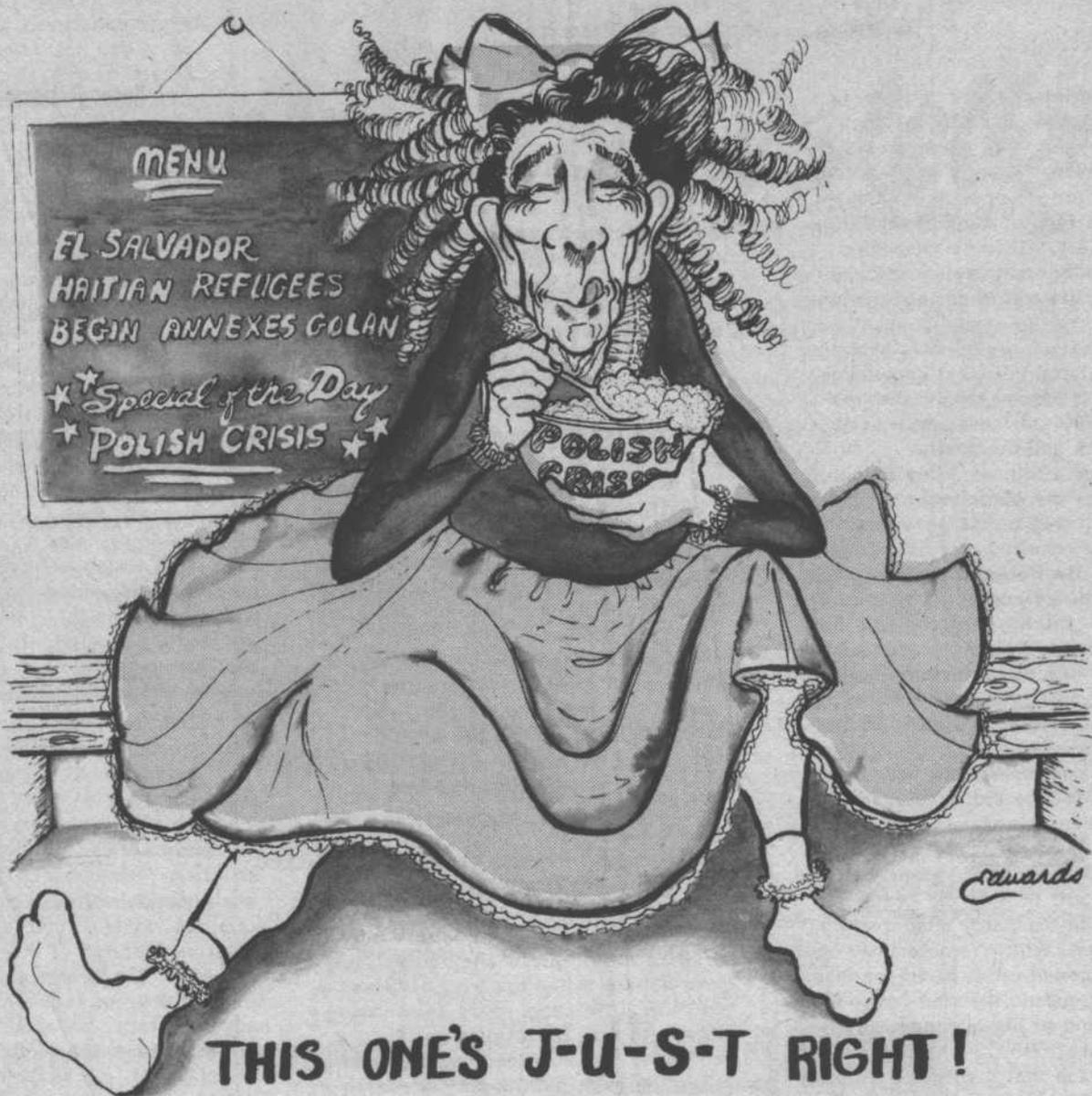


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War and Peace

Rochester, NY  
Dear peace pals,  
I'm in the mood to help save the world from nuclear annihilation. Please send me a copy of War and Peace before I return to my apathetic ways.  
Racistically yours,  
Robert T. Gayvert

To William . . . With Love and Respect

Boston, MA  
Writing a letter about William is a labor of love. For several days now, memory upon memory of our time together on staff has pushed its way into my consciousness -- some are funny, many beautiful, a few painful, all to be cherished. William brought legitimacy and creditability to the antinuke movement and to the Peace Council's role in that struggle. His amazing technical and political knowledge of nuclear energy earned the respect of SPC members, non-members, opponents and the media.

William's role as a key resource person for the burgeoning antinuke movement was a role above and beyond that required of a SPC staff person. He worked both jobs. He devoted hours and hours to reading, learning, talking, writing and then more hours to helping leading antinuke groups, producing nuclear primers, doing the SPC bookkeeping, producing PNL's, organizing Plowshare, etc, etc.

Very early on William recognized the need for the antinuke movement to be unequivocally an antinuclear weapons movement. (His work for nuclear disarmament recently manifested itself in War and Peace.) What I can remember most vividly is William, with characteristic courage and sense of political responsibility, insisting that the Peace Council respond to the Iranian-U.S. hostage crisis. He then helped guide SPC through that and the frightening events which followed.

William's load was not made lighter by his working with some of us who were burning out -- right out the door. I know that there were abandoned duties of mine he performed; there were times he worked without the support he deserved.

William, your moral and political integrity continues to inspire me.

William, you are not only a rare human being, you are a delightful one!

Chris Murray

Syracuse, N.Y.

The two of us have known William during his entire tenure as a Peace Council staff member, and we want to express our feelings about his leaving this position. We certainly want to wish him much joy as he begins his "rest and relaxation", but we also know he will be missed on the staff. His work over the years has been not only thorough and competent, but he also brought an attitude to all the meetings that was so sincere and friendly that we always felt better for having passed his way. His professionalism has enhanced the SPC in all its endeavors, especially with his work on the serious problem of nuclear misuse, and again in his efforts to organize the fund raising programs of the council. He is just a super person to know, and we say Thank You, William, for all you have done for us and the SPC.

Sally and John Brule'

Syracuse, N.Y.

How to express my appreciation of our "Sweet William"? Remove all connotation of namby-pambyness from that appellation and you have a representation of one of the dearest human beings it has been my privilege to know. Thru the years of association with him his infinite patience and good humor helped us all. Perhaps the most outstanding occasion of our association was when some of us challenged the power of Niagara Mohawk and resisted arrest while holding hands in solidarity. It was my good fortune to have the camera catch my hand clasping William's hand -- a togetherness of young and old.

God speed, good friend.

Lillian E. Reiner

Sadat Reappraisal

Slaterville Springs, N.Y.

I want to comment upon the editorial, "Why We Don't Mourn Sadat." I had felt very alone with my gut feeling that calling Sadat a "statesman" and a "man with a vision" was blind acceptance of U.S. government propaganda, which has been echoed by the straight press. Your editorial was especially useful in exposing Sadat's exploitation of his own people for the benefit of U.S. corporate development; his suppression of dissidents inside Egypt; and his allegiance with the former Shah of Iran.

I am a Jew, and feel a deep sense of the importance of a homeland for Jews--but I also believe in the importance of a homeland for all those whose rights to that land have been severed by expansionist regimes and that has been the case for the Palestinians. Thanks for keeping a clear perspective on this.

Tariana Schreiber

Syracuse, N.Y.

I wish to express dissatisfaction about the two recent PNL Sadat articles. The PNL editorial, while rightly pointing out shortcomings, fails to give credit to the positive features of the Camp David process. These are (at least): (1) it is obvious that a negotiated, not a military, solution is what will bring peace to the Middle East, and Camp David is a badly-needed, though partial, "success story" in this regard; (2) perhaps the greatest of Sadat's achievements is in the psychological realm--he was able to break down Israeli perceptions and fears that no Arabs wanted peace but only Israel's destruction--this accomplishment should never be under-

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The SPC position statement on Poland is on p. 7, followed by Rich Zalewski's analysis of Solidarity. The calligraphic flourishes are his.

Our 'Letters' section had to be expanded - one page just wasn't enough to contain our controversies and testimonials.

Turn to page 20 and you'll find an eight page special on Culture. It was pulled together by culture worker and PNL veteran Dik Cool.

This hefty 32 page marks the debut of SPC staffer Karen Beetle as PNL production coordinator.

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Ed Kinane, Karen Beetle, Ruth Lyman, Glenda Neff

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Steve Susman

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# Syracuse Peace Council

## News from the SPC House

1982 took no time to get moving in SPC. Many people were involved in the discussion of what would be included in the SPC statement on Poland (p. 7). There was, unfortunately, no particular group of people making decisions about it. This was due partly to the holidays and partly to the transition from the old steering committee to the two new committees—Program and Evaluation, and Organizational Maintenance (see their introductions on the facing page.) The other major transition in SPC is the departure of William Sunderlin, who has been on staff for the past four and a half years. He is not leaving Syracuse; for the next few months he will be taking it easy, resting and renewing himself. We now have a staff of three people: Karen Beetle, Liam Mahony, and Glenda Neff.

At the SPC Press, Gary Weinstein is close to hiring a collective partner. The Front Room Bookstore and American Myths Calendar, meanwhile, will soon be losing Mary Beth O'Connor. She is slowly but surely moving to Ithaca. We are sad to see her leave.

Even with all the confusion of transition, SPC was able to sponsor a talk on the Middle East by Noam Chomsky, provide the public with reminders of murderous US policy in El Salvador on two occasions (p. 13), respond with Upstate Resistance to Reagan's decision to continue draft registration, and, today (January 25), give the local media SPC's perspective on the accident at Ginna nuclear plant near Rochester. If you haven't yet taken the plunge to pledge a certain amount each month to SPC, please consider it. Start the New Year with some hope, that through our boundless energy and limited finances, we can express the desires for peace and justice in the world.

## 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 is supported primarily through contributions, monthly pledges, and fundraising events which reflect our political goals. To be a member one needs simply to contribute to SPC in some way (financial or otherwise) and to agree with the general principles of SPC. Attendance and participation in SPC community events establishes one's sense of membership in the Peace Council.

SPC's major work is done through committees and in coalitions. Four collectives work out of the SPC office: the program staff, the SPC Press, the American Myths Calendar committee, and the Front Room Bookstore. The office is open every weekday, 9AM - 5PM; visitors always welcome.

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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, Liam Mahoney,  
 Karen Beetle

### SPC Press

Gary Weinstein

### Peace Newsletter

This month's editorial committee: Karen Beetle, production coordinator; Ruth Lyman, Ed Kinane, Glenda Neff

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SPC Potluck Series:	
Lois Levitan	478-2998
American Myths Calendar:	
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War & Peace: Promotion & Distribution-needs someone!	
Women's Pentagon Action:	
Karen Beetle	472-5478

### The Front Room Bookstore Collective

Carol Baum, Dik Cool

### Steering Committees:

### Organizational Maintenance

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 Sue Farber, Pat Hoffman,  
 Mike Hungerford, Liam Mahoney

### Program and Evaluation

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 Corinne Kinane, Carl Mellor,  
 Glenda Neff, Vince Sgambati,  
 Sharon Sherman, Gary Weinstein

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 Cruise Missile Project and Seneca Army Depot: 472-5478  
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 Gary Weinstein 472-5478  
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 Geoff Navias 478-4414

## New SPC Committees Meet

The two new steering committees of SPC met for the first time in January. It's exciting, scary, and hard work as we embark on uncharted waters. Each committee begins with an agenda of tasks and topics; for example, Organizational Maintenance will ratify the new Budget, Program and Evaluation will be planning the first Council meeting. The Council meeting will take place on Saturday March 27th. SPC members are encouraged to attend; committees and projects are required to be represented, so that we can have discussions on topics such as the role of the Peace Newsletter with as many SPC viewpoints as possible. The new committee members of Program and Evaluation(P&E) are: Sally Brule, Kath Buffington, Corinne Kinane, Carl Mellor, Glenda Neff, Vince Sgambati, Sharon Sherman, Gary Weinstein. The new members of Organizational Maintenance(OM) are: Carol Baum, Brent Bleier, Sue Farber, Pat Hoffman, Mike Hungerford, Liam Mahony.

## Phone Harassment of SPC

Last April, shortly before the Birthday Dinner with Molly Rush and Phil Berrigan, the SPC office began to receive "hang-up" calls. A few times each day, when someone in the office answers the phone, the person calling simply hangs up. This has now continued very consistently over the past ten months every day, including some weekend days. We have reported this to the telephone company; their efforts have been able to tell us only that the calls come from outside the local calling area.

Recently several SPC activists received hang-up calls on their home phone, though not as often or as consistently. During an SPC house discussion we decided to publicize this strange harassment, and ask if other organization or individuals have received "hang-up" calls. Please contact Glenda Neff at SPC with any information.

## Another Lovely Plowshare Craftsair

This year's Plowshare Craftsair drew record breaking crowds, and was filled with good sights, sounds and smells. Tim McLaughlin did an excellent job on publicity; photos of Plowshare '80 by Paul Pearce were used to produce a TV public service announcement, and Roberta Wackett created a beautiful poster. Beverly Patrick, Diana Trifosa and Tricia Patterson co-ordinated the work of craftspeople's applications and the logistics of set up. Tricia had her hands full supervising childcare; with so many people, we had twice as many children as expected! And, once more, Gastrognomes served up their delicious food. Thank you to the dozens of people who put in work shifts at various tables, in the kitchen, on set up and clean up, and to the musicians who minstrelled each day. Thank you to Plymouth Congregational Church and Plymouth Daycare Center for accomodating Plowshare, and to the craftspeople(we were happy to have many old timers back with us this year.) The 1981 Plowshare netted the Peace Council over \$2300! It was a fine celebration of our talents and our community.



## Peace Newsletter Editorial Committee

The editorial committee coordinates the writing and production of the PNL. The work involves weekly meetings to decide on the articles and other contents, and layout work during the last week of each month. If you would like to talk about joining the editorial committee, call Karen Beetle at SPC. Although it involves a great deal of responsibility, the PNL work is very satisfying--one of those few types of peace work where you can hold a finished product in your hands!

The Peace Newsletter needs other reliable helpers to take on specific responsibilities.

We need people:

- \*to promote PNL subscriptions;
- \*to send out PNL's to our international and bulk subscribers;
- \*to do monthly billing to PNL advertisers;
- \*to distribute PNL's in stores of the Salt Springs/Dewitt and Northside neighborhoods;
- \*to co-ordinate mailing parties;
- \*to sort and file photos and graphics;
- \*to design and layout the PNL Calendar each month.

## Projects/ Jobs

- \*SPC Film Committee needs person to distribute resources and preview/purchase new films.
- \*Help set up a phone and letter network to respond to legislation and crises concerning disarmament and Third World issues.
- \*send acknowledgements of contributions
- \*filing, filing, filing--it would be most helpful to have one person work on filing once a week.

## Anarchist Study Group Forms

The long awaited anarchist study group has begun meeting. The group will meet every second Tuesday evening(see PNL Calendar for dates) to explore anarchism from several perspectives. We will read anarchist writings from the 19th century as well as look at decentralization, economics, feminism and ecology from an anarchist point of view. We are beginning by studying decentralist visions of the future through science fiction, and anarchist literature. We are an enthusiastic group, and all are welcome to attend. For more information, call Karen or Andy at SPC or at 472-7692.

**SYRACUSE PEACE COUNCIL'S**  
**MONDAY POTLUCK DINNERS and DISCUSSION**  
Open to All at No Admission Charge for Comraderie & Discussion

**February 8 Solidarity & Poland: Background & Current Issues**

Richard Zalewski will present slides from his trip to Poland in August 1980 (this was when Solidarity was formed in Gdansk), give a sketch of Polish history with emphasis on the postwar era, and facilitate a discussion on the Solidarity Movement and current events in Poland. For additional information, call Rich at 474-3885.

**February 15 No Potluck** The Workshop on Despair & Empowerment has been postponed until March

**February 22 Forming a Speakers Bureau on Nuclear Threat**

This evening will be a "trial run" for a presentation about the threat of Nuclear War. The slide show Hiroshima, which is the account of atomic bomb survivors, will accompany the presentation during which a layperson, a medical doctor and a clergy-person will combine to describe the social, medical & moral effects of a Nuclear War. We hope that those present will critique the presentation, perhaps join the speakers pool & suggest ways to implement the Speakers Bureau. We are hoping to repeat this presentation before fraternal organizations, church groups, schools, the media, etc. Come out of your salons & reach others on this issue. For more information call John Janitz at 446-3604.

**March 1 Reds: Helpful, Harmful or Just Funfare**

The 3-hour 15-minute commercial film Reds, based on the lives of journalists Jack Reed & Louise Bryant as they cover & become supporters of the Russian Revolution, has received very different responses from members of the progressive community (see pages 24-25 of the February '82 Peace Newsletter). The lavish film is Warren Beatty's (Shampoo, Heaven Can Wait) 10-year labor of love as he directed, produced, co-scripted & starred. This Potluck will be a relatively free-flowing dialogue on the film with some attention given to the theoretical role of film in Social Change. For more information call Dik Cool at 422-3298.

**6p.m. DINNER: bring a dish or beverage to share**  
**7 - 9 pm DISCUSSION**

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## Staff Changes in SPC Office

I've only been here a week, so all I've really had time to absorb is the friendliness of the SPC community and Syracuse's sub-zero temperatures.

Working with SPC will be the first time I've made a long-term commitment to an established organization of this sort in a "staff" position. Before coming to Syracuse I spent three months canvassing for the N.Y. Public Interest Research Group and working with NYPIRG Indian Point Shutdown Project, and three months roaming around the West and helping with preparations for the Diablo Canyon Blockade. I'm looking forward to learning a lot from the stability of the SPC community.

To go back a bit further, I've spent most of the past two years in Ithaca, studying music and working with several different student and community groups on Draft Registration, Nuclear Power, and Nuclear Weapons (most recently, the Cruise Control Action Project).

Now that I'm here, I'll be working with the Organizational Maintenance committee of the SPC (among other things, of course). I hope to spend a fair amount of time exploring Syracuse, and learning as much as possible about the local politics and culture.

-Liam Mahony

William and I worked together for the first time on the nuclear power committee in 1976. It's no joke to say we've come a long way together since then. We shared the status of "junior staff", learning our organizing skills from Dik Cool and Chris Murray. Our apprenticeship was short. Chris and then Dik sorely needed to shed the burdens of the staff role. In the same year the financial hell broke loose; the IRS seized back taxes from SPC bank accounts. William and I often felt like jumping ship during that time. To safeguard our sanity we made a pact with each other: neither of us would leave staff before the fall of '81, and before new people were hired, we would work towards creating livable jobs out of the staff positions. This meant, first of all, establishing financial stability; secondly, SPC needed a decisionmaking structure without the staff being at the hub of the wheel. The SPC Retreat and Thigmo accomplished the second goal. It is largely due to William that the first goal is now reachable. His meticulous and responsible work on the books has shaped the serious attitude SPC now takes with its finances.

William has taught me a great deal about facing difficult issues squarely, and grappling with them. He is one of the most honest people I know, and that takes courage on a daily basis. William, thank you for all of that. You leave the Peace Council stronger because of your work.

-Glenda Neff

## SPC Statement on Poland

*The following was written by staffperson Glenda Neff after collecting varied opinions from SPC people. The process began a week before Christmas and continued between the holidays, with no group of people ever sitting down all together for discussion. This frustrating process (or lack of one) did not allow for consensus decisionmaking; the statement is, therefore, more a starting point for a discussion on Poland and the USSR, rather than a conclusion. It was released to Syracuse newspapers in early January.*

The Syracuse Peace Council considers the imposition of martial law in Poland to be a tragedy for the Polish people and a setback for the goal of workers' democracy. Martial law is no solution to the severe economic problems which beset Poland, nor can repression ever lead to solutions in the best interests of all the people of Poland. The Polish communist party does not have the ability to keep Poland's economy afloat, or socialist ideals alive. The Polish people must structure their own vision of workers' democracy, without martial law. The Peace Council has and will continue to support workers' movements in Poland, the United States, and other countries.

The militarism of the USSR and the United States has a destructive influence on the democratic movements in every country of the world, but the threat of so-called "limited nuclear war" hangs heaviest over Europe. There is no doubt that Poland, as a member of the Warsaw Pact, makes internal political decisions in the light of the Soviet Union's perceived need for military defense. Equally and as forcefully true is Poland's economic reality: \$26.3 billion in loans are owed to Western

banks and governments. This has been a major pressure in the Polish government's decisionmaking concerning Solidarity; the productivity of goods to be exported is essential to pay off these loans and the interest. If Poland is to be called a puppet, it is the East and the West pulling the strings.

The Reagan administration is also guilty of exploiting the Polish people's struggle in order to fuel the United States' military build-up. If our government's concern about freedom and human rights is sincere, it should also be consistent. Why does the US ignore the horrendous reality of the El Salvador junta, and in fact move to train El Salvador troops on a US military base? Why does the US refuse to recognize the Haitian boat people as political refugees from a country which is many times more repressive and impoverished than Poland, and whose dictatorial regime is backed by the US? Instead, Reagan and Haig continue to pressure Western Europe to accept more nuclear missiles on its soil. The Peace Council sees this build up as a real threat to peace and to the future of Poland as well. The presence of first strike weapons in Western Europe will only increase the Soviet Union's fear of being attacked; law and order in the Warsaw Pact countries will appear even more important to its military defense. Only a real reduction in nuclear and conventional arms on both sides can produce a climate of security in Europe. When that security, the absence of the threat of war, is attained, the people of Eastern and Western Europe will be able to construct the future of their countries according to their own visions.

# POLAND: The Struggle for Democracy

by Richard Zalewski

Solidarity, the Polish trade union federation, has roots which lie deep in post-War Polish experience. Since the late 1940s decisions in government have reflected the selfish interests of a large segment of the State/Party apparatus and the imperatives of Soviet economic policies, rather than the building of socialism in Poland. Effectively cut off from participation in the political processes and lacking other basic freedoms, Poles have had to witness the steady decline of their economic well-being.

Periodically different segments of Polish society --farmers, laborers, intellectuals-- have risen to defy their rulers, until they finally came together in a mass movement revolutionary in scope.

## Workers

Within two months of its founding (8/80), Solidarity grew to ten million members, encompassing all segments of society. First and foremost were the factory workers, shipyard workers, and miners. Teachers joined, as did public service workers, technicians, economists, and journalists. Nearly one-third of the 3-million member Communist Party joined.

The industrial workers are the backbone of Solidarity and have been the most militant in the struggle for freedom and economic change --1956, 1970, and finally 1980.\* The 21 demands that were formulated in August 1980 and reluctantly accepted by the regime reflected the interests of the working class: First and foremost being the official recognition of independent trade unions. Other demands included the right to strike, freedom of the press, release of political prisoners, open discussion and public access to

*Richard Zalewski is a local Polish-american who has written before for the PNL. He was in Poland during August 1980 when Solidarity was formed.*

information on the economic situation, wage increases on par with recent price rises, stopping the export of all except surplus food commodities, abolishing special privileges for government officials, instituting a merit system in managerial positions, improving the medical care system, free Saturdays, better day care services, reducing the waiting time for apartments, and others.

For a discussion of economic issues and the impact of Polish unrest on international politics, come to the Feb 8 POTLUCK SUPPER. See page 6 for details.

Also, on Feb 12 there will be a NVS-sponsored Polish film, "Ashes & Diamonds." It explores the political turmoil at the start of Poland's post-War era. See NVS schedule insert.

## Intellectuals

Another influence in the growth of Solidarity has been that of the opposition intelligencia. In the late 1940s and early 50s, at the height of Stalinism in Poland, a reformist element within the Communist Party developed --Marxist humanists and other anti-totalitarian thinkers, collectively known as "revisionists". They argued that a truly democratic party would push the entire society to the ultimate triumph of socialist humanism.

For a time, with the liberalization of the early Gomulka years (1956-59) it seemed that their ideals could be achieved. However, increasingly during the 60s this group lost its influence and was effectively isolated from the center of power. After a government campaign of repression in 1968, revisionism faded into oblivion. As philosopher Leszek Kolakowski writes: "...there was nothing to revise any longer. Once Communism had been reduced to a matter of sheer power, and its doctrinal aspirations were no longer being taken seriously even by its ruling parvenu class, attempts to wear it out from within became pointless."

After a workers' rebellion in December 1970 in response to harsh and arbitrary economic measures by the government, a new regime was installed under Edward Gierek. Like his predecessor, he showed promise. However the pendulum swung back again to hardline rule. By mid-decade opposition intellectuals determined that it was essential to act outside the system, to appeal to the workers to exert pressure on the government.

Significantly, the interests of the workers and intellectuals began to coalesce. A "Committee for the Defense of the Workers" (KOR) was formed in 1976 to provide aid to persecuted workers. It acted as a catalyst for political activism among workers, who began to formulate plans for trade union democracy.

## Farmers

In the spring of 1981 a farmers' branch of Solidarity was established. The government resisted, but with the avid support of their urban Solidarity allies and help from the Church, the farmers won their right to unionize. Though traditionally conservative, they were the first segment of society to defy the Party. In the 1956 upheaval the one major and permanent change in government policy was the abandonment of forced collectivization. Nevertheless, since that time the farmers' lives were made difficult by a hostile state bureaucracy which, for example, gave low prices for their

\*The workers' revolt of 1980 came after the Gierek regime increased food prices abruptly and dramatically in response to pressures from Western bankers to revise its price structure. Over a ten-year period Poland incurred a \$20 billion debt on loans from Western banks and governments used to develop heavy industry. The first installment on the interest came due in 1980.

For an overview of post-War political and economic events up to the period of Solidarity see my 7/81 PNL article on Poland.

crops and denied peasants easy access to equipment to modernize their farms. The aims of Rural Solidarity have included both the upholding of the basic family farm as well as the establishment of genuine cooperatives -- new self-managed institutions.

### The Church

Another influence on Solidarity is the Church. About 90% of Poland is Roman Catholic. There was a time when the Church hindered independent thought and supported social privilege, but since the War this more accurately describes the Communist rulers of Poland. The Church has been the only institution uncorrupted by the State, and, as such, it acts as a repository of the nation's moral values and as a vehicle of cultural continuity. Since the War, in fact, the Church has served as a haven for dissident intellectuals, many of whom fostered the ideals of the Solidarity Movement. Although there remain reactionary elements within the Church, liberal and radical Catholic intellectuals have been advisors to Solidarity. Many observers feel that as an institutional force Solidarity had replaced the Church as the defender of the people.

### Solidarity Ideals

What exactly is Solidarity, then, with such a large cross-section of Polish society in its ranks? It is a trade union federation, of course -- the biggest in the world in proportion to the workforce. But more, it is a social movement of unprecedented magnitude in post-War Europe.

However broad the Movement, permeating Solidarity's documents and actions are the basic ideals of socialist humanism. Zbigniew Kowalewski, sociologist and Solidarity official, contends that the Movement stands for a "democratic socialism of workers self-management."

Some see Solidarity in terms of "anarcho-syndicalism": the idea of a federation of individually self-contained trade unions, as a whole employing the weapon of the general strike against the employer/State.

Solidarity negotiators advocated the election of managers of factories by Workers' Councils, and they proposed letting these Councils run the factories. Under Solidarity's umbrella

there have been many grass roots initiatives to solve local problems without waiting for word from higher authorities.

The October 1981 Solidarity Congress adopted a program calling for the creation of "independent and self-governing institutions in all areas of public life," and for local people's councils that have democratically elected delegates. On a national level, the Program favored democratic elections to parliament. In the economic sphere decision-making nationally must be subject to "social control", i.e. individuals of professional merit and public respect would be elected, replacing party bureaucrats. The economic decision-making must be brought down to the lowest possible level without jeopardizing overall national goals. Other changes might "link market laws to socialized planning" and introduce "supply and demand mechanisms" as well as incentives to private farmers.

Those proposals that may deviate from strict socialist ideals reflect both the recognition of Polish cultural patterns (for example, the tradition of family farms) and the openness to experimentation in the democratic and pluralistic atmosphere engendered by Solidarity. Most importantly, Solidarity's vision for Poland is one that upholds the genuine power of the people over their own lives.

### Martial Law

When the martial law decree was announced on 12/13/81 it signified the ruling elite's realization that it could no longer hold back popular demand for political democracy in a socialist state. The regime called into play its one sure weapon to subdue Solidarity -- the army.

As to the question: Did Solidarity push too far and too fast? one needs only to look at the record of government actions for the answer. Since the birth of Solidarity, the regime has sought to undermine the original 21 demands and all else Solidarity has proposed. With threats, delay tactics, and physical violence, the regime sought to destroy the Movement. Despite all the formal accords reached between the government and Solidarity and the atmosphere of openness throughout the country, the regime never really entered into a partnership with Solidarity to work toward real solutions to Poland's



Detail from  
Solidarnosc Poster

economic crisis.

Another view is that Solidarity did not go far enough -- given the disarray within the Party, the utter failure of the government to respond to the economic crisis, and the massive following of Solidarity itself. The caution of union moderates stemmed from the realization that the Communist Party regime is backed by Soviet military power. Leaders of Solidarity had "the complicated task of winning concessions from the authorities while propping them up," writes Daniel Singer in *Road to Gdansk*. Moscow had periodically threatened the democratic movement in Poland with its massive troop maneuvers and attacks in the press. But for the crackdown on Solidarity the Soviet leaders could count on strong hardliners within the Polish party/regime and their high-level military allies (of Party rank) with their special forces units.

Space does not allow an exploration of the complex economic issues surrounding the events in Poland. A knowledge of why Poland has fallen into such a sullen economic state (with huge foreign loan debts and serious food shortages) must be viewed in the context of both Poland's subservient status vis-a-vis the Soviet Union as well as the interaction of East-West trade relations, international finance, and super-power politics.

Solidarity has challenged the power of the Soviet system of rule in Eastern Europe, as well as the stability of East-West economic ties built up over the last decade around a complex array of financial ventures and trade relations. Indeed both the Kremlin and many Western bankers sighed with relief when martial law was declared and Solidarity was suspended.

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estimated--and he also helped lessen some of the numerous stereotypes which U.S. citizens have of Arabs; (3) the Camp David process has brought the issue of Palestinian self-determination into the focus in world attention where it should have been over 30 years ago.

The editorial also deals with the Palestinians from what seems to me a distant doctrinaire point of view. To support Palestinian military struggle so uncritically is to doom the Palestinians to perpetual refugedom. Israel's military power is so vast that she can repel any combination of Arab forces which might come against her. Militarily, the Palestinians are an exceedingly minor irritant. In addition, no mention is made of Palestinian and other Arab failures to grasp the opportunities to influence the peace process which have occasionally presented themselves. The latest debacle in this arena was the recent Arab summit meeting in Fez, Morocco, in which the Saudi Peace Plan could not even be discussed constructively. Without a reasonably united Arab negotiating position, Israel can continue to hide its illegal actions against the Palestinian people and land behind cries of "security" considerations.

The editorial also is insensitive to Israeli perceptions in its use of the phrase, "secular, democratic and independent (Palestinian) state." Regardless of how one may feel about states of whatever kind, the PLO use of the phrase means the destruction of Israel as a Jewish state. The injustice of the dispossession of the Palestinians cannot be corrected by simply dispossessing Israeli Jews. Some way of sharing the land west of



the Jordan River so that both Israeli Jews and Palestinian Arabs have real independence and self-determination is what is needed.

The article by Ed Kinane ("Assassination and the Limits of Nonviolence") was interesting in its review of non-violent perspectives and tactics. However, if I understand correctly what Ed is saying, it seems that he has a preference rather than a commitment to non-violence. Otherwise, he would not find his second chain of reasoning ("pro-violent") as compelling as the first (non-violent). The kinds of reasons which groups and individuals use to justify assassinations are unfortunately similar, whether we consider the murder of Salvador Allende by those who were sure that his socialism was destroying Chile, or that of Sadat.

As to the idea that we are too far away to "condemn those whose patience with exploitation has exploded," what is the corollary? that we approve their violence, or say nothing? In that case, we are neither true to our own lights or behaving

responsibly.

My first suggestion for responsible behavior in this particular case is for the PNL editors, contributors and readers (including myself) to become a great deal more knowledgeable about Egypt before removing Sadat from the category of human being and assigning him the role of "throw-away dictator." Middle East issues always seem to be peculiarly difficult to fit into standard slots of analysis-- maybe that's why too many peace people shy away from the Middle East or seem so awkward when they do try to deal with it. I can only urge greater attention to Middle East peace issues, but trying to make assassinations look good should not be the business of any peace group.

Judy Bjorkman

### OLD RADICAL WANTS PNL POETRY

Syracuse, NY

For the past couple of years, since I came (reluctantly) to Syracuse, I have been reading you. A good paper. As an old radical I sometimes find you almost incredibly naive, but at other times fresh and original; much of the time, of course, you are, like all left publication, repetitious. Boredom is the enemy of the left always, and perhaps even more today than at other times.

Often I've thought of writing to suggest that you give a page or two in each issue to poetry. This would go toward alleviating the boredom. It would give radical young poets in Syracuse a place to publish their work, which does not exist now. Above all it would help to knit together the literary and political elements in this so-called city.

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FOR DETAILS ON THESE AND OTHER EVENTS... 423-18

# PEACES

## ERRATIC JUDGEMENT

Several weeks ago in Idaho a federal district court judge, Marion Callister, ruled that the three year extension of the ERA ratification deadline enacted by Congress in 1978 was illegal. He further ruled that a state legislature has the power to rescind its early vote of ratification.

Predictably the Reagan administration moved to hamstring a Justice Department initiative to appeal Callister's ruling. Within a day of the Department's announcing it would take the case before the Supreme Court, word came from on high that that just wouldn't do. The Justice Department then caved in, saying it wouldn't take a stand on the merits of the case and would ask for direct Supreme Court review only after going through the lower appellate courts. Since the time limit for ERA ratification expires June 30, such a delay might mean that even if that appeal were successful, there wouldn't be enough time left for the necessary three more states to ratify the Amendment.

Despite the Justice Department's foot dragging, NOW will immediately take the case to the Supreme Court. Meantime it's essential that every bit of support possible be given to those who are still working to get ERA ratified in the remaining states.

## NINE MILE II PHONE-IN FEB. 8-12

After several postponements the NYS Public Service Commission may in February finally decide whether construction of Nine Mile II nuclear plant should continue. It's estimated that the construction bill alone will be well over \$5 billion.

To be sure the PSC has no doubt regarding our rejection of such a dangerous and expensive form of energy, a statewide phone-in is scheduled for February 8 thru 12. All rate payers are urged to call the PSC during that week using the toll free number (1-800-342-3355) to cast a vocal vote

against nuclear energy.

If you've already called, feel free to do so again. Simply tell the clerk who answers that for safety and economic reasons Nine Mile II should be stopped. If the line is busy, keep trying. Or call PSC Chairman Paul Gioia direct at 1-518-474-2530 and give him your views. If he's not in, leave a message. A follow up letter or postcard to Chairman Gioia (Agency Building 3, Albany 12223) will make the point even more emphatic. To multiply your effectiveness, ask several friends to make calls.

The nuke can be stopped. According to Sierra Club, because of escalating costs eight nuclear reactors throughout the U.S. already under construction have been scrapped or are expected to be halted in the very near future.



## A PROPER INTRODUCTION

Despite his being dramatically condemned here last spring (see June '81 PNL and media on three continents), Secretary of State Haig recently had the cheek to sneak back into town... tho not without his swarm of police, secret service agents and snarling attack dogs. The January 22 event was the installation of his brother as President of LeMoyne, the local Jesuit College.

A dozen activists from FOCUS (see p.13) and SPC were there to be sure Big Al was properly introduced to those who attended the ceremony. We passed out several hundred fact sheets headed, "Who Is Alexander Haig?" Just so the people of LeMoyne didn't have to take our word for it, we included a testimonial from a knowledgeable source: Richard Nixon - who once endorsed Haig as 'the meanest, toughest, most ambitious SOB I ever knew.'

Campus reactions to our leafletting were sometimes discouraging. The word 'propaganda' was muttered time and again. But the most telling response came when one of us offered the flyer to a police officer. He said he didn't dare take it for fear one of his superiors might see him. The poor man was being used to enforce intimidation, but had only succeeded in being intimidated himself.

## H.E.L.P.

This past December a group called H.E.L.P. - Helping Ex-offenders & Low income People - opened an unusual store in Syracuse's lower west side. The not for profit, tax exempt store, located at 505 S. Geddes across from Fowler High School, repairs and reconditions large and small appliances. It then sells them (no credit cards!) to low income people in the neighborhood.

H.E.L.P. already has one ex-offender on staff and expects to hire another soon. Eventually ex-offenders will not only operate, but own the enterprise. The purpose of the project - which hopefully will be the first of several - is to show that meaningful employment can prevent people from returning to criminal activity and prison.

Mary Keough, who along with her husband Dick, helped start the project, says it will use no government funding. Instead H.E.L.P. seeks the support of private individuals, local churches and foundations. It is loosely connected with nearby St Lucy's parish.

Here's a wonderful opportunity to put to good use those appliances you no longer need. Donations of appliance repair tools, and even staffing time would also be much appreciated. Want to HELP? Call the store, 471-4703, or the Keough's, 476-0048.

IRAN: THREE YEARS AFTER

February 1982 will be the third anniversary of Iran's revolution. However many Iranians are already claiming that the clergy's leadership has only diverted Iran's revolution into a religious pitfall.

According to the clergy, not accepting Islam in every aspect of life is 'rage against God,' and those 'corrupted' should not be tolerated. Khomeini's version of Islam expects women to behave properly by wearing a veil and avoiding any social setting where they would work closely with men. The Islamic Republic demands that religious minorities follow Islamic rule and life style. It demands that all Iranians 'imitate' the religious leaders.

Khomeini's regime is violently intolerant of its political opposition. Among the 8000 persons who were executed in the last six months of 1981, many were opponents mainly from leftist groups. Those executed included school children of 11 years, pregnant women, and doctors who had treated wounded opponents.

Over 15,000 persons have died in the ongoing Iran-Iraq war. Iran's

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economy is deteriorating and many expelled workers, war refugees, and rural-urban migrants are joining the huge army of the unemployed.

Many religious Iranians are still faithful to Khomeini and his regime. However, many who once supported the revolution are disillusioned by religious fascism, and are looking forward to the true revolution of Iran. -Sorush

WHY HAITIANS FLEE

Just about the only black people who have ever come to the U.S. voluntarily are those who have fled Haiti. The 'voluntary' is hardly the word for it - Haitians risk death fleeing from what the State Dept admits is the most repressive regime in the Western Hemisphere. In Haiti martial law isn't an episode: it's the norm.

A million of Haiti's 6,000,000 people have fled 'Baby Doc' Duvalier's terror. They also flee the brutality of a feudal kingdom where most people earn less than \$100 a year, where 30% of all children under the age of five are malnourished, and where 77% of the population is illiterate. It is also a nation whose soil and forests have been 'ravaged nearly to exhaustion.'

U.S. annual foreign aid to Haiti is \$30,000,000. U.S. investment now totals over \$130,000,000 and may well double under the fond gaze of the Reagan administration. As transport costs increase between the West and the cheap labor markets of the far East, Haiti looms as a haven for U.S. runaway shops. It is free of unions and has one of the cheapest, most desperate labor forces in the world.

Another reason why Duvalier's Haiti wins Washington's good will is its strategic position in the Caribbean, 800 miles southeast of Miami. Haiti is right across a narrow strait from Cuba. When the U.S. lease on Guantanamo expires, the navy might find its new base on Haiti. -Ed Kinane

El Salvador: Central America in the New Cold War

edited by Marvin Gettleman, Patrick Lacefield, Louis Menashe, David Mermelstein & Ronald Radosh

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## U.S. Trains El Salvador Troops

On January 11 nine FOCUS activists - in concert with scores of actions all over the country - staged guerrilla theatre at the Federal Bldg in downtown Syracuse. While there were no arrests, the Army Recruiting office was forced to close for the afternoon as the actors 'died-in', blocking its doorway (see photo).

Altho the wind chill factor out was well below zero, over 70 supporters filled the lobby. Regrettably most local media distorted and trivialized the issue. With front page coverage and several photos, the Syracuse New Times was a welcome exception.

Here is part of the statement FOCUS gave the media that day --

"We are here to express our outrage at the entry of 1600 Salvadoran troops into Fort Bragg, NC and Fort Benning, GA. These soldiers will be trained in the use of sophisticated weaponry for Vietnam-style counter-insurgency operations.

But what does this mean for the people of El Salvador? In 1980, before the escalation of U.S. intervention, 10,000 Salvadoran civilians were killed. After the U.S. escalation the diocese of San Salvador documented 26,000 civilian deaths. These deaths were inflicted on people huddled in refugee camps and dragged from their homes by the security forces. Pregnant women, the elderly, and children have been among those raped, tortured, and mutilated by soldiers using American equipment and training.

Salvadoran defense minister Jose Guillermo Garcia has stated, "The fact that U.S. public opinion is too concerned over U.S. involvement in the Salvadoran civil war is one of the many reasons why the junta will not request the sending of U.S. troops or an increase of its military advisors." The training of Salvadoran

soldiers at Ft. Bragg & Ft. Benning is the Reagan administration's way of attempting to sidestep public opinion, by having the military advisors do their dirty work on American soil rather than Salvadoran land."

FOCUS die-in closes local army recruiting office.



Steve Susman

## CORAGGIO! CONDITIONS IMPOSED ON MILITARY AID TO EL SALVADOR

Friends of Central America United in Support (FOCUS) enjoyed a small success in December. The conditions on military aid to El Salvador became part of the 1982 Foreign Aid Act.

FOCUS is quick to say that the Duarte junta deserves not one penny of U.S. aid. We still support HR 1509 and S 728, two bills that propose a total cutoff in U.S. military aid to El Salvador. Since that legislation has yet to gain sufficient momentum, FOCUS chose to support the bi-partisan effort in Congress to condition the \$26 million aid sought by the Reagan Administration for El Salvador in fiscal year '82.

The conditions are law, quite specific, and covering critical areas of life in El Salvador. Non-observance by Duarte could lead to nonfunding by the U.S. Without the continuous pumping up of the junta with American dollars, Duarte and his generals and their oligarchy would collapse and become yacht people.

The conditions make U.S. aid contingent on President Reagan's bi-annual certification that the junta is making a significant effort to control gross violations of human rights, is achieving substantial control over its security forces, is making real progress in land reform, and is committed to holding free elections preceded by good faith efforts to arrive at a political solution with members of the opposition.

