUSSION

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December 7 **Reflections on 2 Years In Ireland: Social & Cultural Issues**

Ann & Dale Tussing have recently returned from a 2 year stay in Ireland — their third such trip in 10 years — and their presentation will include daily life in Ireland, inequalities, Ireland as a peripheral economy, the status of women & the North.

December 14 **Sing-Along: Songs of Freedom & Struggle**

For all musicians & songsters, instrumentalists & listeners — an informal gathering to share the songs of progressives past and present.

**6p.m. DINNER: bring a dish or beverage to share**  
**7 - 9 pm DISCUSSION**

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- THE HAUNTED POOL. George Sand. \$3.95
- LAND & LIBERTY: Anarchist Influences in the Mexican Revolution. Magon. \$5.95
- LESBIAN FICTION: An Anthology. ed. Bulkin. \$9
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- THE PLOWSHARES 8: The Crime, The Trial, The Issues. Plowshares 8 Support Cmte. \$2
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- THE SPIRAL PATH: A Gay Contribution to Human Survival. Fernbach. \$6.95
- THIS BRIDGE CALLED MY BACK: Writings by Radical Women of Color. ed. Moraga & Anzaldua. \$9
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# Disarmament/Non-Nuclear Action

## POTASSIUM IODIDE

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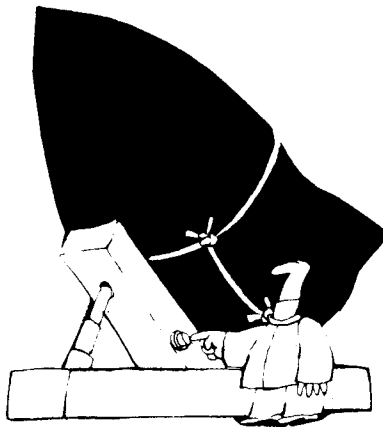
Women Working for a Non-Nuclear Future is working on creating public awareness of the need to stockpile Potassium Iodide. On January 13 at Le Moyne College, Women Working for a Non-Nuclear Future is holding a public forum on the health and politics of the KI issue. Stanley Fink, a local health authority and physician, will be the speaker. For more information contact Pat Rector at 446-2360.

## WOMEN'S PENTAGON ACTION

On November 15 and 16, 23 women from the Syracuse area went to Washington for the two days of activities. On Sunday morning some women went to workshops on racism, health issues, nuclear power, feminism and militarism and other survival issues; while others were prepared to do peacekeeping. Later we marched to the Air and Space Museum, and some of us vigiled that evening at the White House.

After sleeping in churches or at friend's homes we gathered on the mall and walked silently through Ar-

lington Cemetery to the Pentagon. Women who went last year will remember the four stages- MOURNING for women killed by the Patriarchy; ANGER at the forces of hate and violence that bring us daily closer to nuclear annihilation; EMPOWERMENT by strangling the pentagon with our weaving; and DEFIANCE through civil disobedience. This year 105 women were arrested for pouring blood or blocking entrances. The day ended with a closing ritual in which we celebrated our strength, and renewed our hope for the future.



Women who went to the Pentagon want to share our feelings and talk with other women about the action. Some of us are excited about working on feminism and violence issues in the Syracuse area. A take back the night march has been mentioned as a possibility.

We are holding a meeting on Wed. December 16, at 7:30 at Mini Satter's house on 1668 W. Colvin St. to report on the action and to discuss

projects for Syracuse. We encourage all women to come and get involved. If you have any questions, suggestions, etc. call Karen at 472-5478.

## S.U. ORGANIZES

On November 11, Coleman McCarthy spoke at Syracuse University as part of a convocation on Nuclear War. The group of graduate students and faculty who worked on the convocation are forming a speakers bureau on disarmament. If you are interested in being part of the speakers bureau, booking a speaker or getting involved in Syracuse Citizens' for the Prevention of Nuclear War contact Ollie Club at 423-3802.

## SENECA ARMY DEPOT

Since the evidence of nuclear weapon storage at Seneca Army Depot hit the news last month (see the summary in November PNL), people in the Finger Lakes region have made their concern visible. On short notice almost 100 people vigiled on November 1st outside the Depot gate. On November 23, about 30 activists met in Geneva to discuss how to spread the word about the Depot and its place in the strategy of "limited nuclear war." Many groups are already planning their own activities; an action at the Depot is planned for Saturday, December 19th at 2 pm. If you'd like to be involved in public education and organizing about the Seneca Army Depot, contact SPC. We can put you in touch with other people and groups who were at the 11/23 meeting. For more information contact Glenda at the Peace Council.

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### TMI: STOP THE RESTART

One of the two nuclear plants at Three Mile Island near Harrisburg may resume operation in December. General Public Utilities (GPU), owner of the TMI facility, is seeking NRC permission to reopen the undamaged Unit I, closed since the accident in May '79.

Citizen groups in Central Pennsylvania have mobilized a 'Campaign to Stop the Restart.' The NRC decision may be delayed while the NRC defends itself against the Campaign in court for refusing to consider the issue of psychological stress (on area residents) during their hearings on TMI.

The hearings have recently been reopened to consider the cheating by GPU nuclear reactor operators on licensing exams. The ruling on the Restart will be one of the first major decisions of Reagan's NRC.

If the Pennsylvania Citizens groups are successful in stopping the Restart, it will deny the waning nuke industry a much needed victory.

For more information call (717) 233-4241.

# PEACES

financial support base. Pledges are non-binding but good faith promises.

If enough are made and all else goes well, the co-op credit union should be open for business in March '82. To make your pledge and to get more information, drop by and talk to the good folks at the Syracuse Real Food Co-op.

### HAITIAN BOAT PEOPLE OUT IN THE COLD

During World War II prisoners in Nazi concentration camps were forced to stand naked outdoors in the winter. They were part of medical experiments testing the reactions of human beings to conditions of extreme cold.

Such grisly inhumanity is not restricted to the past; in a new form the experiments are about to be resumed. This time the motive isn't medical, but political.

This winter, by President Reagan's order, 4000 non-documented aliens will be moved from detention centers mostly in the South to a prison camp at Fort Drum military base near Watertown in northern New York.

Most of the prisoners will be Haitian refugees fleeing the poverty and repression of their Carible homeland. While presumably they'll be clothed and housed, the sudden forced relocation of these tropical people to an area of extreme cold is certain to lead to pain and disease.

Fort Drum is so windy that in the months to come it will be the site for cold-weather training for 7000 soldiers. Fort Drum will also be the site for testing classified air-to-ground missiles under cold-weather conditions.

Added to this Siberian scenario is the fact of isolation; in this remote outpost the Creole-speaking prisoners will be cut off from nearly all outside contact and support, as well as sufficient translators and legal aid.

Not only does subjecting the Haitians to these conditions constitute cruel and unusual punishment - it is deliberate, selective and discriminatory. It's part of the Justice Department's policy of deterrence and harassment designed to stem the flow of desperate Haitians out of the squalor of that U.S. satellite.

Readers are urged to write to the President, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the U.S. Attorney General.

### CO-OP CREDIT UNION FOR SYRACUSE

Some members of the Syracuse Real Food Co-op (see pp 13,14) are working to set up a credit union. A credit union is a federally chartered and insured 'bank' controlled by a board elected by the depositors. It would do for money what the Co-op does for food.

Credit unions generally pay higher than commercial bank rates on savings and provide loans at 2-3% lower interest. Members pool their savings, which in turn are invested according to policies democratically determined by the members.

Thus savings would no longer need to be put at the service of nuclear power, South Africa, or multi-national business. Instead, the credit union could invest in socially useful projects like home improvement, solar energy and alternative businesses.

A campaign is now underway thru December 31 to raise \$25,000-50,000 in deposit pledges. These are needed to convince the National Credit Union Administration that there is a sufficient



### LNS OUT OF PRINT

We have lost a staunch ally in the struggle. The Liberation News Service ceased publication in September. For 14 years it provided a stream of news and graphics to scores of anti-war/social justice media.

It searched out the national and international news the New York Times was afraid to find. The Peace News-letter was a longtime subscriber.

The New York City-based collective paid themselves \$65 a week, but even that, it seems, wasn't low enough. Shortage of money was one problem; another was lack of workers who were 'even slightly interested in figuring out how to manage money' (Win 12/15/81).

There's a lesson here for grassroots groups: Don't mourn - keep organized!

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Potassium Iodide is a substance that can be used in the treatment of harmful radiation of the body. The works by Saturday. **Schedule Change!** **THE WIZARD OF OZ** will be shown on Dec. 11 replacing the Olde Time Films. **RED NOVEMBER, BLACK NOVEMBER** on the 18th not the 11th.

**THIS SHOWING AT SUMNER SCHOOL**  
(Corner of S. Beech & Bassett Sts.)

**MEN'S LIVES and BETWEEN MEN**  
Friday Dec. 4 7 & 9:30

Two pioneering works which begin the enormous task of examining and changing male values. **BETWEEN MEN** (Will Roberts, 1979) examines the relationship between masculinity and militarism and the resulting effect on U.S. society. **MEN'S LIVES** (Josh Hanig and Will Roberts, 1974) is a lively, affectionate and humorous look at men's attitudes toward sexuality and how they see themselves as men. Both films have won many awards. Will Roberts will lead a discussion at 9PM following the first showing.

In Summer School

**THE WIZARD OF OZ**

Friday, Dec. 11, 7:30 & 9:30

Bring pillows, munchies & drinks. The most beloved film fairy tale of all time. *The Wizard of Oz* is the classic against which all family films must be measured. The Scarecrow, The Tin Man, The Cowardly Lion, Toto and the Munchkins have become part of our common heritage. Judy Garland's pure, wistful version of the Oscar-winning song "Over the Rainbow" became her trademark. And as Dorothy, the innocent girl from Kansas who is transported via cyclone to the magical land of Oz, Garland gave her most memorable performance. The Wicked Witch of the West (Margaret Hamilton) has endured as the scariest- and most thoroughly satisfying- villainess in the movies. Older audiences may view this film with fond memories and a sense of nostalgia, but each successive generation discovers within the film the fresh, endearing qualities that make it timeless.



Between Men

**THIS SHOWING AT SUMNER SCHOOL**  
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**RED NOVEMBER, BLACK NOVEMBER**

Friday Dec. 18 7 & 9:30

*Sally Alvarez & Carolyn Jung, 1981*

On November 3, 1979, 5 people were gunned down during an anti-Klan demonstration in Greensboro, North Carolina, by Nazis and Ku Klux Klan (KKK) members. The five, all Communist Workers Party (CWP) members, were labor and youth organizers, textile workers and medical activists. On November 17, 1980, six Klan/Nazis were found not guilty of the murders even though there are witnesses and film footage. Since the film's completion, the role of a government provocateur has slowly emerged. The film, though marred by CWP rhetoric, is well done. Its urgent role of documenting and making visible the massacre could not be more important in the face of mounting right wing repression in the U.S.

**RED NOVEMBER, BLACK NOVEMBER**

*Red November, Black November  
Black November, black and red;  
Hallowed month of labor's martyrs,  
Labor's heroes, labor's dead.*

*Labor's wrath and hope and sorrow  
Red the promise, black the threat  
Who are we not to remember?  
Who are we to dare forget?*

*Black and red the colors blended,  
Black and red the pledge we made  
Red until the fight is ended  
Black until the debt is paid.*

*Ralph Chaplin, 1933*

*written in honor of the state of Utah,  
Joe Hill, executed by November 19, 1915*

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As the six of us sit, struggling and laughing, trying to arrive at a name for our theater group, I think back over the past year.

# THE OPEN HAND THEATER

Back to the revolution---Theatre is no miracle worker. It helps the soul confront itself; it is expansive. Theatre...a necessity like dreaming, provides a way for people to act symbolically.

Through movement, light and sound, to dream together---collectively exploring, celebrating and exposing the symbolic language of old and new cultures.

Traditionally, theater has served the interests of the ruling classes (as have most of our powerful cultural experiences such as organized religion, media, politics, \$sell-abration etc.)

Theatre, as an integration of dreams/spirituality, media/politics, and celebration/ritual, is a product and creator of cultures. Evolution.

One year ago the theatre group was an idea in a living room. Today - after a year of meeting, working on our theatre skills, slowly learning how to work together, integrating the art of life, politics and theatre- we are ready. But first we are making the move out of the living room and into Eureka Studios downtown. With more usable space, our work can grow...enough room to practice... to build productions...a theatre home.

As we work and play(wresting theatre away from show biz, spirituality from the exclusive domain of organized religion, and hope from the politics of fear), within our spirits, our lives, our revolution, we need to listen to both our dreams of peace and of horror.

Justice will not happen by changing the the mastheads of our present cultural structures. The structures, the language, the symbols through which we think and live must change. In short, new cultures.