The first certification was due in late January. Watch for the white paper that will support the certification and judge for yourself whether the junta is keeping its end of the bargain. If the Administration distorts the facts or lies by omission, Congress and FOCUS-type organizations around the country are sure to raise hell.

Vigils, public education, marches and textbook lobbying are not busy forms of weak submission. If we stick to these methods resolutely and without rancor towards our pre-

sent opponents, we may discover them among our allies along the way to a just and lasting solution for El Salvador and other countries in Latin America.

We realize we can only help Salvadorans indirectly, by galvanizing the U.S. citizenry and its representatives into a disgust for the Administration's collaboration with dictators who routinely starve, torture and murder their populace.

According to a story made famous by Amnesty International, 'Coraggio!' was the message slipped into a political prisoner alone and despairing in his cell during the final days of World War II. For human rights advocates on the outside, discouraged by the odds and tempted to undisciplined agitation, or (worse) giving up, the same encouragement must sometimes be exchanged. Coraggio! Take courage. Don't give up, don't give in. Coraggio!

- John Janitz

# The Political Economy of Human Rights

Author: Noam Chomsky and Edward S. Herman

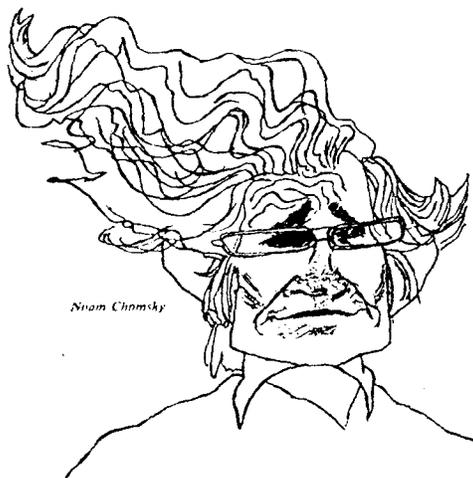
— South End Press — 1979 — two volumes, \$7.50 each

by Mike Chamberlain

One doesn't need to listen to the contortions of the English language by the Reagan administration to understand that human rights have been left behind as a consideration in United States foreign policy. In fact, although Jeane Kirkpatrick has been explicit enough to point out that the U.S. government will tolerate human rights violations and repressive violence among its allies, this has clearly been true of all recent administrations, certainly all since World War II, and probably all before that as well.

Despite the Carter administration's "sermons from the White House" on human rights in U.S. foreign policy, there has never been a real moral basis of human rights in U.S. foreign policy. Instead, there have always been political reasons for any apparent concern by the U.S. government for international human rights. Such concern has grown and diminished depending on the international and domestic political mileage that can be gained by paying lip-service to human rights. For Presidents Johnson and Reagan that was and is only minimally necessary; for Presidents Kennedy and Carter being humane and caring were necessary political images, not only for their own political

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needs, but also for the needs of the image of the U.S. in the world's eyes. This political economics which governs the attention given to human rights in U.S. policy is what Noam Chomsky and Edward Herman's Political Economy of Human Rights focuses on.

For some the main thrust of Chomsky and Herman's two volume set will seem pedestrian, yet to those who have not been studying U.S. government policies, the analysis they provide will be profound and educational. The focus of their 833 combined pages of analysis and footnotes (over 1600 of them) is that all this talk about human

rights in U.S. foreign policy is just that: talk, the front presented by an ideology whose main purpose is to camouflage the reality of U.S. policy.

The ideology which Chomsky and Herman set out to expose is as simple as it is pure. The U.S. government presents itself and its policies as being the champions of democracy, freedom and human rights. It is characterized as the cowboy in the white hat, the guardian of all that is honest and good. This is the "big lie" as Chomsky and Herman see it. According to this ideology the U.S. government can do no wrong, and the "American way" is the best in the world. On the few occasions where it does make "mistakes," it is only the result of being human; it is never an indication of intrinsically repressive and destructive policies.

This ideology is perpetuated by a mechanism of propaganda that has its roots in the powerful and dominant interests, both public (the U.S. government) and private (U.S. business). These forces rationalize the ill effects of U.S. policies and inflate or glorify any positive effects which these policies have.

In volume one, The Washington Connection and Third World Fascism the reality of a world dominated by U.S. economic, military and political power is detailed. Since World War II, U.S. policies have tended to subjugate the real development of freedom and human rights throughout the world. Instead the U.S. government, along with U.S. business interests, have worked to assure their domination of a global network of client states. Through the combination of assassination, subversion, bribery, terrorism and propaganda, the U.S. has crippled the growth of democratic governments in the Third World, in favor of more repressive, violent and militaristic authoritarian regimes. These regimes insure that their own nations and people will accept domination by U.S. economic and political interests. Of course all of this is done at the expense of the people of these countries.

Although Chomsky and Herman do not attempt to be comprehensive in their cataloging of cases of U.S. domination of its client states, the cases they look at do provide various examples of how the U.S. has

achieved and maintained its domination. Their analyses of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, the Dominican Republic, East Timor, Guatemala, Indonesia, Iran, Pakistan, the Philippines, Thailand and South Vietnam would provide any aspiring critic of U.S. policy with plenty of examples of the destructive nature of U.S. policies.



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An important part of this ideological system and its mechanism of propaganda (which perpetuates the myth of the ideology) is the Western media. As Chomsky and Herman point out again and again, the Western media, especially the U.S. media, have done little to expose the nature of U.S. domination of the Third World. The Western media have dutifully accepted the "big lie" that there is little that the U.S. government can do wrong.

Instance after instance of media coverage which Chomsky and Herman analyze reveals this. When the U.S. or its client states violate human rights, the matter is either ignored or rationalized. When an official enemy commits the same act, its repressiveness and violence is amplified. Thus, as the authors point out, when Indonesia massacres hundreds of thousands of people in East Timor, the media ignore it. When the people of Guatemala, Nicaragua or other such nations are at war with their governments over repressive and violent policies, it becomes communist subversion and terrorism. Of course the atrocities

of the late Shah of Iran, of Marcos of the Philippines, or of Park or Chun in Korea become journalistic footnotes to reports of their earnest attempts to "modernize" (that is, "Americanize") their countries. Seldom if ever does this story line vary.

Chomsky and Herman's understanding of this propaganda system is not simplistic or naive. They fully realize that unlike the media under those countries which are dominated by the Soviet Union, there is a measure of freedom in the Western media. "There is no official policy of censorship among the Western and U.S. media, although this is often true in the Third World countries which are its client states. The censorship which is exercised by Western ideology is one which the media themselves impose. The Western media have learned that it is in their own best interests to preserve the basic myths of Western ideology.

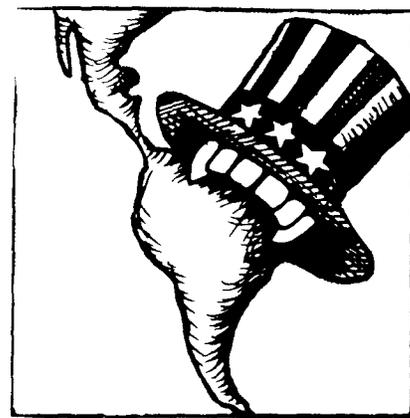
The authors have intimate experience with this mechanism of self-censorship, as their first edition of this work was suppressed by its original publisher, Warner Communications. Although Warner Communications had a legally binding contract to publish the original work, it risked the legal consequences of breaking its contract because Chomsky and Herman stated that "the leadership of the United States... has been the most important single instigator, administrator, and moral and material sustainer of serious bloodbaths in the years that followed World War II." Such an affront to the myths of U.S. ideology was unacceptable.

The particular ways in which reality is "interpreted, filtered, distorted and modified by the ideological institutions of the west" are laid out in the second volume, After the Cataclysm: Postwar Indochina and the Reconstruction of Imperial Ideology. Here Chomsky and Herman spell out how the West has buried the facts of the war in Indochina and the continuing effects which that war has had. By ignoring the responsibility which the U.S. bears for the hardships of the Indochinese people and the obligation to provide aid for reconstruction, the U.S. government has shifted the blame to the people of Indochina and their current governments.

The most revealing and perhaps most controversial part of this analysis is their examination of Western media coverage and attitudes toward Pol Pot's Cambodian government. Whether one accepts the policies of Pol Pot or one considers them horrendous, Chomsky and Herman find that the Western government's and media magnified the smallest scraps of information to form the worst characterizations of "communism" without the slightest evidence to back their claims.

After reading these two volumes one can't help but be impressed by the extent and detail to which the authors have gone to make their case. The analysis they provide is one that describes a subtle system of ideology and political repression which is very similar to the economic analysis provided in Capital by Marx and Engels nearly one hundred years ago. The raw truth that is revealed may not be new, but it is as powerful as the truth which Conrad and Coppola exposed in Heart of Darkness and Apocalypse Now.

Beneath the cosmetic myths of U.S. ideology is the ugly truth of its destructive and violent policies. It is the responsibility of the reader to understand this myth and to expose it, as Chomsky and Herman have done, wherever it is working.



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## Noam Chomsky's Books at The Front Room

### The Washington Connection and Third World Fascism

Noam Chomsky & Edward Herman.  
South End Press, 1979. \$7.50

This is volume one of The Political Economy of Human Rights (see excellent review on previous pages).

### After the Cataclysm: Postwar Indochina and the Reconstruction of Imperial Ideology

Noam Chomsky & Edward Herman.  
South End Press, 1979. \$7.50

This is volume two of The Political Economy of Human Rights. South End Press, a Boston-based collective publishing books on radical history, politics, ecology and culture, published both volumes after Warner Communications refused to do so.

### 'Human Rights' and American Foreign Policy

Noam Chomsky. Spokesman Press. \$3.95

This is a small book on how the U.S. interferes with human rights in other countries. For the person who doesn't want to read the entire Political Economy of Human Rights.

### Radical Priorities

Noam Chomsky; edited by C. P. Otero.  
Black Rose Books, 1981. \$10

This collection of Chomsky's political writings covers a broad range of subjects (such as the Middle East, the new Cold War, Southeast Asia, East Timor, the University, tasks for the Left). Otero's introduction presents an analysis of Chomsky's social and political philosophy.

### Peace in the Middle East?

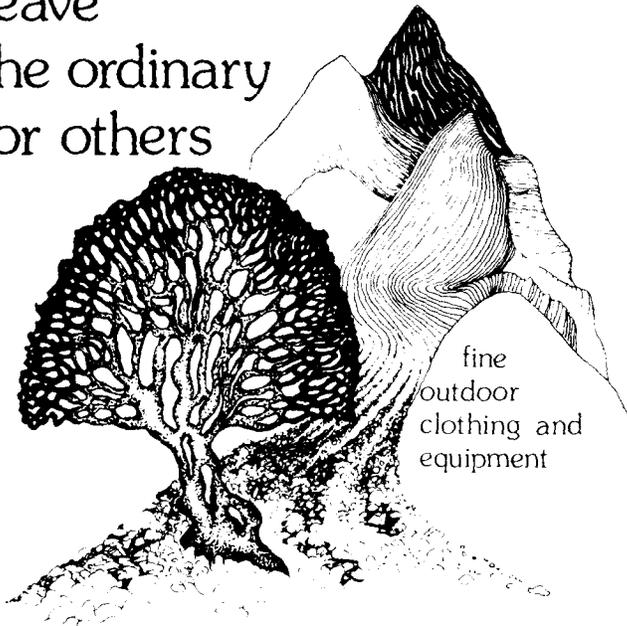
Noam Chomsky. Random House, 1969, 1974. \$2.45  
Subtitled "Reflections on Justice and Nationhood," this book criticizes U.S. policy in the Middle East (as of 1974). One concern raised is that questions about the character of Israeli society are ignored in American discussions of the situation.

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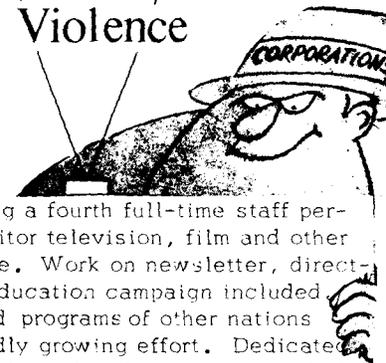
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# Seeing Through the Window of Vulnerability

by Philip Bennett

Remember "peace with honor"? How about "atoms for peace"? Then there's the famous trio, "the bomber gap," "the missile gap," and most recently, "the naval gap." And now we have President Reagan's "rearming America" and "closing the window of vulnerability."

Perhaps policy by catch-phrase is to be expected in a culture where much time and talent is devoted to advertising. And, while some may find these slogans amusing, given their inherent silliness, behind them, especially the last two listed above, is the all too serious threat of nuclear war. We cannot afford not to take these phrases seriously; we must scrutinize them with care.

The "window of vulnerability" refers to the supposed vulnerability of our land-based ICBM's to Soviet attack. Soviet ICBM's (specifically the relatively new SS-18's) are increasingly accurate; the locations of our ICBM launching silos are known. Though the silos are "hardened," that is, surrounded by thick reinforced concrete, if a warhead of a large enough size were detonated relatively close, a hardened silo would not protect its missile. In short, the Soviets increasingly accurate missiles open the "window of vulnerability", making our ICBM's vulnerable to attack.

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*this should just about close that "window of vulnerability."*

President Reagan's proposal to build 100 MX is supposed to be a means of "closing the window," at least temporarily. The first 36 MX are planned, some reports have it, to go into Titan missile silos, replacing the old liquid fueled Titan II's. But since the location of these silos is well known, how will replacing one missile by another make our missiles any less vulnerable? The answer is obvious: it won't, and this fact is not substantially altered by "superhardening" the silos used.

Then why the MX? Apart from economic considerations (remember, some people make a good deal of profit from military expenditures), these missiles do play an important role, but one that has little to do with deterrence, and everything to do with "first strike," "limited"

nuclear war scenarios. The MX is designed as a "counterforce" weapon; that is, it is intended to be used against Soviet military targets, including Soviet ICBM hardened silos, command posts, etc. Each MX is "MIRV'ed-10"; that is, each one will have 10 independently targetable warheads, each warhead having a TNT equivalence of 300-600 kilotons. So, the 100 MX Reagan proposes will increase our counterforce potential by 1,000 warheads.

Currently, our land based ICBM's, specifically those Minuteman III missiles armed with Mark 12A warheads, are targeted on Soviet missile silos and are accurate enough

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to serve as counterforce weapons, but these counterforce weapons only make sense if we intend to launch a first strike against the Soviets: what is the point of targeting the waste storage facilities if you are not going to wait for him to use his first strike? If he uses his first, then we are launching our missiles at worthless targets -- empty missile silos. Any doctrine of deterrence, it is clear, requires the deployment of the MX's and the 1,000 missiles, with a number of super accurate warheads. The proposed deployment of the MX, with another 1,000 super accurate warheads, we are launching a first strike policy.

The MX is intended to make our land based ICBM's less vulnerable to Soviet attack. It has nothing to do with our present vulnerability. The MX is not the thing to do with Soviet vulnerability: a full 75% of our strategic warheads are on their land based ICBM's (only 25% of ours are). In fact, when you add to their ICBM's their submarines in port (only 10% of their subs capable of

launching missiles are in service at any time) and their planes on the ground, a full 97% of their strategic warheads are vulnerable to a first strike attack from us. We know this; they know this. And if they come to believe that we are about to use our counterforce weapons, they have nothing to gain by waiting to be certain. In short, the very existence of the MX may make the condition it is supposed to correct much more likely by drawing a pre-emptive first strike from the Soviets.

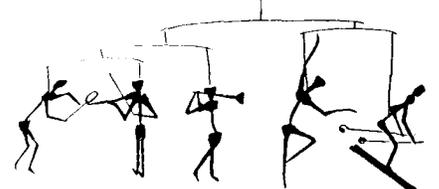
There is only one way to eliminate the vulnerability of our land based ICBM's and that is to eliminate them altogether. We do not need the super accurate ICBM's if our purpose is to deter the Soviets from using nuclear weapons by threatening the destruction of their country in retaliation. A single Poseidon submarine (we have 31, with 60% in service at any given time) can destroy every Soviet city with a population greater than 100,000. (We have over 5,000 warheads on our invulnerable submarines.) And if our purpose is not deterrence but first strike, then God help us all, because anything that tempts us to

think that we can use nuclear weapons and "win" tempts us to destroy the very world and all its inhabitants.

Vulnerability? We are vulnerable. We are vulnerable to policies and devices that make nuclear war likely or "thinkable." We are vulnerable to rhetoric, to a "we-them" mentality that seeks to frighten us with stories of the Red menace wishing to subdue us through force. We are vulnerable to attacks upon our social institutions by leaders who take from the elderly and poor to give to the military corporations.

The very idea of raising a concern about the vulnerability of missiles and not of people should be a major source of outrage from us all. We are vulnerable and we shall remain vulnerable until the arms race is halted and all nuclear weapons dismantled. What can be more important than that? And the arms race is not stopped by the MX, by the B-1, by the Trident II. It is escalated, and with each escalation we become more vulnerable. Our vulnerability -- not just ours as Americans, but all people, all living beings -- is increasing daily. We must stop it now.

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Andy Mager, Syracuse

During two week periods in July, 1980 and January, 1981, men were required to register with the Selective Service System (SSS) for a military draft. Now, each young man is required to register within 30 days of his 18th birthday. Since the registration began over a million men have refused to register--one out of every four. Since August, the SSS has sent nearly 200 letters to non-registrants. Many have been turned over to the Justice Department for investigation. On December 7, 1981 a sealed indictment of a resister, Scott Aaseng, was handed down in St. Paul, Minnesota. Anti-draft and resistance groups around the country had been publicly planning for this event since August and quickly mobilized for nationwide protest and education. On December 9, 1981, the Justice Department sent a telex to US Attorneys asking them to temporarily refrain from seeking indictments in draft registration cases until the White House decided whether to continue registration.

Despite nationwide outcry (protests and vigils were held in 6 cities in NY State alone), on January 7, 1982 President Reagan broke his campaign promise and announced that, in spite of his "moral opposition" to draft registration, he will continue it.

*The above report was written collectively by Karen Beetle, Kath Buffington, and Andy Mager of Upstate Resistance.*

The Justice Department will resume selective prosecutions of public resisters, probably after the grace period, ending February 28, during which non-registrants will be allowed to register without legal penalties. This is clearly an intimidation tactic to pressure young men into registering. The threat to prosecute non-registrants, backed by the White House, contradicts Reagan's campaign statements of opposition to the draft, but they are consistent with his administration's continued moves toward an expanded military and aggressive action around the world.

Despite these threats of prosecution, many young men refused to register or registered under protest.

*Selective Service wants your life, you decide if you'll sign it away to them!!!*

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Donna Gans, Buffalo

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Upstate Resistance (471-6923, 472-7697 or SPC). If you're not from the Syracuse area, contact UR and you will be given the name of a person in your area.

*The decision to resist registration was an easy one for me to make. For as long as I have been conscious of my existence as a part of human society, I have felt that to contribute to the death of other human beings is profoundly wrong. It is this belief which prompted my resistance. To cooperate with the Selective Service System, to voluntarily give up my name and address to be placed in a pool of potential draftees, would be to express my support for the goals of that system. I cannot in good conscience share complicity in a system whose stated purpose is to kill others.*

Chris Clarke, Buffalo

Upstate Resistance is a statewide network of people who actively oppose war and the use of military force. UR's immediate purpose is to defeat registration and the draft by urging non-compliance and non-violent interference with Selective Service.

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Karen Beetle and Kath Buffington  
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# the AMERICAN MYTHS\*1982 calendar

CREATION•PRODUCTION•PROMOTION•DISTRIBUTION•AGONY•THE FUTURE•SELLING A "PRODUCT"

by Dik Cool

This is the time of year when I begin to wonder why I have been involved in 11 consecutive years of SPC calendar making. It's the agony period. The creative challenge, the excitement, the newness have waned. The glowing affirmations continue and they are buoying, but economics have become the paramount concern. Will we sell enough Calendars to pay our bills and loans? Where are events taking place locally or nationally at which we can sell Calendars? Then there's getting out reminders to groups/bookstores which owe us money so our "cash flow" (more on this term later) problem can be eased. Finally, there are things like refilling orders which the Postal Service or UPS has messed up, and the all important paperwork of book keeping, bill paying and mailing list compilation.

The Calendar, in movement scale, is a large publishing venture. This year's budget is about \$14,000 with 5,000 Calendars and 5,500 "Flowers of Liberation" printed. The 1980 No Nukes Calendar, our most successful,

sold 9,600 out of 10,000. We have gradually come to realize that SPC is a skilled small publisher whose resources are sought after, respected and used on a local, regional and even national level. Recently we published 20,000 copies of the popularly written "War & Peace" handbook (see p. 17). Before that came "Latin America: Portrait of Struggle, Voices of Liberation." We also have 10 SPC posters and of course the monthly publication of the Peace Newsletter. All of which has meant that a disproportionate amount of staff time in recent years has almost invisibly gone into publications rather than other organizing work. We think this problem is being corrected by staff assuming clearly defined job responsibilities and by the newly created council system.

My earlier "cash flow" comment reminded me of a frustration. Many leftists or alternative lifestyle people have almost no tolerance for small scale business realities within our competitive, often corrupt, market system. It is not possible to sell something or survive economically by ignoring these realities--by falling back on such standbys as "business turns me off." When Liberation News Service recently folded, a major factor was that they couldn't find leftists who would grapple with business problems. Cultural work, especially, usually comes down to selling something--whether it's a concert ticket, a poetry book, a poster or a calendar. Our struggle must be to balance selling with consciousness.

So why, after all this, you ask, do I think it's worth it?! Perhaps it's notes like this one: "I have spread your calendars into the homes of

friends near and far--time release fertilizer for their most radical hopes." Or perhaps it's conversations like the one I recently had with a local woman in which she enthusiastically described her conservative father-in-law reading the Calendar cover to cover! Or perhaps it's my personal perception that a calendar's uniqueness as a cultural/utilitarian resource makes it one of the best ways to plant "the seed of opposition, becoming the flower of liberation." (Amilcar Cabral's words) Thousands of walls in homes, offices, factories and schools project our message day after day all year long. Yet another reason is the glut of inane, sometimes offensive, commercial calendars. Our movement deserves calendars (and all kinds of culture) of which it can be proud. Culture which is aesthetically and politically challenging. Fortunately, there are now more progressive calendars being published, some clearly influenced by SPC's. A nice feeling.

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## INTRODUCTION TO CULTURE SECTION

The next eight pages contain articles on *The American Myths Calendar*; a general piece by Jack Manno critiquing U.S. culture which is reprinted from "Flowers of Liberation"; two pages on the film *Reds*; and two pages on feminism and film by Deborah Rizzo. For years we have discussed having a more regular culture section in the Peace Newsletter (film, music, poetry, books, artwork, photos, drama) so we're very interested in your comments both specific and general. -Dik Cool, editor

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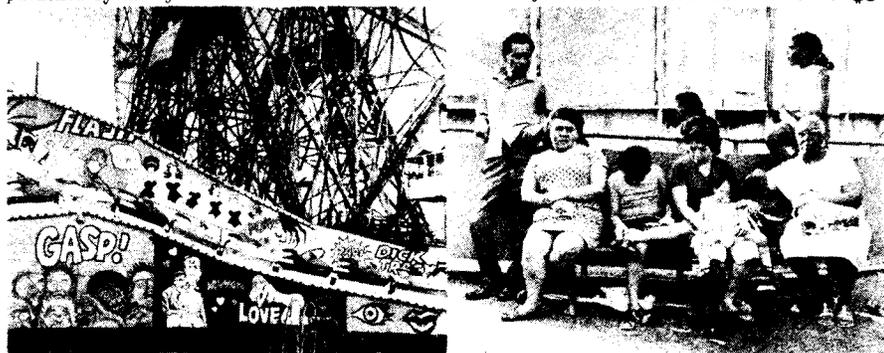
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The hardworking creative people who have made the Calendar possible deserve mention here. The planning and production committee was Yolanda Fundora, Karen Kerney, Joanne Rella, and myself. Carol Baum and Ed Kinane produced the resources pages while Mary Beth O'Connor, Jim Crevelling, Zan Penzack-Rinehart and Mark Hansel and myself have done promotion, distribution, mailorders and bookkeeping.

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"The most oppressive and long standing myth is called 'Womanhood'," writes photographer Joan Lukas Rothenberg, whose picture "Coney Island" is part of the collection of the American Myths Calendar published by the Syracuse Peace Council.

"Among other things," Rothenberg continues, "this myth places upon each

woman the burden of 'beauty,' often while society criticizes her for being vain and narcissistic... myths supported as strongly as is the myth of 'womanhood' tend to take on an aura of naturalness... (and) can easily become a reality unless there is a raising of the collective consciousness."

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# Cultural Democracy – The Roots of Empowerment

by Jack Manno

Culture is a verb. A verb of assertion. It is the many ways in which we say, "I am!.. or "We are!". We are joyful. I am beautiful. I am anguished. We are oppressed. Culture is an activity – the method of truth.

Culture is a verb of cultivation. Through it we provide what we require for the growth of our imaginations and creative power. The method of sustenance.

Culture is a verb of discovery. We question the world that we find; and we endow it with meaning for ourselves. The method of beauty.

Culture is a verb of alchemy. We transform the commonplace into something rare and precious. The method of magic.

Culture is a verb of celebration. We acknowledge ourselves and the lives we create and we give thanks. The method of Love.

Like our land, and our labor, our cultures have been colonized. One percent of the U.S. population owns approximately 60% of the corporate stock, and a handful of corporations control the production and distribution of information and entertainment. Culture ought to be active. It is the way we tell our own unique and important stories. It is our collection of symbols, signs, signals and messages. It is how we locate our place in the world. It is our tools and techniques. It is our collective memory that assures us of our rights to our share of the abundance of the earth.

But in our society, through methods we are only beginning to understand, culture has been distorted from a body of activities into a marketplace of commodities, commodities packaged and distributed by a huge culture industry as centralized and controlled by a powerful elite as any other major capitalist enterprise.

The culture industry produces, in general, two categories of culture commodities; luxury items and consumer goods. The works of luxury culture, sometimes referred to as "High Culture", the classical ballets, grand-operas, great musicians, those institutions that receive the bulk of National Endowment for the Arts funding, are all admittedly beautiful, require amazing technical mastery and are as precious as jewels. By definition expensive and available to an educated and initiated few, this luxury culture is supervised by an elite and subsidized by the wealthy. The performers and audiences see themselves as the heirs of a great western civilized tradition. The source materials for the works of this luxury culture come from within its own traditions, reaching back into the palace cultures of past ruling elites.

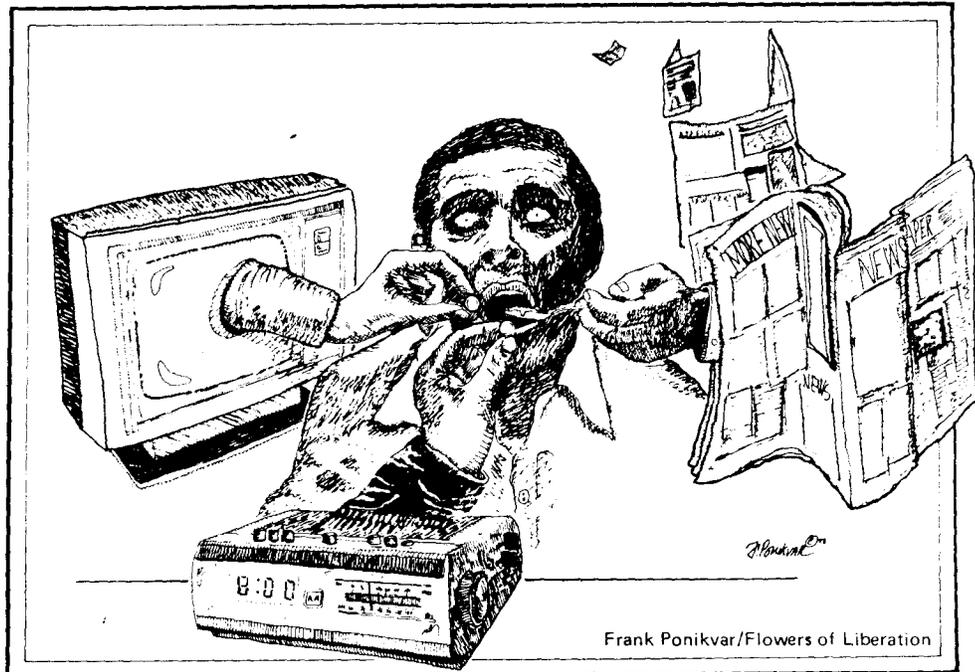
Unlike luxury culture, consumer culture, sometimes referred to as "mass culture", is available to everyone. In

fact, it is impossible to escape. The melodies that ring in our minds sing the praises of soft drinks and paper towels. Consumer culture is the whole entertainment industry from Hollywood to discos. Assembly line techniques of production deliver a virtually standardized product manufactured for a featureless, homogenized mass of people. It is a testimony to the creativity of people that despite the commercialization of culture, lively music, great performances and inspiring scripts continue to appear.

The elite participants in the luxury culture believe they must maintain critical standards against the masses of people who care more about the "Edge of Night" than "A Midsummer's Night Dream". Meanwhile the entrepreneurs of consumer culture claim they give the people what they want and are creators of a true popular culture. The myth is that the two branches of commodity culture are at odds with each other. The reality is that both serve the same function of separating creativity from community, of transforming the activities of creation and recreation into the passivity of consumption. Action into reaction.

But consumer culture, as all-powerful as it may appear, has an incurable weakness. It is an industry dependent on raw materials it cannot produce itself. These raw materials are the people's dreams, symbols and signs, language rhythms, stories and tales, religious systems, memories, madneses and stories of struggle. The consumer culture is indeed powerful; its great power is its ability to coopt, digest, spit out again almost anything. The symbols and language of any movement, any reform, any avant-garde are subject to digestion. Nothing is threatening as long as it doesn't disturb the basic faith of the consumer culture: that for every need, for every feeling of dissatisfaction, there is a product somewhere for sale that can meet the need, soothe the pain.

Responding to feminism, consumer culture delivers a multitude of nearly independent career women who have nice apartments and stylish clothes. The Black civil rights movement brought the Jeffersons in their deluxe apartment in the sky; constipated Black workers as well as Black pharmacists selling just the right cure. The search beyond the Melt-



Frank Ponikvar/Flowers of Liberation

Luxury culture may convince us we are civilized, consumer culture tries to convince us we are young, self-driven, sexy, alive in the best of all possible worlds, in a garden of earthly delights. Consumer culture is so pervasive it threatens to define reality itself, to define what is reasonable, practical, true and beautiful. To doubt the truths presented in Time magazine, to pursue values outside the meager rules of commodity exchange, is to instantly become a traitor. Worse than un-American, you become impractical, unrealistic.

ing Pot brought Roots and Shogun.

Yet despite its power of appropriation, the culture industry can never totally neutralize the power of the symbols they evoke, it cannot totally perform the role of a true people's culture. By stealing from diverse cultural legacies and progressive movements, the consumer culture industry stimulates memories, aggravates needs it cannot satisfy. The Pepsi Spirit will last only as long as the sugar and caffeine rush. No amount of the Waltons, or Norman Rockwell reproductions, or Country Time Lemon-

aid, will replace what America's rural past suggests — community life, cooperation with each other, acting toward the land as if the future mattered.

A people's culture invites participation, a consumer culture urges a lifestyle of consumerism. For the poor who cannot afford to participate, the suggestion that all psychological, sexual, as well as comfort needs can be met at the marketplace is simply cruel. For the middle-class (most of whose heritages lie in the working class and immigrant cultures of America) the understanding that social needs cannot be met by individual consumption is inevitable. As the crises of our era multiply, dissatisfactions increase, and the failure of commodity cultural institutions becomes obvious.

The cultural domination of western capitalist culture, (what I have called here, "commodity culture"), has long since become international. As the technologies of radio, TV and glossy print spread to the Third World, the ability of people to sustain their own cultural identity was eroded. Imperialism, ("the policy of gaining direct or indirect control over the political or economic life of other areas" *Webster*), which destroyed the traditional, land based peasant economies, combined with cultural intrusion has devastated the lives of much of the world's people.

The theft of people's minds, their culture, is a powerful weapon in the arsenal of all kinds of imperialism and totalitarianism. As US influence and economic power grew around the world, agencies of government consciously used the techniques of cultural intrusion. US capital bankrolled much of the growth of TV and movies, guaranteeing worldwide exposure to the works of commodity culture.

Robert E. Button, Deputy Director of the Voice of America, made a television-promotion tour in 1956. He returned optimistic and announced "If ever I saw anything that would lick the communists, this is it."

In the 1980's the gap between the cruel fantasies delivered by the commodity culture and the real life of the majority of the world's people is increasing, as is the gap between the rich and the poor. Cultural revival of traditional, indigenous cultures of the Third World invariably leads to a challenge to economic and political domination as well. For this reason cultural workers are often considered enemies of the state and suffer brutal consequences. Filmmakers and poets have been killed in Chile, writers exiled or "disappeared" in Argentina, examples are many.

The system of cultural domination by the commodity culture shows evidence of faltering. A revival of traditional cultural expression, from story-telling to folk dancing to acrobatics to rites and rituals, is developing both in the US and

internationally. This is a result of real needs not being met by the dominant culture, a culture in which workers, homemakers, the old, dispossessed, the different and the marginal are all excluded. We exist solely as consumers, ("This Bud's For You") or as caricatures (Edith and Archie).

There are many stories that aren't being told, and it is here, in the gaps and silences, that progressive cultural workers will find some of their sources and reach out to new and eager audiences.

"Liberty", wrote French novelist and resistance fighter, Albert Camus, "is the right not to lie."

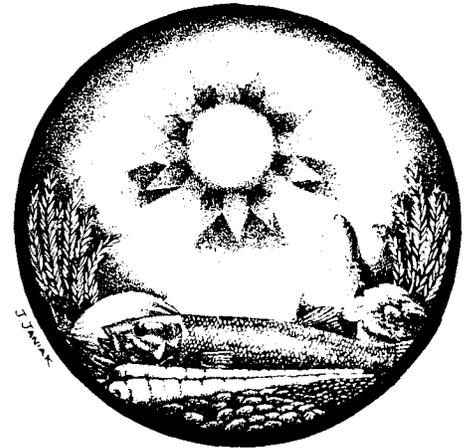
"Radical" (from the word meaning "root") cultural exploration will continue to develop as we grow to realize that we as a people, perhaps as a species, are in severe trouble. As we recognize the need to retreat from the destruction toward which we are headed, we will form a new, life-affirming, life-centered culture. And we will not create our works alone. Alongside and in opposition to the dominant commodity culture there has always existed another forgotten and ignored cultural life and community of values.

"...traditions of community self help, civic idealism, and neighborliness are also part of the American heritage. This is the legacy of quilting bees and barn-raising; of gift giving among Native American tribes; of volunteer fire departments, rescue squads, self-help groups; of impoverished ghetto residents who raised orphaned children and who shared what little they had; of citizens volunteering to help solve social problems, or aiding each other in times of natural disasters. And it is also the history of utopian experiments which fascinated the world with their idealism and sometimes their success...."

Harry Boyle, quoted in *TheatreWork*

It is also the traditions of work-songs, of family sing-alongs and joke-telling, of native musical expression in blues and jazz, of community pageants, of festivals, carnivals, and fairs. We have a deep memory of active story telling and celebrations and shared pain. It is here at the communal rituals, at the huge gap in modern American life where cultural work can be incredibly effective in reaching and encouraging people toward social change.

Cultural revival will occur simultaneously with the rebirth or development of communities whose citizens participate in community life. Cultural workers can be the vanguard in stimulating community by creating anew or resurrecting out of the deep memory those images, songs, symbols and myths toward which people will gravitate when they recognize themselves in the work. This process is exemplified by the rapidly growing women's feminist communities which are identifiable as communities largely because of the many cultural workers and cultural events that speak the truth about women.



As Paul Goodman, the great social theorist, wrote, "Without a community, artists suffer a great technical loss in being deprived of the immediate social scenes and functions. A loss in brilliance of color, communicable gaiety and grief, immediate topical liveliness."

There are many different cultures and communities that have gone into making up these United States. Each cultural group has the right to the independence and integrity of its cultural identity based on its people's history and its shared memory. However, the stories and memories of oppressed people are dangerous; the truth of past oppressions indicts the lies of current oppressors. It is the job of cultural workers to create places where all people's stories can be told and not those myths that encourage the ruling elite and discourage the oppressed from questioning the reasons for their oppression.

Active culture stimulates the imagination, in fact, it is the imagination made manifest. And imagination is mobility. The best nurses or doctors are they who can imagine healing in the place of illness. If people could truly imagine the lives they destroy in war, peace would become a necessity. If people imagine a just society, they begin to create it. To encourage imagination is to encourage involvement, it is to urge people to act in order to turn what they imagine into what they actually experience in their lives.

Cultural work is arming the people with imagination, vigor and the tools of expression.

Jack is a Syracuse activist for change who uses a variety of tools including writing, performance, healing touch, love of the absurd, produce huckstering, and faery magick.

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ANOTHER HOLLYWOOD ROMANCE

I went to see Reds alone; usually I prefer to go to movies by myself. However, I soon saw that Reds was not meant to be seen alone; Reds is a "date" film. Arms entangled; couples crooned to scenes constructed to climax with some development in the Beatty/Keaton romance.

Our economy depends upon the maintenance of the patriarchal nuclear family. The family depends upon a heterosexual support system which exaggerates and polarizes the differences between the sexes. Traditionally, and especially during times of economic and political crisis like the present, Hollywood has obliged our political system with noteworthy tributes to heterosexual romance. Gone with the Wind, Dr. Zhivago, Romeo and Juliet and Reds are just four which had big budgets, were big successes, and are reactionary, heterosexual and homophobic.

Though Reds is purported to be about 1) the life of John Reed, 2) the Russian Revolution, and 3) the so-called struggles of a woman writer, most critics, including myself, agree that mainly it is about a fictitious romance loosely based on documented evidence. But, its primary historical quality is the way in which Beatty takes the same liberties that Hollywood has "historically" taken with all its romance films.

Reds makes me angry because once again we are seduced into believing that we are watching "the way things were"--history. A movie is not life or history. A movie manipulates and constructs its own reality. One man's [sic] fantasy, not John Reed's, not even Warren Beatty's, but the "one man's fantasy" that recurs in every Hollywood film--the Hollywood fantasy.

In periods when our economy, and therefore its ideology, is being shaken, a cultural medium as powerful as film significantly helps to affirm and strengthen weakening bonds. These have traditionally connected the economy to such



things as marriage, the nuclear family, and the patriarchal family structure. Such bonds are a nice metaphor for the arms entangling in the dark movie theater.

Deborah M. Rizzo

REAL LOUISE BRYANT INDEPENDENT FEMINIST

Reds' technique of intercutting notable people talking about the film characters, creating a style of pseudo-documentary, makes the film more accountable for inaccuracies and sexism. Viewers who discount the overt sexism of this film by assuming that women were a negligible force in the Wobblies movement and early days of the American Communist Party should reconsider. It is only in a male version of history that the roles of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Lucy Parsons, Matilda Rabinowitz and others can be ignored.

The character of Louise Bryant is also misrepresented. The real Louise Bryant was an independent, feminist thinker. The film version shows Bryant punish Reed for his political activism, her childish rages contrasted to his inspired behavior. He placates her with flowers for his repeated absences, she says little amidst challenging, revolutionary thinkers and seems unconcerned with any of their causes, and she makes a mockery of her boast of free love. Finally Reed whisks her off to the Russian Revolution and creates her writing career. The real Bryant was independently hired by a press syndicate to report on the revolution.

The lack of women's roles in the film makes the Bryant character all the more significant. Without others to balance her selfishness, manipulateness and immaturity, the film perpetuates the most basic misconceptions of women's contri-

butions. Portraying Reed as heroic might be positive propaganda for the Left, but it is overbalanced by Reds' utter disregard for women and their struggles.

Sari Feldman

CAPITALIZING ON COMMUNISM OKAY

Paramount's Reds is not a film which will endear itself to hard-grained feminists, Communists, Marxists, unionists or, indeed, to purists of any variety. For though its portrayal of Jack Reed and Louise Bryant, of women, revolutionaries and organizers in general, is basically sympathetic, it is also somewhat lacking in depth, probably not entirely accurate, and certainly not totally uncritical. This is, after all, a product of Hollywood.

If its lack of political purity is one of Reds' major weaknesses, however, it may also be one of its greatest strengths. Because it doesn't resort to political demagogery and resists the temptation to deliver simplistic solutions to difficult questions (both personal and political), it emerges as a not-too-threatening, yet generally intellectually honest film which is being seen and discussed by large numbers of "average Americans". Its message (and its implications in our apolitical society) is exciting--for through its sense of history, its exploration of the viability of open relationships, and its basically fair representation of unions, communism and the Russian Revolution, it supports the "radical" notion that the political is personal and vice versa. In Reagan's America, where the average person feels disenfranchised and hopeless that the direction of society can ever change, it is an inspiring film which legitimizes, indeed glories in, the desire for radical social change. If it is regrettable that the public requires a star-studded, extravagantly expensive love story to deliver this message, it would be equally regrettable to allow left elitist criticisms to downplay the value of this important and timely film.

Linda Perlman

There will be an SPC Monday Potluck and discussion of Reds on March 1, see p. 6.

Deborah's letters-to-the-editor have traditionally elicited crank calls and angry mail. See her article on pages 26-27. Sari is a librarian and writer. Linda finally stopped talking and wrote something.

# REDS: THE ROMANCE OF RED REVOLUTION

by Jack Manno

I'm a romantic. I believe in moments when life shivers with a wild intensity. I believe that Moscow snow just has to be whiter than starlight and that there's something exquisite and chilling about red flags billowing above all that white. I believe art and joy, rebelliousness and pathos are resources as valuable as labor and capital. I believe that the difference between what is and the utopias we imagine is the measure of our oppression. And I believe that the workers of the world ought indeed to unite for we have little more to lose than our chains.

Some similar romantic idealism motivated Louise Bryant and John Reed, both of whom aspired to poetry. I loved the movie *Reds*. It inspired just the enthusiasm and caring that emerges from the best writing of Bryant and Reed.

I first read Reed's *Ten Days That Shook the World* as an adolescent in a Catholic High School. I was swept into it like a great adventure story, and I came away from it knowing, contrary to the anti-communist propaganda I'd been "educated" with, that Soviet Russia had a history of bravery, tragedy and commitment to the highest ideals of equality and liberty. This was both shocking and exhilarating. It appeared to me that whatever had sidetracked the Russian revolution was

probably formed of the same stuff that kept many Americans from the rewards promised in their revolution. Revolution is a constant process-- a pursuit of happiness.