Slowly "THE OPEN HAND THEATRE" becomes our name. The open hand of welcome, willingness, and commitment; hands which do hard work, reaching out to each other to help, to share joy, to comfort.

We support the theatre by working part time jobs and donating money. We need support, materials, lots of love; good theatre/political theatre is hard to come by. Our work is to tell the stories of our times, of the people of Upstate N.Y., of our cultures, of our hopes and fears, our struggles and joys.

Watch for our productions. (Two that are currently in process are: THE OLD WOMIN LEAVES, & THE REBELLION OF CUTTING STRINGS). Give us a call if you would like to support this work with time, skills, materials, or money.

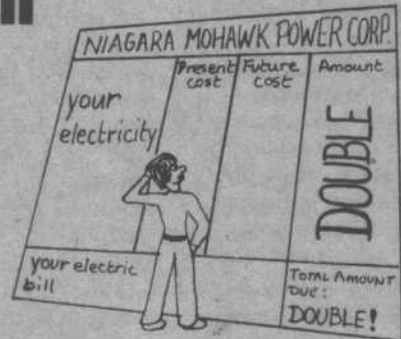
You are invited to our open house: December 12 & 13 11:00am-6:00pm Eureka Studios 122 Walton St. (315) 478-4414 or 472-9386

The soul, the culture that confronts itself, often has unforeseen journies to take...back to the revolution.

The core members of the Open Hand Theater are Cindy Squillace, Jennifer Papin, Geoff Navias, Linda DeStefano, Jack Manno, and Justine Fenu.

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# CO-OP PIONEERS SOLAR ENERGY IN SYRACUSE

by Peter McCarthy

Shortly after the Food Co-op purchased the storefront, a Building Committee was formed to work on its maintenance, repairs and improvements. The Committee soon turned its attention to the subject of energy efficiency. This was the beginning of the Syracuse Real Food Co-op Solar Project.

## Two Challenges: Solar & Conservation

An analysis of the building's energy consumption showed one "plus" and one "minus". The negative feature was that an uninsulated concrete block building wastes tremendous amounts of heat. Thus a program of insulation and weatherizing became the first priority.

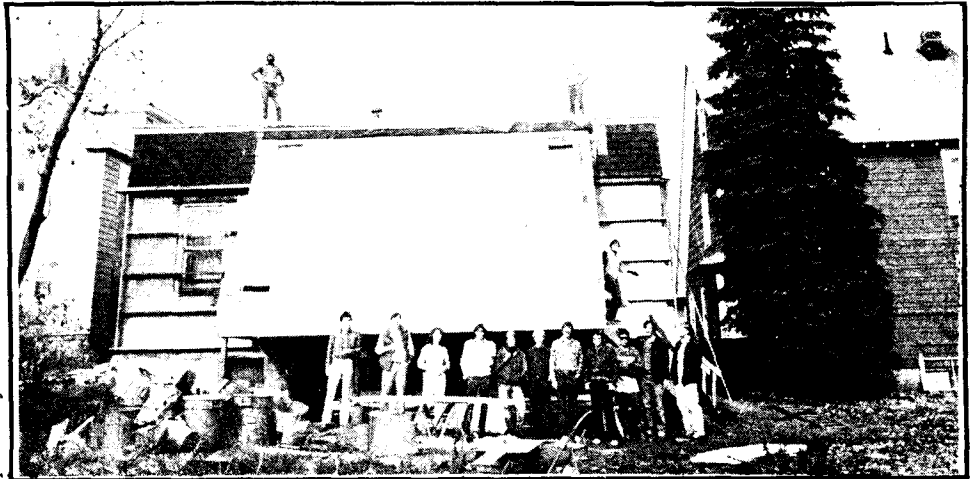
The positive feature was that the building's south wall had a virtually unobstructed exposure to the southern sun - a perfect place for a solar collector. Solar energy - a cheap, clean, decentralized and permanent energy source - would provide a chance to demonstrate a working alternative to some of our society's most basic problems.

Once these two priorities had been identified, planning for their implementation began. Some people investigated funding sources, while others began planning the solar collector and insulation options. These became the two working groups of the Solar Project. The Administrative group deals with budgeting, records and publicity, while the Construction-Design group handles, logically enough, construction and design tasks. In early 1980 a proposal was submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy's Appropriate Technology Small Grants Program. With a budget of \$11,135, the Co-op proposed to insulate the building and install a solar collector on the south wall. The major part of the labor would come from Co-op members, who receive a 10% discount on purchases in return for working in the store or on Co-op projects.

Several months later, the Co-op was informed that the proposal had been

*Peter McCarthy is coordinator of the Solar Project. He is a self-employed carpenter in the Syracuse area.*

photo by Diane Brooks



approved. The Building Committee was dumbfounded. Suddenly the group was faced with the task of taking a half-baked collection of good ideas and translating them into reality. After many meetings and much research, detailed plans began taking shape. The walls (and floor) would be insulated with fiberglass, over which new wood siding would be applied - improving the building's appearance as a bonus. The ceiling would be insulated with cellulose.

The collector design went through several changes. The design finally chosen was the "Model TEA" collector, which was developed by Total Environment Action, an alternative energy group in New Hampshire. The Model TEA is a thoroughly tested design for an efficient hot air collector which could be constructed on the site by people with moderate skills. The collector consists of a black absorber plate of industrial type metal siding, covered with glass. The sun heats up the metal. Air is blown behind the metal, warmed, and blown into the store. Surplus heat will be blown into an insulated box of stone, which will provide some heat at night.

## The Community Pitches In

By early 1981 the major decisions had been made, and work on the building began. One Sunday a month was designated a work day, and Co-op members began to prepare the ceiling for insulation. This was work that could be done for little money, using Co-op funds, since grant money had not yet arrived.

By spring, the D.O.E. funds had come in and work began in earnest. Co-op members, now working two Saturdays a month, attacked the outside walls, and constructed a framework to hold the insulation and wood siding. Other materials were purchased, and the design for the collector and heat distribution system began to take final shape. By August, the framing on the walls was nearly finished, an old shed on the south wall had been removed and the framework for the collector was erected. By this time over two hundred people had worked on the project. Many returned over and over, bringing friends to help, making new friends, learning, sharing skills, working together. Some people came to work on the project and joined the Co-op afterwards.

Starting in September 1981, workdays were held every Saturday. By late November the collector framework was complete. The insulation and siding were nearly finished and the heat storage system was begun. The target date for completion is January 1982.