I didn't read Louise Bryant's book *Six Red Months in Russia* until after I'd seen the film. Her book is largely anecdotal with brief sketches of scenes she has witnessed, people she has met. She truly believed that if Americans would look at the Russian revolution with unprejudiced eyes that they could only behave reasonably and support the brave Russians in their great struggle. "I wish everyone in America could have seen that army (the Red Army) as I saw it--", she wrote, "all out of step, in odds and

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infinite faith to go out untrained  
and unequipped to meet the  
traditional bullies of Russia...."*

—Louise Bryant

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ends of clothing, with all sorts of old-fashioned fighting implements-- some only armed with spades. If that wish could be granted there would be much more sympathy and much less scorn for the Red Army. It took infinite courage, infinite faith to go out untrained and unequipped to meet the traditional bullies of Russia, the professional fighters, the paid enemies of freedom. All of them expected to die. Suddenly they broke into a wailing, melancholy revolutionary song. I threw discretion to the winds and followed. . . ."

That was her manner, she often threw away discretion and acted. This often got her into trouble. When she returned from Soviet

Russia she toured the country recounting her experiences. In Washington, during her tour, she was arrested with other activists of the Women's Party for burning Woodrow Wilson in effigy after it had become obvious that the president was about to betray the Suffragists he had promised to support.

Despite her faith that America would be reasonable if the people only knew the facts, her country's mainstream ridiculed and dismissed her, and were unable to hear her, appalled as they were by this independent, courageous woman who even refused to take the name of her husband.

When Louise Bryant died in 1936; *Time Magazine*, even then the most vicious of America's subtle propaganda army, chose to write in her obituary that she was "pretty and sharp-witted", that she went from a marriage with Socialist John Reed to a marriage with "Socialite Bullitt", US ambassador to the Soviet Union, that she was "divorced by him in 1930 for personal indignities. Thereafter in constant financial difficulties", etc blah blah. America's reasonableness never overcame its nastiness toward her and others who challenged its rules and its ruling class.

The lives of Louise Bryant and John Reed are inspiring to me; their commitment and courage were of mythic dimensions. We need legends from our radical past, people to serve as models from whose failures and victories we can learn. I hope artists and writers will continue to weave tales from that history, for it is a story rich in drama and romance.

## Books by People Featured in REDS

by Louise Bryant

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Hollywood films major female characters are defined by a series of shots whereby we see closeups of the woman intercut with shots of the major male characters looking at her. Generally, female characters are portrayed by how they look, and male characters are portrayed by what they do.

Men who watch these films can identify with the male character at the center of the narrative while he fights battles, gets that job, struggles to know himself, wins the girl [sic] of his dreams, and becomes a metaphor for all mankind [sic]. Actually, films are custom-made fantasy projections by and for men, and the presence of the male filmmaker is built into every image.

**HOLLYWOOD EMBRACES MISOGYNY**

Hollywood's perfect female image changes about every 3 years; she gets younger. The message is, "young women are good women, old women are not." It is logical that if Hollywood films are male fantasy, then the female image should conform to male pleasure. Male pleasure with regard to women, according to Hollywood, is sexual. So we have lots of young, sexual women replacing older women in the major roles.

The second step in this women hatred is the use of older women as antagonists to the "hero" and his girl [sic]; the matron, spinister, dowager and divorcée are all non-sexual and "too old."

**A FEMINIST AESTHETIC**

In order to dash the Hollywood fantasy, film must challenge its style and ideology. Two major methods for this are: to create films about female experience and fantasy, and to build the presence of the female filmmaker into the image.

The most accessible films about female experience are the many documentaries made by women across the country. These films deny the "male looking/female looked at" dichotomy because they do not satisfy and in fact upset the male fantasy projection. Instead of exhibiting female images for the purpose of a male centered narrative, these female images elicit female identification.

A less accessible film, Celine and Julie go boating, uses a feature, narrative format to deny male fantasy projection. This film depicts a relationship between two women which rejects traditional male interaction. The women interact lovingly and supportively, giving to each other what usu-

ally women give to men. Traditionally, male fantasy has used lesbianism voyeuristically. Celine's and Julie's lesbianism is implied; we don't see erotica. Instead through their closeness we sense that men are obsolete to their happiness. This, most certainly, denies and therefore undermines the male fantasy and male oriented ideology.

Building the presence of the female filmmaker into the image means that point-of-view, characters, subtitles, voice over, camera movement, or any other means suggest that a woman is making the image. A woman, a man or a giraffe could actually be behind the camera. The point here is to build the image so that we can not take for granted that a man is making the film. The female presence in the role of image maker shakes the equilibrium that has formed after decades of man-made films and helps to deny the male fantasy projection.

In conclusion, this mercilessly abridged survey of my interpretation of feminist theory is just an introduction. Next time you pay your \$4+, consider whose fantasy you want to see--yours or Hollywood's.

Suggested Reading:  
Jump Cut Magazine (in Front Room)  
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## LOCAL ORGANIZING

### CANADA/US AGAINST NUCLEAR ARMS

In early December a group of Canadians came to Syracuse to talk about networking on nuclear weapons organizing. They are forming a Canadian coalition for direct action against cruise missile production at Litton Systems Ltd. (outside Toronto.) Those of us from SPC and AFSC who met them were excited by their energy and initiative. We agreed that a Lake Ontario regional conference for people organizing near nuclear weapons facilities would be a big step in the growth of a cross-border coalition. The dates have been set for March 12-14th in Toronto. Contact SPC at 472-5478 or AFSC at 475-4822 if you are interested in going.

A major agenda item of the conference will be to plan events leading up to the United Nations Special Session on Disarmament in June and July of this year. In Upstate Peace Network several ideas have surfaced for how we could organize locally for the Session:

- #1 A March for Peace is now making its way across the US. Toronto is committed to joining the March. It could be brought across NYS on Rtes. 5&20, and south to NYC through the Hudson Valley. This would require a tremendous amount of work, but allow for boundless creativity in educating local communities about the arms race.
- #2 Rallies could be staged at Central NY's own nuclear threats--Griffis Air Force Base and Seneca Army Depot--on the Saturday of June 5th.
- #3 We can make an all out effort to send buses down to a mass rally being planned for NYC on June 12th.
- #4 We can form affinity groups for civil disobedience actions at the UN missions of nuclear countries on 6/14. A taskforce is meeting now in NYC to plan the c.d. actions.

If you or your organization would like to be involved in these actions, please please call SPC or Geoff Navias(315/471-3074.)

Other meetings on peace organizing: the Finger Lakes Alliance, concerned about the Seneca Army Depot, meets on Wed., Feb. 10th, 7:30pm at St. Francis Church in Geneva.

The Upstate Peace Network meets at AFSC, 821 Euclid Ave. in Syracuse on Tues., Feb. 16th, 10am-2pm.

The Cruise Control Project has a state-wide meeting on the same Tues. Feb. 16th, 7:30 pm at SPC.

### WOMEN'S PENTAGON ACTION

The spirit of the Women's Pentagon Action lives on in Syracuse. Local women, some of whom went to the action, have organized a group of women opposed to violence against women. We oppose violence against and exploitation of women in any form including battering, rape, pornography and military violence.

Possible ideas for action include a Take Back the Night march, an education workshop weekend, or a tour of places that exploit women including pornography shops, theatres, and military recruiters. Some of us feel there is a connection between sexism and violence against women and militarism. This is why military recruiters would be included in the tour.

Watch for the publicity for a Take Back the Night march next July sponsored by the Rape Crisis Center.

On Feb. 6 from 12:00-6 there will be a regional gathering in Ithaca of Women's Pentagon Action groups at the Women's Community Bldg. 100 W. Seneca St. For more info. call Karen at 472-5478 or 472-7697.

### NUCLEAR FREEZE GROUP PLANS FOR '82

"The tragedy of life," observes one contemporary social commentator, "is not death but what dies inside us while we live." The threat of nuclear holocaust can either be numbing, immobilizing, or deadening - or it can summon the best energies of the human spirit, the love of life, and responsibility to future generations. The Nuclear Weapon Freeze is a proposal that both the U.S. and the Soviet Union stop the nuclear arms race

The Nuclear Weapon Freeze Cam-

paign of the Central New York, a local coalition, is part of the national Freeze Campaign. The local campaign invites your participation in one or more of the projects to be undertaken in 1982.

- A public hearing on the status of nuclear disaster preparedness in Onondaga County

- A public teach-in on the nuclear arms race, featuring a nationally prominent speaker

- An essay/possibly graphic arts contest for senior high school students on the impact of the nuclear arms race on their lives

- The Human Race to End the Arms Race - a walk, run, stroll, jog, and wheel for all categories of participants (young, old, disabled, athletes, nature lovers, life lovers, and just plain lovers) to educate about the nuclear arms race.

- An arts festival, or significant participation in an arts festival, along the theme of "preserve the arts - freeze the arms race."

- A full page ad in the paper at Easter/Passover time listing names of community people who would like to publicly endorse a freeze on nuclear weaponry around the world.



All these activities are already underway, in various phases of development, and they need the support of local peacemakers. People interested in joining the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign, or in supporting it financially, may contact Marty Bartlett at 458-6266, or may attend a Freeze meeting (it'll warm your heart) the first Tuesday of the month at the First Presbyterian Church, 620 West Genessee St., Syracuse, NY.

# The U.S.'s Hidden Mortuary

I learned a sobering fact on December 28: more than a thousand women and men died homeless, unsheltered and unfed in the U.S. last year. There's a clear reason why this fact is so little known. It is the worst political embarrassment imaginable in the "land of plenty."

A coalition of organizations in the Northeast working on behalf of the homeless held an action on December 28 to dramatize the plight of streetpeople. Hundreds of crosses were planted in front of the White House representing women and men who have been found dead in the streets in the last five years.

A statement issued at the action said: "For tens of thousands, massive cutbacks in human services have erased the fine line between subsistence and annihilation... Believing that you cannot change what you do not understand, and that you cannot understand what you cannot see, today's action represents the first national expression of a growing network of concerned citizens working to address and expose the problem of homelessness and to develop solutions... Let the dead, represented by these crosses, cry out on behalf of those who still cling to life and some semblance of hope."

If you would like to help the work of organizations and homes working locally on the problem of the homeless, call or write Mary Keough, 314 Merriman Ave., Syracuse, NY 13204. 315/476-0048.

- William Sunderlin



Crosses representing homeless people found dead in U.S. streets in the last five years are driven into the ground in front of the White House. The December 28 action, coordinated by the Community for Creative Nonviolence in Washington, D.C., served to dramatize the brutal insensitivity of Reagan's policies.

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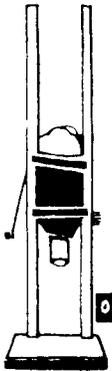
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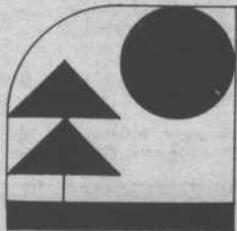
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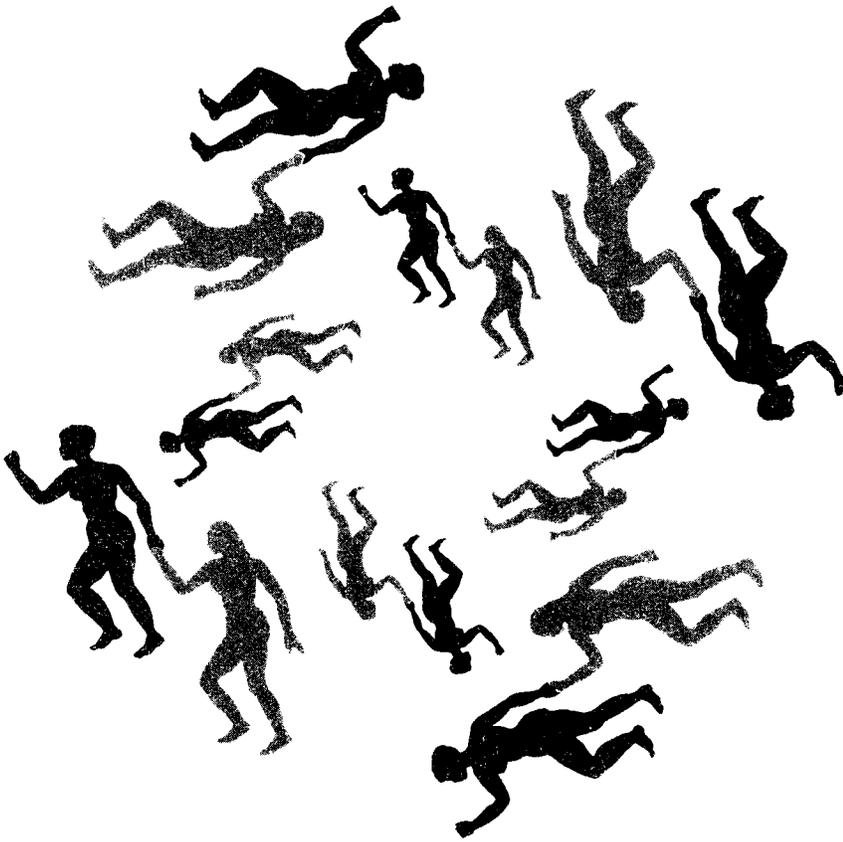
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**Parting Words from William**

Syracuse, New York

I want first of all to thank all of you who have assisted me in my years on staff with love, affection, encouragement, advice and other kinds of support. "Thank you!!"

To be sure, the job has been a difficult one, for reasons that we have brought on ourselves as an organization and as individuals. This is not new, but I think it deserves some reflecting upon.

In recent years, we have often tried to do too much, have often not had a clear sense of our priorities and of how we were going to carry them out. We've often over-reached our grasp, without taking the time to reflect and change directions.

I fervently hope that our new structure, the research on our "goals and priorities", and our new organizational forum, the "council meeting", will go a long way toward dealing with these problems and will restore a more organic relation between the collectives and the membership as a whole.

This goes without saying to many Peace Council people, but there are many who don't realize how much we rely on grassroots involvement, that we really need and want "new faces." Sustained and growing involvement is essential

to the welfare of our three staff people and to the building of our organization and movement. Can there be any doubt that our collective voice needs to become clearer and stronger and that we need to grow? Please come to the council meetings!

I leave happy, knowing it is a healthy change for me and the organization. I join that growing company of ex-staff people who are pursuing different ways to participate in our nonviolent revolution.

Farewell,  
William Sunderlin

**Worried About Nukes**

Syracuse, N.Y.

Today more than other days, I am thoroughly pissed off. Another nuclear accident, so close I could touch it, and they say "Don't worry." I am worried. Not only about radiation leaks and toxic chemical dumps, but about the ever present threat of war... nuclear war. Tonight Reagan is going to come on my boob tube and tell me just a little bit more about why I should worry.

I want to do something to help, and I am looking for direction and information to get started. Thank you.

Denise Raggi

**Chomsky Books at Library**

Syracuse, N.Y.

Readers might like to know that the two volumes by Noam Chomsky reviewed in the Feb. PNL are available through the Onondaga County Public Library. We have them at Petit Branch Library, 105 Victoria Place, Syracuse (off Westcott Street). The titles are: vol. 1, The Washington Connection and Third World Fascism and vol. 2, After the Cataclysm, Postwar Indo-

china and the Construction of Imperial Ideology.

Elyse A. Meltz  
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**Strong Reaction to Cover**

Carboro, NC

Why did you choose to dress Reagan up in women's clothing in your political cartoon entitled "This One's Just Right", the cover cartoon for the February PNL? Why, if not to make him out to look ridiculous, or hint at sissy, as a man in "women's clothing". But I like to see men in skirts and lace and I am angered at your subtle message of homophobia!

Again, why dress Reagan in bows and old-fashioned frills if not to play on the hatred of ugly old women - which is so pervasive in our society? These are women who deserve our respect and love and are instead treated to our scorn and apathy because they do not fit society's standards of youth and beauty and dressing in style. I am even more outraged at your misogyny!

Please do not misunderstand. I agree with your message of the Reagan administration's self-serving hypocrisy in focusing on Poland over the incredibly more brutal repressions in El Salvador and Haiti. But I am sure you do not need to resort to misogyny and homophobia in order to make that message clear.

Virginia Long

The intention of the artist was to portray Reagan as Goldilocks in the Poland cartoon. Perhaps we should have thought of the other less positive interpretations that could be made.

- the Editors



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In the mensus of International Women's Day we celebrate the strength of our international connections with Yolanda's artwork "Women of the Earth United" - soon to be a poster (see p. 5). In a special poetry section local women express their love and rage at what life under the patriarchy means for Third World Women, children, and people everywhere.

Central America is also a PNL focus. We remember the effects of direct intervention in Indochina in Gary's comparison between El Salvador and Vietnam; and Saviz's poem about Chile under brutal dictatorship makes all too real the human costs of government repression. Anne Meisenzahl interprets U.S. moves in Nicaragua and foreign policy in the region.

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## Deadlines

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*The U.S. is becoming a one crop economy: The Military"*

Dave Dellinger



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Designed by Yolanda V. Fundora (now living in Puerto Rico) in honor of International Women's Day, March 8. Production work by Karen Kerney and Dik Cool. It is now available as a 17"x22" two color poster. See page 8.

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# Syracuse Peace Council

## News from the SPC House

The SPC Press finally has a second printer. Laurie Goldman, a newcomer to Syracuse, joins Gary Weinstein. Gary and Butch Lord are finishing the construction of a darkroom for the Press.

Plowing through heavy discussions, the two new steering committees are working to clarify the focus of program work in SPC, as well as the relationships to national and local organizations and to the other SPC collectives (Front Room, Press, PNL and calendar.)

Miracles at SPC! Thanks to regular office volunteers such as Mark Hansel and Jim Creveling, our filing of publications and information is up-to-date for the first time in years. Our resources include magazines and newsletters of every progressive stripe, (we'll print a listing soon) and files such as tax resistance, South Africa, Reaganomics.

Come by SPC on any Monday through Friday, 9 am-5 pm. See for yourself the hot bed of peace work in Central NY, meet new people, and find out how you can put your efforts in to building a just society.

## 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 is supported primarily through contributions, monthly pledges, and fundraising events which reflect our political goals. To be a member one needs simply to contribute to SPC in some way (financial or otherwise) and to agree with the general principles of SPC. Attendance and participation in SPC community events establishes one's sense of membership in the Peace Council.

SPC's major work is done through committees and in coalitions. Four collectives work out of the SPC office: the program staff, the SPC Press, the American Myths Calendar committee, and the Front Room Bookstore. The office is open every weekday, 9AM - 5PM; visitors always welcome.

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New people are always welcome to join any of these activities. Contact the person listed to find out what you can do.

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Glenda Neff, Karen Beetle,  
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## Varied Opinions on Middle East within SPC



As PNL readers may have noticed from the Letters of recent issues, there exists a wide range of perspectives on the Israeli/Arab conflict, and the US' role in the Mid-East. The editorial on Sadat's assassination stimulated such a reaction that a Potluck program drew over 40 people to hear the viewpoints of Judy Bjorkman, Dick Weiskopf, Lou Kriesberg, Ollie Clubb, Ed Kinane and Mairead Connor.

Two weeks earlier Noam Chomsky delivered a talk on the US role in the Middle East since before World War II. Over 150 people listened. His perspective included harsh criticism of Israeli militarism and a chiding of the peace community for avoiding the topic. In the week that followed people began to articulate their feelings about his talk.

There is obviously a need to continue the discussion. We must talk about history, our analysis, and our feelings. Perhaps we can find consensus for political action. We can all agree with Noam Chomsky that the Middle East is an atomic powder keg, and the American peace movement must act, as the AFSC Middle East Peace Project has often exhorted.

Should we have another forum for discussion at an SPC Potluck? SPC people who have thoughts on Chomsky's talk, or on the PNL articles, are encouraged to write Letters to the PNL. Any ideas of how to proceed with this discussion are most welcome. Give the SPC a call.

## Meditations from OM

Organizational Maintenance of the SPC? Is that a nightmare or a vision? The OM committee has met three times. We've set our agenda for the next few months and we're pretty excited about getting alot done.

OM will be dealing with questions like: What new fundraising projects can SPC try? How should the SPC house collectives and committees relate to one another? How can we make volunteer work at SPC as empowering as possible? We'll also be coordinating the fund appeal in April and the SPC Birthday Dinner in May. (Any ideas for a Birthday Dinner speaker?)

OM meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month. We are looking for new members, so please come to one of our meetings if you are interested. If you would like to be on the OM mailing list, and get minutes from our meetings, let us know.

It may seem a nightmare because there is so much to do, but as we deal with these important questions we are helping the Peace Council to flourish and grow. That is the vision.

WOULD SOMEBODY PLEASE EXPLAIN WHAT'S GOING ON?



## The Peace Newsletter Needs Help!

For the past four months the editorial committee has unsuccessfully searched for new members. The problem seems to be that the responsibilities of the committee are too burdensome for anyone but unemployed people. We are willing to change the way the committee operates to accomodate people who cannot give so much time. Call Karen Beetle at SPC(472-5478) to discuss being part of the editorial committee.

We are setting up mailing party teams—people who can be counted on to work at a mailing party every other month. Please consider making this commitment. (Remember, if you are a member of the Real Food Co-op, your work credit can be filled by working at SPC.)

## SPC Council Meeting Sunday, April 4, 1982

place to be announced.

The Council meeting is the place to be if: you are a past or present SPC activist; you are on an SPC committee or representing SPC in community coalitions; you are an SPC member who wants to discuss the priorities of SPC. Agenda includes: further discussion of the focus of SPC work, guidelines for SPC program, reports from present committees and projects, and a discussion of SPC's affiliation with national organizations. Call the office for details on location.

## SPC 1982 Budget

OM will be reviewing and revising the budget every three months.

INCOME		EXPENSE	
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Plowshare	2,000	House	300
OM/P&E events	750	Real Estate tax	450
NVS Films	750	Utilities	1,300
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		Equipment	150
		House Insurance	350
		Transportation	300
		Miscellaneous	400
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Any advice or comments? We are publishing this budget to give people a better idea of SPC operation and what a shoe-string budget we survive on. We make a little bit go a long way, and we're very dependent on member support.



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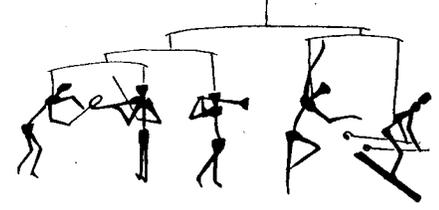
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## March 15 Workshop on Despair and Empowerment

Threat of Nuclear War, poisoning of our Ecosystem, or violent crimes in our communities — each day we see, hear of, and often experience events which lead us to feelings of despair. To cope, one often blocks & denies these feelings. But by recognizing & sharing our feelings with others, we can deal with them in ways that free our positive energy & visions for creative responses to the present global crisis. This is not a discussion; it is a mini-workshop on despair coming from living in the nuclear age. Facilitated by Geoff Navias (471-3074)

## March 22 No Potluck: Msgr. Bruce Kent, Sec. General of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, will be speaking on the European Peace Movement - U.S. Arms Race at 8pm, Our Lady of Solace Church, Salt Springs Road. Call AFSC 475-4822 for info.

## March 29 Laos, An Update: Problems of Reconstruction

An update on Laos by Jacqui Chagnon who has recently completed 3 1/2 years as co-field director of the Laos and Viet Nam Programs for the American Friends Service Committee. Her work focused on post-war reconstruction aid as well as agriculture, medical and educational development assistance. Based in Vientiane, Laos, Ms. Chagnon became particularly concerned about the post-war problems created by unexploded bombs & bomblets, which yearly kill or disable hundreds of Lao farmers and their children. For information call AFSC at 475-4822.

## April 5 Nuclear Freeze: A Peace Council Discussion

SPC endorsed the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign at its inception. Many SPC people have signed the Freeze petition; SPC activists work with the Freeze Coordinating Committee of Central New York. Other SPC activists, however, question the political goals of the Freeze campaign and suggest that the Freeze work may even be counter-productive to the goal of disarmament. This potluck will bring the discussion out in the open and help to clarify the role SPC should play in local Freeze organizing. Information pro and con the Freeze Campaign is available from Glenda at SPC (472-5478).

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On February 13th and 14th six Syracuse activists travelled to Baltimore to take part in the People United's Second Annual Conference on Government Repression and the Klan/Nazis. The theme for this 1982 conference was Origins and Strategies for Opposition. One of the six described her attendance as "an overwhelming educational and spiritual experience. I felt that it was an informational event of a lifetime and that I was being part of history."

People United Against Government Repression and the Klan/Nazis is a "national coalition of individuals and organizations united in a common opposition to government repression, racist violence and government conspiracy with the Ku Klux Klan, neo-Nazi and other right-wing movements."

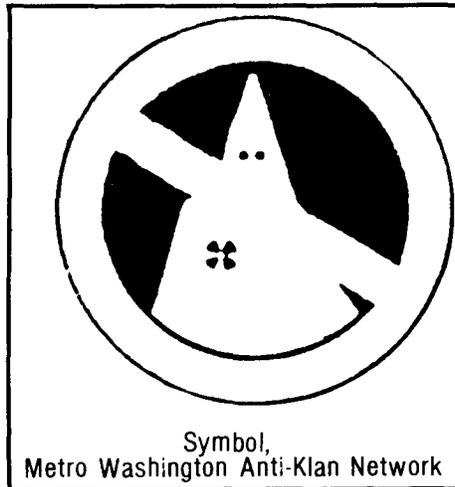
People United was precipitated by the Greensboro massacre of Nov. 3, 1979 in which 18 anti-Klan demonstrators were shot and five killed. The innocent verdicts which followed were nothing less than a "declaration of open season" for far-right forces in the U.S. against not only Blacks and people of color, but any and all progressive and Left people.

Principle ideas emerging from the conference were:

- Although the Klan & Nazis have an independent image, appear as isolated, unconnected groups and exhibit intentions seemingly incompatible with local, state and federal government, none of these are true. The legacy fo Greensboro shows that the Klan/Nazis have a hand in glove relationship. As well, the Klan/Nazis are part of an international fascist network calling itself Odessa 2. Lastly, there is vigorous Klan presence in the U.S. armed services and within state and federal prison guard staff.

- The government consistently refuses to prosecute recognized Klansmen citing "confusion" over jurisdiction. The FBI has initiated Klan chapters in North Carolina.

- The most effective, most urgent strategy for combatting the Klan/Nazis is to unite all progressive, socialist struggles with all anti-racist struggles. Historically the Klan has been



weakest when U.S. socialist movements have been strongest. The tremendous decline of the Klan from a 1923 high of 8-9 million members to a low in the 1930's depression is directly attributable to the rise in labor union militancy and overall worker class consciousness.

"Racism is the bosses' tool" and slogans like it are useful weapons in organizing against the Klan's scapegoating ideology.

- No murderer has been found of the 28 Black children in Atlanta. The murders have, in fact, continued... the press ignores this. The Tallahassee Feminist Women's Health Collective raised the consciousness of the en-

tire conference with their sound condemnation of the Wayne Williams trial. Wearing "Free Wayne Williams" buttons they showed that he is being framed and that the trial has been a means to convince people that the murders have stopped when they have not. Their message, "Continue the green ribbon campaign! Only the people can close the case!"

The 175 conference participants were well-varied racially and politically. The conference chair, a woman named Rene DuBose, was graceful with her power.

A number of working proposals emerged from the conference:

- \*Adopt the NEA (National Education Association)'s Anti-Klan curriculum.

- \*Solidarity with the five Black women recently shot and injured by Klansmen in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

- \*Oppose the Human Life Amendment, the Family Protection Act and all repressive legislation. Form a "New McCarthyism Resource Center".

- \*Establish a national anti-Klan toll-free hotline. Bring the Greensboro case before the United Nations.

- \*Blacks and Jews unite to support African Liberation Day 1982.

- \*People United form a bank of lawyers available for emergencies. Support all political prisoners as Freedom Fighters, not criminals.

- \*Continue work on Greensboro: "As long as the truth is hidden and the murderers are none of us is safe."

The six Syracusans were moved by their participation at the Baltimore conference and want to spread the word. Consider us available for talks, guest lectures, presentations. We have tapes of key speeches made at the conference. Attend the SPC Potluck April 12th and/ or call Gary Weinstein at SPC.

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# The US and Nicaragua: Destablization Efforts in the Front Yard

by Anne Meisenzahl

Surrounded by the turmoil and bloodshed of present-day Central America is a peaceful Nicaragua, a small, agricultural country that has itself emerged from a painful war. For the past two-and-a-half years the young Sandinista government has confronted a great many obstacles in the way to its reconstruction not the least of which has been the concerted efforts of the United States to undermine its successes.

Faced with a \$1.6 billion foreign debt inherited from ex-President Somoza and \$2 billion in war losses and damages, the Sandinistas' tasks on the road to rectifying the injustices of the past are many. Their accomplishments are noteworthy: a five-month literacy campaign involved tens of thousands of volunteers and reduced the illiteracy rate from 50% to 12%. Healthcare also has been a priority--clinics exist in areas that have never seen a doctor; country-wide immunization and clean-up campaigns have received massive support; the infant mortality rate has dropped by one-third. Economically, the average Nicaraguan is better off: workers on state-run farms earn four times the wages they did under Somoza; thousands of formerly landless peasants have received land to grow food. Unemployment has dropped from 40% to 16%.

In spite of these notable changes, the over-all outlook for Nicaragua is somewhat bleak. The kinds of improvements begun in this impoverished nation only scratch the surface of what is needed. The most unfortunate reality is that the government has felt compelled, of late, to alter its priorities -- to divert resources from programs to meet the basic needs of the poor majority in order to focus on developing defensive military power

*Anne went to Nicaragua in December 1981 to learn more about the revolution. She is active with the Rochester Committee on Latin America.*

capable of protecting its revolutionary successes from outside attempts to undermine them.

In a strategic effort which closely parallels its overthrow of Chile's Allende, the United States government has adopted an increasingly hostile stance toward this struggling nation.

The U.S. media paints a portrait of a totalitarian proxy of Cuba and the Soviet Union, that is fast becoming a "superpower of Central America." This campaign of incomplete and false information serves to cover up the real threats by the United States which have led to Nicaragua's current military buildup.

**"If I were a Nicaraguan, I would begin building my bombshelter this very afternoon."**

**Rep. Michael Barnes**

Secretary of State Haig on a number of occasions has overtly threatened the Sandinistas. In October of 1981, joint U.S. and Honduran naval maneuvers simulated a naval blockade. The State Department has announced contingency plans for the invasion of Nicaragua. And Nicaragua has no reason to doubt U.S. intention to intervene; from 1912 to 1933, U.S. Marines occupied the country, installed and trained the notorious National Guard which supported Somoza's dictatorship until close to the end.

Nicaraguans see the United States as employing acts of "economic aggression" against them in its destabilization campaign. \$36.4 million in food aid credits and development assistance funds earmarked for Nicaragua have been withheld; the U.S. recently blocked a \$30 million loan from the Inter-American Development Bank that would have revitalized Nicaragua's

fishing industry. The US Export-Import Bank, which provides loan guarantees for commercial sales to foreign governments, has made major reductions in credits to Nicaragua. Many sources fear that the U.S. will use its influence with the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund to block more loans and deal a serious blow to Nicaragua's economy.

At the same time, the Reagan administration continues to support the private sector organizations in Nicaragua -- in the form of outright grants. One of the main recipients, the Superior Council of Private Enterprise (COSEP) is a prime supporter of the opposition political party. The American Institute of Free Labor Development (AIEFLO) in Nicaragua also receives U.S. assistance -- this organization is notorious for its role in destabilizing the Allende government in Chile, and reportedly has close ties with the CIA.

The direct threat of counter-revolution across the Honduran border colors the daily lives of these Central American people. One hundred fifty Nicaraguans have been killed in border raids by the estimated 2,000 Ex-Somocista National Guard members encamped in the north. The U.S. has recently doubled its aid package to the Honduran military, suspected of aiding the counter-revolutionaries.

In training camps in Florida, up to 1,000 Nicaraguan, Cuban, and other Latin American exiles prepare to infiltrate Nicaragua. Smaller camps in Southern California also operate with the complicity of the U.S. government, though in violation of the 1784 Neutrality Act.

At a time when neighboring El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras bleed in their battle for liberation, what happens to Nicaragua in this post-revolutionary period is of increasing importance. The United States can be expected to tighten its efforts to hurt the new government as long as it remains a symbol of revolutionary victory over imperialism.

## Stained Landscape

*For Ed Griffin who helped me to know  
about Latin America.*

Sputtering threat  
Flies low over our roof.

Terrified mothers  
Put their breasts to open mouths of fear  
And mix bitter milk with their lullabies  
So the saga of struggle  
Will eternalize the epic of blood.

Our yesterdays are stolen  
Our todays are stolen  
Our tomorrows are stolen  
But years are coming.

Our sisters are violated  
Our brothers butchered  
But those perished  
Will not vanish from our angry hearts  
Like stains of blood  
Washed a thousand times from our neighbors' walls.

Empty arenas  
Hide the cry of crowds.  
Smashing the speakers  
Burning the books  
They carve the staves of anger in our throats:  
Songs cannot be stolen.

The amputated hands of Jara  
Will awake continents  
Playing the instruments of every land  
Playing the songs of those  
Who sleep in blood.



Every evening I host a sad guest  
Who talks of brothers I haven't seen -  
Fevered nomad making me avid  
To scour the lands  
Parched for justice.

Dearest friend  
Guest of the whole world  
Unload your pack of questions  
And share your souvenirs of anguished sights.

Your gift still red from the sun  
Will bleed daily  
Wrapped in my newspaper.

Massacre is not inborn in any land  
Death does not walk on its own feet  
But strides on the crutch  
Of northern arms.

The people of the warmth  
Know the source of their crippling  
Those whose skin has felt  
The passage of sun  
Know the steep cost of love.

As I learn the language of love  
I am no more stranger in any land:  
Knowing needs no translation  
Justice penetrates dialect  
Smiles speak  
Tears explain  
Concerns communicate.

Dearest friend  
Discover us in our mirror  
See me rise from the slink of caution  
To the stature of saying-  
For in the mirror of our tomorrow  
Suns will pass holding hands.

So you and I  
Let's sing the outlawed songs  
Let's read the unprinted poems  
Let's hear the silent cries  
Let's reveal the muffled explosions  
The bright sun alerting our eyes  
And know that deceiving clouds  
Are but passing shadows.

*Saviz Shafariz*  
(Soroush)

## The Magnitude of the Silence

Remember the meek prelate who within three years of becoming Archbishop of San Salvador was known as the "voice of the voiceless." Oscar Romero? March 24 marks the second anniversary of his assassination.

Remember Jacobo Timmerman? From another corner of Latin America he kept printing the bad news about state violence until he was whisked away for two and a half years of imprisonment and torture at the hands of the Argentine military. Free to speak again, he is obsessed not so much by the torture but by the silence, "the magnitude of the silence" among the bystanders.

Silence is the quiet partner of the Reagan Administration collaborating with a regime in El Salvador whose repression is massive, unrelenting and barbaric. Church sources have reported more than 12,500 non-combatant deaths for 1981; OXFAM-America has just issued a report discrediting both the plan and the execution of land reform; we are still hearing details about December's massacre (400? 900?) in Morazan; and the junta refuses to talk with the opposition.

## El Salvador Is Now Viet Nam II

"El Salvador is now the Viet Nam of the 1980s." These words were recently issued to the Syracuse media by F.O.C.U.S. (Friends of Central America United in Support) as part of their most recent press conference. We believe that to think otherwise is to deny the advanced state of U.S. military and political involvement. It is also to have forgotten the patterns of both escalation and miscalculation by the U.S. military during Viet Nam.

If a glance at the world map to see that Central America and Indochina are roughly at the same latitude isn't enough to give you historical *deja vu*, consider:

\*In 1954 a State Dep't official said, "We will not allow Viet Nam to become another Korea."

\*State Dep't official Thomas Enders, who is currently claiming both blatant domino theory and foundless Soviet threat in relation to El Salvador, once directed bombing runs over Cambodia. He chaired a panel that met daily to choose bombing targets.

Nevertheless, on January 28, in order to obtain for the junta \$26 million that had been conditionally appropriated by Congress, President Reagan blandly certified that the Salvadoran government had curbed gross human rights violations, had instituted land reform, had brought security forces under control, and had made sincere efforts to negotiate with the opposition as a prelude to free elections.

The enormity of the lie is astonishing. But Mr. Reagan had more. On top of that \$26 million, he now wants to send "by executive authority" an additional \$55 million in arms to El Salvador. Thus is Congress bypassed, its long struggle to impose enlightened conditions reduced to a sideshow.



\*The Huey helicopter, so urgently sought by and relied upon by the junta, is the same counter-insurgency weapon used throughout Viet Nam. The backbone of U.S. military support in both cases, the Huey gives hyper-mobility to an otherwise halfhearted and inert government army.

\*The regionalization of the conflict, again, just as in Indochina. Guatemala is at the point that El Salvador was roughly two years ago. There are at least 100 U.S. advisors in Honduras and Guatemala. In its desperation, the U.S. is seeking the formation of a "peace keeping" force comprised of army personnel from South American countries including Argentina and Paraguay, all of whom support the junta.

\*The congress is deeply divided over continued support for the junta. Several recent fact finding tours by U.S. congresspeople have amounted to a vote of no confidence in Reagan's assurance of improved conditions there.

Not one member of our Congressional delegation has yet (mid-February) joined with 78 Representatives who had co-sponsored House Joint Resolution 399. If passed, HJR 399 would declare the certification null and void. And it would suspend military aid until Congress determined, by joint resolution, that the junta had indeed met the conditions.

Rep. George Wortley told constituents last summer that he favored conditions on aid to El Salvador. However, through parliamentary maneuvers the Foreign Aid Bill was zipped through the floor vote as a package. Mr. Wortley never had the chance to vote on the particulars relating to El Salvador.

Rep. Gary Lee voted the aid package down because he did not want to send billions abroad while billions were slashed from domestic programs. On that basis alone, HJR 399 may appeal to him.

Senators Daniel P. Moynihan and Alfonse D'Amato had not been heard from. If the House makes headway with HJR 399, the Senate may loosen up enough to bring forth a companion bill.

-John Janitz

\* The election facade - much like in Indochina - to create the illusion of democracy. There can be no free elections during a civil war or while opposition candidate's names are on death lists. d'Aubuisson, one of the leading "opponents" claims that napalm is "indispensable" in combatting the guerillas. He has been termed a "pathological killer" by former U.S. ambassador Robert White.

\* Escalation. One of the trigger words in recalling Viet Nam. First military aid, then an increase in that. Then equipment, then unarmed "advisors", then more sophisticated equipment, then an airstrip. Then troops. As we go to press the possibility of armed U.S. troops has not been ruled out. Succinctly put, "El Salvador 1982... how long till the -- body bags?"

Events in El Salvador and Central America are at the boiling point. Developments are occurring so swift as to outdate them before the ink is dry. Stay in touch... commit yourself to the March 27th National Mobilization Against the U.S. War in El Salvador in Washington DC. Call FOCUS today at 471-6677. -Gary Weinstein

*the summer of '82  
broken promises*

crime in the street  
backlash  
anger  
fury  
hopelessness  
rampant  
in the streets  
after years  
of injustice  
inequality  
poor education  
lifeblood  
flowing in the streets  
people gone numb  
living in our  
apathetic nation

should they care  
for a system  
that cares not  
for them?

icy hatred  
fuels the fire  
that burns  
in the streets  
and the prisons  
they too  
can be burnt  
to the ground  
hatred  
and desperation  
pumps the adrenelin  
into a fine icy glaze  
burning  
flames licking  
all the way  
to the soul

by betty jo whiting

una madre  
sembrar  
  
inocencia  
silencioso!

una mujer  
astilla  
  
nina chorras!  
nina Chorras!

yo cir la conon haser eco de su valente pisadas

secoya, fuerte largo  
protectora como el nino  
sobreviviente mamamamamama  
  
madera, toma hoja, cler sangre  
gazapa, sien miedo

crear vida  
como nino  
  
ninaninanina

perseguar muerte  
como coyote

*una mujer valente*

*a brave woman*

a mother  
plants

innocence  
be quiet!

a woman  
splinters

gushing child!  
gushing child!

i hear the canyon echo her brave footstep

redwoods, strong long  
shields like child's  
survival mamamamamama

wood, drink leaf, smell blood  
crouches, fearless

cradles life  
like child

childchildchild

stalks death  
like coyote

by Aleticia Tijerina

**FOR SONCERIA NYATWA, MY CHILD**

I watch you in your serene sleep, my face next to yours.  
The tight curls of your Afro tickle my cheek like brown cotton candy.  
Your innocent baby breath lingers in my nostrils and I cry.

My beautiful black child, sweetinvader of my virgin womb,  
I cry for having burdened you with this thing called life.  
Having given you life, and unable to provide the tools.

I want to breath my blackness into you as I breathed life.  
To shield your tender flesh from the scars of the word nigger.  
To fill your eyes with the sweet beauty of blackness as in mine.  
To spare you, my child, from shedding tears of blood, as did your Mother  
while trying to end the deathsleep of being a negro and awakening  
to the beauty of Blackness.  
I cry, my child, trying to shield you from a world of whiteness.  
I cry, Proud Princess.

Sleep, my baby, while floating in sweet dreams of Blackness.

by Jackie Warren

## MY CHILDREN'S FUTURE...

Black and ominous you lurk there at the end of nine-mile point  
Haunting my two weeks here "away" from my work.

Some days you are hidden by the lake mists,  
But I cannot ignore your presence even then.

Wondering. . . .

- is the lake warmer?
- should I let the kids go in?
- could a meltdown happen while we're here?
- is the air and water full of nuclear garbage?

FURIOUS I see your erect smoke stacks pointing skyward --

Ignoring my right to live in a poison-free world  
my right to see my children grow healthy and strong  
with a hope for their future and children of their  
own if they choose.

my vision of how life should be.

I hate your diabolical, one-sided reality, you monster child of a  
privileged, powerful, blind, earth-raping few!!  
You spring from the same evil "logic" as the draft.

Any woman who has borne children can feel in the depths of her being  
the insanity of the things you see as normal.

by Liz Cool

## Gdansk / 4AM

Language  
swells in my mouth  
rolls  
between my American teeth.

More food  
more food for the starving Polish children.

More light  
more light for the blue Polish eyes.

We sit in a cafe  
talk of hope and courage  
how much is Poland worth?

All the beautiful women  
are leaving the country  
for western marriages  
for the promise of freedom.  
All  
but you.

A scientist  
you splice genes  
matching them like the bands of ribbon on a native skirt  
hoping to create some weird mutation  
called freedom.

You give birth  
a daughter  
a tribute of faith in a country  
that mocks her beauty with blindness.

On the way home we steal roses  
we give them to each other  
to prove that love  
is still legal in this country.

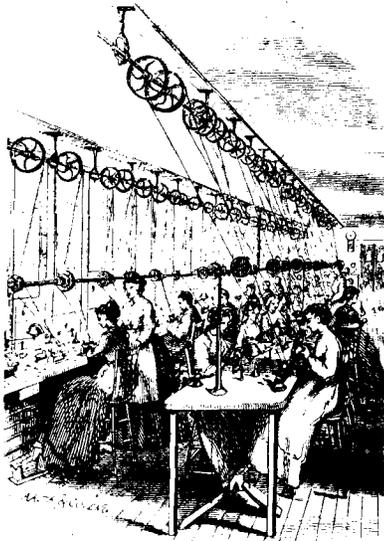
You lay one on the pillow  
near your daughter's fading eyes  
and you tell me  
that sometimes what you sacrifice  
is your own.

by Lillian Slomkowski

## Woman's Pentagon Chant

Holding hands holding ribbons  
women holding hands holding ribbons  
spinning red yellow blue white  
knotting gold green blue red  
women knotting hands holding ribbons  
women a spiderwort weaving  
a big web five-sided knot  
blocking evil a five-sided knot  
containing trapping  
the five-sided evil  
women holding hands holding ribbons  
weaving weaving the five sided knot  
holding scolding blocking  
keeping down keeping in the evil  
women holding hands holding ribbons  
women holding hands holding ribbons

by Jennifer Krebs



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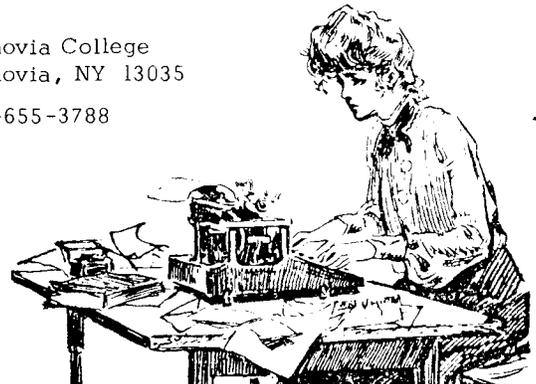
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# What We Need is a Nuclear-Free Europe

by Philip W. Bennett

Is President Reagan's "zero option" proposal a serious move towards European arms reduction or a propaganda ploy? Is it designed to reduce armaments or is it merely intended to counter the widely held impression in Europe and, increasingly, here as well, that it is the current belligerent posture of the U.S. that is the greatest threat to European security?

The "zero option" proposal is the call for the elimination of all land based intermediate range missiles (IRBM's) in Europe. Currently, the USSR has around 555 IRBM's (ss-20's, 4's and 5's); the U.S. and NATO have none; France, whose forces are not under NATO command, has 18. The U.S. plans to deploy 572 such missiles--108 Pershing-II's and 464 ground launch cruise missiles--in 1983. President Reagan's proposal is that the U.S. will withhold the deployment of its 572 new missiles if the Soviets dismantle their 555 already deployed missiles.

The Soviet's initial reaction to the proposal was to reject it as mere propaganda. No one should have been surprised by that reaction: President Brezhnev rejected this proposal during his November 2nd interview with the West German magazine, *Der Spiegel*. How did Brezhnev come to reject a proposal over two weeks before it was made? The answer is simple: there is nothing new in Reagan's proposal.

New or not, why was the Soviets' initial reaction to reject this proposal out of hand? Does this show that the Soviets are not serious about arms control? Does their rejection indicate their true intention, to continue to seek military superiority over the U.S. and its NATO allies? How are those of us who, in the past, have criticized our government for failing to take negotiations seriously to understand the Soviets' immediate rejection when our government finally does make a concrete proposal?

In the speech containing the "zero option" proposal, President Reagan also proposed a new emphasis in strategic arms talks. He suggested that the talks take place under the acronym of START, standing for Strategic Arms Reduction Talks. Now just imagine if prior to START-I (if such talks ever come to pass, as I certainly hope they some day shall) President Reagan proposed that the US and the USSR completely eliminate all of their land based intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBM's). To many, this might be seen as a bold and innovative initiative. Should such a suggestion, were it forthcoming, be hailed as a great step towards peace or as mere idle propaganda?



Win/T. Chalkley

There would be one crucial fact needed to assess such a proposal: how many ICBM's do the two sides have; what percentage of their comparable strategic forces involve ICBM's? And the fact of the matter is this: roughly 21 percent of our strategic nuclear warheads are on our ICBM's, while the Soviets' ICBM's account for a full 79 percent of their strategic warheads. Knowing this, it would be evident that any such proposal would be grossly unfair, one destroying the so-called "balance of power," a phrase used to refer to what should be called the current balance of terror.

And now let us return to President Reagan's "zero option" proposal. It does not apply to strategic weapons of the type I've just been

considering. Its focus is so-called "theatre" nuclear weapons, those, in this case, intended for use in the European theatre. In talking about this "theatre" it is important to remember that while we may be in the audience, the third of the Soviet Union that is west of the Urals, the third containing its major concentration of population and industry, is right up there on the stage along with our European allies.

Specifically, his proposal applies to land based intermediate range missiles, those with a range greater than 1,000 miles. Currently, without the cruise and Pershing-II's, we have approximately 1,800 warheads in the intermediate range on submarines and bombers; the Soviets have 2,000 on bombers and the IRBM's listed above, the ss-20's, etc. As you can see, at the present moment, there is a numerical balance. If the Soviets remove all of their ground launch missiles, that would leave us with a great advantage; without their ss-20's, 4's and 5's, their total would drop to 1,130 warheads. The zero option proposal: serious offer or propaganda smoke-screen?

The pessimistic view of President Reagan's proposal, then, is that it involves a demand that is totally unfair to the Soviets and therefore signals our continued refusal to negotiate seriously. (An examination of the backgrounds of those who will be doing the negotiating strongly supports such a pessimistic reading.)

The optimistic view is that the proposal, though one-sided, is an acknowledgment that the peace movement's work here and abroad is finally bearing some fruit, and that while unsuitable, President Reagan's proposal is a first step.

I want to accept the optimistic view. But what would make me far more optimistic would be proposals that are not limited to particular systems, but a proposal calling for a nuclear free Europe. Now there's a ZERO option proposal we could all greet with great enthusiasm.

Phil is a member of the Ithaca Peace Council. This article originally appeared in the *Ithaca Journal*.

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700 of our Central New York neighbors are signing a full page ad protesting the nuclear arms race. The ad will appear in the Easter/Passover edition of the Syracuse Herald American on April 11.

If you would like to add your name to the list of those opposing nuclear weapons, send your name to Willy Evans, 219 Strathmore Dr., Syracuse 13207 along with a check for \$4 (more if you can, a little less if you need to). Your share should be in by March 17 so the project organizers, the local Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign, can pay for the \$2400 ad and get all names tabulated.

For more info call Sandy or Marion Sanborne, 476-9340.

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THAT GOVERNMENTS HAD BETTER  
GET OUT OF THEIR WAY AND  
LET THEM HAVE IT."**

QUICHT DAVID EISENHOWER, AUGUST, 1954



SPC 1976 Calendar

**Anti-Draft Hunger strike**

A Dutch anti-militarist, Bas Elfrink, gave up his three week long hunger strike on February 13 after winning his struggle to be discharged from military service. This marked the first time a Dutch anti-militarist has received a discharge from military or 'substitute' service.

After having evaded military service for 2 1/2 months, Elfrink sought asylum in a church in the town of Zevenaar on January 22 and went on a hunger strike. Elfrink was arrested when police invaded the church three days later - perhaps the first time in the Netherlands that the church has not been respected as a place of asylum. He was subsequently beaten, and while in prison continuously mistreated.

As a result of the hunger strike and mistreatment, Elfrink was later brought to a penitentiary hospital.



By the time of his release, he had lost 40 pounds.

Like eight others, who are currently serving sentences of 18 months, Bas Elfrink had refused to submit to military service or to submit himself to a commission judging whether he would have to do 'substitute' service. Anti-militaristic groups believe that the release may serve as a precedent for other 'total refusers'. -Frank Scimone, our European correspondent

**Cleaning Up the Muck**

Under the Reagan administration the cleanup of inactive hazardous waste sites in New York State is moving with the speed of an ebbing tide of sludge. Since only eight of the more than 680 hazardous waste sites in the state are covered by the federal 'Superfund' law, it's important that initiative be taken on the state level.

A bill now in the Environmental Conservation Committee of the NYS Assembly would create a 'mini-superfund' to finance the cleanup of such sites in New York State. By it, approximately \$15 million a year would be raised for the fund, principally thru fees paid by companies licensed by the state to store and dispose of hazardous wastes.

We can help push this legislation thru by writing our local assemblypersons and sending copies to Assembly Speaker Fink, Room 932, Legislative Office Building, Albany 12248 and to the Committee Chair, Maurice Hinchey, Room 625, Legislative Office Building, Albany 12248.

**Habeus Corpus For Peltier**

Since American Indian Movement (AIM) leader Leonard Peltier was convicted and given two life sentences for 'aiding and abetting' in the deaths of two FBI agents in the 1975 attack upon a Lakota spiritual encampment on the Pine

Ridge Reservation in North Dakota, he has exhausted all chances for a new trial thru the U.S. 8th Circuit Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court.

However, thru the Freedom of Information Act, thousands of documents were released to the Peltier defense team, many showing that Leonard was long targeted by the federal government for his total resistance to the theft of remaining native lands containing massive deposits of uranium, oil and coal.

A Writ of Habeus Corpus, detailing this evidence, was presented before the U.S. Federal Court at Fargo, North Dakota in mid-February. If the Writ is denied, Leonard's only remaining alternative is to take his case to the International Court of Justice at the Hague in Holland.

For further information, or to arrange for a speaker and slideshow, "Free The People," contact: Leonard Peltier Support Group, c/o Randy Hardy, R.D. 2, Phelps, New York 14532. -Randy Hardy

**David Truong in Prison**

Three years ago antiwar activist David Truong spoke at SPC's 43rd birthday dinner. Recently David returned to upstate New York - but this time he was in handcuffs and leg irons. The Viet Namease patriot has just begun a 15 year sentence at Raybrook federal prison near Lake Placid.

He and his co-defendant, Ronald L. Humphrey, are the Viet Nam War era's only convicted spies. For three and a half years since their trial in 1978 they have sought to have their convictions overturned. Their constitutional rights were violated and evidence against them was obtained illegally, tho with the permission of then President Carter.

Their fate at the hands of the U.S. government is no surprise since our outlaw government continues to be the only country in the world refusing diplomatic relations with the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam and is the only country to have voted against the admission of Viet Nam to the U.N.

It's a good bet David would welcome our letters of affirmation and support now and in the long years to come.

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THREE MILE ISLAND March 28, 1979  
GINNA January 25, 1982  
Three instances where we almost had



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**THE CHINA SYNDROME**  
James Bridges, 1979

Released shortly before the Three Mile Island nuclear accident, it is probably the most prophetic film of our time. Featuring Jane Fonda, Michael Douglas and Jack Lemmon, it dramatically reveals the abuses of power in both the sense of energy as well as authority. A spell-binding thriller in the best sense. Shown in conjunction with the March 28th anniversary of the accident.

"Smashingly effective, very stylish... as topical as this morning's weather report, as bright and shiny and new-looking as the fanciest science-fiction film."  
—Vincent Canby, NY Times

In honor of International Women's Day

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**ROSIE THE RIVETER**

Connie Field, 1980

**UNION MAIDS**

Julia Reichert, James Klein, and Miles Mogulescu, 1976

**ROSIE THE RIVETER** chronicles the great increase in the employment of women during WWII. This inspirational work details the fight of women to keep their jobs after the war's end. The music, editing, and the women's warm strength make this a very memorable work. "Superb", (*Boston Globe*). "Extraordinary", (*NY Times*).

**UNION MAIDS**, about three women who were socialist labor organizers in the 30's, was the "hit" of the 1976 Women's Film Festival. It is a highly moving and entertaining work that contains considerable old footage from 30's labor struggles as well as songs by Pete Seeger. The women are not "stars", they are down home people whose lives, as depicted here, help show that the gains by working people have not come from generous bosses or government but from people's tireless and heroic efforts. Being shown in honor of International Women's Day, March 8.

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**ROSIE THE RIVETER**  
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Even as Reagan's budget demands the escalation of the arms race, grass roots movements for nuclear disarmament are growing throughout the world.

In Upstate N.Y. disarmament work has a long and growing history - from the early ban the bomb/test ban treaties to the G.E./Honeywell campaign of the 60's which developed into the B-1 Bomber campaign of the 1970's.

During recent years disarmament work has built upon that of the "safe energy/stop nuclear power movement".

Disarmament campaigns in Upstate N.Y. have focused on building public awareness by challenging the deployment of the Cruise Missile at Griffiss Air Force Base, education around the Knolls Laboratory by the Albany-based

Knolls Action Project, and the formation of a new coalition to work on the Seneca Army Depot.

The Nuclear Freeze Campaign has gained momentum in many Upstate communities. With the Freeze petition drive wrapping up in some areas, the Upstate NY Nuclear Freeze Campaign was formed as a new organization on February 12, 1982.

During the next few months the Upstate peace movement has the opportunity to make very direct connection between our local disarmament issues and the International Disarmament Movement. Two important projects have presented themselves.

Leaders of the European Disarmament Movement will be making a tour of Upstate N.Y., March 22nd - 24th, sponsored by CALC and AFSC (see ad in calendar).

In May the World Peace March will be joining with an Upstate NY/Toronto walk to the U.N. for the Second Special Session on Disarmament.

### UPSTATE RESISTANCE TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Push is coming to shove but the resistance is standing fast. Upstate Resistance, non-registrants and 17 year-olds making up their minds need your help. We're a little uncomfortable asking, but we need bucks, folks. Anything you can send will be greatly appreciated and well-used. We also need people and we've got a few specific suggestions:

- sign our complicity statement (available at SPC).
- write letters to the editor urging resistance.
- leaflet at high schools.
- be on a phone tree for the actions to respond to prosecutions.
- SEND MONEY to help with our many costs.

If you have any time or money, we can use it! Please contact us.

- Kath Buffington 471-6923
- Karen Beetle 472-5478
- Andy Mager 472-7697

## Pressures that Imperil Peace: military, economic, ecological

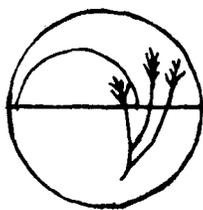
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The World Peace March started in April 1981 from Japan. Over 500 religious leaders and workers of many faiths -from Europe, Asia, the United States, Africa, the Soviet Union, Latin America - gathered for the World Assembly of Religious Workers for General and Nuclear Disarmament. The World Peace March set out from Mt. Kiyosumi in Japan and walked to Hiroshima and Nagasaki. They also undertook three march routes in Europe which converged in Paris on Hiroshima Day, August 6, 1981. These walks were a great encouragement to the Europeans; thousands joined in the walks. And now the steps of the World Peace March are carried through the United States.

From Toronto, Canada a local walk will join at the Peace Bridge with the World Peace March en route from California to the U.N. The Upstate walk will then leave Buffalo during the first week of May - through Rochester during the second week, Syracuse and Utica third week. On to Albany during the fourth week and down to New York City - arriving at the U.N. to attend the International Disarmament Rally June 12th.

The walk will average 15 miles a day, stopping at towns and cities along the way to raise awareness about disarmament and the Second Special Session on Disarmament.

From our experience of organizing the walk last April from Syracuse and Ithaca to Rome N.Y. we know what a massive undertaking the walk is. At the same time this international walk is of great value. The walk will need the help of people and organizations throughout N.Y. The exact route for the walk is dependent in part on the hospitality of the local people and the peace communities. There are many essential levels that people can take part in for the walk - from doing local organizing, offering hospitality for a walker, walking in the march, etc.

The Upstate Peace Network is coordinating the Upstate walk. If you are interested in taking part contact your local peace organization or the:

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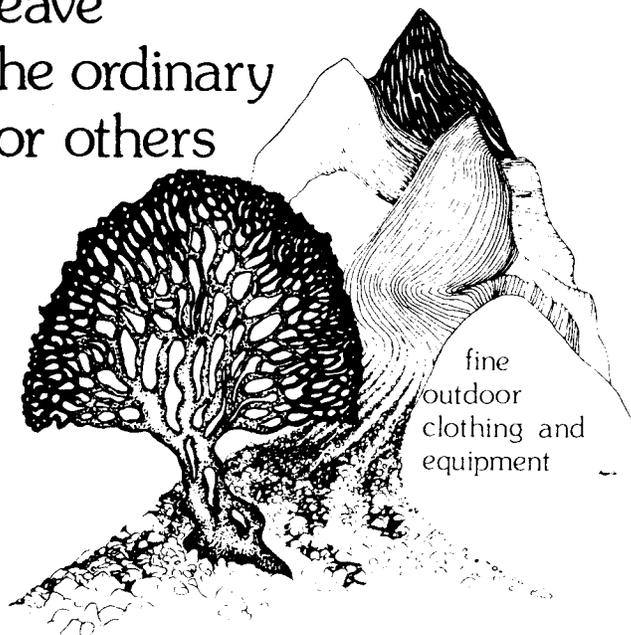
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### DON'T WORRY?

During January's accident at the Ginna nuclear power station, RG&E and NRC officials immediately pulled out their "TMI" scripts and began assuring us that everything was fine. Meanwhile, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the NRC were rushing special emergency teams to the scene, and industry spokespersons were giving contradictory information to different newspeople. Onondaga County had no equipment to measure the radiation that blew this way, and many essential state and local health emergency officials were not notified until hours after the accident occurred. One local official offered a Syracuse woman the consolation that since it was only radioactive steam, "it would evaporate."

The following week there was a spill of radioactive chemicals at the Nine Mile II plant near Oswego. But don't worry, the contaminated workers dusted off their clothes before going home.

Ralph Nader's Critical Mass Energy Journal has released a report documenting over 3,800 mishaps at US nuclear plants in the year 1980 alone, 100 of which could have led to serious accidents.

"Don't Worry" from the nuclear industry is formula, not fact.

### RUBBER STAMP DEPT.

On February 10, the Public Service Commission OK'd continued construction of the Nine Mile II reactor. Two of the seven commissioners dissented, and several of the commissioners expressed dismay with the cost overruns. Since cost overruns are not likely to abate, the PSC may be forced (with our help) to review its decision.

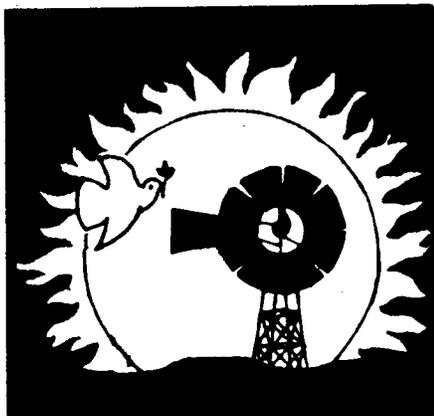
In January, the PSC agreed to let NiMo pass on to consumers the investment that had been sunk into

the cancelled Sterling nuclear plant. Although this will only cost customers 22¢/month for three years, the decision sets a precedent for what will happen if and when we succeed in getting the Nine Mile II and Shoreham plants scrapped. The billions of dollars that have already been wasted on these plants would raise our rates substantially.

Three weeks later, the US Supreme Court ruled in a similar case that an Ohio utility could not pass on the costs of an unfinished plant. The NYS Consumer Protection Board is studying this ruling to see if it can be applied here.

### PSYCHOLOGICAL VICTORY

The effect that restarting the TMI-1 reactor would have on "the psychological health of neighboring residents and on the well-being of surrounding communities" must be assessed before a restart will be allowed. So ruled the US Court of Appeals on January 7, overturning a previous NRC ruling. This delays even further the possible reopening of the plant, while dealing a blow to the whole industry by legally recognizing the importance of psychological factors. This ruling could be of some use here as the fight builds to prevent the restart of the Ginna plant.

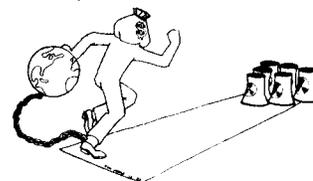


### STATE OF THE ART

Just as 1978 was the year of public recognition of the safety hazards of nuclear power, 1981 may be remembered as the year when the business community recognized the economic disaster of nuclear power. No new reactors were ordered; a

half dozen in construction were cancelled; several others were permanently "mothballed". The NRC granted three new licenses in 1981, one of which (Diablo Canyon) had to be revoked two months later. Feature articles appeared in many major business periodicals and newspapers discussing critically the value of nuclear power as an investment. Credit ratings have dropped for utilities heavily involved in nuclear construction; the Washington Public Power Supply System is nearly bankrupt due to its attempt to build five new plants and the voters in the state passed an antinuclear referendum to prevent WPPSS from floating any more bonds.

We shouldn't be complacent, though. Reagan is pumping more money into nuclear power than anyone before him. Subsidies have kept the nuclear industry alive this long, and will keep it going longer if we allow it.



### COMING UP

\*On March 8, the NRC is expected to rule on whether to begin site preparation for the Clinch River Breeder Reactor.

\*The SHAD alliance is beginning preparations for a major direct action at Shoreham in the spring of '83, the expected date of low power testing for the plant.

\*The NRC will be holding hearings this spring on a Union of Concerned Scientists/ NYPIRG request to shut down the Indian Point Nuclear Plants on the basis of illegal safety hazards and lack of emergency planning.

\*The NYS Legislature will be considering legislation this session to set up a Citizen's Utility Board, an independent, non-governmental advocacy and lobbying group to fight for consumers on utility issues.

In last month's "Peaces", a wrong number was given for the PSC. The correct number is 1-800-522-8707. We apologize for any inconvenience and we urge you to keep contacting the PSC. Stop Nine Mile Two!!

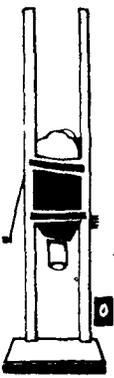
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SPC is still thinking about typesetting part of the PNL and possibly starting up a movement typesetting shop. If you have any leads on how we could get reliable free access to a typesetting machine call Andy at SPC or 472-7697.

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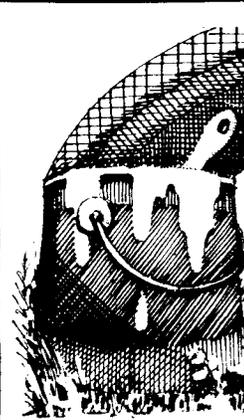
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Are you without resources? New Media Center offers current awareness services in the areas of appropriate technology, intentional communities, and nonviolent action. Bibliographic compilation, government activity-monitoring, issue tracking, document retrieval, and clipping services are available. Representatives of movement groups may write Culture-works, 3550 Pimlico Parkway, Suite 271, Lexington, KY 40502.

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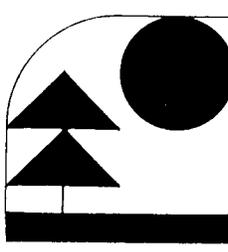
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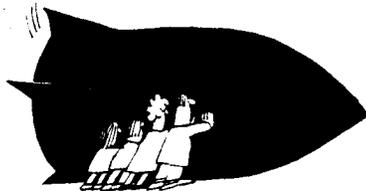
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Brewerton, NY

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Both you and Wm. Sunderlin have indicated to me that you do not consider it necessary to be "fair" in your reporting.

You do not feel it necessary to report the \$36,000 given to L.L.Bean for ecological reasons, although you made a big point of reporting that Bean had contributed \$5,000 to the "save Yankee" project.

Sunderlin also pointed out to me that Leon Gorman, pres. of L.L.Bean, was "on the board of Maine Yankee." That in itself is far from wrong or bad. Mr. Gorman may be the best friend we have on that board. His letter gives me the impression that he is environmentally aware.

You may already have damaged the L.L.Bean Co. and I think that you should give equal space to the other side of the story.

If I cannot count on the whole truth being printed in the PNL I am no longer interested in reading it. I hope you never criticize the commercial press for slanted reporting.

I consider the concealment of a known truth to be the equivalent to a lie.

Murray B. Sweet

A copy of the letter from Mr. Gorman to me is enclosed.

Freeport, Maine

Dear Mr. Sweet,

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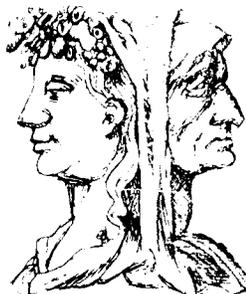
In addition to energy conservation efforts in our own usages, L.L. Bean has recently pledged \$15,000 to Bates College of Lewiston, Maine to help finance a 3,000 gallon solar heated hot water system for their new gymnasium.

We also have pledged \$36,000 to the Maine Audobon Society to completely retro-fit an old house they have purchased for demonstration purposes. All types of energy saving techniques and apparatus, including small space solar units, will be installed.

The Bates College and Maine Audobon projects alone, represent ten times our contribution to Maine Yankee. I think they demonstrate our commitment to support alternative energy development and energy conservation education. We plan to do more

Leon Gorman, president

L.L. Bean



**Defining "Fairness"**

We declined Mr. Sweet's suggestion that we report that L.L. Bean gave \$36,000 to an environmental cause because it simply is not worthy news. While we want to believe that the contribution was well-motivated, we can't help but wonder if it wasn't also meant as a public relations maneuver to buy back the hundreds of customers the company lost by supporting nuclear power.

Is our editorial policy slanted? Extremely. Untruthful and unfair? Hardly.

All news media are ideologically biased, but we are forthright about our bias. We refuse to puff up corporations because with their hefty PR budgets they do a good enough job of it themselves; even their selective philanthropy reaps rich dividends. Further, we know that corporate prosperity generally comes at the expense of the earth and its inhabitants. This perspective helps us achieve what we believe to be a high standard of truth and fairness.

Let's face it -- L.L. Bean is not the folksy, down-home mailorder business it once was, or that it would have us believe it still is. It is a multi-million dollar corporation with an interest lock to, and therefore a stake in, a nuclear utility.

L.L. Bean is in the environment business and so has a stake in protecting the environment. We can see why it might -- thinking in shortsighted and narrowly self-interested terms -- prefer to see nuclear generated energy rather than hydro. This is especially so if hydro has a negative impact on wilderness areas where hunters and campers use L.L. Bean equipment.

Nuclear energy may not have an immediate visible impact on parts of the environment that L.L. Bean finds profitable, but it does damage other vitally important parts of the environment (for example, our genes and those of other species). Its use also runs the risk -- in the event of a meltdown -- of rendering a whole area forever uninhabitable.

The citizen's campaign to shut down Maine Yankee is gearing up again. It's critical because Maine is the first state with a referendum determining whether an already operating nuclear plant will be closed. If the Maine referendum succeeds it may spark similar victories in other states.

What will L.L. Bean's role be this time around? We hope that the number of customers who were angry enough to write L.L. Bean and stop buying from them two years ago will increase. If enough do, L.L. Bean Inc. just might redefine its narrow self-interest; it might finally realize that nuclear energy is beyond comparison with other energy options. It simply should not exist.

Mr. Sweet, we hope you join with other L.L. Bean customers to help bring them around.

W.S. & E.K.

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The April PNL features a special section on militarism. Philip Bennett focuses on strategic nuclear weapons, and the US/USSR nuclear stockpiles. Articles on Survivalism, & Despair and Empowerment look at the challenging question of integrating our personal fears about nuclear war with our visions of life in a better, more human society.

A report on the UN Special Session on Disarmament offers us both an analysis of what can come of the session, and a request to get involved in local activities in conjunction with this call for disarmament.

Upstate Resistance, and the Cruise Missile Action Project are also planning April events that need our support.

Suzanne Burns writes of the frustrations and successes of organizing work in local high schools.

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Mon. & Tues., April 26 & 27 1982

## Deadlines

Space Requests: April 12th  
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"The Pattern of history is quite clear on this point . . . poor people tend to revolt much more than rich people." Robert White (former U.S. ambassador to El Salvador.)



Carlos Dominguez / NACLA

# Peace Newsletter

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## COVER

The artwork on the cover was designed for the PNL by SPC pressperson Laurie Goldman. Our theme, appropriate for the month of April, is tax resistance. The shaded Greek letter omega in the graphic is a symbol of resistance. We invite you to try new and creative ways of resisting the military. For information about a tax day demonstration call SPC.

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# Syracuse Peace Council

## News from the SPC House

The house is literally buzzing with activity, and the buzz seems to get louder all the time. PNL production this week was sandwiched between Bruce Kent's address on Monday (a resounding success) and the El Salvador rally on Saturday. The Program and Evaluation Committee is in high gear getting ready for the Council meeting, and the Organizational Maintenance committee is pulling together a fund appeal and the Birthday Dinner. A glance at the calendar will let you know where any other spare time is going.

This month we had some welcome visits from a few ex-SPCers. Don Salisbury and Michele Arsenault dropped in for an afternoon. Donna Warnock, back East on War Resisters League business, found time to float around Syracuse for several days last week visiting people.

Jim Creveling succeeded in finding a job, and Mark Hansel has left town for several weeks. We already miss the positive energy they added to the atmosphere here. On a more mundane level, their absence leaves a big hole: the filing of publications and mail is already falling behind, and it is very difficult for the few of us here to handle all the phone shifts.

Drop by the office anytime between 9 and 5, Monday to Friday, to help out or just to find out more about the fight for peace and social justice in central New York.

## 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 is supported primarily through contributions, monthly pledges, and fundraising events which reflect our political goals. To be a member one needs simply to contribute to SPC in some way (financial or otherwise) and to agree with the general principles of SPC. Attendance and participation in SPC community events establishes one's sense of membership in the Peace Council.

SPC's major work is done through committees and in coalitions. Four collectives work out of the SPC office: the program staff, the SPC Press, the American Myths Calendar committee, and the Front Room Bookstore. The office is open every weekday, 9AM - 5PM; visitors always welcome.

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New people are always welcome to join any of these activities. Contact the person listed to find out what you can do.

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**SPC Council Meeting**  
**Sunday, April 4, 1982**  
**12:30 - 6:30 pm**

**Harrison Center 1342 Lancaster Ave.**

If you would like to attend the Council meeting, please drop by or call the office (472-5478.) In order to participate fully in the discussion it is important to receive written materials to read and think about before the meeting. Also, we need to have childcare reservations to plan well.

**Tax Resistance**

Since December a group of Syracuseans has investigated the methods, consequences and politics of tax resistance. They are building a support network for the time when decisions are made, each according to her/his conscience about how to assume the responsibility for where their tax money goes.

On Friday, April 2nd, 7:30pm the Tax Resistance Support Group will meet at the Friends Meeting House 821 Euclid Avenue. They will share what they have learned so far. For more information contact Michael Grimm at 469-1682.

SPC has many resources on why tax resistance, including the War Resisters League Guide to War Tax Resistance, available through The Front Room Bookstore.

Tuesday, April 15th is "Tax Day". People from SPC and Upstate Resistance are planning a public action for downtown Syracuse to dramatize the human costs of the military budget, and our support for tax resisters. Call Glenda or Karen at SPC to help create this event.

Quite appropriately to Tax Day, the NYC Labor Theater will perform The Bottom Line, a comedy musical revue about the current economic scene, in Utica on 4/17 and in Syracuse on Sunday, 4/18. SPC is co-sponsoring the performance 4/18 7:30pm in Hutchings Auditorium. Tickets are \$4.50 and available at SPC.

**Projects and Jobs**  
**Needing Warm Bodies:**

Choose your favorite and give us a call:

Syracuse area co-ordination of the Toronto-NY Peace Walk to the United Nations Special Session on Disarmament (see p.17).

Organizing for the June 12th Rally at the U.N. and the civil disobedience actions at the missions of the nuclear nations on June 14th (see p.17).

Would you like to see/hear a Bright Morning Star Concert in Syracuse on June 24th? It depends on workers!

Fund Appeal Mailing Party, Saturday, April 17th all day at SPC. Lunch and good company provided.

SPC Birthday Dinner, May 8th, needs all kinds of help, from cooking to publicity to decorating the hall.

**Organizational Maintenance Committee**  
**Seeks Members**

Call Liam or Carol at SPC 472-5478 to talk about the joys and work of the OM Committee.

**New Printer**  
**at the SPC Press**

When I think of all the things I've learned, forgotten and then learned again since I joined the SPC Press Collective, I marvel that I've been here only a month so far. Gradually I'm becoming less of a menace in the printshop, and soon I should be downright competent!

I've spent most of my life on the west side of Manhattan, where I studied art throughout my high school years. For the past four years, however, I've been studying art in Ithaca and working with various social change groups there.

I love to while away time: drawing, dancing, researching the Spanish Civil War (a longtime pet project), and watching old movies. I'm always eager to try new forms of play!

I'm not much of an organizer or political analyst, and because of this it's been a bit tricky to find my particular niche in the peace movement where I can offer the talents which come to me naturally and make me most happy. I hope that working for the Press will help me mesh my social ideals with that other, almost neurotically aesthetic, part of me. In doing so, I plan to be productive and fulfilled here for a long time to come.

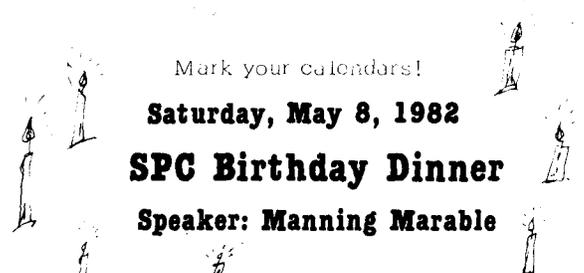
-Laurie Goldman

Mark your calendars!

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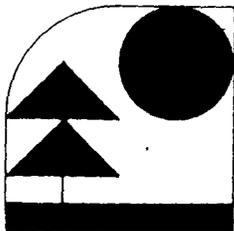
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April 5 **Nuclear Freeze: A Peace Council Discussion**

SPC endorsed the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign at its inception. Many SPC people have signed the Freeze petition; SPC activists work with the Freeze Coordinating Committee of Central New York. Other SPC activists, however, question the political goals of the Freeze campaign and suggest the Freeze work may even be counter-productive to the goal of disarmament. This Potluck will bring the discussion out in the open and help to clarify the role SPC should play in local Freeze organizing. Information on the Freeze Campaign, pro and con, is available from Glenda Neff at SPC (472-5478).

April 12 **Strategizing Against Government Repression, Nazis & Klan**

Six Syracuse activists recently attended a conference in Baltimore entitled "Government Repression & the Klan/Nazis: Origins & Strategies for Opposition." At this Potluck they will report on the outcome of the conference, the principal ideas & proposals that emerged, & will discuss the nature & possibilities for anti-racism work in Syracuse & on the Left. How can Blacks & whites unite locally? Is there a Klan/Nazi threat in Central NY? What government repression should most urgently be opposed? Audio tapes of Manning Marable's address to the conference & Brenda Joiner's expose of the Wayne Williams murder trial in Atlanta will be played. For information, call Gary Weinstein at 472-5478.

April 19 **Anarchism** The social and political theory of Emma Goldman, Sacco & Vanzetti & others. What is it? Why has it always been maligned by other Socialists as well as by Capitalists? Participants in the anarchist study group will make short presentations on various aspects of anarchism. This will be followed by a general discussion of anarchism and its implications for our personal lives and political work. For more information, call Andy at 472-7697.

April 26 **Unraveling the USSR**

What is behind Soviet foreign policy? Is the USSR an imperialist country or a defender of progressive movements internationally? What is life like for the average Soviet citizen & worker? What role does the USSR play in the Nuclear Arms Race: equal partner in terrorism or besieged protagonist? In this Potluck we will scratch the surface of dialog on the USSR. Doubtless an emotional political topic, we ask that participants come with an open mind in looking at these too often neglected major political questions. Slides & visuals from recent visits to the USSR will be shown.

May 3 **Celebrate Spring With A Wildflower Walk**

It's Spring ... It's close to May Day ... Wildflowers abound in Central New York ... Let's have some fun! Dinner as usual at the Friends Meeting House at 6pm, then walk or carpool to the main Comstock Avenue entrance to Oakwood Cemetery at 7 for a Wildflower Identification Walk led by amateur naturalists Marge Rusk and Lois Levitan. Call 478-2998 for more information.

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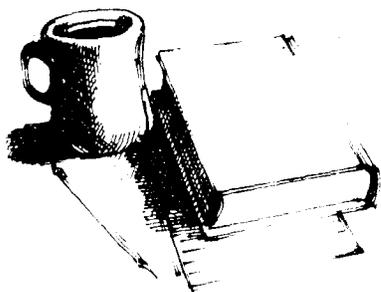


# Organizing in the High Schools

by Suzanne Burns

The average high school is not the easiest place to organize for any issue. It is a world unto itself, firmly rooted in establishment, where sexism and the old double standards still thrive despite past gains by feminists, and where military recruiting is very strong. Right now, young men everywhere are being warned to register for the draft; how many of them hear about any alternatives? High school students do not get much exposure to alternative ideas, and all too often fall into apathy and feelings of powerlessness. Teenagers who want to organize soon find that they don't know a real lot about organizing, don't have a lot of support, that censorship is still practiced, and that they don't have access to funds, printing equipment, and other resources necessary for organizing. "Is there nothing we can do?" they cry out. Well yes, there is. It may be extra hard to get something started in high school, but it's not impossible, as many teenagers in our area are proving. I hope, as a fellow student, that their efforts will lead to more organizing in high schools.

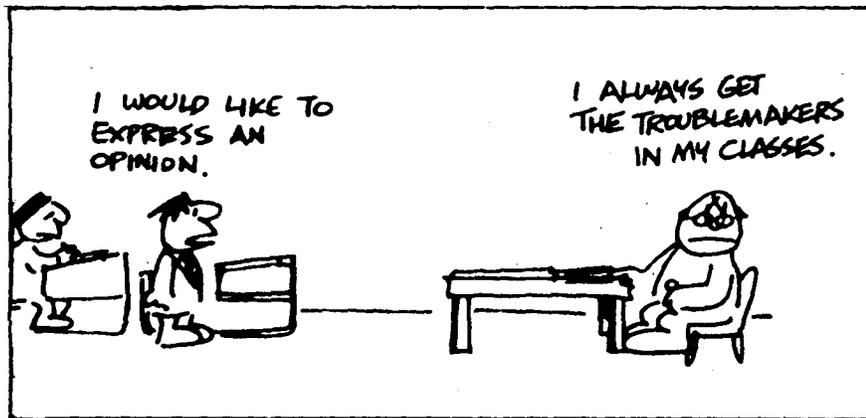
The women's study group at Nottingham High School is now a permanent part of the curriculum, and may possibly extend next year to three other area schools: Fowler, Corcoran, and Henninger. This small group has studied, among other things, the women's movement, women's history, and Native American women. Among their speakers have been Karen Beetle and Andy Mager of the Peace Council. In the near future, they expect to hear from Arcenia London, Ph.D., a professor at Lemoyne College, about women's history.



Suzanne is a student at Bishop Ludden High School. She is active in feminist and anti-draft activities.

The study group began just last year with the combined efforts of Michele Michael and Laura Turney, both now seniors. Michele's advice to students who wish to organize, particularly study groups, is "Get

the ground. "Right now, I'm spreading it around by word of mouth, but we hope to have a meeting soon and get it all started." Sue also has plans to start a newsletter for the NOW chapter.



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a teacher on your side. It makes a really big difference in how seriously you're taken." In her and Laura's case, the first step was to find a teacher to teach the course. Then they started a petition drive to drum up support among the rest of the student body. Most people were very supportive, and they didn't have much trouble with this part. "A few people, though, just couldn't understand why we needed a course geared toward women's history when we already had regular history courses. They couldn't see how women are, for the most part, neglected in these courses," Michele says. The next steps were to take the petitions to the principal for approval, write up a curriculum, take it to guidance for approval, and then submit it to the board of education. Overall, the reaction of the student and faculty has been positive. "But there are a lot of people who think that the whole thing is silly. Some of the faculty really feel threatened and give us some trouble."

Another student at Nottingham, Sue Rogers, also in the study group, is currently trying to start a NOW chapter in her high school, and to set up a booth in her school's hall against militarism. "They already have the Army here recruiting; I think that people should see both sides," she says. Both plans are still in their infant stages, but she is confident that they will get off

Not everyone has immediate success. Paula McConnell, a senior at Cicero High School, had everything all set in putting out an underground paper when she ran into problems and lost her printer. People in the writers' collective began to lose interest and drop out. Apathy was a big problem. "All anyone seems to care about over here is what everybody is wearing," Paula says. For a while she worked on other issues, like the draft, but her thoughts drifted back to the paper. "The main problem was finding someone to print it for us at no cost to ourselves. We just don't have any money." Paula now has arrangements with the Peace Council to print up her paper, and has rounded up another collective of seven writers and editors. The paper, called Steal This Paper, put out by the Subterranean Free Press of North Syracuse High Schools, will go to press in early April. Among its articles will be pieces against the draft and militarism, and a satire on conservative elitism.

There is still much more to be done. I think that what is most necessary in high schools in these times is draft counseling and organizing against sexism. It is never very easy to organize in high schools, but I hope that what is happening at Nottingham and Cicero and other schools will inspire other interested students.

**UNDER FIRE**

On April 4, 1981, the Dakota American Indian Movement established Camp Yellow Thunder in the Black Hills of South Dakota. The goal of the encampment is to build a permanent spiritual and educational community in harmony with the environment in the spiritual homeland of the Sioux.

The camp has asked that the US Government return the 800 acres on which it is located to the Lakota Sioux. (The Sioux, who once roamed through the entire Black Hills, have been squeezed off the land by the US Government acting in the interest of corporations who wish to exploit the natural resources of the area.)

At the present time the government continues to deny their simple request. The Native Americans have made it very clear that they will defend their homeland. If the government moves to evict the camp, as it has threatened, a major confrontation could occur.

The American Friends Service Committee has been working with the camp and is planning to set up a group of campsites encircling Yellow Thunder. People with a strong commitment to non-violent direct action are needed to make this "buffer" zone effective. For more information call Andy 472-7697.



"If you don't like it here in America, why don't you go back where you came from!"

**A VISIT TO THE U.S. ATTORNEY**

Challenging people who are in positions of carrying out oppressive laws and ideas can be a very powerful act. It is an affirmation of our belief in everyone's ability to change.