By mid-winter solar energy will begin to provide heat to the Co-op. Calculations indicate that even with Syracuse's cloudy skies, the system should provide approximately one third of the heat needed for the store. It may be possible to increase that percentage through further conservation measures. The Food Co-op will become an example of what people working together on a small scale can do to provide themselves, in a responsible way, with some of our basic needs - food and energy.

# SYRACUSE REAL FOOD CO-OP — It's Origins and Promise for the Future

by Al Rossino

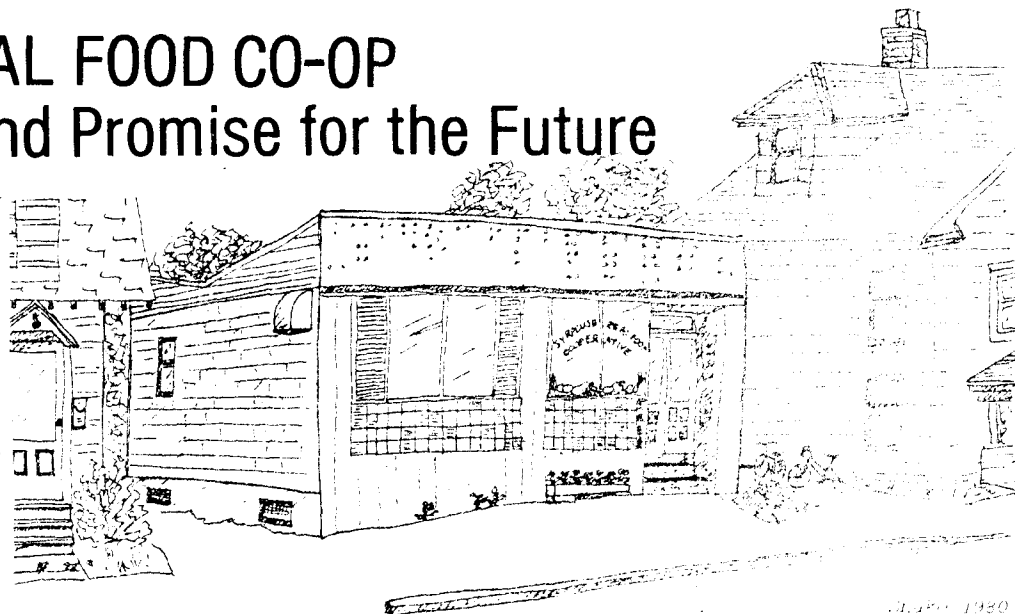
The history of the Syracuse Real Food Co-op since its beginning in September 1973 is actually the story of two different organizations. The first organization, which lasted from 1973 to 1977, was a pre-order, pre-pay buying club. It operated two weekday evenings and Saturday mornings out of a member's basement, then a garage and finally a coffee-house on Westcott St. before it moved to its present location on Kensington Road.

## Early Success

During that time membership grew rapidly from a start of 20 to over 1000 individuals, and sales grew accordingly from \$80 a week to a high of \$2000 in 1975. Decisions were made by consensus at the monthly general membership meetings and all members were required to work. Every effort was made to involve individuals in every aspect of the Co-op's operation via job rotation, in keeping with the membership's explicit orientation toward cooperative, democratic participation in personal as well as social change.

Distributing food was only one goal of the early Co-op years. The other was the cultivation of cooperative and responsible behavior among its members. In this respect the Co-op was similar to thousands of other co-ops that developed across the U. S. in the waning years of the Viet Nam war, reflecting the desire of many people to demonstrate the superiority of cooperation over competition as a basis for social organization.

The rapid growth of the Co-op in the first few years, however, put a tremendous strain on the organization. Membership began to decline as complaints about inconvenience and lack of coordination multiplied. By 1978, one year after decisions had been made to relax the work requirement and hire two part-time staffpersons, membership had dwindled to 200 and



annual sales were down to \$75,000. Bankruptcy was averted by only \$100.

This too mirrored co-op experiences across the land; and it was only by exchange of information at regional and national conferences that knowledge was gained to deal with the crisis. The task, it appeared, was to combine the democratic decision-making aspects of the organization with the task of managing a business in a competitive marketplace. Hence, the idea of a storefront was born.

## The Store Front

Since that time changes have been made in the organization to give it wider appeal. These include the expansion of operating hours, inventory, staff, and services; the creation of an elected Co-op Council; and an increasing degree of communication and cooperation with other co-ops in New York in particular and the U. S. in general.

The Co-op now has over 1500 members, does in excess of \$250,000 in annual sales, and is one of the fastest growing storefronts in upstate New York. The coming year promises to be one of the most exciting and prosperous ones in its history. Contacts have been made with representatives of the National Consumer Co-op Bank regarding the possibility of a large loan to finance relocation into a larger facility, or the opening of another co-op in another neighborhood. In either case, the Co-op will only be that much closer to its goal of creating a strong alternative economy in Syracuse and translating its economic power into political power.

## Future Goals

This goal - of using the Co-op as a base for mobilizing the membership around local and national issues - has been retained from the start of the organization and has recently been realized, if only in a small way. A recent example illustrates the point.

The Co-op's Solar Project ran into a problem during the early phases of construction when an appeal for a zoning variance threatened to delay or terminate the project. Within three days of notification of the hearing, so many Co-op members were mobilized to attend the event that the members of the zoning board offered "three cheers for the Co-op" and passed the variance without hesitation. This successful mobilization of membership may have been as significant as getting the variance.

A strong, local alternative economy is already happening, to some extent, through the extension of alternative work credit to other social change organizations in the area. In addition, the Co-op may soon be in a position to subsidize local and regional agriculture, the development of worker-managed businesses, the spread of cooperatively-owned housing, and the cooperative provision of transportation, communication, energy, and recycling services.

As changes occur in all these sectors, the vision of the Co-op's founding members - the transformation of the U. S. from a competitive and consumptive society into a cooperative and constructive one - will be that much closer to realization.

*Al Rossino is a long-time coop activist and student of nonviolent social change.*

# Opposing the "Dollar Draft": Tax Resistance

by Diane Swords

Most of us would say we do not support the current military build-up. Yet, if we are law-abiding taxpayers, we are indeed supporting it. 52% of income tax payments this year will go to the military. Income taxes have historically been war taxes. Now, as warmaking has become mechanized, money is needed more than personnel. While resistance to the "physical draft" remains essential, refusing the "dollar draft" is equally essential.

Thus our dilemma: to resist a horror barely imaginable, we stand to jeopardize the day-to-day life that is so much more real to us. Because tax resistance is a complex and important decision, I am 1) briefly summarizing in this article the literature I have found; 2) collecting some leaflets which clearly detail the "How To" and the consequences of tax resistance; 3) referring readers to organizations active in particular phases of tax resistance.

There are basically three directions from which people approach tax resistance.

1) Many religions teach non-violence. Traditionally the strongest in this regard have been the Quakers, Church of the Brethren, and Mennonites.

2) Many come to this stance from a humanistic approach. This may or may not be based in religion.

3) Some are motivated by political and legal considerations based on natural or constitutional law. International laws such as Nuremberg



Principles and non-proliferation treaties are cited in this regard, as are the First and Ninth Amendments.

There are two general forms of tax resistance with many variations.

## Avoidance

One can live under taxable income level or on nontaxable income. To make an impact with this, one must let the government and the public know. It can be done legally.

## Refusal

One can refuse some or all tax payments.

- The telephone tax is a military tax and a straightforward one to refuse. Simply deduct U.S. tax from the itemized bill and send a letter of explanation to the IRS with your phone bill.

- Income tax refusal is more complex but can make a strong statement and can be directly useful: Refusers often pool refused taxes into local alternative funds which make loans or grants to worthwhile projects. A national organization called Conscience and Military Tax Campaign has an escrow account holding funds pending enactment of a World Peace Tax Fund bill. This fund would provide a legal

alternative for people morally opposed to paying for war.

## Legal vs. Illegal

When choosing your method of resistance it is important to distinguish between legal and illegal methods. Some feel that illegal methods such as refusal to file a tax return are necessary to dissociate themselves from an immoral system and that they make a stronger statement. Others prefer legal methods such as claiming a military tax deduction or credit. This gives the refuser appeal rights.

## Consequences

Consequences of taking these deductions are inconsistent. The IRS does not often exercise its right to criminally prosecute conscientious resisters for simple refusal to pay. Any action involving fraud or false information runs a greater risk.

*For a listing of national organizations with information on tax resistance, for "How To" and "What If" leaflets, or to get in touch with other people contemplating or actively engaged in tax resistance, contact the Syracuse Peace Council.*

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Further Reflections on Sadat's Killing --

# Assassination and the Limits of Nonviolence

by Ed Kinane

Anwar Sadat's death left me with mixed feelings. I did not like the power games he was playing in the Middle East. It was becoming clear that he wasn't acting on behalf of those he was meant to serve, the Egyptian people.

Instead, to bolster his own dictatorial power, he was conforming to a now sadly familiar pattern in world affairs: he was playing the puppet on behalf of an alien superpower (see November '81 PNL).

So I'm glad such a slick character has been removed from the scene. But I'm troubled by the way it happened and I'm still not clear how to reconcile my gladness with my commitment to Nonviolence.

This short essay, then, is an attempt to think aloud a dilemma which I have yet to resolve.

Advocates of Nonviolence believe that an assassination attempt - whether successful or not - is a violent act and therefore immoral:

-- Assassination is a means inconsistent with the goal of creating a society in which all violence is eliminated. A hallmark of Nonviolence is that means and ends must be both consistent and interchangeable -- Assassination denies the sacredness of human life, of every human life. It rejects the rule to respect

*at least one of the basic human liberties of all human beings. In 1979 he spent three weeks traveling thru Egypt.*

the person of everyone, even one's enemy.

-- Assassination is elitist and undemocratic. The decision to kill is made by a few unelected, unrepresentative individuals. There is no input from the people at large, ie those who may be profoundly affected by the decision. Nor is there input from those diverse activists whose valuable perspectives might lead to rethinking the strategy, to finding more effective alternatives.

-- Assassination requires secrecy. Nonviolence, on the other hand, requires that insofar as possible actions must be transparent. A secret means is inconsistent with the end of creating a society in which all political decision making and implementation are open to the scrutiny of all.

The above points stem from Nonviolent values; there are also arguments based on Nonviolent strategy:

-- Usually it is the entire system (the power structure and even the culture) that is oppressive. Insofar as it sanctions exploitation, the system is the institutionalization of violence. Attacking the person of the leader doesn't destroy the system. Like a lightning rod, an attack may even draw attention away from the systematic class nature of oppression.

-- Unless the system itself is radically changed, it's likely that anyone succeeding the assassinated leader will be a product of the same forces that produced him; it's likely that the successor will have been corrupted by

violence and the quest for power, -- Regardless of who the leader is, there will be little liberation unless the whole people are organized for empowerment. Assassination can be no substitute for this difficult, tho absolutely necessary task.

-- The attack may increase the target's (or his successor's) paranoia and estrangement from the people. In his efforts to protect himself from future risk he may become further isolated, thereby cutting himself off all the more from the realities of the nation's life. The trauma and isolation may lead him - with the encouragement of unscrupulous aides - to rash and unstable acts. In a nuclear age this could be deadly.

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*"Assassination is elitist and undemocratic. The decision to kill is made by a few unrepresentative individuals."*

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-- Most assassinations are a kind of quick 'fix' that applies a misbegotten technology (weaponry) to a social and political situation. As with many technological interventions, it may spawn more problems than it solves. For example, a sudden shift in power or an extreme reaction might lead to consequences beyond anyone's control; again: in a nuclear age this could be deadly.

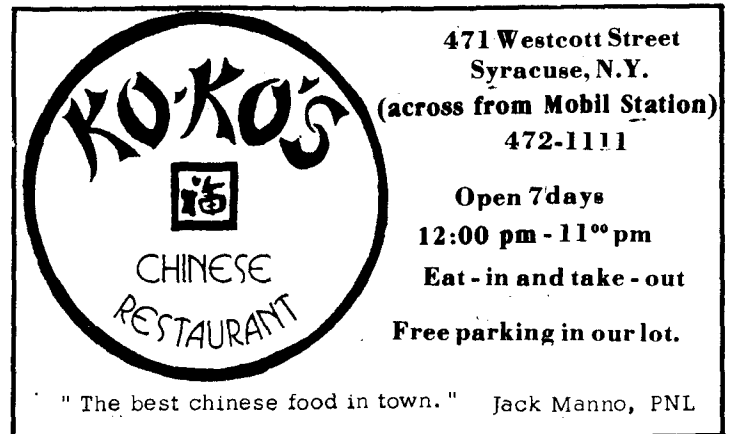
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Yet such a case is weakened when it's made from an armchair thousands of miles from the event. And the distance in miles between Syracuse and Cairo is slight compared to the distance between our way of life and that of the Egyptian people.