With this in mind, seven of us went to visit Mr. Lowe (the US Attorney in Syracuse) on the morning of March 4. We began our meeting by going around in a circle and



speaking about why we had come. People spoke of their support for our local public resister, Andy Mager. Andy gave his reasons for refusing to cooperate with Selective Service.

An interesting dialogue followed ranging from nuclear war to the duties of the US Attorney. We asked Mr. Lowe to make a statement in support of draft resistance when he leaves office (May 29, 1982). While he was reluctant to agree to such a step, we felt that our time had been well spent.

We were able to relate with Mr. Lowe in ways which we hope will allow him to explore the issue more fully. He may not come out against prosecution of draft resisters before he leaves office, but hopefully he will have further thought to his own role in bringing about a more peaceful world!

**DANGER: EXTRADITION**

Several bills now pending in Congress would make serious and dangerous alterations to US extradition law. Senate Bills 1639, and 1940, authored by arch-conservative Strom Thurmond, would "modernize" US ex-

tradition law so that in all US extradition treaties (there are now 90) the determination of "political offenses" would reside not in the jurisdiction of the courts, but in the Department of State.

The only arguable reason for turning over the political offense determination to the Secretary of State is that it would allow the executive branch to ignore American law in considering extraditions in the same way that it has often violated constitutional principles in deporting or denying admission to individuals deemed inimical to national security. The Secretary of State may indeed encounter situations in which political dissidents who have taken refuge in this country might be handy bargaining chips to be slammed on the table in return for economic or military concessions from a foreign government.

A new extradition treaty between the US and the Philippines awaits ratification in Congress. The Philippines have already brought subversion charges against 40 Filipinos in the US who actively oppose the Marcos dictatorship. Other politically vulnerable minorities such as Central American and Arabian people will also be used as tools of US foreign policy with even less restraint than now. A national Campaign to Oppose the US-Philippine Extradition Treaty asks us to write the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to demand the rejection of the treaty. To express opposition to changes in the extradition laws, write to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

**Wayne County Deals with Reality at Ginna**

Less than one week after a drill of emergency response procedures at the Ginna Nuclear Plant in Ontario, NY, Rochester Gas and Electric and Wayne County officials got a taste of the "real thing." On January 21st tubing which carries radioactive water ruptured; contaminated steam was vented from the plant twice in an hour (no report yet of what or how much.)

Due to its design and age, the Ginna plant is likely to have more and similar accidents. In a recent letter to the Wayne County Board of Supervisors, members of Action for a Non-nuclear Future evaluate the present emergency response plans. The assumption that an accident is unlikely colors every aspect of the plan: eg in the realities of evacuat-

ing school children, elderly and handicapped and elderly people. During the January drill, sirens failed to sound as planned. (The day of the accident officials decided not to use them; some local residents were not aware the accident was happening.)

Since January 25 Wayne County officials may have acquired a more realistic perspective of the responsibility they shoulder. The Sierra Club has meanwhile filed for an injunction against the reopening of the plant until evacuation plans are revised. The realization grows that there's no such thing as a feasible evacuation plan. To help shut down Ginna for good, contact the Wayne County Lakeshore Alliance, General Delivery, Rose NY 14542, or call 315/587-9787.

# The Sandinistas and the Indians: Left vs. Right?

During the last two months there has been much debate about the way the Miskito Indians have been treated by the Sandinista Government in Nicaragua. There have been basically two points of view expressed on this subject. The opinion put forward by the US government is that the Sandinistas are murdering the native Indians, with no regard for their human rights. (The complete hypocrisy of this position is obvious to all familiar with the Native American genocide in the US.) The alternative to this position has been expressed as complete support of the Sandinista policies: i.e. any violation of human rights on their part is justified due to the possibility that Indian discontent is being manipulated by the CIA and other counter-revolutionary elements.

We would like to present a third viewpoint. In next month's PNL we will be reprinting an article from Akwesatche Notes which strives for a position which recognizes both the legitimate fears of counter-revolution and also the right of the Miskitos to self-determination.

The Miskito Indians are one of several surviving Indian tribes in Nicaragua. The 100,000 Miskitos inhabit the Atlantic Coast region of Nicaragua, near the Honduran border (there are a similar number of Miskitos in Honduras).

The indigenous peoples were involved in the struggle to overthrow the Somoza dictatorship. However, their organization was more a parallel to that of the Sandinistas than a part of it. When the Sandinistas triumphed, the three major native groups (The Miskito, Sumu and Rama) founded a common organization, Misurasata. They hoped

that Misurasata could work with the Sandinistas to secure the long-standing desires of the Indians: remaining on their land, protecting the natural resources in their region, perpetuating their language and culture and allowing them to choose their own forms of organization.

Misurasata soon came into conflict with the Sandinistas. The desires of the Sandinistas for centralized control and economic development differed greatly with the ideas of the Indians.



In February of 1981, many Misurasata leaders were arrested for being separatists. They were soon freed, but the conflict had been brought out into the open. The government began releasing allegations that Steadman Fagoth, a Misurasata leader, was an ex-Somocista. Recent evidence indicates that he is now working with counter-revolutionary groups in Honduras.

Early this year the Sandinistas relocated some of the Indians. They claim to be protecting the Miskitos from being caught in the middle of battles between the Sandinistas and the counter-revolutionaries who are operating out of Honduras. These relocations have led the "humanitarian" U.S. government to cry genocide.

-Andy Margolis

## Nicaragua / El Salvador Legislative Alert

There are now bills in the Senate and the House that - if passed - will have a direct impact on prospects for peace and justice in Latin America.

We can help get those bills passed by calling on our Congresspeople when they return home during their April 7-19 recess. We should stress the vital importance of their supporting such legislation.

Another effective action is to have a letter writing party. Invite friends over, provide paper and stamps, and together each write letters to your congresspeople urging them to support the following bills:

HOUSE: HJR 399 - declares the Reagan certification of

human rights progress in El Salvador null and void and forbids further military aid to El Salvador until human rights conditions are truly improved.

HR 5828 - would amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to stop US support for military or paramilitary operations in Nicaragua.

HCR 293 - opposes destabilization efforts in Nicaragua by the US government.

SENATE: SR 2179 - would amend the War Powers Act to bar use of US troops in El Salvador unless Congress declares war on El Salvador or US citizens are attacked by its government.

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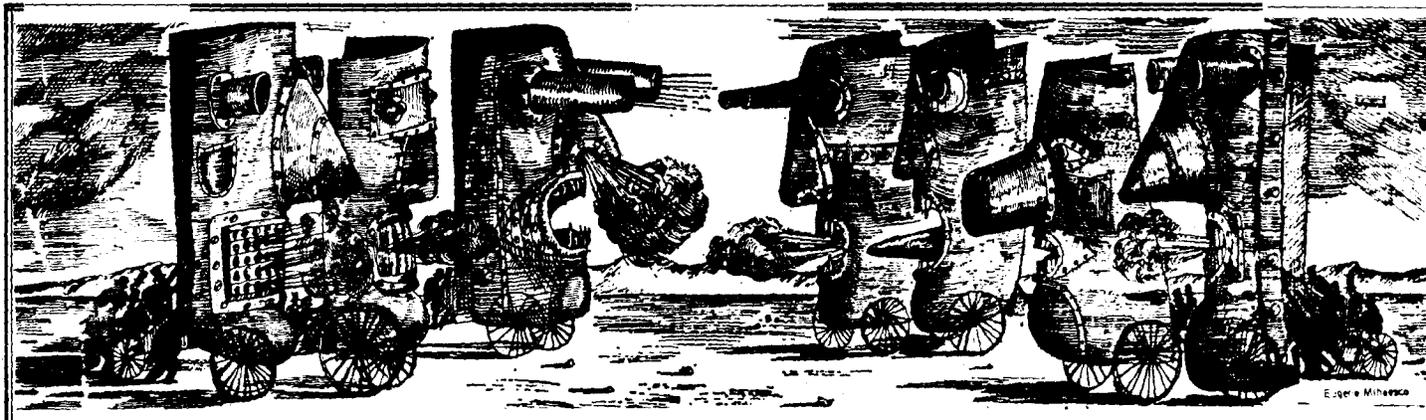
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## A Reader's Guide to Strategic Nuclear Weapons

by Philip W. Bennett

The arms race has a language all its own. Sometimes the technical terms shroud the whole business in mystery and feed our tendency to ignore what is -- when you allow yourself to think about it -- the most important issue in all our lives: the constant threat of nuclear holocaust.

Nuclear weapons are sometimes divided into three types -- strategic, theater, and tactical. This distinction rests on the distance that can be covered by the missile or aircraft that gets the weapon, the warhead or bomb, from here to there.

Strategic nuclear weapons are those delivered by systems capable of the greatest distance. The delivery systems are either aircraft that are intercontinental in range, or they are missiles (either ground launched or submarine launched) capable of hitting targets deep inside the territory of the adversary.

Tactical nuclear weapons are for battlefield use; they have comparatively low 'yields' (see below) and are delivered via short range systems. Theater nuclear weapons are for a limited 'theater' of operations, like Europe or the Middle East. Their delivery systems, while greater in range than tactical ones, do not have the range of strategic delivery systems.

ICBM stands for intercontinental ballistic missile. ICBM's are stored in underground silos that are 'hardened', that is, reinforced with con-

crete to withstand the blast of an enemy warhead. Our ICBM's are mainly Minuteman missiles; the proposed MX is an ICBM; the Soviet's SS-16 is an ICBM.

SLBM: Missiles may also be launched from beneath the sea; Submarine Launched Ballistic Missiles.

tons of TNT. This is the size of the bomb dropped on Hiroshima. That single bomb killed over 200,000 people.

Most strategic weapons have a yield between 300 KT and 1 MT (one megaton, or one million tons of TNT). Each of the three warheads on the

### THE NUMBERS GAME: STRATEGIC FORCES\*

USA			USSR	
2200	1050	ICBM's	1400	
	41	warheads on ICBM's		3600
	600	submarines	62	
5500		SLBM's	950	
	350	warheads on SLBM's		1500
2600		bombers	150	
		warheads on bombers		300
10,300		TOTAL WARHEADS		7,400

\*Source: ... War and Peace, SPC, p. 13.

MIRV: Multiple Independently Targeted Re-entry Vehicle. A single missile may carry one or more separate warheads. When it has a number of warheads that can be directed to independent targets, it is said to be MIRV'ed. Our Minuteman III is MIRV'ed-3: each missile carries three independently targeted warheads. Our basic SLBM, the Poseidon, is MIRV'ed-10; the MX will be MIRV'ed-10.

The yield of a warhead refers to its destructive force. A warhead having a yield of 13 kilotons (13 KT) has a destructive force equal to 13 thousand

Minuteman III has a yield of 300 which is about 27 times as powerful as the bomb dropped on Hiroshima. However, now there are single nuclear weapons that are as large as 2 MT -- or ten times as powerful as all the bombs dropped in WWII.

Strategic nuclear weapons are employed in three ways: on land, ICBM's; at sea, in SLBM's; and in the air, via intercontinental bombers. Both the US and the USSR deploy strategic warheads in this way, the two 'triads' are not at all equivalent.

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# Despair and Empowerment:

by Geoff Navias

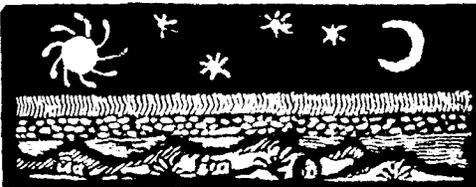
Quotes from Joanna Macy

One evening in the fall of 1974 I was babysitting two children. Christena woke from a terrible dream. Frantically she told me of a playground full with children. A plane overhead. In slow motion the scene blows up. She has to get home to her parents. Through the piles of children's skeletons she climbs. She has to get home. Out of the playground. Running. The world is empty. Her home is ablaze. There are no people. She cries out.

In my arms, tear-drenched she begs me to tell her that the world won't ever blow up. For an eternal split second we stare into each others eyes. I tell her how much I love her and we cry together, clinging.

That night I walked around the streets of Rochester. Alone with my pain I recalled for the first time my father's angry responses to my questions about bomb shelters. What do you tell the children? For the first time in the history of human beings we have lost the certainty of a future for the children.

*"Our time bombards us with signals of distress--of ecological destruction, waning resources, social breakdown and uncontrolled nuclear proliferation. Activists, who would arouse us to the fact that our survival is at stake, decry public apathy. The cause of this apathy, I suggest, is not mere indifference. It derives also from dread. It stems from a fear of confronting the despair that lurks subliminally beneath the tenor of life-as-usual. A dread of what is happening to our future moves there on the fringes of awareness, too deep for most of us to name, too tearful to face... But it is rarely acknowledged or expressed directly. Because of social taboos against despair and because of fear of pain, it is kept at bay."*



I was born at home, in a weather-worn dwelling, in the small mining town of Leadville Colorado; two miles above sea level the view from Leadville spreads below like an aerial photograph.

*Geoffrey Navias is part of a growing network of people working on despair and empowerment. For more information write to Geoff, at 320 Greenwood Place, Syracuse, NY 13210 or call (315) 471-3074.*

## Living in the Nuclear Age

Born ten years after the Uranium bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, I can not recall when I first learned of nuclear weapons. I now can remember the first time I learned not to ask too many questions about them...My elementary school had a bomb shelter. Rushing home from school, I tried talking with my father about bomb shelters--only to be met with short, terse answers. From my mother I learned that my Grandfather, employed at G.E. during WWII, had worked on the research and development of the casing which contained the Hiroshima bomb. I don't believe anyone said, but I understood this was a topic that was not to be talked about.

At age 7, the Cuban Missile Crisis came and went, leaving behind it the taste of a not-quite-remembered bad dream and the pomp and pride of a national victory. Years later it is my age group which started the modern trend of being labeled with the word apathy.

In our species, which is starting to view itself as doomed, there is pain. How do we cope?



With the taboo against feeling despair, one survives by blocking feelings and numbing the psyche. Denial of the extent of the planetary crisis, denial of grief, denial of the ability to cope with despair leads us to attending to "business as usual."

"...the fear of despair can erect an invisible screen, selectively filtering out anxiety-provoking data. In a world where organisms require feedback in order to adapt and change this is suicide."

Of course these feelings of pain and grief, come from real caring and compassion, felt for the life of a planet on the brink of extinction.

When individuals and societies block the pain and deny our despair, we also block our ability to be intouch with our caring. The resulting feelings of isolation, dread and denial become translated as apathy. Denial masquerades as hope. Anybody who breaks this taboo, admitting to feelings of despair about the state of our world is looked on as morbid, giving up, bringing on the end.

During the last few years diverse groups of people have gathered, intentionally sharing their feelings of anguish. Through the telling of each of our nuclear stories we start to gain a sense of our collective story/history. Through Despair and Empowerment Workshops, we have started to learn how to help each other...learning from our feelings...how to live without going numb or crazy.



*"The first step in despair-work is to disabuse oneself of the notion that grief for our world is morbid. This pain, far from being crazy, is rather a testimony to the unity of life, the deep interconnections that relate us to all beings."*

*The second requirement in despair-work is to permit ourselves to feel. We can allow the griefs and apprehensions that are within us to surface to consciousness. We cannot experience them without pain, but it is a healthy pain--like the kind we feel when we walk on a leg that has gone asleep and the circulation starts to move again. It gives evidence that the tissue is still alive."*

*In letting go of old defenses new strengths are found. They are also found in community. In the synergy of sharing comes power. This is true in the sharing of most deep feelings and perhaps particularly so in the case of social despair, rooted, as it is, in our sense of interconnectedness with others. Despair-work, therefore, is not a solo venture, no matter how alone one may feel. It is a process undertaken within the context of community."*

Empowerment comes through this process of opening ourselves. Opening to our grief, making room for our caring and compassion; opening to being connected to others who are struggling with their feelings of despair.

Human beings everywhere are struggling to cope, whether through denial or activism, psychic numbing or "giving up on the human race," we are all in a process of struggling with feelings of dread and anguish.

Of course this collective despair and individual pain will not vanish... its cause still exists, we are part of a planet which is on the brink. Nuclear war and the breakdown of the biosphere do indeed loom overhead. But now for almost the first time in my life, I am starting to allow myself to really be intouch with how much I care.

# Militarism

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As the chart shows, the US 'leads' the USSR in strategic warheads, 3 to 2. Also, the US' triad is far better balanced than the Soviets'; we have roughly 65% of our warheads on our submarines, 16% on our ICBM's and 25% on our B-52 bombers. By contrast, 79% of the Soviet warheads are on their ICBM's.

However this kind of numbers game leaves out important facts. Of the 62 Soviet submarines, only 15% are in service at any given time; by contrast, 75% of our subs are in the water at all times. The Soviet bombers are ancient; most are not jets; in fact, the latest SIPRI Yearbook (*World Armaments and Disarmament*, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, London, 1980) simply ignores the Soviet bombers in its analysis.

We have more strategic warheads than the Soviets. However their warheads tend to be larger, to compensate for being less accurate. The Soviets have roughly 4500 MT's total yield, while we have 'only' 3200 MT's. (I remind you that MT stands for a million tons of TNT equi-

valence!) Their greater size is seen as balancing our greater numbers and most experts hold that currently there exists parity between the two super-powers, on the strategic armament level.

While the US and USSR together stockpile most of the nuclear warheads in existence, other countries besides the two super-powers have nuclear weapons, and every nuclear weapon not in the USSR is targetted on the USSR.

The chart counts only strategic nuclear warheads. But what about theater nuclear warheads for use in Europe? Here the US is safely out in the audience while the Soviets, with a third of their nation in Europe west of the Urals, is right on stage.

When you realize that a 100 KT warhead on a missile launched from N. Dakota does no more damage than a 100 KT bomb dropped by an F-111 bomber stationed in Great Britain, you can see that the strategic-theater distinction is quite artificial, especially from the Soviet's point of view.

Furthermore, an ICBM, a strategic weapon, launched from N. Dakota

takes close to 30 minutes to reach Moscow. The Pershing II is the theater missile we plan to deploy in West Germany in 1983, depending on talks currently taking place in Geneva. It can reach Moscow in five minutes. That it is merely a theater weapon would seem little consolation when you are on the receiving end.

In 1968 then Secretary of Defense McNamara demonstrated that between 200 and 400 nuclear warheads would be enough to destroy 75% of Soviet industry and between 30 and 40% of their population. The same number would have similar effects on the US, except that it would probably lead to more deaths, due to the smaller size of our country and the greater concentration of our population in urban centers.

200 to 400 warheads. And now we have over 10,000, and the Soviets, constantly attempting to keep up with us, over 7,000. (This, I remind you, is counting only strategic nuclear warheads.) To what end? For what purpose? And we continue to build more and plan whole new systems. Something is radically wrong with all this.

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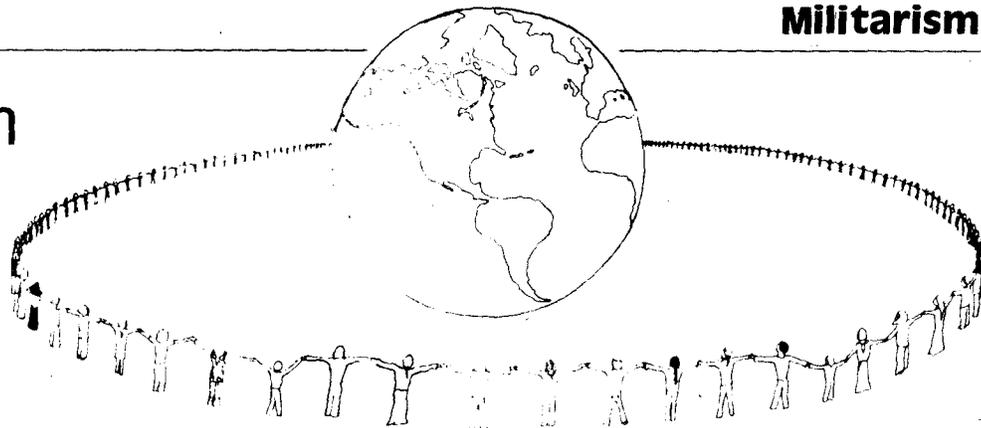
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# Some Thoughts on Survivalism

by William Sunderlin



*Survivalism is a spiritual disease that has become a movement in this country. I offer these thoughts about it because I think it is subtly undermining the movement to eliminate the threat of nuclear warfare. I hope these words reach people who are, or are thinking about becoming, survivalists, in the hope that they reconsider their actions.*

Survivalism takes many forms, but I wish to talk here about the people who are preparing to survive a nuclear war. These people believe that certain areas of the country are unlikely targets for a nuclear bomb, and that adequate preparation, with housing in that location, with certain kinds of provisions, hardware, and training, the chances of surviving are high. A mini-industry has developed to profit from this new sub-culture. Survivalist magazines tell you about the latest line of freeze-dried foods, radiation monitors, guns and ammunition; they carry articles on the latest theory showing why we won't all die in the event of a nuclear holocaust. There's been an upsurge in the bomb-shelter business. Store and mail-order businesses offering survival paraphernalia are beginning to bloom.

Survivalism has taken one giant step forward and several giant steps backward in coming to terms with the threat of nuclear weapons. Survivalists have overcome what is known as "psychic numbing" -- i.e.: the tendency to block from conscious thought the reality of nuclear holocaust, in order to get on with the task of day-to-day living. But rather than putting this awakened consciousness to good use by working to eliminate the threat, survivalists seek only survival beyond armageddon.

This type of response to the arms race is a logical outgrowth of the prevalent values in American society. Survivalism is individualistic and

competitive.\* Adherents of the movement are victims of the illusion that people are powerless to effect fundamental social change. They are also victims of the deeply inculcated myth that there is a technical, marketable solution to all problems, even nuclear warfare.

The saddest insinuation of the survivalist mentality is that the world as presently constituted is not worth saving. We hear from some quarters of the movement that perhaps it would be good if human civilization started from scratch, what with overpopulation, crime, poverty, hunger, and the promise of a mad scramble for what is left of the earth's bounty.

Survivalist mentality is an extreme symptom of the ecology-denying pathology that afflicts people in the industrial world. How could we possibly hope or even want to live in a world that has been saturated by radioactive poisons from a nuclear war? When will we understand that all life on this planet is interconnected in a delicate balance, and that radioactivity, in much smaller amounts than we can imagine, can permanently destroy the links in the chain of life?

I do not want to pose the survivalism issue as a "we-they" problem. We would not be human if we didn't all, knowing the danger, conjure fantasies of how we will escape death from nuclear warfare. But I'm aware that how we act in response to our fears has repercussions on how other people act. The very existence of a survivalist movement in the public consciousness (with obliging assistance from the media) helps build it. Frightened people,

*\* One of the reasons for weaponry in survivalist preparations is to defend your food and water supply against would-be survivors.*

skeptical of being able to challenge the nuclear menace, don't want to lose out in the search for their invulnerable survivalist acre. My own morale as a peace activist has been badly bruised, knowing that friends and acquaintances in the community are becoming survivalists.

Survivalism undermines hope, and we need all the hope we can reasonably muster. Survivalism is a negation of the spirit of community and collective action, which I see as the only hope against nuclear madness.

If you are someone who is as in touch with your fears about nuclear warfare as you ought to be, and you are not involved in the peace movement, I ask you to do these things:

- 1) Get in touch with your local peace group and talk about your fears and what can be done. Face it. You have nothing to lose but your isolation.
- 2) Explore the rich but unknown history of accomplishments in the nonviolence movement. A good place to start is The Power of the People - Active Nonviolence in the United States. (Cooney and Michalowski -- available at The Front Room bookstore.)
- 3) Overcome the powerlessness myth ("I'm just one person. What can I do?") We need all the people we can get, and that means you!

We face a formidable task, but it should comfort us that concern and anger about nuclear madness is growing day by day. Millions of people turned out in Europe last year to speak out; the same can happen here.

As the saying goes, 'To avoid the unimaginable, we must attempt the impossible.' We really have no choice. Please join the struggle.

*William feels it's crucial to nurture seeds of hope in social change work.*

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# Actions Focus on U.N.

The United Nations Second Special Session on Disarmament (SSD2) will take place this June in NYC. Representatives from most of the 156 member nations will attend the session, which will be accompanied by disarmament demonstrations around the world.

What can we expect from the UN? Is SSD2 a healthy focus for the disarmament movement? Rapidly growing movements tend to grasp for panaceas, so it is essential that we deal with these critical questions.

The first session (SSD1) in 1978 resulted in a 129 paragraph "Final Document", which to date has not been implemented. The only substantive agreement to follow it was a convention on "inhumane" conventional weapons, which the United States did not sign.

The prospects for SSD2 are dim. According to Homer Jack, of the UN NGO Committee on Disarmament the international climate will have to change appreciably for SSD2 to be a success. Even if the session produces a more thorough document than its predecessor, there is still no guarantee that it will be acted upon.

There are, however, important reasons to support the SSD2. If the UN is not a decisionmaking body, it does provide a unique forum for international discussion. While the superpowers are insisting on strictly bilateral talks, it is the non-aligned nations who have called the SSD. The UN is the place where these nations, who will also be victims of a nuclear war, can address what is clearly a multilateral issue. This deserves all the support we can muster.

The time is right for SSD2. Concern about nuclear war is spreading rapidly. An official international outcry paired with massive public protest may help the nuclear nations to recognize the suicidal direction of their policies.

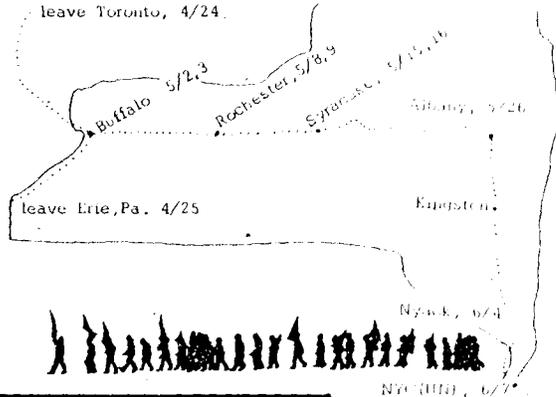
We must proceed cautiously, though. Are we implicitly lending credence to the illusion that the UN is a real source of power for non-aligned nations and has some control over the major powers? If the UN is a dead end, are we not promoting false hopes by organizing around it? Illusions and false hopes are never the basis for sound organizing. We must approach the UN Special Session with our eyes wide open.

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April 24 - June 7, 1982

In May, this leg of the World Peace March (which started in San Francisco in October) will be coming through central New York. Walking will be Americans, Japanese, Canadians, and people from native American and other nations. We will walk past nuclear facilities, underground railroad sites, native American nations, wildlife refuges, historic places from the Women's Movement, and many other sites, clearly drawing the connections between the nuclear threat and all other forms of oppression. Join us for a day, a week or a month, as we bring our message of life through NY.

Organizing a walk like this takes a lot of work and we need all the help we can get. We need people to help with housing, food, transportation, organizing local events, publicity, fundraising, the works! We need help now, in May, and afterwards. Please contact us soon!



Statewide coordination: Upstate Peace Network, c/o AFSC, 821 Euclid Ave. Syracuse. 13210. (Or phone Virden at 315-475-4822, or Geoff at 315-471-3074.)  
 Syracuse regional coordination: Corinne Kinane, 315-422-1659

## Rally at Special Session Saturday, June 12, 1982

Last October 300,000 Germans rallied in Bonn to protest the nuclear arms race; 400,000 demonstrated in Amsterdam; 500,000 in Rome. Throughout Europe people are awakening to the threat of nuclear devastation.

June 12th at the United Nations Special Session on Disarmament we will have the chance to add our voices; as citizens of the country which leads the arms race, we say Stop! If you can help organize in the Syracuse area (filling buses, reaching out to other organizations, publicizing the Special Session and the Rally) call Glenda at the SPC office 472-5478.



## Civil Disobedience at U.N. Missions

Monday, June 14, 1982

The Civil Disobedience Campaign has been meeting for the past several months to plan civil disobedience actions during the UN Special Session on Disarmament. The planning for the "Blockade the Bombmakers" actions at the UN missions of the nuclear nations is well under way. We will soon have the handbook and a more detailed scenario for the actions. It is time to begin forming Syracuse affinity groups for the action. We need a person experienced in non-violence action to attend one of the training-for-trainers workshops. Support people and those willing to take part in the civil disobedience are welcomed. Interest call Karen at SPC 472-5478 or Andy at 472-7697.

# Peace Fund Established for Nuclear Employees

*The following is a press release by Bishop Leroy Matthiesen of the Diocese of Amarillo, Texas.*

I am happy to announce the establishment of a special "SOLIDARITY PEACE FUND." This fund will be used as a contingency fund by employees of Pantex Plant in Amarillo, Texas, who in conscience resign from such activities as the production, assembling and stockpiling of nuclear weapons and seek work in peaceful pursuits. The fund will be used to assist the employees during the period of unemployment until they find new suitable work. The Oblate priests and brothers of the Central Province have invested \$10,000 and legally established in Amarillo a special "Solidarity Peace Fund" to be administered by the Diocese of Amarillo. An Administrative Board will be responsible for the distribution of the funds as requests are received and proper need is established.

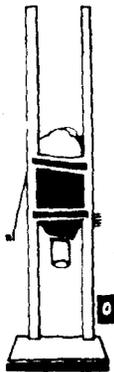
I have chosen to make this announcement in Omaha, Nebraska, because this is the home and headquarters of the Strategic Air Command

(SAC) where U.S. nuclear weapons are targeted. I visited Fr. Larry Rosebaugh, OMI, when he was incarcerated in Amarillo for participating in the "parayerful pilgrimage" on February 10, 1981, at the Pantex Plant along with five others. I came away deeply impressed. After talking with him and others, I felt it was time that the Bishop of Amarillo should speak out. I urge individuals involved in the production and stockpiling of nuclear bombs to consider what they are doing, to resign from such activities, and to seek employment in peaceful pursuits. The major Papal texts for the last 20 years call for a comprehensive and constructive approach to the question of war and peace. We are summoned to a positive theology of Peace. This is surely implied in Vatican II's mandate to evaluate war with an entirely new attitude. We must find ways to call the Christian community to be a sign and source of peace in our society. By living in one of the nuclear superpowers we are called to a

specific form of witness. The very created order is threatened by nuclear war. We who believe that we are stewards of life and creation, not its masters, must use all the religious and moral vision we have to prevent a threat to what God has created, what we could destroy but never recreate.

In establishing this "Solidarity Peace Fund", I would like to encourage all people, especially Major Superiors of Men and Women across the U.S., as well as private groups and individuals to contribute to this newly established fund and/or create funds in other areas surrounding nuclear plants and facilities where workers will be troubled in conscience by contributing to what Pope Paul VI termed: "mankind's (sic) preparation for its demise."

For more information:  
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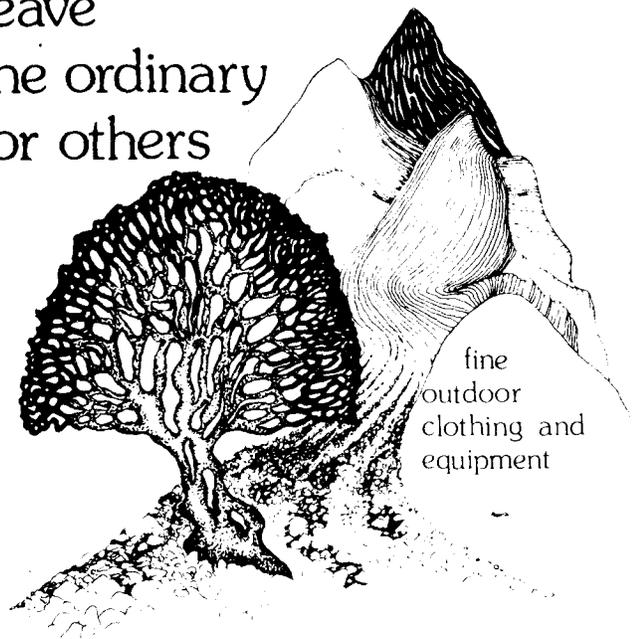
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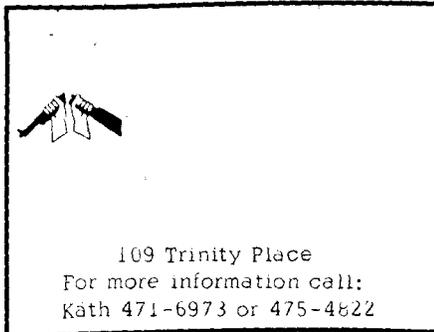
The first prosecutions of draft resisters appear to be on the way. The Selective Service and the Justice (sic) Department have said that late April or May will be the time of the crackdown. The public response to these "trial cases" is vitally important.

If large numbers of people, all over the country, express their outrage at selective prosecutions, we can prevent the government from taking further steps. If the government feels that not many people object to these prosecutions, prosecutions may be continued and enlarged in scope.

As a draft resister I have two major concerns/fears about prosecutions. First, I fear that a small group of highly publicized cases (without public outcry) could intimidate many "quiet non-registrants" into complying with the law. This could break the strong momentum which has been building in the resistance movement over the last two years. My second fear is that a lack of public support for resisters could lead to extremely

severe prison terms for those men who are prosecuted.

The situation is urgent! We need your help. As resisters to war we must express our unity. Upstate Resistance is circulating a complicity statement (a statement which says, "I encourage non-registration, and will aid and abet any person refusing to cooperate with registration and the draft"). This is a direct violation of the selective service law.



Signing a complicity statement is one of the ways to show support. We can't let 18, 19, 20 and 21 year-old men be isolated--and be put

in the position of being the moral conscience of the entire country.

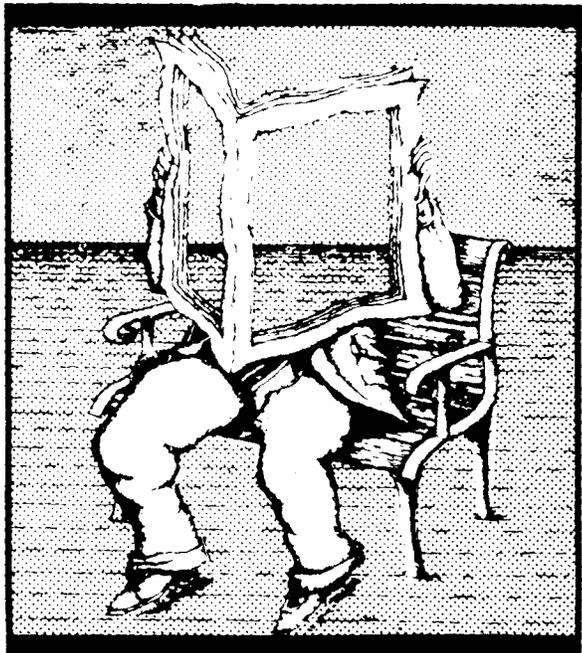
Here in Syracuse there are two actions which have been planned in response to the initial prosecutions. The first will be a vigil and picket at noon in front of the federal building, in downtown Syracuse, on the day following the announcement of the first indictment. The short period of time which we have to respond makes it important that we get your phone number now!!

This will be followed by an Upstate New York action here in Syracuse on the next Sunday. The action will start with car caravans from Albany, Ithaca, Buffalo and Rochester, arriving in Syracuse in time for a gathering at 3:00 pm. This will involve some type of participatory expression of our outrage at the prosecutions.

We need people who are willing to make phone calls on the evening before our action and also people who want to be on the phone list. Please get involved. Your help is needed.

-Andy Mager

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# Charlie Murphy's Healing Songs

by Jack Manno

The Syracuse Men's Group in one of our first public events will present singer-songwriter Charlie Murphy in concert at the May Memorial Church Auditorium Saturday, April 10th.

The "Syracuse Men's Group". Our name is embarrassingly unspecific, and significantly so. Our words lose their meaning in the attempt to name our vision, our desire for a world free of sexual oppression. We are learning through our own experiences, and from the wisdom shared by peacemakers, poets, anthropologists, social theorists, and especially from feminists in all these areas about the social ill health created and sustained by our male-dominated social organization. What we're seeking is the means of healing.

Charlie Murphy's songs name and inspire our search. He invites his audience into a community he is suggesting. His songs mark the boundaries of a circle which encloses anyone willing to share his concern. This marking off of boundaries involves the imaging of a safe and fertile home; it is the traditional gesture of the Healer as Shaman, Priest, Witch Doctor - a tradition found in all nature cultures not at war with themselves nor their land.

Charlie Murphy draws inspiration from the examples of ancient nature cultures which apparently survived for millennia with communal ownership of property, government by consensus without a hierarchy, no rigid division of labor and very high status for women. All over the world people lived harmoniously with nature until they were conquered by militarists. The personality qualities of war-makers began to dominate the planet, exploitation of the earth and its people became acceptable, the status of women declined, and Gay love was suppressed. That domination has continued and it is increasingly apparent that the war-

Jack is a frequent contributor.



making mentality and social organization has led to mass anxiety and the potential for mass murder/suicide. The Healer must be brought out of each of us.

Charlie Murphy has said, "The main goal behind what I'm trying to do is healing. That's what revolutionary work is for me; to heal the divisions and separations in our relationships with each other. That's what the tribal experience essentially is; a healing experience, the experience of the circle." \*

He presently lives in Seattle where he and some friends organized Good Fairy Productions, a collective of Gay Men committed to the development of "culture among men in harmony with women, children, spirit and the earth." They produced Charlie Murphy's first album, Catch the Fire (available at the Front Room and at the concert).

The record covers the range of his beliefs and styles. The songs are impeccably recorded. If you're alone in your room and listening to these songs you can't help but long to be around the fire with a circle of friends, singing along, making commitments for the future.

Most mainstream singers arouse a desire for the needy security of

romance. Charlie Murphy inspires feelings of community and family. It's the kind of music that suggests a sing-along.

His music is melodic and often dramatic. His voice sometimes lacks polish but it rides a lovely crest between timid and assertive. A folk singers' singer, yet he has moved beyond the liberal protest song tradition to suggest that what's blowing in the wind is a radical transformation in relationships between the sexes, and within the sexes, and between all people and our earth.

## HEALING SONG

We can sing a song to keep us warm  
To celebrate the path we're on  
There's healing in the embrace of our  
song.

We can all join hands and calm the  
fears.  
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\* This quote and some information taken from "Catching Fire In Troubled Times - Charlie Murphy." by Mark Thompson in the Advocate Nov. 12.

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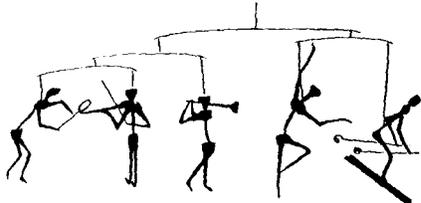
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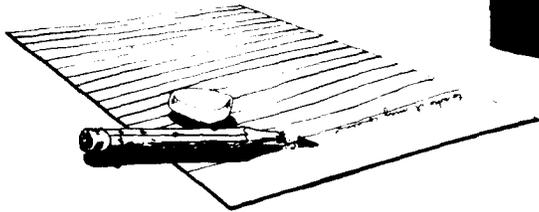
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# Letters



*These letters have been condensed.*

## Miskito Indians

Syracuse, N.Y.

I was glad the PNL gave attention to the Sandinista's treatment of the Miskitos and look forward to another promised article. Sadly, the people of Latin America know only too well what oppression is.

Oppression is no stranger to North America either. The on-going Cultural Genocide of Native American peoples is a horrible reality, yet so little is said about it. All of us should stand with Native Americans and demand the government recognize North America's Tribes as fully sovereign.

The treatment of the Tribes is a sad dark side of America's past and present. It is understandable that America's harsh words for the Sandinistas' treatment of the Miskitos is labelled "hypocrisy" in the April PNL. However, that does not mean that we should disregard what the government is saying about the Miskitos. True, our government does not always follow a course of standing up for human rights and dignity, but occasionally it proves itself quite capable of it.

Does anyone think the Sandinistas have the right to do as they please with "their" Indians? The U.S. Government is raising its voice against the oppression of the Miskitos and deserves credit for it. Oppression should not be regarded as a lesser evil simply because it comes from the Left. From the Right, Left or Middle, oppression is still oppression and the voices speaking out against it should be applauded.

Paul Germano.

## Letting In the Light

Syracuse, N.Y.

I am becoming increasingly disillusioned with the Peace Council. Lately when I receive a PNL I dread reading it, for all it brings to me is darkness. I think negatively - there is no future for mankind. Does not the "dream" of Martin Luther King, Jr. still exist? Are we not moving, even very slowly, towards it. The message I perceive from the newsletter is no.

I see more in life than nuclear reactors and weapons, more than revolutions in other countries, refugee camps and malnutrition. Yet this vision of mine is beginning to suffer.

I fear when I see no light. And to me, the PNL is blocking the light, not magnifying it.

My suggestion? Simple. Allow some light to glow. We cannot allow ourselves to be consumed by darkness.

Joy Hirsch

(Ed. note: see page 25 for our response to Joy's letter.)

## Ticked Off

Old Forge, N.Y.

I'm really ticked off; if I were under thirty I'd use a stronger word.

On Sunday, April 18 there was a "Gathering at Ground Zero" at the Griffiss Air Force Base to protest the deployment there of cruise missiles.

There were about sixty people there witnessing against the cruise missile. My question is: "Where were the majority of the SPC people?, the Rochester peace people?, the Mohawk Valley Peace Council people?, the Physicians for Social Responsibility?, the Nuclear Freeze Campaign people?, the pacifists?"

The same old faithful few, along with a few new people, are at each Griffiss protest. No wonder the base officials don't pay much attention to us. There could be, without a problem, 500-1,000 people at each Griffiss protest. Perhaps then the Air Force Officials would sit up and pay attention.

This angry letter is directed to the apathetic people in the Peace Movement who are suffering from what the Berrigans call "psychic numbness."

Cynthia Banas

## Really Ticked Off

Syracuse, N.Y.

I found the exchange of opinions in your letter column for April very disturbing.

You seem willing to dismiss any actions taken that are not in strict accordance with your narrow definition of proper thought as the workings of fools or those mad from greed. The people at L.L. Bean seem to have had their reasons for supporting Save the Yankee, but to you, this variation from correct action (by your definition) is unforgivable, no matter what other actions the company has taken.

You sneer at Bean's contributions to Dickey-Lincoln and Maine Audubon as being in their self-interest. Who doesn't act in their self-interest? It's easy for the PNL to declare without reservation that hydro is always good since Burnet Avenue is escaping the flood.

This attitude is especially unbecoming in people who are so vocal about their devotion to the truth. What you are handing out is dogma, not truth.