From our comfortable vantage point we're not only ignorant of their exploitation, but we are in no danger of sharing in their suffering. Further, many of us remain willfully ignorant of our part in adding to that suffering. The high rate of consumption of energy and materials in the industrial, over-developed world is criminal. It is a major cause of the destruction of the global habitat and of the oppression of hundreds of millions throughout the world.

U.S. foreign policy - which is only faintly opposed by the American people - has the single-minded goal of insuring that vast supplies of energy and materials are drained into the U.S. from abroad. This provides unimaginable profits for that tiny minority who control the levers of power. It also provides unthinkable amounts of material goodies for a large majority of Americans (who seldom dare think about where their wealth comes from.)

To acquire its wealth the U.S. must create 'friends' in certain strategic nations. Somoza of Nicaragua was one such friend; the Shah was another; Sadat was still another.

In exchange for the financial and military aid that keeps them in power, these men - pimps, really - give U.S. corporations the open door to rape their land, sucking it dry of raw materials and cheap labor.

The U.S. sets up its friends even in countries like Egypt, which lack raw materials, since these can provide bases for the U.S. military. Such bases are needed for the muscle to

protect trade routes and sources of energy and raw materials in nearby countries. This is especially true in the oil-cursed Middle East.

With this view of the role that Sadat played in U.S. foreign policy and in the welfare of his own nation, we're better prepared to contemplate an argument that might be made to justify his assassination. The parts of the argument go in order step-wise from general to specific, from least to most convincing. The first part tries to justify the assassination of any leader; the second and third try to justify the assassination of only those leaders who are also tyrants; and the last tries to justify the assassination of only those leader/tyrants who, like Sadat, are also traitors.

The State (ie the government apparatus) is the tool of the controlling powers of a nation. Thus the State by its very nature is oppressive. From this it might follow that the chief executive is often the person most responsible for such oppression. For some this is sufficient justification for his assassination.

Others might argue that since leaders are long going to be with us, the way to deal with the leadership/hierarchy problem isn't assassination - except in the case of a tyrant. A tyrant, they would say, deserves execution; or rather, the people deserve to be protected from such a criminal.

Other, cooler heads balk at vigilante justice - except where the tyrant has systematically made it impossible to express dissent and to work for greater freedom and social justice.

Still others might argue that there

may be better ways to deal with the systematically repressive tyrant than assassination - except where the tyrant is impossible to deal with because he's getting massive foreign aid from an alien power. In such a tyrant must be eliminated, we'd say, to safeguard the interests of the nation, and to counter the inevitable bloodshed as possible from the tyrant's invasion.

I find compelling this chain of reasoning that seeks to justify the pope's murder...but go back to the earlier arguments in favor of the pope.

The values, tactics, and principles of Nonviolence are not new, and have not yet been faced in every situation. But this argument for the Nonviolence has been overlooked. I'm convinced that we will have the opportunity for a new revolution - must do all we can to bring the peace and thereby the practice of Nonviolence.

Nonviolence is not just for those who passively accept and to all exploitation. It is a strategy in its formulation, and it is used to condemn those who exploit and exploitation. It is not to be used to say that those who are wrong to resist are wrong. The violence of tyranny is especially so when that tyranny is based to the material advantage of the developed world.

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# Population, Consumption and Survival - Part I

by Linda DeStefano

Sue: "Mother Earth has too many children!"

Lou: "Nonsense! If resources were distributed equitably, there would be plenty for everyone."

Drew: "World population can continue to grow at its current rate without dire consequences if wealthy and middle-class people will adopt a simpler life style."

Does the above debate sound familiar? All three of these ideas contain valid information, but the tendency is to choose one and defend it to the exclusion of the other ideas. In many of the progressive publications I read, including the Peace Newsletter, I think the tendency is to focus on Lou's position, with lesser adherence to Drew's and denial or ignoring of Sue's. It's a grave mistake to ignore, downplay or reject any of these concepts. Reality is too complicated for single solutions.

Thus, this two-part article will try to synthesize these notions. Part I will focus on Sue's position (to bal-

ance the former lack of coverage). Part II, in the next PNL, will tie them together.

The earth is finite in area and resources, and living things exist in a complex, inter-connected web. The human species has assaulted the earth's finite capacity to support this complex variety of life - assaulted it both by the species' phenomenal increase in absolute numbers and by its rapacious using up and wasting of topsoil, clean air, clean water, forests, animals, metals, minerals and fuels.

Example: Some metals are being rapidly depleted: It was estimated in 1972 that, at the current global rate of consumption, mercury would be gone in 13 years, lead in 26 years, and copper in 36 years. (The sun is virtually inexhaustible but copper to make solar collectors is not.)

Example: Despite rapid expansion and modern methods, the world fish catch has not kept pace with human population growth. Between 1970 and 1973 the average per capita supply of fish declined 11%. Overfishing has depleted the stocks of many fish species.

Example: Every day, an estimated 210,958,904 pounds of hazardous toxic wastes are dumped into the earth's water by U.S. chemical industries alone.

Example: Although extinction of species is a natural course of evolution, it is the rapidly accelerated rate which is a modern phenomenon. Prior to 1950, species disappeared at

the rate of one every 1,000 years. By 1950 it was one every 10 years. Today it is one every year.

Example: Each year in the U.S., more than three million acres of arable soil are paved over to make room for urban sprawl.

Drew might interpret the above examples as reinforcing his point - people have abused the earth rather than using its treasures in a thoughtful, conserving way. Yes, but that isn't the whole picture. The mindboggling rate of population growth (see graph) and the fact that today we have 4.5 billion people on an earth with many non-renewable and dwindling resources means that a simpler life style is necessary but not sufficient.

If every person on earth had the living standard of an average European (which is less consumptive than that of an average American), the earth's resources could support only half of its present population - and only then for a short time. And every five days, one million more people are added to the world population.

It is necessary, but not sufficient, that the holdings of wealthy individuals and multi-national corporations be re-distributed; but no matter how you divide the pie, it is still a shrinking pie. It's true that technology can temporarily provide higher yields on the limited amount of arable land, and people can subdue the few remaining wild areas to make them habitable. But at what cost to our environment?