Finally, you excuse your bias by admitting it. This is ridiculous. Hitler was forthright about his bias too. Does candor excuse evil?

Don't congratulate yourselves because you admit you're dishing up propaganda as logic and dogma as truth, because there is no excuse for doing it...not even the zeal of the truly self-righteous.

John Stamey.



# NVS FILMS SUMMER 82

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We've scheduled a lot of light films this Summer since we may need as much laughter as we can get. There are several classics, '60s nostalgia, more recent comedies, several marvelous foreign works, two premieres, an NVS political favorite, and of course our July 4th Bonzo bash! Our last two features lead into Hiroshima and Nagasaki activities, August 6 - 9. Have a warm, hopeful Summer. We'll be giving the 100th person at each showing during the summer a free SPC poster of their choosing, so bring 99 friends!

The NVS Films Committee

## MONTY PYTHON AND THE HOLY GRAIL

WED. MAY 19 7 & 9:30

Terry Gilliam and Terry Jones, England

"As funny as a movie can get." *Richard Schickel, Time.*

Sets the cinema back 900 years. Makes *Ben Hur* look like an Epic.

Monty Python meets King Arthur in one of the zaniest movies ever. (1975, 90 minutes)

## THE AFRICAN QUEEN

WED. MAY 26 7 & 9:30

John Huston

Based on the C. S. Forester novel, THE AFRICAN QUEEN is one of the most popular and critically acclaimed motion pictures of all time. The story, set in turbulent German East Africa during World War I, features Humphrey Bogart in his only Oscar-winning role as the unshaven, unheroic, hard-drinking skipper of a sleazy steamer, Charlie Allnut. Katharine Hepburn plays Rose Sayer, a prim sister of a missionary. The two must deal with each other, the jungle, Germans. (1952, 103 min.)

## ZORBA THE GREEK

WED. JUNE 2 7 & 9:30

Michael Cacoyannis, England

Alan Bates plays a shy, scholarly Englishman who comes to Crete to develop an old mine he has inherited. There he hires earthy, exuberant Zorba (Anthony Quinn) who patiently moves the young man toward full acceptance of the richness of life, teaching him to embrace both pain and joy completely. Irene Pappas is passion incarnate as the widow, while Lila Kedrova won an Academy Award for best supporting actress. Music by Mikis Theodorakis. (1964, 142 min.)

## THE CONSEQUENCE

WED. JUNE 9 7 & 9:30

Wolfgang Petersen, West Germany

This suspense-thriller has been praised as an exciting film which offers a good understanding of gays contrasted against dehumanizing social forces. It confronts the institutional sources of the "popular" negative conceptions about gays within the framework of an intense love relationship. A moving, erotic, and wholly accessible personal/political film. A Syracuse premiere. (1977, 100 min.)

Plus the short GREETINGS FROM

WASHINGTON, D.C. (*Lucy Winer*), a dynamic, often hilarious, documentary of the October 14, 1979 lesbian/gay march. (28 min.)

For info on local gay/lesbian pride activities (June 26-27) call 475-6866.

## THE TALL BLOND MAN WITH ONE BLACK SHOE

WED. JUNE 16 7 & 9:30

Yves Robert, France

"It will melt you with merriment." *New York Magazine.*

Bugging, break-ins and Watergate-style shenanigans are the objects of timely satire in this hilarious farce. A young violinist unknowingly becomes the decoy in a cut-throat battle between political spies. They turn his life into total mayhem; but through it all, the tall blond man (Pierre Richard) remains a naive and lovable modern-day Buster Keaton, narrowly escaping peril at every turn. (1973, subtitled, 88 min.)

Plus the short (17 minutes) THE POMEROY FILE, a "60 Minutes" segment on a Texas man's confrontation with private, corporate and state security forces. (1976.)

## LOVE AND DEATH

WED. JUNE 23 7 & 9:30

Woody Allen

If a comedy based on the great Russian novels doesn't sound funny to you, then you don't know Woody Allen. He and co-star Diane Keaton are so preoccupied with sounding intelligent, none of their philosophies make much sense. "Woody at his best - more nervous, desperate and inspired than ever before. The film sparkles with an unremitting succession of terrific moments." *Newsweek.* (1975, 89 min.)

## MARX BROS.' DUCK SOUP BEDTIME FOR BONZO

WED. JUNE 30 7 & 9:30

Welcome to our comedy extravaganza - a tribute to the 4th of July! The star-studded double bill features Bonzo the Chimp, Ronald "did-I-say-that?" Reagan and the Marx Brothers.

DUCK SOUP (*Leo McCarey*) is one of the Brothers' zaniest and wildest efforts containing several spoofs on military madness including the "This is War" sequence. (1933, 70 min.)

BONZO (*Frederick de Cordova*) concerns a young college prof (who else?) who tries to show that the environment determines a child's future! (Who's he kidding?) A FREE "Bedtime for Brezhnev" poster to the lucky 100th filmgoer at each showing! (1951, 83 min.)

## ALICE'S RESTAURANT

WED. JULY 7 7 & 9:30

Arthur Penn

Arlo Guthrie's song of the '60's is transformed into an exploration of what the Age of Aquarius is all about. The famous events of the ballad are re-enacted here - the great Thanksgiving Day massacre, the 5x7 color glossy photographs with the circles and the

arrows on the back of each one and all those men on the bench at the army induction center. (1969, 111 min.)

## BURN!

WED. JULY 14 7 & 9:30

Gillo Pontecorvo (*France and Italy*)

From the director of BATTLE OF ALGIERS, that rarity - a film that is both highly entertaining and highly political. Marlon Brando superbly portrays a British mercenary hired to gain control of a sugar-rich Caribbean island which is part of Portugal's colonial empire. He succeeds by fomenting a popular revolution led by Evaristo Marquez. But the revolutionaries eventually reject the British and Brando is called back. With compelling music and in places inspirational cinematography (the beach scenes) it is no wonder it was never widely distributed. "I still cry each time I see it." *Dik Cool.* (1970, 112 min.)

## VIVA ITALIA

WED. JULY 21 7 & 9:30

Mario Monicelli, Dino Risi, Ettore Scola, Italy

*Viva Italia!* is a white comedy, comprised of nine vignettes, about the human condition in today's world. Touching on politics, old age, religion and love, it is an hilarious, yet poignant view of society's shortcomings.

Featuring three of Italy's top actors, Vittorio Gassman, Ugo Tognazzi and Alberto Sordi, *Viva Italia!* has the enthusiasm and genius of Peter Sellers. (1978, subtitled, 87 m.)

## ON THE BEACH

WED. JULY 28 7 & 9:30

Stanley Kramer

After nuclear explosions and their aftermath have annihilated everyone in the Northern Hemisphere, the people of Australia await their inevitable end. Each prepares in his own fashion, some with religious faith in the future, some with pagan orgies in the present. But the cinema of Stanley Kramer is never one of hopelessness. With Gregory Peck, Ava Gardner, Fred Astaire and Anthony Perkins. (1959, 133 min.)

## DR STRANGELOVE

WED. AUGUST 4 7 & 9:30

Stanley Kubrick

Some sixty international awards honor Stanley Kubrick's wildly comic nightmare that sees the President of the United States and the Premier of the USSR cooperate in a bizarre effort to save the world from total disaster. Screen satire at its finest.

Peter Sellers is marvelous in a dual role. George C. Scott and Sterling Hayden are also superb. (1963, 93 min.) Plus the short,

NO PLACE TO HIDE (Tom Johnson and Lance Bird) - using vintage films, rare and classified archival footage, cartoons and newsreels - recreates the nightmares of growing up during the cold war. Narrated by Martin Sheen with a new music score. (1981, 30 min.)

## IN THIS ISSUE

With SPC folks doing so much for May and early June, it seemed a bit bold and reckless to plan for a 32 page PNL at the same time. Nothing less would suffice however, to include news for all the exciting events coming up: the rally and CD for UNSSDII, the Peace Walk, the Women's Action at Seneca Army Depot, and our own Birthday Dinner with Manning Marable.

This month we introduce a section of positive and hopeful items called "Looking Up".

Our Third World Section focuses on Latin America, with articles on Grenada, the elections in El Salvador, and the Miskitos.

In addition to an article on Women and Militarism, our Feminism section includes a piece by "fumerist" Kate Clinton on the importance of humor in the movement.

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May 24 & 25th: Mon. & Tues.

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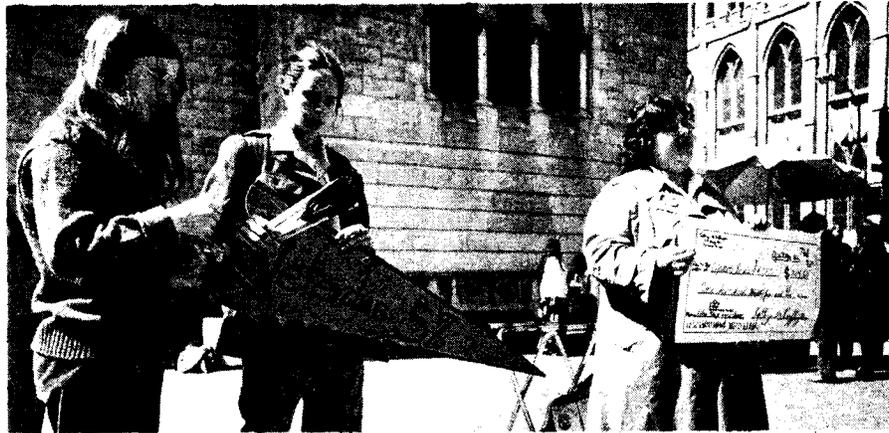


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Tax Day Demonstration at Columbus Circle April 15, 1982

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## News from the SPC House

Spring is finally here, and has brought some changes with it to the SPC house. A couple of weeks ago we all spent a day doing spring cleaning, leaving the house considerably tidier and probably a bit safer. (In fact, the fire inspectors came through yesterday and had very few complaints).

More substantial changes are on the way: Gary Weinstein and Dave Goldman are working on a new sign for the front yard, and Brent Bleier is looking into getting the chimney repaired. If enough volunteers come forward (hint!) we may even be able to finish painting the house this summer.

Jim Creveling and Mark Hansel are back in the house a few times a week, helping with phones and other office chores. Angus MacDonald, in addition to being an observer on the editorial committee this month, is also coming in to help in the office regularly.

Help of all sorts is always appreciated here. If you can make a steady commitment, the Organizational Maintenance committee and the Editorial committee both need more people. If you can come in for just a few hours a week on a regular basis there is much to be done and learned here.

So drop by. There is always a whole lot happening here. Browse through the front room; look through our ever-expanding collection of progressive periodicals, and ask how you can join in the struggle to create a more peaceful society.

## 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 is supported primarily through contributions, monthly pledges, and fundraising events which reflect our political goals. To be a member one needs simply to contribute to SPC in some way (financial or otherwise) and to agree with the general principles of SPC. Attendance and participation in SPC community events establishes one's sense of membership in the Peace Council.

SPC's major work is done through committees and in coalitions. Four collectives work out of the SPC office: the program staff, the SPC Press, the American Myths Calendar committee, and the Front Room Bookstore. The office is open every weekday, 9AM - 5PM; visitors always welcome.

## Syracuse Peace Council

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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.

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## You Can Make a Difference!

Looking for a way to be a part of the Spring's peace activities? There's a variety of tasks and responsibilities with the following projects. Call or come in to the office to discuss your interests, availability of time, and commitment.

### SPC Monday Night Potlucks

Lois Levitan and Muriel Landy reorganized this committee over a year ago with the purchase of "Controlling Interests" and the promotion of other slideshows and films in the SPC community. Those and other new films like "El Salvador Another Viet Nam?" are constantly in use. Rental income is put towards promotion and buying new films. This committee needs a coordinator to continue the work of scheduling and promotion. Call Lois Levitan at 478-2998.

### SPC Film Committee

It was also Lois who revived the Monday Night Potluck Series in February '81. The Potlucks have gradually built a momentum and reputation as a place for self-education, outreach to new people, and heated discussions on controversial issues. Working on the Potlucks means scheduling the programs, publicizing them through the PNL and posters and special mailings. Lois is leaving for Ithaca in August, so it is important that people wanting to take on this responsibility talk to her soon(478-2998.)

### Fundraising Concert

The idea is to raise the remainder of the SPC back salary debt with one big effort. Then we can either raise the salaries to meet subsistence expenses(staff salary is presently \$56.00/week net) or buy a medical insurance plan. If you are interested in this very worthwhile project, call Andy Mager at 472-5987.

### NYS Fair Plans

It's time to talk about the 10 day NY State Fair, and how SPC can get across our messages. Here's opportunity for creativity and ingenuity: options include street theater, showing films, leafletting, making an anti-war statement at the military displays. The Front Room is looking into a commercial booth to sell books, buttons, etc. and will need many staffers. Call us with your ideas.

### Alert: Lost Banners

We are greatly distressed over the disappearance of some of our most beautiful banners. Please search you memories, your cars, your back porches, for them: our blue Hiroshima Day banner "Celebrate Life" with dove; two batiked banners with "Syracuse Peace Council" on them- one with address and phone number, one with "educate, agitate, organize" across the bottom. Call us if you have any leads!

### Toronto-NY Peace Walk to U.N.

You can be a Walker for any length of the distance, or help with the many tasks of the events organized for the Syracuse area. See page 21 for the ways you can help. Call Corinne Kinane at 422-1659 or the SPC office 472-5478.

### Syracuse Committee for June 12th Rally at U.N.

The Rally at the United Nations on June 12th has generated much excitement in Syracuse. A local committee is made up of four taskforces: Transportation - six buses have been reserved (see details on p.19) To help call Danny Hakim at 479-8929.

Outreach/Education - We want to build the local anti-nuclear movement while we fill those buses! Organizational endorsements are sought from all segments of the community. If you want to help, or if your church, union or softball team wants to endorse the Rally, call Diana Ellis at 472-7573.

Publicity - posters, press releases, talk shows. If you can poster your neighborhood, come by SPC for posters. To help in any way call Ruth Lyman at 446-8059 or Patti Narciso at 437-7705.

Fundraising - A concert to raise money and spirits is set for Saturday, May 22nd. To offer music, publicity, etc. call Anne Griffin 422-0052(mornings.)

### Civil Disobedience at U.N. Nuclear Missions

On Monday, June 14th, affinity groups will "Blockade the Bombmakers" at the UN Missions of the nuclear countries(with special emphasis on the USA.) Non-violence training required. In Syracuse, contact Karen Beetle at SPC 472-5478, or Andy Mager at 472-5987. See page 19.

### Wanted: SPC Thinkers and Doers

Your concern for justice and peace can help make the Peace Newsletter more effective than it already is.

Your experience and good sense and commitment to SPC values are valuable assets that can be put to good use on the PNL Editorial Committee. Talk to any of us on the committee(Laurie, Karen, Andy or Ed) if you'd like to sit in on a few of our weekly editorial meetings before making a commitment.

### Organizational Maintenance Committee

The Organizational Maintenance Committee searches yet for dedicated, responsible members. OM's duties include: fundraising, bookkeeping and the annual budget, maintenance of the building, recruitment and orientation of new SPC members, and office processes. Call Carol or Liam at SPC 472-5478 to learn more about OM.

**Don't Wait for Us to Call You!**  
**Call the SPC office 472-5478**

SYRACUSE PEACE COUNCIL'S  
MONDAY **POTLUCK** DINNERS *and* DISCUSSION

Open to All at No Admission Charge for Comraderie & Discussion

May 10 **Towards a Strategy of Social Change**

How do we think long-term progressive social change will come about in the United States? What will "make the revolution"? How do we get there from here? Will major systematic change be brought about, for example, by elections, civil disobedience, demonstrations, symbolic acts of resistance, non-symbolic acts of resistance, creating alternative institutions, gun battles, working from within, or what? What organizing strategies and issues does this imply? For information call Lois Levitan at 478-2998.

May 17 **No Potluck: "Walking for Peace"** 7:30 Plymouth Church 232 E. Onondaga Ave.  
see page 21

May 24 **The Politics of Legalized Drugging:  
Presentation of Mental Patients Alliance**

The Mental Patients Alliance of Central New York will present a slide/tape show on the politics of phenothiazines which shows how people are oppressed by forced legalized drugging. We will also talk about how nuclear madness has affected the mental health of society. For information call Debbie Pillsbury at 446-5090.

May 31 **No Potluck-Memorial Day**

June 7 **U.N. Special Session on Disarmament**

The second U. N. Special Session on Disarmament convenes on June 7. Lots of organizing has been and still is going into related peace events: the World Peace March, the June 12 rally in New York City and the civil disobedience at the U. N. missions of nuclear nations on June 14. What can we expect from the U. N. ? Will there really be progress towards disarmament or is this, primarily, a symbol to be organizing around? In this crucial first week of the session we will be discussing these and other related questions. For more information call Liam Mahony at 472-5478.

The Potluck Discussion on June 21 will be based on the new American Friends Service Committee book A Compassionate Peace — A Future for the Middle East available for \$6.95 at The Front Room Bookstore of the Syracuse Peace Council, AFSC and the Economy Bookstore. We encourage you to read this book prior to the Potluck Discussion.

FOR INFORMATION/INPUT ON POTLUCK DISCUSSIONS CALL LOIS LEVITAN AT 478-2998 OR SPC 472-5478

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**7 - 9 pm DISCUSSION**

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## SPC Council Report

SPC's first Council Meeting was held at 1:30pm on Sunday, April 4 at Harrison Center, 1342 Lancaster Ave. Syracuse.

The new structure was hammered out through a year's Thigmo meetings, 7am Transition Committee skull sessions, and a potluck. Then the Program and Evaluation, Organizational Maintenance and Peace Newsletter Committees were recruited, meeting preparations made, and participants invited.

And here were 35 new-and/or long-time Peace Council friends in a joyous, lively, funny and sometimes frustrating first SPC Council meeting!

Idea-gathering, not consensus, was the aim of the meeting. We began by discussing the meaning of terms used by SPC: focus, guidelines, program, project, committee, position.

Next we commented on the present programs of the Peace Council. Two things were obvious: 1) SPC IS a clearing house for many of the progressive activities in Syracuse; and 2) Disarmament and peace issues are still by far our central interest.

Four new programs were proposed: a Cultural and Concepts Program, a Disarmament Speakers Bureau, an Economic/Peace Conversion Program, and a Program against Repressive Legislation and Government Spying.

After a break, the meeting broke into four smaller groups: 1) Focus and Guidelines; 2) Decision-making; 3) Non-violence; and 4) Oppression-Human Rights-

Outreach. While no decisions were reached, valuable ideas were produced for further consideration.

Possible affiliation with national organizations was discussed next. The three considered were Clergy and Laity Concerned, the War Resisters League, and Mobilization for Survival.

Individuals expressed interest in affiliating with Clergy and Laity Concerned, with which the Peace Council has had a long-standing and mutually helpful relationship. Co-operation was urged with the War Resisters League; and interest was expressed in further study of Mobilization for Survival.

Program and Evaluation was the most-discussed committee at the meeting, but consideration of the Organizational Maintenance and the Peace Newsletter Committees was promised for the next Council meeting. Two as yet undecided issues were noted for future work: the role of consensus in the workings of SPC, and the exact meaning of SPC's commitment to non-violence.

Evaluation was the last agenda item. Though the 5-hour meeting seemed long, the gathering scored high on staff preparation, facilitation, kindness, enthusiasm, attention and fresh ideas.

In closing, everyone stood in a circle and sang, "It's a Gift to be Simple."

-Angus MacDonald



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# U.S. Arms Spending: "A Black Issue"?

by Manning Marable

As the debate over nuclear disarmament deepens, there is a curious absence of rhetorical input from most of the noted black Civil Rights leadership and the Congressional Black Caucus. Black spokespersons in the media have denounced Reagan's New Federalism as "barbaric", they've attacked administration policies on social services and unemployment as "cruel." Yet all this signifies a failure to grasp the relationship between domestic and international policies in any coherent fashion.

The current attitude that prevails among too many blacks is the belief that arms control or nuclear disarmament are not essentially "black-oriented issues." Relatively few black students and faculty, for example, participated in the the 150 campus teach-ins and demonstrations against nuclear arms proliferation this fall. It is even conceivable that some blacks actually support greater arms spending because this will generate new jobs in defense plants. More likely is the fact that blacks generally are so conditioned by the prism of race that they find it difficult to relate to the nuclear arms issue.

Establishing the relationship between the economic and political interest of U.S. blacks, and by extension, all Third World people, with the current arms race, begins with one basic question: what is the long term cost of nuclear arms proliferation? Foremost, for black people and others, is the survival of humanity and world civilization.

Politically, it is imperative that American blacks and progressives do not get caught in the logic of simplistic, red-baiting anti-communism. We must recognize that historically, of the two major superpowers, the U.S.S.R. has been much more willing to deescalate the arms race than the U.S. has been. In the 1950s and 1960s, the U.S., not the Soviet Union, initiated the majority of new nuclear weapons systems. The U.S.S.R.'s repeated peace initiatives have been uniformly rejected by the U.S. as marxist propaganda.

To say that the Soviets are more committed to genuine arms reduc-

tions is not to say that we accept or agree with all the politics of the Soviet Union. It is to take a stand for peace and international dialogue. It is to say no to nuclear insanity. It is to say yes to life itself.

Simply to concentrate on the issue of nuclear arms production and deployment, however, (as some white progressives tend to do), misses several key points. It is vital to link the question of nuclear weapons systems with the entire network of death, the military-industrial complex, and the billions of dollars at stake for certain corporate and political interests with maintaining the Cold War.

There is always the question of self-interest in politics: who benefits from the arms race? Worldwide, the sale of weapons soared from \$9 billion in 1969 to over \$20 billion in 1980. In 1969, the U.S. weapons sales on the world market represented about 11 percent of all sales. By 1980, U.S. corporations were producing and selling \$16 billion worth of arms, about 80 percent of the world's total amount. Arms to Latin America nations jumped 300 percent between 1969 to 1978. Shipments of weapons to African nations increased during the same time by 2000 percent!

How does the U.S.-provoked arms race with the Soviet Union affect the material conditions of Third World people? What do military expenditures represent for humankind? The human costs of arms spending is almost beyond belief: In five hours, the world's military expenditures are the equivalent of the

overall UNICEF yearly budget for child care programs. The countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America allocate 5.9 percent of their Gross National Product to weapons and military expenditures, whereas they devote only one percent to public health and 2.8 percent to education.

It is time for the Black Movement to acknowledge the necessity of linking the interests of white nuclear disarmament activists with our own. There can be no full employment in this country, so long as the U.S. government wastes billions of dollars on unnecessary and dangerous weapons. No universal health care system, or effective public educational institutions, or humane welfare system is thinkable, unless the capital allocated for nuclear bombs is halted. The question of black survival into the twenty-first century will be moot if the world is enveloped in the flames of nuclear exchange.

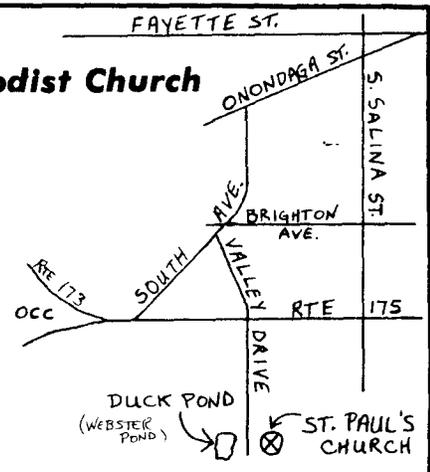
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# Grenada: Revolutionary Caribbean Jewel

by Linda DeStefano

It's appropriate that the leaders of revolutionary Grenada are part of the New Jewel Movement, for Grenada is like a jewel - a sparkling, lush, curvaceous beauty of volcanic mountains, tropical forests and dazzling beaches. North of Venezuela, this English-speaking Caribbean nation (former French and British colony) takes its name from the largest of three small islands - the other two being Carriacou and Petit Martinique.

On March 13, 1979 the New Jewel Movement achieved an almost bloodless takeover from former Prime Minister Eric Gairy (now living in the U.S.) who has been described as a self-serving, power-hungry eccentric. The People's Revolutionary Government (PRG) has kept some forms of a Parliamentary system, such as a prime minister, but stresses moving government out of the Parliament building into the community.

This was exemplified for me by the way the national budget was put together. Our group attended a meeting where Brother Bernard Coard (everyone is "brother" or "sister"), Minister of Finance, gave a 2 1/2 hour report, a culmination of feedback from zonal councils held all over Grenada. At the zonal councils people gave their ideas on how the economy should move forward and how waste and inefficiency could be reduced. A team of typists compiled the feedback, and government leaders spent 14 hours a day poring over it before coming up with the final draft budget. I was impressed with the openness of government leaders to criticism about the government; Coard said many people complained about the misuse of government vehicles for private use, and he promised this would stop. Another example of misuse of government property was the worker who used up the large envelopes in his office to carry home fish from the market!

*Linda DeStefano spent 10 days in Grenada, March 1982, with a group from the Berkshire Forum. For information on tours to Grenada with Berkshire Forum contact them at RFD 1, Steventown, NY 12168 or for commercial tours, contact a travel agency.*

Co-existing with this participatory democracy is a lack of freedom of the press as we generally understand it. The only newspapers produced in Grenada are those controlled by the PRG. Brother Don Rojas, press secretary to Bro. Maurice Bishop, Prime Minister, met with our group informally; he told us the purpose of the press in a revolutionary society is to support the interests of the masses of people rather than the interests of an elite (as in the U.S.). Constructive criticism is allowed in the papers but not destructive criticism, he added.

On the other hand, the PRG does allow foreign papers and magazines into the country, many of which are critical of the revolution. In contrast, Rojas told us it's difficult for the Free West Indian, the national paper, to gain wide circulation among non-socialist Caribbean neighbors: the papers get left at the airport, get burned and get water-logged.

Hostility from the Reagan Administration is making it harder for Grenada to develop; Reagan not only, so far, has denied U.S. aid but encourages international monetary institutions to do likewise. The Grenadians don't rule out a U.S. invasion. In the face of this threat, it was encouraging to experience international support for Grenada during the celebration of the third anniversary of the revolution. At the rallies and events, there were representatives from Cuba (Volunteers from Cuba have been teaching skills to Grenadians.), Nicaragua, El Salvador, the U.S., England and other nations. Congressmen Conyers and Crockett from Michigan and the Administrative Assistant to Congressman Ron Dellums of California were among those who came to see what is unfolding.

## Potluck on Grenada, Mon. July 12.

Part of what is unfolding is a spirited effort to improve life for the 110,000 people. Secondary education is now free; medical care is available to all; women are encouraged to be leaders; a literacy campaign was conducted; exports are beginning to be diversified so there isn't so much reliance on nutmeg, cocoa and bananas; a

home improvement program has reached 11,000 people with materials and skills instruction; 50% unemployment has been reduced to 25-30%; anti-union laws have been wiped off the books; a new international airport is being built (with aid from several countries - of varying political persuasions); roads are being repaired and more buses are available. Former Prime Minister Gairy's government spent only 8 million E.C. (East Caribbean dollars) on roads, housing, electricity, schools and health in the last year of his rule. In contrast, from March 1979 until Dec. 1979, the PRG spent 16 million E.C. on the above and 35 million in 1980.

The economy is mixed - some private ownership of land and business, some government and some cooperatives. Much work that would be mechanized in highly industrialized countries is done by hand in Grenada. Although there is emphasis on economic construction, hopefully, the leaders will strike a balance and not become over-mechanized like so many over-developed societies.



*r.m. Maurice Bishop applauds Grenada's youngest literacy volunteer.*

As the Grenadians move forward, I hope they avoid the pitfalls of over-industrialized nations. It would be a great loss to Grenadians and the world if this jewel became polluted, paved over and bereft of its wild plants and animals.

To help Grenadians as they improve their society, you may want to write to the U.S. government and newspapers pointing out the advantages of the revolution and urging that the Reagan Administration cease hostilities.

# A Perspective on the Sandinista-Miskito Conflict

The dispute between the revolutionary Nicaraguan government and the Indians of the Atlantic Coast is more complicated than the usual questions surrounding principles of revolutionary struggle. It is a conflict which will profoundly affect the future of revolutionary struggles in the Americas.

Were the Sandinista position to be adopted by the US, the Black Hills would be automatically forfeited and the Sioux claim would be limited to the town limits of the villages now known as Pine Ridge, Wamblee, Callico, etc. All the land in between the villages would be claimed by the US government.

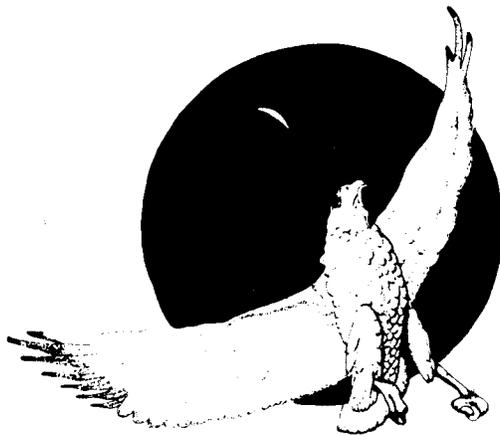
The position taken by Commandante William Ramirez, Nicaragua's INNICA Minister, holds that the Indians' rights are limited to their rights as Nicaraguan citizens. He appears to offer the idea that assimilation is a revolutionary objective!

This position of the Nicaraguan government places progressive Indians in countries outside Nicaragua in a difficult position. The Indians of the Atlantic Coast assert their aboriginal rights to land, natural resources, hunting and fishing, self-determination, and so forth. Are the Indian people to support Miskito people in struggle for their aboriginal rights against puppet regimes like the Somoza government but then abandon them when their rights are threatened by revolutionary governments?

Indians have consistently held that Indian people have a right to exist as a distinct people, that they have rights to the possession of their lands and rights against massive development schemes forced upon them from external interests. Are those principles

to be abandoned in Socialist countries? Are there no alternatives to extinction?

The issue is not simply a question of whether there are reactionary Miskito or other Indians in or exiled from Nicaragua. The issue involves support of the basic rights of the Indians to exist free of genocidal policies, including culturally genocidal policies.



In the United States, the strategy for dispossession of the Native peoples has frequently taken the form of enfranchisement. This has meant that Native people were offered US citizenship in a move designed to deny them rights under treaties. If Indians are US citizens, then they have no rights as Indians, so the argument goes. The purpose of this strategy is to separate the Indians from their claims to land or natural resources. Apparently, Nicaragua is using the same argument against the Miskitos.

If the Sandinista government continues with an Indian policy which gives no more than lip service to the rights of the Miskito to a continued cultural existence it will build a wall between leftist national liberation struggles and Indians in Central America which no amount of rhetoric about revolution can penetrate. Without the support and involvement of Indians, liberation struggle in Latin America is an impossibility.

The support of this policy forces the Nicaraguan Indians into a corner from which there is no escape. To embrace the Sandinistas is to surrender all their rights to exist in their homeland, and to oppose it is to risk falling under the influence and manipulations of the CIA and the Somocista people.

According to (Sandinista) rhetoric, the Miskito situation can only be viewed in the light of the struggle between East and West, between revolutionaries and counter-revolutionaries. They have not dealt with the reality that Sandinista Indian policy differs from what they would describe as racist Capitalist Indian policy only in the rhetoric by which it is justified.

At the same time, Nicaragua is facing a serious challenge to its own continued existence. No progressive people would argue that the Indian people would be better off were the Sandinista government to fall and be replaced by a reactionary regime. They are faced with the very real antagonism of a US government which is willing to support the activities of client states in support of counter-revolutionary forces whose objective is the overthrow of Sandinista rule in Managua. That is not the objective of the Miskito people, but it is definitely the motivation of such governments as that of Argentina which has apparently offered arms and military assistance of an unnamed sort to the Nicaraguan people now in Honduras.

At this hour, Nicaragua appears set on a course which finds her defending Indian policies which are identical to the Indian policies of reactionary countries throughout the Western Hemisphere, and which finds the Miskito people struggling for their country with support from some of those same reactionary countries.



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*This article was reprinted from Akwesasne Notes. It was condensed by the editorial committee. See the April PNL, "The Sandinistas and the Indians: Left vs. Right?" for background information.*

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# FOCUS Statement on El Salvador Elections

(The following article is excerpted from a press statement.)

The March 28 elections in El Salvador turned out to be more of a farce than the exercise in democracy claimed by the Reagan administration and the U. S. mass media.

Balloting took place under army intimidation, secret balloting was denied, pay was withheld from some workers who lacked a voting stamp on their work cards, and candidates of the peoples' organizations of the Democratic Revolutionary Front (FDR) refused to participate under threat of death and retaliation by the army and death squads.

The large number of people who apparently turned out to vote can also be explained by the fact that it is illegal not to vote in El Salvador, and the lack of a stamp on an ID card could be taken as support of the guerrillas. In a country where suspicion by the army can result in arrest, disappearance, torture or execution on the street, it is understandable why why so many people waited in line to vote.

U. S. television viewers got to see long lines of Salvadorans waiting outside the polls, while the commentators hailed this an "affirmation of democracy." But the careful viewer could see people casting their ballots into transparent, plexiglass boxes that were surrounded by the same armed soldiers who would patrol their neighborhood under the cover of darkness later that night. Yet in spite of all these risks, a large portion of the people refused to vote, and 11% of those who did either mutilated their ballots or voted for the FDR. No voting returns came in from three provinces that were presumably under guerrilla control and observing the boycott.

The elections had the appearance of a media event staged by the administration and the junta to convince the U. S. people and Congress that human rights and democracy were being protected in El Salvador while the Reagan administration readies itself to escalate military intervention. The lines in San Salvador were artificially longer because the normal number of voting places was drastically cut.

Although most countries refused to observe the farce, observers from the U. S., Venezuela and Chile were there to legitimize the balloting. (We all know the respect the current Chilean government has for elections. In September, 1973, the Chilean military with CIA sponsoring overthrew the democratically elected government of Salvador Allende, to install their own fascist junta.)

The Salvadoran election was boycotted by the peoples' organizations of the left, not because they were afraid of the results, but because they see it as an attempt to legitimize and escalate government repression. If an opposition party wanted to run under Salvadoran law it must present a list of 20,000 members. Not only would the candidates themselves be risking death by the death squads, the government security forces would have a ready-made "hit list" of Front members and sympathizers.

And so the war goes on. While the guerrillas were unable to stop the election, they have increased their control of the countryside and launched a new offensive in the west. While calling for negotiations and favoring Mexican mediation, the guerrillas and the Front stand in sharp contrast to Roberto D'Aubisson, leader of the coalition of ultra-right parties, who called for enough napalm to "do the job in three months."



In portraying the elections in El Salvador a "transition to democracy," the Reagan administration is hoping to legitimize its increased intervention and military aid to a right-wing government that rules its people by terror. The administration is also ignoring the past 50 years of fraudulent elections that have made clear to the people of El Salvador that genuine change could only come through mass organizations and armed insurrection against the illegitimate government. The U. S.'s long-standing support of the elite rich and military dictators has left no "electoral road" type solutions possible in El Salvador.

The results of the elections show what the illusion of democracy can create. Christian Democrats, led by Napoleon Duarte, failed to win a majority of seats in the new Assembly, making it possible for Roberto D'Aubisson, head of the fascist ARENA party, to lead a coalition of the five ultra-right parties and to exclude the Christian Democrats from power.

In anticipation of the possibility that D'Aubisson may take power, there has already been some polishing of his image. Reputed to be the head of the largest of the death squads and characterized as a "pathological killer" by former U. S. Ambassador Robert White, D'Aubisson has been resurrected by the administration as a "charismatic figure" and dedicated anti-communist. (It is widely believed in El Salvador that D'Aubisson is responsible for the murder of Archbishop Oscar Romero.)

It is at this crucial time that our solidarity efforts must increase. If you want to get involved, the time is now. Please call Friends of Central America United in Support (FOCUS)/ Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES), 257 E. Onondaga St., Syracuse, N.Y. 13202, 471-6677.

(Written by Danny Hakim and Mairead Connor, with thanks to Dolores Schaefer of the National Network in Solidarity with the Nicaraguan People.)

Film Review: *THE UPRISING*

*Death In Morning and Afternoon In Nicaragua*



KINO INTERNATIONAL

by David Sylvan

In 1978 Dan Rather interviewed Anastasio Somoza, then President of Nicaragua.

Rather: If the National Guard comes to you and says, "General, we want you to leave!", will you leave?

Somoza: No.

Rather: Couldn't they force you to do so?

Somoza: Maybe I could use force against them.

Rather: But they have the weapons.

Somoza: But I have the people.

Of course, Somoza was wrong. Just how wrong can be seen in Peter Lilienthal's feature film *The Uprising* which NVS Films premiered in Syracuse on April 9.

The action in the film centers on the town of Leon, a medium-sized settlement in the northwest part of Nicaragua. It's the Spring and early Summer of 1979, when the war against Somoza entered its final phases. The film depicts the extraordinarily popular nature of the struggle against Somoza and his National Guard. Almost everyone in the town was involved, directly or indirectly in the insurrection. This took tremendous courage; but it was almost impossible not to be involved in some way since the National Guard's repression was almost totally indiscriminate.

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*The Uprising* focuses on a family in Leon. The father and daughter are Sandinistas, the political organization which led the revolution. The son is in the National Guard. Political conflicts occur inside the family, as the son is urged to desert. Around them, torture and brutality are everyday facts, as the Guard systematically assaults unarmed civilians. Lilienthal films these scenes in a particularly moving fashion: a roundup and summary execution of "Indians" to intimidate the rest of the townspeople; a massacre of people meeting on the steps of the local cathedral; a vivid shot of armored personnel carriers advancing slowly through the streets of the city. The son reacts to these atrocities, and finds he cannot remain aloof.

But *The Uprising* is not just about one family; it is about a population rising up against a heavily armed regime. Untrained civilians organize themselves and plan ingenious tactics against the heavily armed Guard. Eventually, after terrible losses, they prevail.

The film's strongest points are in its tableaux: soldiers forming a defensive ring in a street; Sandinistas crouched behind battlements of paving stones; and, in what is one of the most memorable scenes I have ever watched, a Dante-esque procession of National Guard troops forced to evacuate their barracks, each holding a terrified, often half-naked hostage,

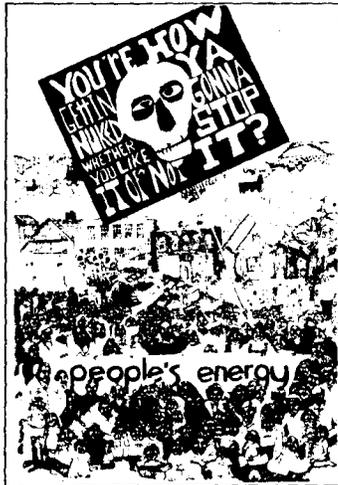
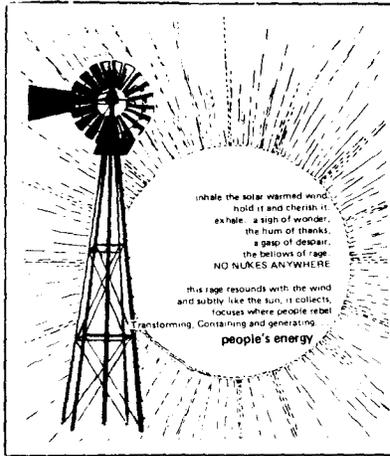
enveloped by smoke and flames, surrounded by Sandinista snipers.

Unfortunately, once Lilienthal moves away from these set pieces, his film weakens noticeably. The problem he faces is a wish to have his cake and eat it--to shoot both individuals and large masses of people. Neither his script nor his actors (all but one of whom are local townspeople who volunteered to reenact the war only a few months after it ended) permit him to explore the complexities of character motivation or development. As a result, the characters are more types or mouthpieces, rather than individuals.

By the same token, if the individuals are "massified", the masses in the film are "individualized", thus making it difficult to perceive the truly broad character of the insurrection. An entire city rises up in rebellion, but we see merely a few scattered clips of individuals running back and forth with rifles. Part of this problem stems from Lilienthal's penchant for intercutting actual TV footage of the real fighting in his cinematic reenactment--thus trivializing the overall impact.

These criticisms do not mean the film is bad, or not worth seeing. Quite the contrary, it is often powerful and moving, and at times visually stunning. But it lacks the integrating wholeness, the ability to fuse individual motivations with mass action, of great films on revolution (for example, *Potemkin*, *The Battle of Algiers*). For all Lilienthal's technical skill and sophistication in presenting tableaux, the film lacks a sense of motion, of dynamism. When viewing the film, I had the impression of watching a series of friezes flashed on the screen.

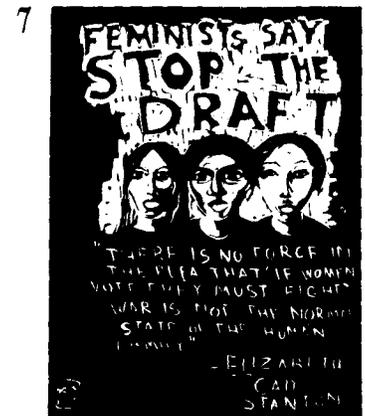
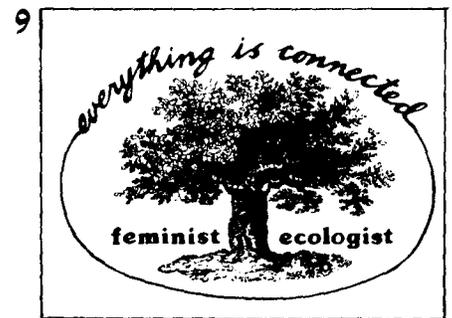
Courage is a difficult thing to portray. At best, it can be shown arising naturally and organically from a sense of desperation against terrible odds. (DeSica's marvelous film *The Bicycle Thief* provides a nonrevolutionary depiction of this phenomenon.) If *The Uprising* does not show us courage directly, it still enables us to imagine how it was--how it came to be that after 50 years of oppression, people armed themselves, and, in the face of bombs and torture, overthrew a tyrant. That, alas, is a story all too rarely told.



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# Women and Humor: She who Laughs Lasts

by Kate Clinton

For the last year I have been traveling from Toronto to Tampa, Boston to Buffalo, performing as a feminist humorist. My audiences expect anything from a sort of Eleanor Smeal with a sense of humor to a Joan Rivers with a sense of feminism. Feminist humor is based on the perception that societies have generally been organized as systems of oppression and exploitation, and that the largest (but not the only) oppressed group has been the female. It is also based on the conviction that such oppression is undesirable and unnecessary. It is a humor based on visions of change. While more mainstream female humor ridicules a person or persons from an accepting point of view, i. e. "That's life", feminist humor takes a non-accepting stance regarding oppression.