Example: The lowering of the Arizona water table by over-irrigation requires getting water from elsewhere, to the

*Linda DeStefano is a child-free woman who likes to have a tubal ligation in her late twenties. She thinks the slogan, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth," has been carried over and now should be replaced with a new-slogan for a new situation.*

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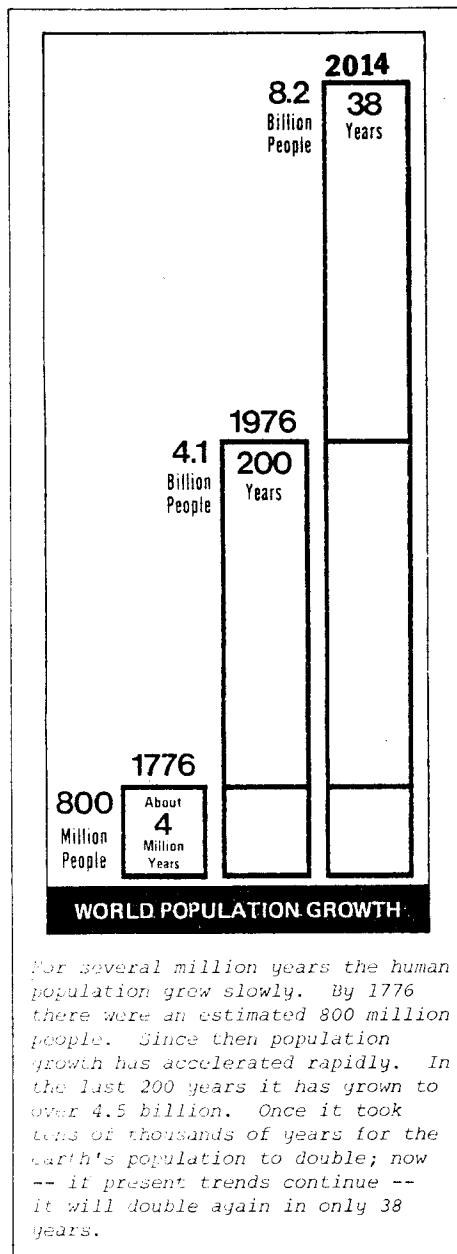
detriment of those areas. (Because of this, states are fighting over the Colorado River.)

And what about the quality of life? Do we want a world which consists only of farms, cities, and a token number of over-peopled parks? Already, parks, wildlife preserves and beaches are over-crowded. Because of a record level of visits to U.S. national parks in 1975, park rangers limited entrance to some parks. More areas were deleted in 1975 from the United Nations' list of national parks and reserves than had been established in 1974. In Africa, some parks and animal reserves have been encroached upon by family farms.

A society with fair distribution of resources and improved standard of living tends to lead to a reduction in the birth rate. But it doesn't follow that birth control programs are doomed to fail in every other kind of society.

Example: Cuba is a society where everyone has an adequate supply of the necessities, and there is no class with a hugely disproportionate amount of wealth. In contrast, Mexico still has a large poverty-stricken class and a very wealthy elite. Yet both Cuba and Mexico share this in common: their birth rate is declining, in sharp contrast to most of Latin America. In each, population education and availability of birth control services have played a part in the slowed growth.

I don't mean to imply that there is no connection between achieving social justice and achieving a reduced birth rate. One could argue that control over one's reproductive capacities enhances self-esteem and leads to empowered people who are more likely to demand social justice.

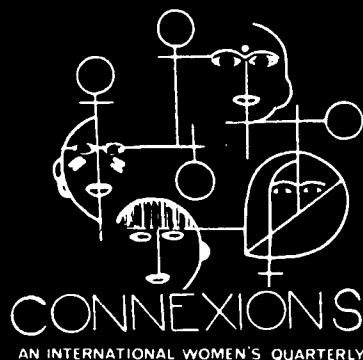


In summary, there is over-population of the globe both in terms of absolute numbers of people and in terms of over-consumption and reckless waste by some groups of people at the expense of other people, animals, plants and the earth as a whole.

Activists for a better world should not deepen the false dichotomy between concern for over-population and concern for social justice. We should respect what each perspective brings to a balanced whole. For instance, those of us concentrating on birth control programs need to be reminded of the desirability of locally-controlled programs. And those of us concentrating on movements for social justice need to be reminded that many poor people, especially women, have expressed a desire for birth control now, but find it is not available. (Must they wait for a revolution to receive the help they seek?) Thus, it is essential that activists work for social justice, respect for our environment and a check on over-population all at the same time.

Note: Some of the population organizations I think deserve support are: Association for Voluntary Sterilization, 708 Third Avenue, NY, NY 10017; and National Alliance for Optional Parenthood, 2010 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, DC 20036; as well as the Planned Parenthood Center of Syracuse.

*Sources: Greenpeace, The Nature Conservancy, National Wildlife Federation, The Population Institute, Limits to Growth, Living With Nature.*



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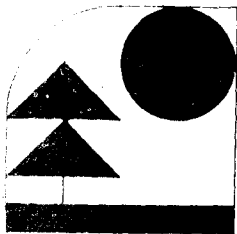
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## Gentle Men for Gender Justice

A Nationwide Journal

by William Sunderlin

This is more a promotion than a review of M. I want it known at the outset that I am totally taken with this journal.

M. is the voice of a movement which sees that men can become gentle, non-oppressive human beings.

The men who write and read M. tend to see that patriarchy is a fundamental problem in the world today -- that is, a system in which men wield disproportionate social and political power. This power is maintained through sex-role conditioning. The worst manifestation of this power is violence or the threat thereof -- beating, rape, murder, war.

Men are not happy, in the best sense of the word, with their power. Nor with the deeply engrained traits that tend to accompany masculine privilege; emotional repression, distrust, competitiveness, self-righteousness, authoritarianism.

The men involved with M. have a vision. They believe that men can liberate themselves from the masculine role and become more whole, emotional, nurturing and happy beings. They see this goal as having an essential unity with the women's and gay movements. To become a non-oppressive man is to affirm women working together to throw off their oppression by men and to undo their own sex-role conditioning. To become a non-oppressive man is to transcend society's hetero-sexist fixation and support women's inclinations to love women and men's inclinations to love men.

M. is much more than a voice calling out to men inclined to change in this direction. It is a cultural and philosophical forum for men in the movement to communicate and learn from one another.



D. Johathon Miller/M.

M. is helping to forge the new male identity through poetry, art, literature, lyrics, biography, letters to the editor, photography, reporting, satire, simple prose and inflammatory calls to action.

Space doesn't allow a full reporting (much less an evaluation) of what's been carried in the six issues to date, but a listing of some of the articles will give you a better sense of what the journal is about; "No More Lies, No More Victims" -- a review of the homophobic films "Cruising" and "Windows", explaining why gays and lesbians are boycotting them and demanding a more accurate portrayal of their lives; "The Fetus as Penis: Male Self-Interest and Abortion Rights" -- contending that much of the challenge to women's reproductive freedom is rooted in men's repressive sexual behavior; "A Call for a Feminist Men's History"; "If Your Friend Gets Raped"; "The Ecology of Birth Control"; "Cowboy Hero: The Sexual Politics of Ronald Reagan"; "Bringing the War Home: Vets Who

Batter"; "Caring for Children From Battered Homes"; "Sexism and Hetero-sexism: Different Name, Same Father"; "A National Anti-Sexist Men's Organization" -- a call to men in the movement to form an organization.

It is important to understand that M. is the official forum of the emerging anti-sexist men's movement. This was decided in August 1981 at the Seventh National Conference on Men and Masculinity. It was the only decision at the conference consensually agreed upon! No doubt the participants were impressed by M.'s exemplary grassroots orientation. M. tries to be accountable to, and strongly encourages participation from, its readers. M. not only articulates the movement's passions and ideas but it reflects what seem to be the movement's prevailing organizational values: collectivity; consensus; open criticism, praise and expression of feelings; rotated and shared responsibility. Each issue is published in a different city, reflecting the geographic distribution of the editorial committee members. Each issue contains a listing of men's groups across the country, providing a way for interested men to get involved in the movement.

If I have any criticism of M., it's that it hasn't done much on the issue of male conditioning in relation to the military mentality; also, it hasn't yet embraced men's issues in relation to race and class well enough. Though the movement seems to be of left persuasion, M. hasn't yet carried articles on the relation of patriarchy and capitalism.

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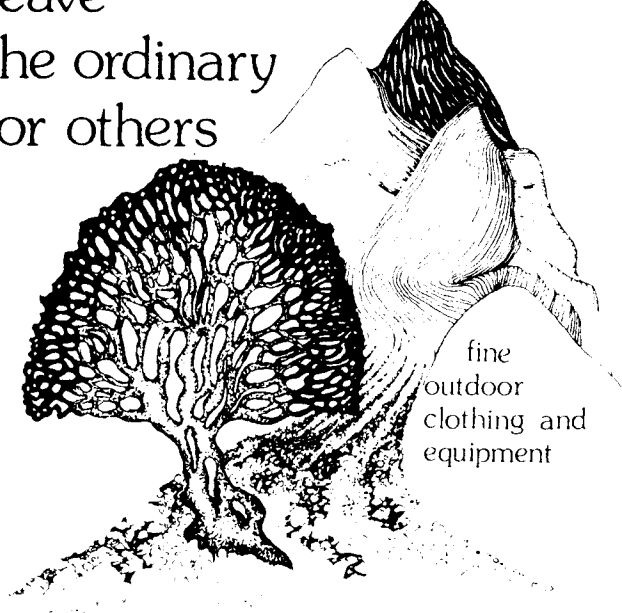


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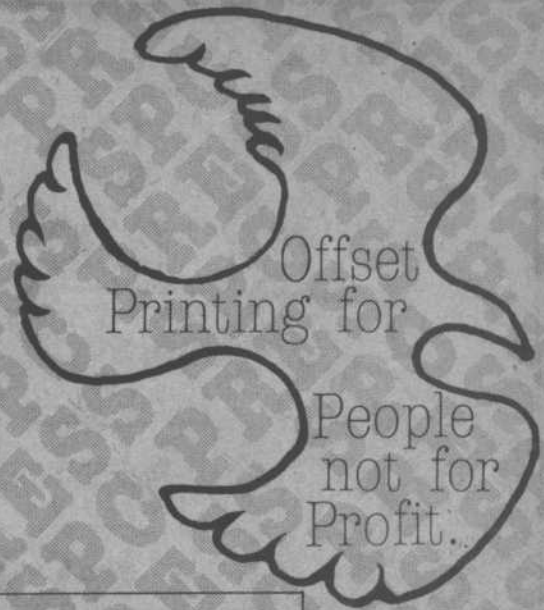
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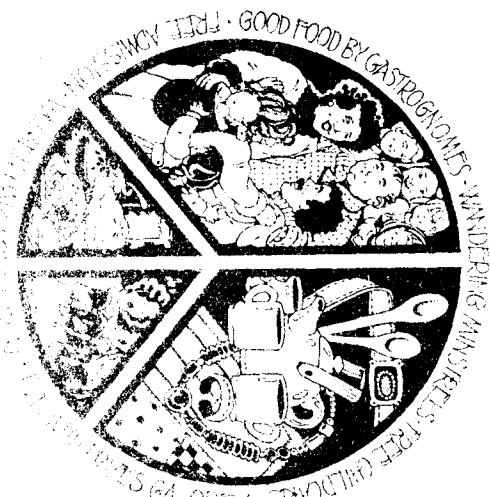
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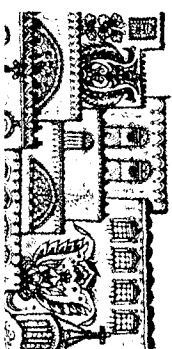


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| <p>Benefit for Office workers Dt. 925<br/>Landmark 7pm see pg</p> | <p>13<br/>SPC Potluck 14<br/>Sing-along! bring your instruments, see pg<br/>Citizens United Mtg 6-533 So Warren 422-5638<br/>Physicians for Social Responsibility mtg 6 pm 475-0062 for location</p> | <p>15<br/>Gtr. SYR NOW mtg 8 pm<br/>May Mem'l 472-2406</p>                                                                                                                                        | <p>16<br/>Christmas Music 12:30<br/>Evergreen free<br/>Women's Pentecost Action local mtg see pg</p> | <p>17<br/>Children's Movie 7pm<br/>4-part w. Library free 446-1726<br/>Israeli folk music noon<br/>Plymouth Church free</p>                              | <p>18<br/>Red November<br/>7 &amp; 9:30 \$1.50 see pg<br/>Summer School - NYS Films</p>                                                                              | <p>19<br/>Fax Christi mtg 10pm<br/>208 Slocum 446-1693<br/>Men's Group Holiday Party 8 pm 422-2887<br/>ACTION AT SENeca ARMY DEPOT in Romulus 2 pm see p. 8 472-5478</p>                                                                                  |



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 10AM-5PM  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6th**  
 12-5PM  
**PLYMOUTH CHURCH**  
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