Usually at the beginning of one of my comedy routines I speak about the power of good women's humor. Sometimes women look at me as if I am talking about a feminist ice cream franchise. Humor has been used against women for so long - we know whose butts have been the butts of jokes - that we do not trust humor. Sometimes our mistrust of humor has been misinterpreted as a lack of humor, i. e. "The women's movement has no sense of humor."

A woman laughing is as common as time. We have been laughing to ourselves for sheer survival for forever. And we have been laughing together in kitchens, at laundromats,

in closets, wherever we gather, for years. The work of a feminist humorist -- fumerist -- is to bring women's humor out of the closet and into the world where it can shed light on and end our oppression as women.

The world into which we bring our humor is a land of reversals where men who tell jokes about women are funny and women who tell jokes about men are anti-male. Where there is, year after year, the appearance of a cartoon depicting a bare-legged man in an old raincoat exposing himself to a woman. The cartoon is made even "funnier" by the horrified look on the woman's face. In this land of reversals, rape becomes one of the "funniest" things a guy can do. The ultimate-practical joke.

Women's humor is about real exposure and it is about reclaiming the practical joke so that it is indeed practical for us. One of the best recent examples of a group who makes practical use of humor to expose our oppression as women is "Ladies Against Women" (or LAW, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Reagan for Shah Committee).

When Phyllis Schlafly recently appeared in Cleveland to give a speech entitled, "Do we want a gender-free society?" the Ladies against Women appeared in pillbox hats, white gloves and pearls, (two women were barefoot and pregnant) and they gasped with horror at Phyllis' images of women forced into military combat and children deprived of "round-the-clock" self-sacrificing, loving care. Ladies against Women out-Schlaflied Phyllis

with cries of "Suffering not Suffrage," "You're nobody til you're Mrs. Somebody" and "Sperms and eggs are people too." The Cleveland Press, The Cleveland Plain Dealer, and three local networks covered the action of the Ladies Against Women and the Schlafly visit became secondary. As one of the organizers said, "In addition to the humor and fun, we had the opportunity to draw attention to important issues concerning women and to make a serious political statement." Such is the very practical nature of women's humor.

My work as a fumerist began when I acknowledged the joy I have always felt when laughing together with women. I knew the joy when I was a child - screaming, wild laughing, rolling around on the ground laughing, tears streaming down my face with my girl friends. But then I was told to get serious. By the time that puberty hit, I had pretty much learned that through humor one draws attention to oneself and that girls are supposed to be seen and not heard.

Women's humor is a radical reclamation of that original, childlike joy. Now I travel all around the country making light - light enough to see where we are going in these dark times; light enough to be able to move through heavy issues and light enough to make women visible to each other. And women laugh. They shriek and scream and howl and collapse into each other. I believe that women laughing together are women bonding together. The whole world hates the happy woman and it does its best to keep us apart. Women bonding together through shared joy is an action radical enough to change the world.

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# Feminism and Militarism: Drawing the Connections

by Karen Beetle, Kath Delaney  
and Kate Tomlinson

Feminism teaches us that our personal lives and feelings are important sources of empowerment, understanding, and change. Our experience as women is that the seeds of domination and oppression permeate all aspects of our lives. Oppression is not something that we understand intellectually alone; it is a daily fact of our existence as women. Just as the nuclear arms race is a daily threat to our existence. Militarism, and the macho competition-oriented socialization process that supports and sustains it, are at the heart of this oppression. As women, and as people, making these connections and understanding their impact on our lives is a question of survival. Acting on our concern is imperative.

Militarism and the nuclear arms race grow out of fear, desire for power, and an ability to separate acts from their consequences. War making and strategizing is a process of dehumanizing and objectifying, of defining and destroying "the enemy". Women do not make war. Women, in so many ways, are the victims of war. Whether we heal the wounded, or mourn the dead- we suffer from an institution that does not even pretend to serve our interests. War is a game to the men who compete for power and prestige in the control rooms of the Pentagon. It is an adventure, a time to compete and win- to prove the accuracy and efficiency of newer and more deadly weapon systems.

In the face of a society growing ever more invested in militarism and nuclear armament, the economic and day-to-day survival needs of women are victim to the national priority of military spend-

ing at the expense of social programs that women need. Food stamps, social security, day care, rape crisis centers, battered women's shelters, women's health programs, and aid to dependent children are all being cut back or eliminated in the Federal budget. These cutbacks, ones that effect women intimately, serve further to marginalize women's needs and priorities from public awareness and government decision making. Whether through violence against women or through denial of basic survival needs in the budget, women are forced to deal with the consequences of an escalating commitment by the men in power to social and economic investment in the military. We end up paying with our livelihood, our choices, and our chance of a future, for a system that trivializes our activities, denies our humanity, and threatens our world.

In our culture, the socialization of men has traditionally taken very different forms and attitudes from the socialization of women. This is purposeful and specific. It ensures the continuance of the patriarchal society in which we live. Men are taught to value domination, control, and aggression; to place intellect above feeling; to rationalize the exploitation of people and nature. Males are urged not to cry, to resolve conflicts with confrontation, to compete against each other, to revere war and its heroes, and to scorn any tendency to act in a way that could be defined as feminine.

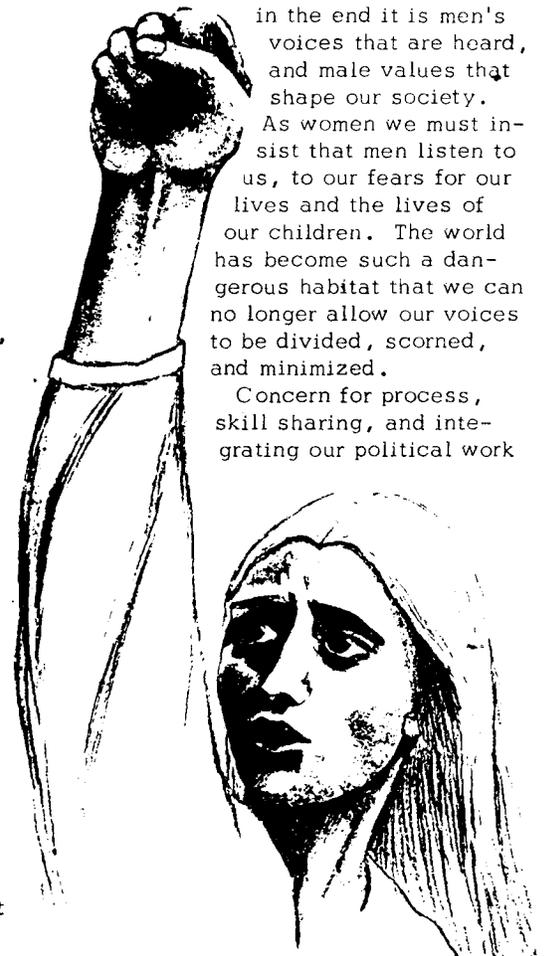
For example, in the Post Standard, on April 12, columnist Bob Greene (quoting from an article by Bruce Feirstein which will appear in the May issue of Playboy) defines the real man. At the top of the list of definitions is "Real men do not have meaningful dialogue." Examples given of a real man occupation include: airline pilot, secretary of defense, president of Lockheed, appliance salesman,

heavy-weight champion of the world. The real man's quiz is: How many women have you slept with in the last year? Possible answers: (a) 100-300 (b) 300-1,000 (c) More than 1000. Greene ends with "You get the idea." And the point is, we have always gotten the idea.

Patriarchy or the real man philosophy intends to go on dominating all our lives. Traditionally men do not listen to women. We are excluded from retellings of the world's history. Our stories are scarce. Our songs are hard to come by. Our voices are divided from each other and the separation creates an impression of weakness. When men define women they say that we talk incessantly, that we spend hours gossiping, that we are more verbal, but

in the end it is men's voices that are heard, and male values that shape our society. As women we must insist that men listen to us, to our fears for our lives and the lives of our children. The world has become such a dangerous habitat that we can no longer allow our voices to be divided, scorned, and minimized.

Concern for process, skill sharing, and integrating our political work



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with our personal lives grew out of the women's movement of the past two decades. Both the Upstate Feminist Peace Alliance and the Women's Pentagon Action are collectively run organizations.

Functioning as a collective is an integral part of feminist process. Collectivity means shared responsibility and equal opportunity through skill sharing. Traditional organizations tend to foster competition, isolation, hierarchy, and stagnation. Working against sexism means challenging these traditions by exploring new ways of working together on a day to day basis. As feminists we believe that the process cannot be separated from the goals that we envision. In seeking non-oppressive ways of relating, we are challenging the seeds of domination and war.

The reasons to act against the militaristic society that defines and oppresses us are many. Women have a strong history of resistance. Women of Central New York have a strong history of resistance in both the abolition movement and suffrage movement. Each day the threat of nuclear war grows greater. Each year the cutbacks in social programs that support women and children con-

tinue. For many women this is a survival issue.

Whether we in this country feel the direct threat of militarism or not, the women of El Salvador, South Africa, and Puerto Rico are victims of U.S. weapons and racist and genocidal investment policies. It is only in our action as women that we can draw the connections between oppression in our personal lives and militarism and the global insanity of the nuclear arms race. It is only in stressing the connections between issues that we can build a peaceful and just society for ourselves and future generations.

We need to express our unity as women, as sisters, and to gain strength from our sharing together. We need to experience our power and celebrate our ability to fight back, to resist and to change. Our society has conditioned us to stand by, to be passive, to look to men for direction. Our action as women is a denial of passivity and a demonstration of our commitment to challenging both militarism and the patriarchal assumptions that are the roots of war. Fighting patriarchy is peace work, of the first order, for us all.



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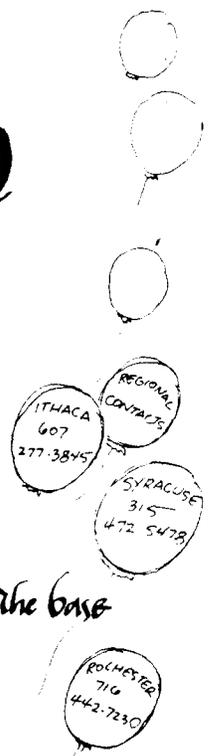
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# Strategies for Disarmament

by Frank Brodhead

The organizers of the demonstration scheduled for June 12 to coincide with the UN Special Session on Disarmament made an important decision at the end of January. Faced with proposals to include issues of US intervention prominently in the demonstration the organizers voted these proposals down. Though intervention is to be mentioned in the literature, the focus of the demonstration will continue to be on the danger of the nuclear arms race and the enormous drain on human resources it causes.

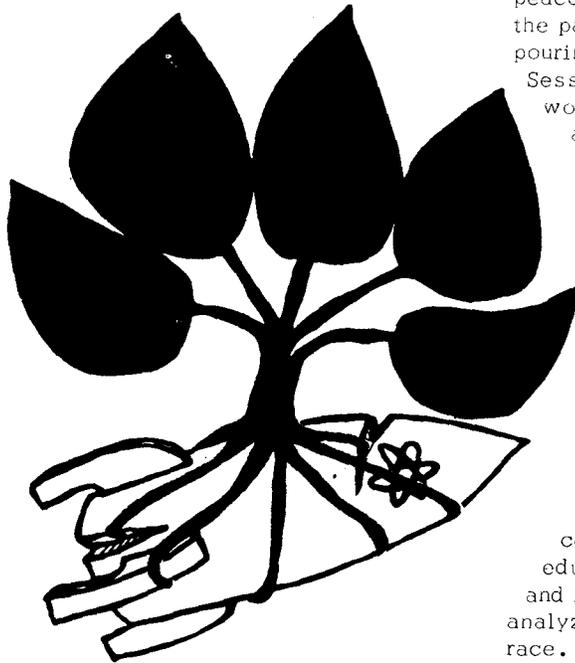
While these are obviously important -- life and death -- issues, the decision raises some important questions. First, can the issues really be separated? What is the real relationship between conventional war -- intervention into Third World conflicts or a "conventional" war between nuclear powers -- and nuclear war? Second, does this emphasis on nuclear weapons alone actually help build, and not divide, the peace movement? It is argued that including other issues such as US intervention would divide the consensus that is emerging about the threat of nuclear war. Hanging over this discussion is the dramatic growth of the peace movement in Europe, where a single focus -- no nuclear weapons, East or West -- has organized massive demonstrations against war. Wouldn't a similar focus create a mass movement here as well?

In the first place, this is not Europe, and it makes no sense to derive the goals of the US peace movement from the experience of the peace movement in Britain or the Netherlands. We live in the heartland of not only the nuclear weapons power, but the imperial gendarme as well. It is our nation that has inflicted so much suffering on countries of the Middle East, Southeast Asia and Central America, and we have a moral obligation to do what we can to stop it.

It is all very well to be mobilized for peace when our cities are threatened with destruction, and ourselves

and our friends threatened with instant or lingering death. But death and destruction are no less real when they are inflicted by our armies or those of our surrogates on the peasant populations of the Third World, even if no nuclear warheads are involved. It is irrational bordering on racist to limit our disarmament demands to those weapons that threaten the white populations of the world, while leaving unchallenged those used daily to kill darker skinned peoples.

The peace movement needs to think through quickly what is divisive and



what is unifying about different demands for disarmament. The rapid growth of our ranks is electrifying. Each week finds a new "professionals for social responsibility" organization springing up. We are daily made aware of new people and new sectors of people who have never been touched by the peace movement and are now terrified about the dangers of nuclear war. We are blind if we do not see that this popular movement for peace is growing across a wide spectrum, and is not confined simply to the issue of nuclear weapons. We can see that the fear of widespread popular opposition is suppressing the Reagan administration's natural inclinations

in Central America and that the periodic sputterings of the anti-draft movement have served notice on the administration that the issue is better postponed until after the 1982 elections. Yet Haig and Co. are preparing to rush more US aid to prop up the military regime in El Salvador this spring. And the administration has no choice but to proceed with the prosecution of those young men who failed or refused to register for the draft.

Both administration moves can be expected to tap latent energies for peace that have proved their vigor in the past with quick, dramatic outpourings of opposition. The Special Session demonstration organizers would be wise to anticipate such a mobilization this spring and reach out to include its energies in the campaign against nuclear weapons. Can this be done while rejecting the proposal to include prominently the issue of intervention in a disarmament focus, or when the issue of the draft is scarcely mentioned?

What about the connection between nuclear weapons and conventional warfare? With the peace movement growing so quickly, experienced leaders have an obligation to educate new recruits to our ranks, and fill them in on our best efforts to analyze the root causes of the arms race. This is particularly important because a substantial body of "informed opinion" is responding to anti-nuclear weapons sentiment by saying we need to bolster our conventional forces in Europe. If we are serious about lessening the possibility that nuclear weapons will be used, goes the argument, we should bring back the draft, step up our chemical warfare capabilities, and build lots of tanks.

We know that this connection between conventional and nuclear warfare is at least half truth, and that the most likely scenario for nuclear war is one which emerges from a conventional clash in Central Europe.

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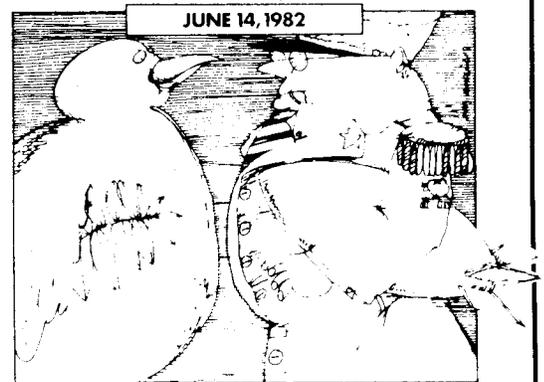
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## BLOCKADE THE BOMBMAKERS

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But the best guess is that such a clash would grow out of a US-Soviet clash in the Third World. Available information shows that many of the occasions when the US contemplated using nuclear weapons in the past grew out of real or alleged superpower conflict in the Third World.

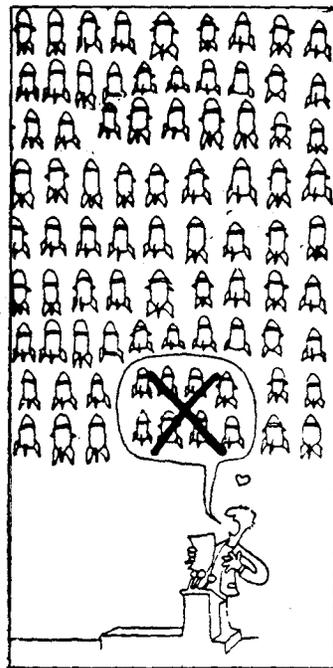
The connection between nuclear and conventional warfare also works the other way. The drive by the US to regain clear nuclear superiority over the Soviet Union is primarily intended to give the US a free hand in the Third World, particularly in areas close to the Soviet Union such as the Persian Gulf. Only if the level of US military superiority is clear at each possible stage of escalation, reasons the Pentagon, will the Soviet Union refrain from challenging a US intervention that uses conventional forces. This was the pattern set in Korea and Vietnam, but it has been challenged by the "essential equivalency" in nuclear arms that the Soviets achieved in the 1970's. Nuclear superiority is the umbrella under which the US will police or expand its sphere of influence, using the Rapid Deployment

Force. This was the clear message of the Carter Doctrine, which threatened to use nuclear weapons if the

Soviets challenged the US in the Persian Gulf.

If this outline is accepted then it is vital that the struggle for peace not be divided into "ban the bomb" and anti-interventionist forces. These struggles are linked not just in our minds, but in the mind of the Pentagon as well. The organizers of the June 12 demonstration at the UN Special Session on Disarmament are playing a divisive role in the peace movement by separating these issues. They are linked whether we like it or not, and the job of organizers is to educate people about reality.

If it is too late to persuade the organizers of June 12 to emphasize the dangers of conventional warfare, US intervention or the draft in relationship to nuclear war; we should take up these issues at the local level. We should also come to the June 12 demonstration, supporting its important demands, but carrying signs, banners and leaflets that speak to these issues. By doing this we can make the UN Special Session on Disarmament an occasion to work for genuine, secure peace.



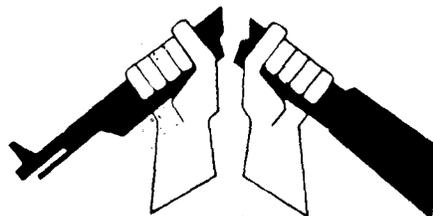
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## Draft Boards, What Draft Boards?

One of the current games in Washington, DC these days is "Change the Name but Leave the Game the Same." Draft boards aren't draft boards anymore--they're "claims boards"--if people will even admit they exist. Betty Alexander of the Selective Service in Washington said there weren't any draft boards. When it was pointed out that, in fact, there had been interviews of draftboard members in the papers and Selective Service (SS) Director General Turnage had set up training for them, she admitted to the existence of "standby boards" and subsequently provided the list of draft board members in Onondaga County.

Nationwide, 26,254 applicants were recruited by the SS. They were interviewed, mostly by National Guard officers, who "quizzed them on whether they felt capable of giving a fair hearing [to people claiming deferments]" (Albany Times-Union, 3/14/82). Finally, 10,600

people were selected--460 in 92 boards in New York (excluding NYC).



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Saturday May 15, 1982	3:30pm
<b>Join the 3-Mile Welcome Walk</b> <i>Walk from Westcott Reservoir (across from Westvale Plaza) on W. Genesee St. to Clinton Square, downtown Syracuse.</i>	
Sunday May 16, 1982	7:30pm
<b>Interfaith Peace Service</b> <i>May Memorial Church 3800 E. Genesee St. Everyone Welcome</i>	
Monday May 17, 1982	7:30pm
<b>“Walking for Peace”—</b> <i>An evening with the Walkers and the Open Hand Theatre Plymouth Church 232 E. Onondaga Ave. Free</i>	
Wednesday May 19, 1982	7:30-9:00 pm
<b>Candlelight Vigil at Griffiss Air Force Base Rome, NY</b>	

## The local peace walk needs your help!

Get involved! You can: Walk, Provide Food, Provide Hospitality, Donate Money. For information about the local walk activities and how you can help, call Corinne Kinane at 422-1659 or leave a message on tape at 472-2983. If you could provide hospitality for walkers, contact Michael Grimm at 469-1082.

## Join the Peace Vigils!

Peace vigils are scheduled at local weapons facilities in Upstate New York. AFSC staff-person, John Ragusa, is coordinator of these walks and of AFSC's new Nuclear Facilities Networking Project. Contact him at 315-475-4822. Or contact Liam Mahony at 315-472-5478 about the Griffiss Vigil, or Bill Spilly 315-789-2686 about the Seneca Vigil.

# April Action at Nuclear Facilities

## Litton Systems

Litton Systems Canada builds the guidance system for the "Tomahawk" cruise missile. Their factory on the outskirts of Toronto has been the site of many demonstrations by the Cruise Missile Conversion Project (CMCP), "a collective of women and men working towards the conversion of the products of war and mass destruction at Litton to socially useful production."

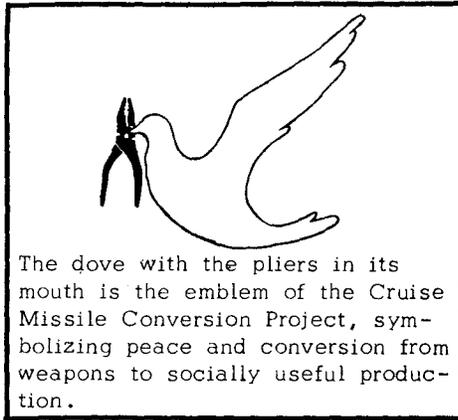
On the morning of April 8, 35 Canadians from all over Ontario were arrested at the Litton gates in a non-violent civil disobedience organized by CMCP. The action lasted four cold hours, consisting of successive "waves" of blockaders each taking their place at the gate as their predecessors were arrested. The most powerful moment of the action was when the 4th group poured their own blood on the entrance road, symbolizing the blood of the millions who will die in the event of a nuclear war.

Throughout the action, a group of a hundred supporters, including several from Upstate New York, stood by singing and holding signs explaining the message of the action to the rush hour commuters passing on the nearby expressway.

Those arrested, who ranged in age from late teens to mid-seventies and from new-wave anarchists to Christian ministers, were released in a few hours with trial dates set in May. At a collective evaluation that afternoon, most of us felt that we'd learned a lot from the action and that an important statement had been made.

The next day, Good Friday, there was a legal rally at the Litton plant. It was attended by over 2000 people.

The trial for the previous civil disobedience at the Litton plant (Nov. 11, 1981) began on April 13. After four days of testimony from Litton guards, the 23 defendants, Phillip Berrigan and others, the case is now awaiting a Supreme Court decision on a subpoena of Litton's executive officers requiring them to testify on the first-strike and destructive capabilities of the Cruise. Their defense is based on the fact that a lesser law was broken to protect Canada from the far greater disaster of nuclear war.



The dove with the pliers in its mouth is the emblem of the Cruise Missile Conversion Project, symbolizing peace and conversion from weapons to socially useful production.

## Griffiss Air Force Base

On Sunday the 18th, nearly a hundred people gathered at Griffiss for a "Celebration of Life" to voice our protest against the arms race. This was the first action of the Cruise Missile Action Project since last summer. We shared songs, poetry, theatre, silence and hope for the

future with people from all over central New York.

The next action at Griffiss will be on May 19 when the Peace Walk comes through. There will be a gathering at Bellamy Park in Rome, followed by a procession to the base and a candlelight vigil.

## Seneca Army Depot

Nearly 200 people gathered at the Depot on Sunday the 25th to hear speakers and sing songs to protest the storage of nuclear weapons (including the neutron bomb) there. The rally was preceded by a four-mile peace walk. On May 13, at 7:30 there will be a candlelight vigil at Seneca which will be attended by the Toronto-New York Peace Walk of the World Peace March.



In view of the popularity of the issue of disarmament at this time, the turnout at these last two local actions was very low. Why? Why are people who will hop on a bus to Washington unwilling to drive over to the bombs next door? Are local protests useless? Tactically unproductive? Boring? Alienating? Should we continue these types of actions? Discussions of these sorts of questions are part of what this newsletter is for - please give us some feedback.

- Liam Mahony



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# Nuclear Freeze Wins in Syracuse

The Nuclear Weapons Freeze Resolution was given quite a boost locally with the passage, on April 19, of the Resolution by the Syracuse (city) Common Council. Introduced by Common Councillor Nancy Lorraine Hoffman, the Freeze Resolution was the subject of two public hearings and a spirited debate among the councillors themselves just prior to the vote.

The resolution, in essence, "calls upon the President of the United States to propose to the leaders of the Soviet Union that together, both countries adopt an immediate, mutual freeze on the testing, production, and deployment of nuclear weapons, and of missiles and new aircraft designed primarily to deliver nuclear weapons, as an essential verifiable first step toward lessening the risk of nuclear war and then, to continue his efforts to reduce the nuclear arsenals of both nations." A copy of the resolution is being transmitted to elected officials at the local, state, and fed-

eral levels of government, inviting them to endorse it as well.

The positive vote for the Freeze Resolution lends weight to the growing number of municipalities that have gone on record in its support, and credibility to the genuine grassroots



character of the organizing effort. The significance of the local vote was the diversity (Politically, culturally, and economically) of its supporters, the depth of feeling it aroused in our community, and the stamina and strength of commitment by ordinary

citizens on the question of preventing a nuclear holocaust.

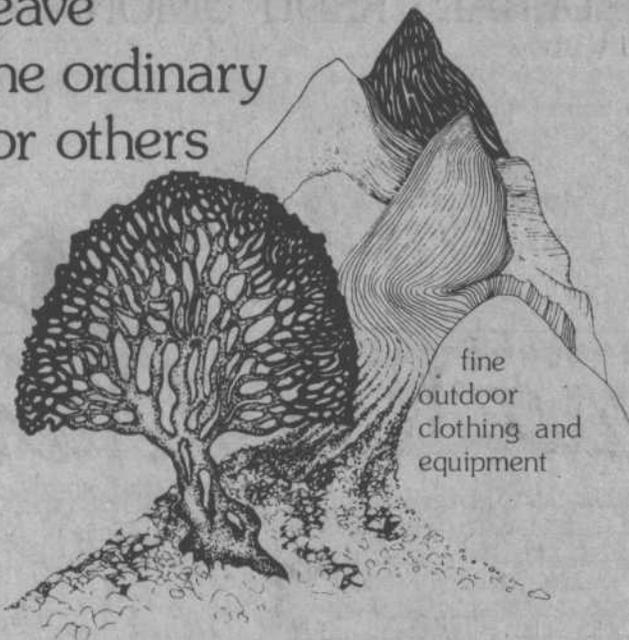
Included among those speaking at the public hearing in support of the Freeze Resolution were veterans, mothers and fathers, students, labor representatives, academicians, lawyers, and clergy; as well as activists, peaceniks, and even a draft resister. Opponents to the resolution, who were greatly outnumbered, were primarily from organized veterans groups, several conservative political scientists, and a few military chaplains.

The Nuclear Weapon Freeze Campaign meets the first Tuesday of every month at the meeting hall next to the First Presbyterian Church, 620 West Genesee St., Syracuse. For more information call 458-6266.

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## Third World

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At this hour, Nicaragua appears set on a course which finds her defending Indian policies which are identical to the Indian policies of reactionary countries throughout the Western Hemisphere, and which finds the Miskito people struggling for their country with support from some of those same reactionary countries. The only way out of that dilemma for both the Sandinistas and the Miskitos would involve a compromise which would include Sandinista recognition of the existence of Indian nations and rights to determine the course of development of their country. The compromise could also recognize the rights of the Nicaraguan people in determining the course of development in the Atlantic Coast. That path can lead to the forging of a revolutionary alliance which makes clear to the Indians that the support of the Revolution is a support of their own interests, while also offering to the Revolution a powerful ally in the Atlantic Coast peoples.

Parts of the Sandinista Indian policy are in error, and no doubt some of the positions taken by some of the MISURASATA Indian leaders have been in error also.

The Miskitos are a colonized people. They have been affected by centuries of colonization. The Sandinistas are also a colonized people, and even in revolutionary struggle they are victims of some of the unconscious effects of that colonization. The experiences

of the two are historically different, but both express the objective of decolonization. The Miskitos have leaders who are presently in conflict with Managua whose primary objective is the decolonization of their people. Such people are simply not counter-revolutionaries, not even when they find themselves at odds with revolutionary governments.

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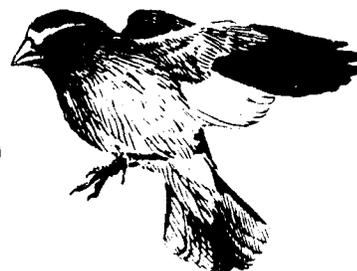
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The Credit Union has gotten off to its robust start because it has been able to build on the strong support and confidence there is in the Real Food Co-op, its parent organization.

The Credit Union welcomes inquiries from all PNL readers and Co-op members, present and potential. The office is located on the back porch of the Co-op, 618 Kensington Rd. (phone 471-1116). Its hours are especially convenient for Co-op shoppers: Monday-Thursday 4 to 6pm, Friday 3 to 6pm, and Saturday 11am to 3pm.

Only Co-op members can use the Credit Union, but it's easy to join the Co-op. Drop by and sign on!

### Gay Rights in Wisconsin

At the end of February, Wisconsin became the first state to pass a gay civil rights law. The bill adds the term sexual orientation to state laws banning discrimination. The fact that the law passed in a rural, midwestern state, not exactly a traditional stronghold of the gay/lesbian movement, gives great hope to activists around the country.

### The Community Wins, The Pentagon Loses

Good News! The Pentagon didn't get quite what it wanted this year, the money of thousands of people who are morally and politically opposed to paying for the organized crime of militarism.

More Good News!! In Albany NY people refusing to pay war taxes this year pooled their Federal tax money and donated it directly to their community. On April 13 - two days before "tax day" - almost \$4,000 was given to 22 organizations providing vital human services in the Albany area. Day care centers, schools, community arts programs, shelters for battered women, and groups working for alternatives to prisons were among the recipients of the Military Tax Resistance and Alternative Funds' (MTRAF) Second Annual donation of withheld Federal tax money to the community.

\$4,000 isn't much to the Pentagon. But people refusing to cooperate with it is. And while \$4,000 won't itself assure that a community's social programs continue, it's a clear sign of hope. And it's just beginning. In the first six months as an organization MTRAF donated \$1,000 to its community. A year later, \$4,000. Next year promises much more.

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### War Tax Deduction Pays Off

An SPC tax resister filed her income tax form this year to get back money that had been withheld from her pay. She included a war tax de-

duction for money spent on the military in her list of deductions. The IRS, apparently approving of her sentiments, accepted the war tax deduction and refunded her money.

### Students Rally at Rally

A handful of high school students held a brief but effective protest during a basketball pep rally at Bishop Ludden High School, a local Catholic school. Joe Charles, Suzanne Burns, John Affleck, Matt Samolis, John Colonarri, Mary Kennific, Tim Cappacilli, John Percival, and others peacefully interrupted the rally, at which TV cameras were present, by holding up signs at the top of the bleachers saying such things as "US out of El Salvador," "Bread not Bombs," "Draft Beer Not People," and "Isn't one Viet Nam Enough?"

The intention of the demonstration was to express student concern for world problems. The students were immediately ordered to take down the signs; one teacher even snatched away and tore up a sign. At this, several students in the back began to shout "No Nukes," and a few signs went back up. There was a threat of suspension for the action, but some teachers threatened to file a complaint with the Catholic Diocese if any action were taken against the students, citing the students' right to free speech. Only one student was suspended, for allegedly cursing the teacher who tore his sign away.

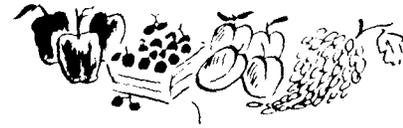
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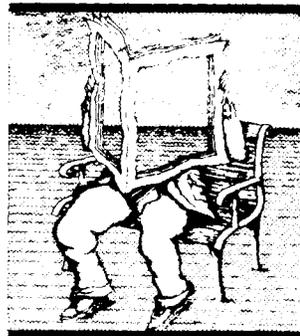


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## Book Review-

# The Fate of the Earth

Author: Jonathon Schell  
Knopf, 1982. \$12 (hb)

by Angus MacDonald

This is a powerfully loving book. Jonathan Schell is obviously a person who has not only gained a great deal of knowledge, but has also turned what he learned into understanding. He writes clearly, with humility, integrity and passion.

The sources for the book are anything but controversial. They include studies commissioned by Congress; by the Defense Department jointly with the Energy Research and Development Administration; by the National Air and Space Administration; by the Department of Transportation; and by the Brookhaven National Laboratory. The only non-American source often quoted is a study of Hiroshima and Nagasaki by Japanese scientists.

In Part I of the book, "A Republic of Insects and Grass," Mr. Schell led me through the direct and after-effects of exploding a one-megaton bomb. These include the gamma radiation, the electromagnetic pulse, the thermal pulse, the fireball, the blast wave and a little later, the fall-out.

Sometimes stumbling and gasping I followed Teacher Schell through a tour of Hiroshima, including what happened to its people since the bomb fell and ended up with a painfully explicit view of what could happen in an all-out nuclear holocaust -- to people and to the ability of our planet to sustain life. While grass and insects are most likely to survive a nuclear holocaust, even they are seriously at risk. Mr. Schell demolished the ideas of limited nu-

*Angus MacDonald is a long-time Peace Council activist who works for the survival of this planet.*

clear war and of any effective civil defense against nuclear war.

But let me quote Part I's summary. It is one of the longest sentences I have ever read. I urge you to have the patience to read it, for your own sake and for the sake of those who may come after you:

*Bearing in mind that the possible consequences of the detonation of thousands of megatons of nuclear explosives include the blinding of insects, birds and beasts all over the world; the extinction of many ocean species, among them some at the base of the food chain; the temporary or permanent alteration of the climate of the globe, with the outside chance of "dramatic" and "major" alterations in the structure of the atmosphere; the pollution of the whole ecosphere with oxides of nitrogen; the incapacitation in ten minutes of unprotected people who go out into the sunlight; the blinding of people who go out into the sunlight; a significant decrease in photosynthesis around the world; the scalding and killing of many crops; the increase in rates of cancer and mutation around the world, but especially in the targeted zones, and the attendant risks of global epidemics; the possible poisoning of all vertebrates by sharply increased levels of vitamin D in their skin as a result of increased ultraviolet light; and the outright slaughter on all targeted continents of most human beings and other living things by the initial nuclear radiation, the fireballs, the thermal pulses, the blast waves, the mass fires, and the fallout from the explosions; and, considering that these consequences will all interact with each other in unguessable ways and, furthermore, are in all likelihood an incomplete list, which will be added to as our knowledge of the earth increases, one must conclude that a full scale nuclear holocaust could lead to the extinction of mankind.*

Part II of The Fate of the Earth is titled "The Second Death." I believe that Jonathan Schell wants us to think, and feel, as God may think and feel. It is almost as if God, using Mr. Schell as a prophetic voice, were pleading with us to love ourselves, to love each other, to love the beautiful and fascinating and irreplaceable web of planetary life of



Bonnie Acker/SPC -- see p. 13

which we are a part, and beyond all our immediate concerns, to love the lives that may come after ours enough, so that we may give them their chance to live in their turn.

The best way I can see to sum up the book's Part III, "The Choice" is by brief quotations from it (though I want YOU to read every word of the book!):

*...While reflection on death may lead to resignation and acceptance, reflection on extinction must lead to exactly the opposite response; to arousal, rejection, indignation and action. Extinction is not something to contemplate, it is something to rebel against.*

And then the final words of the section:

*One day--and it is hard to believe it will not be soon--we will make our choice. Either we will sink into the final coma and end it all, or, as I trust and believe, we will waken to the truth of our peril, a truth as great as life itself, and, like a person who has swallowed a lethal poison but shakes off his stupor at the last moment and vomits the poison up, we will break through the layers of our denials, put aside our faint-hearted excuses, and rise up to cleanse the earth of nuclear weapons.*

Not to be mechanical about it, every morning I intend to ask myself -- and God -- "What may I do today to prevent nuclear war?"

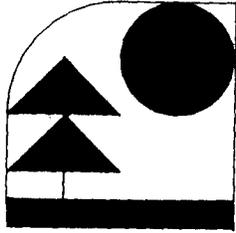
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Not only are people walking for peace across the state of New York (see p. 21), but a group called A Walk to Moscow has walked across the entire U.S. and are now going the length of Europe. Hiking about 20 miles a day, since March '81 they have already covered 4000 miles from Bangor, Washington to Washington DC speaking to tens of thousands of people along the way.

This March the group flew to the British Isles to begin walking another 2500 miles to Moscow bearing witness to the following initiatives: an immediate moratorium on the production, testing and deployment of all nuclear weapons; refusal by individuals to pay taxes for war; refusal by individuals to serve in armed forces; conversion of the war-based economy to one based on real human needs; decentralization of agriculture and preservation of small farms; cooperative economic and social organizations such as food co-ops and daycare centers; nonviolent resolution of conflict; integration of the wisdom of various classes, ages and cultures; and support for the right of all peoples to self-determination.

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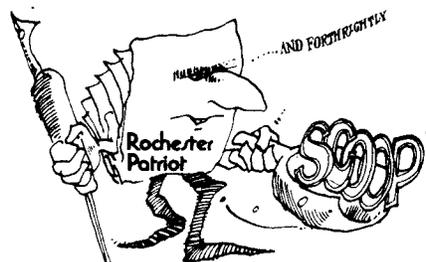
## A CASUALTY TOO CLOSE TO HOME

After nine gadfly years, the Rochester Patriot is calling it quits. The feisty fortnightly ran its last issue in April.

# PEACES

As Rochester's muckraking newspaper, the Patriot -- self-appointed big business critic, media watchdog, consumer advocate and voice of the "little guy" -- had many sources for tips on investigative stories, but few sources of money.

The small overworking underpaid staff, with the support of a loyal



core of production workers, advertisers and readers, somehow managed to keep the Patriot afloat from year to year. But the 'apathy of the times' and the paper's 'radical' reputation hampered efforts to build an advertising and readership base in that otherwise unventilated conservative company town.

The Patriot's origins go back to the Watergate era. In 1974 it became Rochester's first subscriber-owned, subscriber-run newspaper, and in a marked departure from local corporate practice, opened its board meetings to any who cared to come.

We hope the seeds the Patriot has sown over the years have taken root and that its irreverent, iconoclastic tradition will somehow find a way to keep poking its nose in everybody's business.

## CUAPB MEETS

At the April 12 meeting of Citizens United Against Police Brutality, a petition was distributed calling for a Civilian Review Board, and for the elimination of police spotlights. Recently a police spotlight was a suspected factor in the death of a motorcyclist during a high-speed chase.

A report was given of a People United conference in Baltimore organizing opposition to the Klan and Nazis, and protesting police links with these organizations.

Updating Dennis Collins' case against the police, Attorney Alan Rosenthal said that four months after his requesting police records, Judge Howard Munson decided to examine these records and decide later whether to release them to Dennis' attorney.

The next CUAPB meeting will be 7:30pm, Monday, May 10 at 633 So. Warren Street. --Angus MacDonald

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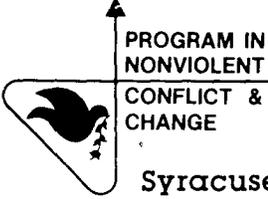
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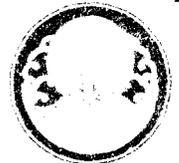
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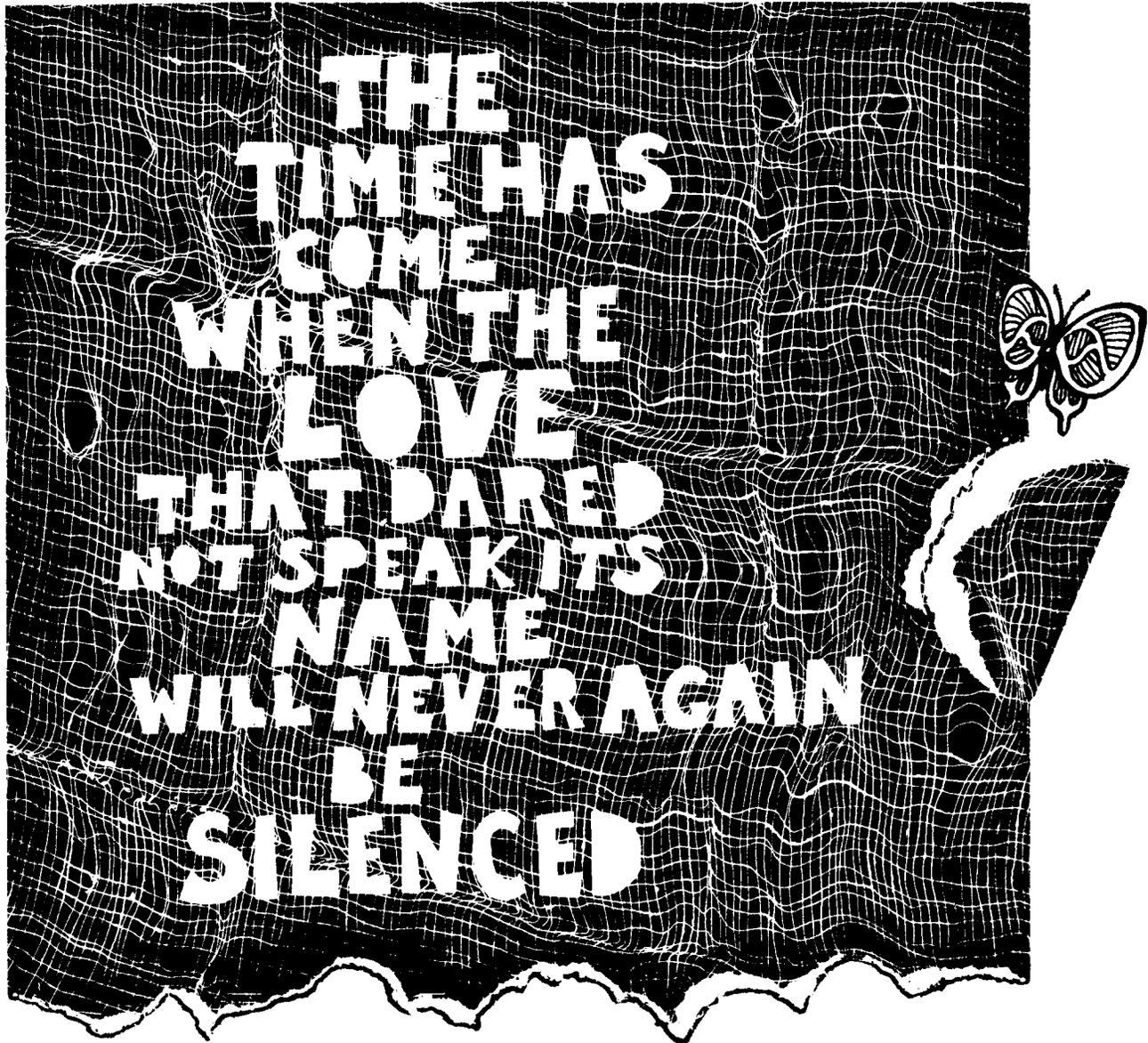
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# Letters

Albany, NY

Dear Everyone,

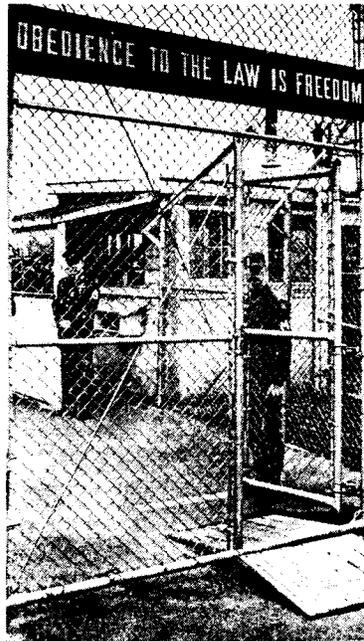
Having recently become conscious of the fact that I will be participating in the anti-nuclear civil disobedience action in New York City on June 14, I sat on the front steps of our house and wondered why. As I looked out onto Quail St., a van with a message helped me out. It read, "Michael Sinai-Painting Contractor."

We met in 1980; I don't know how long we spoke before he used the term "concentration camp" in regard to his own life, but I do vividly recall my disbelief. I had known others whose experiences were similar, whose families had been wiped out, and one common trait had always stood out to me. They all had seemed to lack a sense of humor. Unable to reconcile the man who sat before me so obviously alive and joyful with the deadly reality of Nazi Germany, my question finally came. "Why are you so different?" And it was with the quiet simplicity of one who has truly survived that he answered, "Well, I just figure, 'Why should I finish the job they started?'"

Those words spoke to me of the truth from so many angles. We measure death in shed blood alone and disregard the real holocaust, the sense of murdering fear, the corpses that walk around as if alive. We perpetuate the illusion of physical death and ignore the reality of spiritual and emotional death. These days the word "holocaust" is used in terms of future; in terms of nu-

clear. But nuclear holocaust victims are a phenomenon of the present.

And the burnt out, hopeless casualties of the threat of nuclear holocaust remain understandably apathetic in the face of something so trivial as the possibility of physical annihilation. The sores and vomiting that result from exposure to radiation will occur, if they do, because



the sickness of soul will find physical expression. Everyone will be cremated, if we are, in the ecologically indigestible product of the greed of a few of us. And although it will not be the first time that the rich have exploited the poor, it may well be the last.

The only antidote for fear is action. Action breeds hope. To claim is to admit the connection with and many

people need to be re-claimed. To deem is to believe in and many people need to be re-deemed. Action begins with the re-deemers, the re-claimers. But who are they?

I have witnessed my own healing and the healing of others. The oasis of mutuality and bonding that enables us to wander in the desert long enough to shed all that which is transformable is an ongoing creation story. I came to the place where it was not enough that my suffering be visible, so I began to live my resurrection. Now I hear myself saying that this vision of resurrection is not visible enough. That just as the inner illness will have it's expression in physical terms, the wholeness, the brokenness re-claimed must be graphically and openly expressed. Not only the willingness but the ability to pay the price of peace must be seen even more widely than it has been. The global family must begin to ask, "Why should we finish the job that has been started?" And that question will be perceived and understood only if it is asked in an unambiguous, tangible way. As one friend put it, "I must put my body where my mouth is." For what we are faced with is the radical diminishment of the possibility of oasis, re-deeming, re-claiming.

That spark which is the recognition of connectedness, which is life, cannot be extinguished completely. But I contemplate painfully the extent to which it can be reduced. If my body is to be disposed of in any case, as it is, I would prefer to have its demise speak clearly and visibly in the name of life rather than anonymously in a chorus of smoky death.

Charlene Carivan

(This letter has been condensed)

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Jack Manno takes a probing look at the Manifesto of the National Organization for an American Revolution.

Donna Wassung presents the first of (we hope) several "Poetry for Peace" pages.

And we highlight--and push--preparations for the June 12th Rally and the June 14th civil disobedience at the UN Special Session on Disarmament II in New York City!

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"What connects movements? Hunger." —Meridel LeSueur



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The artwork on the cover was designed by Harry Freeman-Jones, who also wrote the article on page 12. Expressing the transcendent strength of gays and lesbians who declare their love freely in an oppressive society, Harry's drawing is an empowering statement for us all.

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## News from the SPC House

As usual, things are hopping here. The World Peace March, the Birthday Dinner, and the Women's Action at Seneca Depot have rushed by. With no time for recovery, the June 12 Disarmament rally rapidly approaches, claiming the time that might have gone toward rest.

While our bleak financial situation may put a damper on some of our activities, new energy keeps flowing in: Craig Colten has just moved in to the upstairs room, taking Patrick's place for the summer. Muriel Landy has begun volunteering her time on a regular basis, helping with office duties and answering phones (in addition to her work as transportation contact for the June 12 Rally).

Mark Hansel is leaving town. His help in updating our file system has been greatly appreciated. Others in the house are bound to be leaving for varying periods of time as summer (vacation time!) rushes by, so we are badly in need of help here in the office. If you can offer a few hours a week on a regular basis, please let us know.

And if that's not enticing enough, drop in anytime to browse through the Front Room's books and other resources, to read from our collection of magazines and books, or just to enjoy the company of a group of hard-working people fighting for social change.

## 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 is supported primarily through contributions, monthly pledges, and fundraising events which reflect our political goals. To be a member one needs simply to contribute to SPC in some way (financial or otherwise) and to agree with the general principles of SPC. Attendance and participation in SPC community events establishes one's sense of membership in the Peace Council.

SPC's major work is done through committees and in coalitions. Four collectives work out of the SPC office: the program staff, the SPC Press, the American Myths Calendar committee, and the Front Room Bookstore. The office is open every weekday, 9AM - 5PM; visitors always welcome.

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## HELP!!

The past month has seen a flurry of activity here at SPC: a Birthday Dinner, the Women's Action at Seneca Depot, the World Peace March, and preparations for June 12. Unfortunately, it has also been a month of major disappointments.

Our FundAppeal mailing in late April netted only \$500, far below expectations. The Birthday Dinner, budgeted to raise over \$250 for SPC, raised no money at all. An emergency accounting of our pledge returns revealed that over \$180 per month of promised pledges has not been coming in - that amounts to over \$2000 during the course of a year. Two thousand badly needed dollars.

Our increased activity is costing money. Utility and telephone rates are going up, as we all know. Printing, supplies and other necessities are costing more each month.

Unexpected drops in income combined with increased expenses yield only one thing: by July or August we will be broke, unless something happens to change the current

trends. That something is you. We need all your back pledges now, as well as any contributions you can afford.

Deficit spending is unfortunately not an option for the Peace Council; if our income does not increase soon, we will have to cut back sharply on the amount of organizing we're doing, and devote the majority of our energies to fundraising. Events in Central America and the threat of nuclear war are drawing large numbers of people into the Peace Movement. If we have to cut back on our activities now we will be losing a very important organizing opportunity.

Please pay your back pledges, and please consider pledging money to SPC if you are not already. Our pledge system is the backbone of our financial planning. We are dependent on pledges to ensure that our monthly expenses will be met.

If you are not able to pledge at this time, please make a contribution to help us to get through the summer intact. Help us to continue the good work we've been doing.

## Projects and Jobs Needing Warm Bodies:

### Fighting Repressive Legislation

In the process of researching the Senate bill concerning the extradition of Filipinos it became apparent to us in the P&E committee that there were many such repressive bills that need watching. We feel it might be time to re-form the "Legislative Committee" which has been part of SPC in the past.

Membership in this committee could be a satisfying outlet for those people who wish to feel involved but do not necessarily want to attend meetings. The committee keeps tabs on bills in Congressional committees and on the floor of the Senate and the House. A communication network is then set up and urgent letters/phone calls/public opinion messages can be channeled off to be most effective.

Are you interested in an activity like this? It's a great way to be effective and let off steam! Please call SPC (472-5478) and leave your name. We'll get back to you.

### The Rapid Response Network

Last year SPC staff agreed there was need for a committee to monitor Federal legislation on arms spending and weapons issues like the MX missile and chemical weapons. Similar to our energy legislation committee, a telephone tree and mailings would alert people to write or call their representatives. Such a project is now being organized on a national scale by SANE. The Rapid Response Network (RRN) will function through phone trees and the monthly SANE Action Letter. To join SANE's RRN write to SANE 711 G St. SE Washington DC 20003.

Locally the American Friends Service Committee puts out a HOTLINE with letter writing and political action alerts on issues which include the arms race, the draft, and the death penalty. To receive the HOTLINE call AFSC at 475-4822 or write them at 821 Euclid Avenue Syracuse, NY 13210

The week of August 2-9 is an important time to commemorate the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and vow "Never again!" We have traditionally held a vigil on August 6th, and plan to do so this year. Other events for that week are the NVS Films ('Dr. Strangelove' and 'No Place to Hide') and a Bright Morning Star Concert. An idea floating around the SPC office is that we show the film in a storefront downtown. 'No Place to Hide' is a collage of civil defense films of the '50's which attempted to sell America the fallout shelter (the myth of surviving a nuclear attack.) If you can help plan events for the commemoration of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, contact Glenda at 472-5478. New ideas are welcomed.

'No Place to Hide' is available for other groups to show through NVS Films during a two week period, Sat. 7/31 - Sun. 8/15. The rental is \$30-40/day depending on your budget and number of showings. Contact Dik Cool at SPC.



The Bright Morning Star Concert originally scheduled for late June has been postponed until August 7th or 8th. (Instead we will have a concert by Barb Dunn to benefit SPC on Saturday, June 26th. See PNL Calendar) If you have been inspired by their last two concerts here, consider working on this one. And tell all your friends and family to look for the poster and come!

available from SPC Film Committee  
**El Salvador Another Viet Nam?**  
 SPC recently bought a copy of this important film. It is available for rental on a sliding scale fee. Call Lois Levitan 478-2998 or the SPC 472-5478 to schedule it.

## Standing Ovation for Manning Marable

The 46th Birthday of the Syracuse Peace Council was celebrated on May 8th with a delicious dinner in the spring-decorated hall of St. Paul's United Meth. Church. A tradition of SPC birthdays is a review of the year's activities, and this Dik Cool offered in his inimitable laid back style. Another tradition is the presentation of Peace Awards. We gave two this year: to the Haig Action at the 1981 Syracuse University graduation, and to Lois Levitan, who has rebuilt the Monday Night Potluck Series and contributed in many ways to the renewed strength of

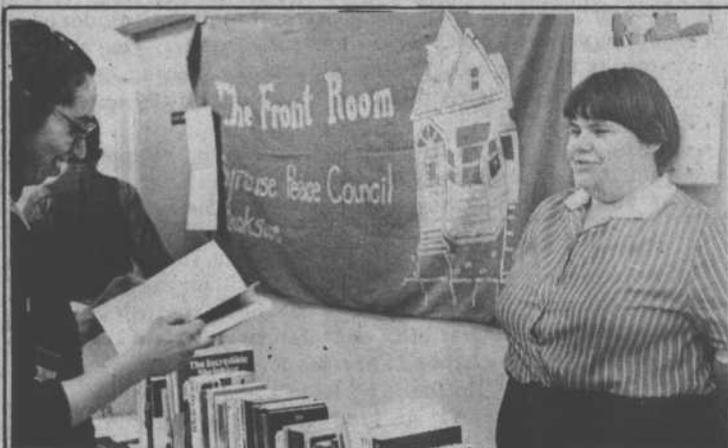
SPC in the 1980's. Another pleasure of the evening was the music of Laura Wilansky, who sang us some new verses to Holly Near's "Fight Back". Then we heard Manning Marable speak.

Manning Marable was recommended as a speaker soon after several SPC people heard him at the conference "Government Repression and the Klan/Nazis". Also, within the last year there's been renewed discussion of why SPC's work must combine the goals of peace and social justice, if we hope to attain either one.

Manning Marable gave a concrete analysis of how the arms race equals poverty, the deterioration of the cities, the misery and famine of Third World people. He spoke on how racism and sexism play key roles in the maintenance of the economic and political order. His conclusion, very simply put, is that the peace and black movements must work together against the arms race. \* We gave him an enthusiastic ovation for the message of his talk, but also for his lively, human, and giving manner.

This year's Dinner was much smaller in attendance compared to the last few dinners. We hope it was the fault of timing, or too little publicity, and not a lack of interest in the topic of Manning's talk. More than ever we must discuss strategies for a peace movement which will create our vision "of a world where war, violence and exploitation of all kinds - economic, racial, sexual, age, - do not exist."

\*Manning Marable's talk is being transcribed. If you'd like a copy, call the SPC office.



Barb Kobritz minds the Front Room Bookstore at the Birthday Dinner. Photo by Suzanne Burns

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## June 7 U.N. Special Session on Disarmament

The second U.N. Special Session on Disarmament convenes on June 7. Lots of organizing has been and still is going into related peace events: the World Peace March, the June 12 rally in New York City and the civil disobedience at the U.N. missions of nuclear nations on June 14. What can we expect from the U.N.? Will there really be progress towards disarmament or is this, primarily, a symbol to be organizing around? In this crucial first week of the session we will be discussing these and other related questions. For more information call Liam Mahony at 472-5478.

June 14 "What do Gays and Lesbians Do?"  
Personal Reflections on a Changing Movement

A group of local activists will be on hand to share their survival experiences in the 13-year-old lesbian/gay rights movement. The evening will reflect the highly individual nature of the struggle in which one's most intimate affection may be politicized by largely hostile communities on both the right and the left. Observations will include a touch of history, some humor and a few dreams for the future. For more information call 475-6866 or 422-5732.

June 21 A Future for the Middle East:  
Discussion of AFSC's New Middle East Book "A Compassionate Peace"

A panel discussion with Judy Bjorkman, Upstate AFSC's Middle East Program Director, and others representing Palestinian and Jewish perspectives will respond to recommendations put forth in the new AFSC book A Compassionate Peace — A Future for the Middle East. The book discusses the arms race, in the Middle East, the politics of oil, the roles of the USSR and the US, the Iranian revolution, the conflict in Lebanon, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, and the central problem of the unresolved Arab/Israeli/Palestinian conflict. Its specific recommendations for peace will be the basis for tonight's discussion. People are encouraged to read A Compassionate Peace. It is available for \$6.95 at The Front Room Bookstore of SPC, at AFSC and at the Economy Bookstore. For more information call Judy Bjorkman at American Friends Service Committee (AFSC): 475-4822.

## June 28 Specieism, Animal Rights, Animal Liberation

What does it mean? Is it important for the peace/social justice movement to think about? Is it a diversion from more important issues or is it a vital expansion of consciousness and sensitivity — a stretching of awareness to another oppressed, exploited class of beings? How is specieism connected to our other concerns as we strive for a better world? The filmstrip "Animal Rights: The Issues, The Movement" will be followed by a discussion. For info.: Linda DeStefano 475-0062.

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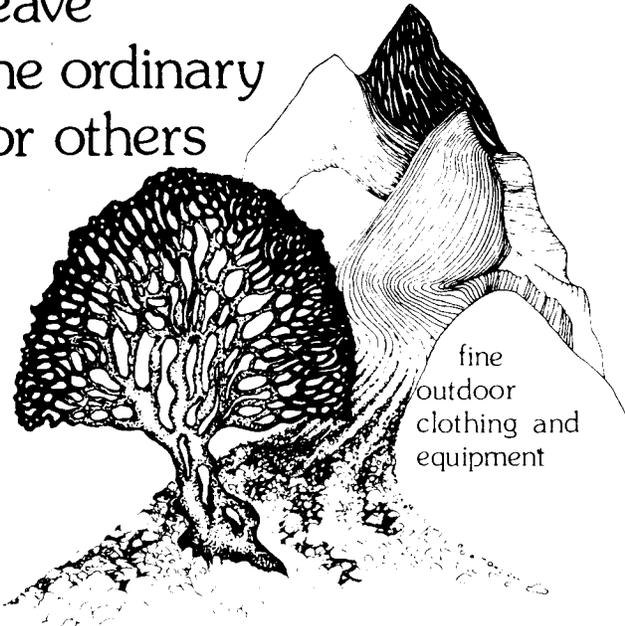
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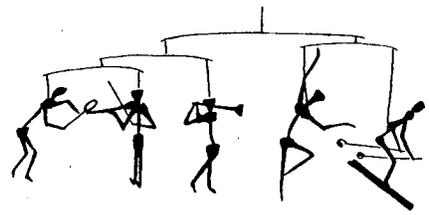
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# Manifesto for an American Revolutionary Party

Author: National Organization for an American Revolution 1982

by Jack Manno

The Manifesto for an American Revolution was written within the collective framework of the National Organization for an American Revolution (NOAR). Founded in 1978, NOAR's roots are in the Labor, Black, Women's and Anti-war social movements. Branches of NOAR are active in two dozen cities, including a local chapter in Syracuse.

The most significant difference between the NOAR Manifesto and other Left documents is that it is addressed to its readers as American people, citizens of a nation with strong progressive traditions. Most Leftists believe that to be a revolutionary in North America means to be exiled to some fringe, looking toward distant third world lands for political inspiration and organizing around our interests as Blacks, Gays, Anarchists, Feminists, Pacifists, but never organizing as Americans. The United States, including most of its people, is seen by most Leftists as the world's enemy. NOAR's Manifesto suggests a dynamic concept of national identity -- we are not merely products of our culture and history, but creators of our destiny. America, NOAR insists, will become what we decide to make it.

*Our country is very fortunate in being more like a world than a nation, made up of every ethnic group and culture in the world... Our generation has the unique opportunity to create a new national identity that preserves the diversity of these many ethnic groups while at the same time binding us together by our common commitment to create a new self-governing America.*

Most of our ancestors came to this country as immigrants or slaves, and were absorbed into an already existent economic and social reality beyond their effective control.

*The American people as a whole never really engaged in the revolutionary struggles by which any great nation*

*Jack Manno is a freelance writer and political activist.*

*is created. That great humanizing experience still lies before us.*

The principle beneath NOAR's ideology is a philosophical and spiritual belief about what it means to be a human being. I admire NOAR for its willingness to address issues of principle and responsibility. Their's is not a politics of expediency.

*We must recognize that being human is not just being alive and breathing but being willing to struggle together to resolve the contradictions of our country, determined to control our own destiny. We are not just victims of external forces. We must stop being "now" people preoccupied with our immediate wants and start exercising our capacity for acting on principle...*

The Manifesto lists the ills of life in the United States: the collapse of family and communal ties, male domination, failure of the schools, poisoning of the food supply by chemically dependent agribusiness, lack of housing, drug dependent health care, meaningless work, inadequate public transportation and alienation from the political process. They offer a vision of change leading to a decentralized socialist economy and democratic self-government.

NOAR's revolutionary nationalism is stirring, but not without its attendant dangers. In times of crisis people will show a propensity toward self-sacrifice and collective action. It is not difficult in such times to evoke the spirit of collectivity and national destiny. But after the crisis is over, are people changed? And how do we guarantee that this resurgent nationalism does not exclude the traditional outcasts: Blacks, Jews, Latinos and sexual minorities? NOAR fails to come to terms with this underside of collectivity.

Whenever the third person plural "We" is evoked, it almost automatically defines a "Them". "We", the Americans as conceived by NOAR, sometimes appears to be a mythically

innocent population who have for some unexplained reason been badly corrupted by living under capitalism. But capitalism is a form invented by human society, and unless you submit to a conspiratorial view of history in which all evil is created by a demonic few, then the source of evil, of exploitation and oppression, is also in ourselves and ought there to be confronted.

NOAR idealizes the American family in much the same way as it idealizes the American people, ascribing the tensions in family life entirely to the fallout from the corporate state rather than to any inherent flaws in the family system. However, I believe that racism, sexism, commodity obsession, and violence may possibly have as their source the deep structures of family dynamics which perpetuate shame as a basic human emotion. If we truly long for social change we oughtn't ignore the mechanisms by which one generation recreates disharmony in the next.

Yet despite my reservations I admire the NOAR Manifesto for being the first declaration by a Left group to raise the prospect of revolutionary change in the context of an American national identity.

In paraphrase of the Declaration of Independence of 1776, NOAR writes:

*When a government no longer provides the elementary domestic and national security which all human beings need to plan a future for themselves and their families, then it is our right and our duty to throw off such governments and to institute new governments, laying its foundations on such principles and organizing its power in such form as to us shall seem most likely to effect our safety and happiness.*

I support NOAR in their call for a revolutionary party. I hope they can move from the Manifesto to a practical program for instituting a new government.



For more information write NOAR, Box 6095, Syracuse, NY, 13217 or call 315-476-1536.

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He fills my arms  
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 The strength and  
 sweetness of his youth  
 end  
 as the days go on  
 and he learns  
 to love and care  
 and show  
 he  
 is human  
 and cares  
 and loves  
 His mind--  
 flowing with thoughts  
 from fun  
 to sickness  
 to enjoying  
 the maleness  
 of one another.  
 He smiles  
 and his eyes shine  
 he is alive  
 and well  
 and loving  
 I love him!

by Stephen Jenteel

### *If You Have Peace*

If you have courage,  
 You will succeed.

If you have joy,  
 You will proceed.

If you have peace,  
 You will become.

by Chinmoy Kumar Ghose

### *from a Dancing Tribe*

How could I hide the meadow of my heart  
 When so many wild flowers are budding?

How could I hide the sea of my passion  
 When all my waves wash round you?

How could I hide the rain of my eyes  
 When clouds shadow the dream?

How could I stifle my limbs  
 Stretching to caress the light?

How could I shroud the fire  
 Fueled with my smoldering blood?

There is no time to waste fire.  
 We should no longer fear love.  
 There is no time to waste ourselves.

In my faith doubt is forbidden.  
 One should devour the reddest fruit.  
 We could pray with kissing lips.  
 We could worship with touching hands.  
 When the vision is honest  
 We are loving idols.

We two men can hold the sun in our hands  
 With its heat in our veins  
 Our bodies can sing the song of warmth.  
 When love is honest  
 When trust is true  
 We can moisten our hopes with fresh reveries.

There is no time to fear each other  
 There is no time to deny the pleasure.  
 It could rust in the closet of qualm.  
 Let's bury the old torment  
 Let our soil grow wild with our greening love.

Pristine sons of the earth  
 We seek magic.

Nomads  
 We rove for joy in our bodies' terrain.

We're from dancing tribes  
 Which live to break the silence.

Let our love ravage the caution  
 Let it topple the rusted ramparts of 'morals'  
 Let it pry open the locks of fear  
 We'll pillage entrenched convention  
 We'll burn every useless thing  
 And share the booty of rapture.

### *The Oldest Killed Lake in North America*

One night the Onondaga water lay so still  
 the factories' constellated lights on the other shore,  
 mills and refineries, made gleaming wires  
 across the surface, a great fallen and silent  
 harp; and the moon, huge and orange, shuddered  
 behind the trembling efflorescence  
 on the stalks of chimneys, white mortuary flowers.  
 Really, from the highway to Liverpool  
 one saw the splendor that is forever and ever.

by Hayden Carruth

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*Saviz Shafaie*

# Taking Out The Garbage: One Gay's View of Oppression

by Harry Freeman-Jones

Thirteen years ago this month the modern gay/lesbian movement began when the patrons of the Stonewall, a Greenwich Village bar, fought back as the police attempted a routine raid. Tension from years of harassment boiled over into rage as the neighborhood rallied to support the defiance of the "queens." The police barricaded themselves in the bar until they could be rescued. That night and for several nights, those who had sought to "put the fairies in their place" were turned out of the ghetto. Following the Stonewall Rebellion, dykes and fags organized with unprecedented commitment to fight for their basic rights, to build communities of support, and to educate both themselves and the world about the truth behind commonly held lies concerning "queerdom."

The movement spread across the country and continues to have its issues heard in legislatures, courts, professional enclaves, churches, classrooms, and around family dinner tables. Doubtlessly a political and human rights movement, it is, first of all, an intensely personal revolution. Gay/lesbian activism may have its rebirth in the ghetto streets, but its gravest battlefields are in the minds of its rebels. The defiance of those "nelly queens" on that distant night is best appreciated as a symbolic drama that must occur in the hearts of all gays and lesbians if they are to come out to freedom to celebrate themselves.

Society packs minds with incredible misinformation about gayness and lesbianism. Before coming out, one must deal with self-oppression, a lifelong process. Each person faces plenty of garbage. Not all

survive the task. For some, coping with threats of physical violence or personal loss is sufficient to consign them to a dreadful world of fear and paranoia. Alcohol or drugs may offer the immediate "feelgood" solution. Dealing with the exterior oppression may bring accomodation and acquiescence. How often we hear the words: "Me? I'm not oppressed! Look, I've got a job, house, car...all my friends know...I don't flaunt it, so what's the big deal? Whose business is it anyway?"



The revolution clearly takes place in spaces private, deep within the soul...the soul of one, that is, who can grasp the truth that "being queer" is not one's sex acts, but is evidence of an overall and very marvelous variation on the theme of personhood.

Society has treated homosexuality purely as a sexual phenomenon. Unfortunately, many of my people have appropriated the notion. On the job they are "just like anyone else;" on their own time many seem intent only on fulfilling a sexual agenda. No wonder the myth of the short-term gay relationship buries in the popular mind the reality of full, joyful, and more committed relationships

that exist in remarkable variety. Often callers to "gay phone" services want sex pickups. Viewing themselves as sex beings primarily, they have brought in the garbage. No matter how much in need of simple support and friendship they are, it is the language of the sex connection they utter first. The notion of their orientation being otherwise is too painful to comprehend. They fear that prideful acceptance of themselves will produce catastrophic loss. If being gay or lesbian is more than just being sexual, then they seem to have no idea of seeking out resources to aid with the adjustments they may need to make to live and love in a positive gay or lesbian lifestyle. Support groups do exist!

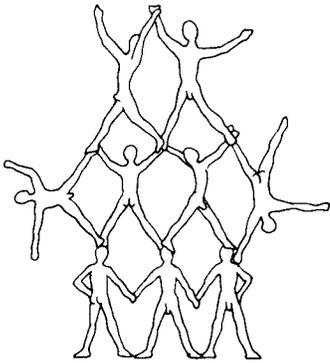
Unlike more visible minority members who are born into racial or ethnic families offering some sense of support in the struggle, the emergent gay or lesbian is the "ugly duckling." "My God! I thought I was the only one!" With some 20 to 30 thousand of us in the Syracuse area, we realize how absurd and cruel this myth becomes.

Further, we share similarities with other social change movements. Women have traditionally been put into the straitjacket of sex role stereotyping. While women must endure strident demands to be "good" wives, mothers and nurturers as their only defined destinies (No brilliant or lucrative quests, please!), gays are limited to the absurdest of expectations: planning child rapes, getting blackmailed, committing suicide, or just being sick and miserable. We share identical collective disapproval of our "busting loose." Strong women destroy the "sugar and spice" and procreation-only model. They are all condemned to a space in Hell reserved for dykes. The fairies unwilling to be "real" men by not "messing" with women go to the same region. Economic hardship has made the traditional female roles too limited for most heterosexual relationships these days, but even so, the

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inflexible lunacy dies hard. Family "Protection" Act, here we come! Gays and women can feel a great affinity for one another if "political correctness" doesn't succeed in neutralizing us altogether in the meantime. A nation that refuses to ratify equal rights for sisters, mothers, lovers, and wives it purports to know and honor speaks eloquently about how it will deal with the "strangers" who choose to love differently.



— James E. White

Aliens stranded in the American Dream, we have become the masters of camouflage. The dishonesty in the service of survival that my people are, at times, forced to employ is a sickness. It seductively beckons us to hide from the perceived trials that disclosure of our loving can bring. Too many buy into it and social pressure confirms them in the practice. ("Don't tell me, I don't want to know!") The Episcopal Church provides but one example of this problem. Activist, up-front gay and lesbian candidates for ordination in that denomination can forget it. Passive and discreet candidates are, however, granted ordination despite their orientation. And so the Episcopal Church reap priests who are the least suited to minister with integrity. The spirit of Stonewall howls with rage against such mental rape and victimization.

"Why must anyone know?" Those who deny the need for anyone to know, dismiss integrity upon which healthy lives flourish. They share a destructive kinship with the Stonewall cops. They seem afflicted with a moral myopia that degrades the

struggle for the creation of a just society. At issue here is not the right to privacy, freely chosen and exercised...that is basic. There is an affinity between the conspiracy to hide gay and lesbian images and aspirations, and the work of muggers in a back alley. While culture enriches itself on the endless contributions of gay and lesbian workers, artists, statesmen, and prophets, these same individuals were, until Stonewall, judged sinful, sick and perverse - human garbage bereft of even inner dignity.

Exercising high hypocrisy, keepers of public morality demand the end of flaunting by gays and lesbians. Yet scarcely a product is marketed or a novel written or a sermon delivered without reference to some aspect of heterosexual human bonding. Plays, lyrics, social club agendas, high art, low art, applications for food stamps... so damn much touches who one is or could become... in relation to someone else. To be lesbian or gay is to feel how many times a day those messages come across to reveal the differences. The non-gay/lesbian world fears and hates men-loving-men and women-loving-women because it doesn't see us. It views "our flaunting" with contempt and encourages our dishonesties insulating itself from discovering how closely we dwell within its homes and minds. Daily we are bombarded by titillating allusion about what goes on in heterosexual life... but what do we "strangers" see aside from the sometimes lurid trash that we have the good sense to discern is not representative of all "hets"? We see persons love, struggle, play, travel and make homes together much like we do. The difference is that these activities are valued only when performed by "straights." This is evident when gay and lesbian marriages honoring commitments to grow in love are characterized as parodies and outlawed in most congregations. It is evident when lesbian/gay parents' children are taken from them. It is a grim reality when a job is lost because one's "queerness" is discovered. The world doesn't care to see us.

We must take care to be seen. It's our special mission. "Restore

sight to the blind." It's a gift to ourselves as well. Seizing one's own liberty and restoring one's own integrity may seem an overwhelming task. It isn't. The rebels of Stonewall started it for themselves, but now they march on Fifth Avenue each June in great style with 100,000 or more friends. They made it easier, those "nelly queens," so that later in that Stonewall summer I found myself saying, "I love you" for the first time. After indifferent attempts at loving women and feeling more and more "queer" about myself, that first embrace with the man I loved opened the floodgates of emotion that had been closed for so long. I had the courage and clarity of vision of those "Stonewall girls" and their brave fairy and dyke neighbors to draw upon.



Their housecleaning helped me and millions of others. I hadn't been with them in their time of defiance, but they were surely with me the morning I first awoke with the body of a man pressed against mine warmly sleeping, yet quietly draw-breath in unison with me. With Stonewall at my back I had made the gentle but certain metamorphosis from friend into lover. It was magic. Gay/lesbian pride creates the power to sweep clean life's agenda; it's the gift of so many others' courage that can be shared. Let the loving begin.

# Heterosexual Questionnaire

1. What do you think caused your heterosexuality?
2. When and how did you first decide you were a heterosexual?
3. Is it possible your heterosexuality is just a phase you may grow out of?
4. Is it possible your heterosexuality stems from a neurotic fear of others of the same sex?
5. Isn't it possible that all you need is a good Gay lover?
6. Heterosexuals have histories of failures in Gay relationships. Do you think you may have turned to heterosexuality out of fear of rejection?
7. To whom have you disclosed your heterosexual tendencies? How did they react?
8. Your heterosexuality doesn't offend me as long as you don't try to force it on me. Why do you people feel compelled to seduce others into your sexual orientation?
9. If you choose to nurture children, would you want them to be heterosexual, knowing the problems they would face.
10. The great majority of child molesters are heterosexual. Do you really consider it safe to expose your children to heterosexual teachers?
11. Why do you insist on being so obvious, and making a public spectacle of your heterosexuality? Can't you just be what you are and keep quiet about it?
12. How can you enjoy a fully satisfying sexual experience or deep emotional rapport with a person of the opposite sex, when the obvious physical, biological, and temperamental differences between you are so vast? How can a man understand what pleases a woman sexually or vice-versa?
13. Why do heterosexuals place so much emphasis on sex?
14. With all the societal support marriage receives, the divorce rate is spiralling. Why are there so few stable relationships among heterosexuals?
15. There seem to be very few happy heterosexuals. Techniques have been developed with which you might be able to change if you really want to. Have you considered trying aversion therapy?

--Martin Rochlin

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# Lesbianism: One Woman's View

by June Lavender

I am a lesbian because I prefer relationships -- emotional and sexual -- with women rather than men. Identifying myself as a lesbian has been a long, hard process. I cope with the same relationship issues as straight friends -- monogamy, long-term commitment, friendships. Coping with societal attitudes and my own fears has been at times crippling, difficult, rewarding, and exhilarating.



Feelings of isolation and loneliness can be particularly acute for the lesbian. Unless she meets a woman in a lesbian-identified setting she has no way of knowing whether the woman is a lesbian or will be comfortable with lesbians. Some lesbians adopt the flannel-shirt, short haircut look in order to be readily identified by other lesbians. At work or school she is constantly exposed to a straight-identified society. The courage that it took her to come out must sustain her everyday in the process of self-validation.

*June Lavender is a local woman active in various lesbian and women's groups. June is her pen name.*

Every time I see straight couples necking in public I wonder how they would feel if I necked with my lover in public. I have met men whom I enjoy spending time with; when I say I am a lesbian and I am interested in friendship with them, I often get one of two reactions. He never speaks to me again, or he decides I can be convinced to sleep with him.

Lesbians are an oppressed minority, whether we see it or not. I have been called sick and queer; I have seen open hostility and everyday face homophobia in friends and those I work with. I have learned to deal with those homophobes in my space with a grain of tolerance and a pound of self-acceptance. My mother recently discussed with me that she felt the man my sister is seeing is just right for her, and the woman my brother is seeing is just right for him, but when I asked, "What about Joan, do you think she's good for me?" Her reply was, "Oh, I can't even consider that." Stunned, I realized that despite her "liberal, accepting" values, my mother is homophobic.

Homophobia is also rampant in religion. For the lesbian who is spiritual, chances are her religion is telling her she's a sinner and unnatural. The inner conflict of trying to reconcile the fact that a straight person is allowed free expression of love in the same faith that denies this to lesbians and gay men is agonizing. She is faced with trying to straddle the fence or choosing between religion and companionship. She can feel good about neither choice.

Lesbians can also face losing their jobs, careers, and children. In New York state law there are three reasons a mother may be declared unfit: drug addiction, prostitution, or lesbianism. This is not the only law directed against homosexuals. Discovering that one's sexual preference is rated in a criminal category is quite a shock.

Coming out of the closet is rewarding as well. Because society expects all of us to grow up straight, the lesbian -- in order to be a lesbian --

must have the courage and conviction to think for herself. The coming-out phenomenon involves a thorough self-examination and many lesbians carry this beyond sexuality to questioning and exploring feminism, ecology, militarism and other areas.

By far the most fulfilling aspect of being lesbian is the joy of loving. For me, the emotional connection with another woman far surpasses anything I have experienced with men. To deny this to ourselves or anyone is a misfortunate and needless suffocation of human happiness.

Finally, I want to comment on my reason for using a pen name. I am doing so with much reluctance and regret. I consulted with many friends, both lesbians and straight women and men. I weighed the pros and cons of using my own name and realized sadly that I could possibly suffer the ruin of my career goals and loss of my family by publishing this article under my own name. I am eager for the day when this cloud of oppression will lift from all of our lives.



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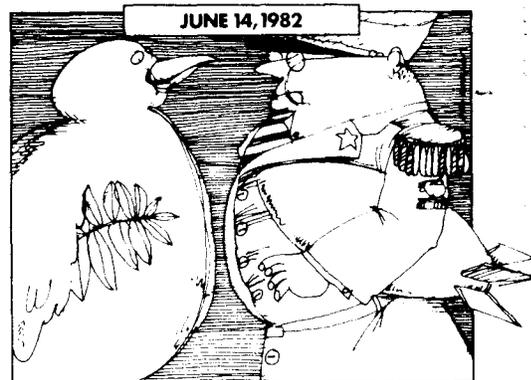
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# Trade Unions in the U.S.S.R.

by Muriel and Ed Landy

There is a myth in our country that trade unions do not exist in the Soviet Union, or, if they do exist, they are weak and complaisant. But, when we visited the Soviet Union last August and talked with trade union leaders and shop workers, we were amazed to learn that Soviet trade unions are the most powerful in the world. For example, no worker can be fired, no new work quotas or rates can be introduced, and no overtime can be ordered without the union's written consent. Where else could a union demand and get the dismissal of a factory manager who treats the workers unfairly? Where else does a union inspector have the right to shut down a plant if health and safety laws are being violated? Every trade union in every Soviet shop or factory has these powers -- and much, much more!

The Central Trade Union body has the right to initiate legislation. In fact, no law which affects wages and working conditions can be passed without prior consultation and agreement by the trade unions. The trade unions draw up and administer the Social Security budget which, in 1980, amounted to 34-1/2 billion rubles (almost 52 billion dollars). This fund is spent on paying for temporary disability and covers in full, or in part, the cost of accommodations at sanatoriums and vacation hotels. It maintains health clinics, sports and recreational facilities (which exist in abundance in every village and city in the country), encourages full participation in and promotion of the arts, maintains subsidized day care centers, and hot meals for workers and day care children. Housing needs are also administered through the unions. In fact, every facet of the day-to-day well being of Soviet workers and their families is administered by the unions.

Soviet workers are organized along industrial lines into 30 different national unions. Union membership is voluntary, but the advantages of

belonging are so evident that 98% of all workers join.



We learned all this on a Trade Union Tour organized by Labor Research Associates. Our trip took us to Moscow, Leningrad, Ulyanovsk and Tagliatti. In Moscow we met with some of the leaders of the All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions of the U.S.S.R. at their headquarters and we visited a large clothing factory, a health center attached to the factory, and a huge sports palace run by the trade unions. We also met with union representatives from the hotel workers and the bus drivers union. In Leningrad we met with the Leningrad Trade Union leadership and then visited a factory which manufactures industrial pipe. In Ulyanovsk, trade union representatives accompanied us to a collective farm which was fully unionized, and then we went down the Volga River by hydrofoil to Tagliatti where we visited the largest auto plant in the world (40,000 employees). Here we not only toured various departments (of our choice) but also visited the attached health center, cultural palace, and sports center and met with stewards from departments throughout the plant as well as the plant director.

A word should be said about conditions in the places we visited. All of them were clean and well ventilated. The aisles were uncluttered and the noise kept at a reasonable level.

Each of the factories we visited had a factory health center where a worker with a low grade medical problem could stay for 24 nights while continuing to work for approximately \$26 for the stay, but one out of five workers was eligible for full subsidy and paid nothing. He/she received the attention of doctors, medical specialists, dentists, nurses, physiotherapists, dieticians, cooks, etc. Each center had every type of medical equipment and recreational facilities needed for the treatment of patients. Workers received a course of treatment, rest and relaxation. These centers have sharply reduced absenteeism from work by treating medical problems before they become serious.

The sports and cultural palaces that we visited were beautiful facilities with every type of equipment for a full range of sports activities, professionally staffed. The cultural palaces had fine performance facilities for drama, music, and dance, and everywhere we went there were well stocked libraries that are heavily used.

With our free time we were encouraged to mingle with the people on the streets and, to our delight, we found many people with some knowledge of English who were eager to speak with us. People were open, friendly and curious. They are deeply concerned about the possibility of war between our two countries. Also, we had several people join our tour (a young school teacher, for example, who taught English and wanted to have a chance to use it). We were able to have many informal discussions that clarified differences of opinion and brought us closer together as fellow humans.

Yes, trade unionism is alive and flourishing in the U.S.S.R.



*Muriel and Ed Landy spent two weeks last August visiting Soviet trade union organizations and factories in the USSR. Ed is a former union organizer.*

# Seeking a Perspective on the Soviet Union

by Karen Beetle

During my brief stay in the Soviet Union, I found myself fascinated by the culture and everyday life of the people. In travelling to the USSR I hoped to gain insight that would help me in my disarmament work in this country. An important part of our trip as an ad hoc peace delegation was to meet with Soviet peace committees - local government agencies concerned with issues of war and peace. It was important to hear Soviet leaders talk about their fear at the growing numbers of US military bases around the world and to look at the arms race from their perspective.

I was also interested in talking with Soviet people in less formal situations. Several of us on the tour, including someone who spoke fluent Russian, spent many of the evenings on the trip gathering in the city parks and private homes of people we met.

I was impressed with the honesty and friendliness of the people we encountered. There is opposition to policies in the Soviet Union much as there is in this country. People get fed up with long lines, government priorities, and like here they tend to blame bad economic conditions on excessive aid to foreign countries. I was particularly impressed by the consciousness of people in general of the horrors of war and the need for peace, although this genuine concern is not particularly turned into criticism of the USSR government for its part in the arms race and militarism abroad.

I was frustrated to see women's rights defined in strictly economic terms. Women may make as much

money as men, but by and large the burdens of childcare and house work fall on women. Also, the intense homophobia (fear of gay and lesbian people) I felt directed against some members of our group was surprising and distressing.

Travelling to the Soviet Union was a challenging experience for me. I want to share with you several points that are helpful to me in creating a balanced perspective of the Soviet experiment.

The Soviet Union in choosing its course of direction and development did not act in a vacuum. Both the US and other Western imperialist powers denied the USSR economic aid, and did all in their power to back the czar and subvert a socialist revolution. The new government faced widespread famine and was struggling to recover from WW I. World War II also took a heavy toll in human lives and economic stability in the USSR. In later years, the drain of money from economic development to fuel the arms race has fueled also the cycle of fear and defensiveness that makes it difficult for the Soviet government to feel safe in lessening its weapons production and its control of the populace.

The massive, centralized governments of the US and the USSR result in the two countries having similar problems, and to some extent similar life experiences for their people. Both countries pursue a course of industrial development, and seek a future of increasing growth, and dependence and reliance on technology. The problems of alienation, ecological devastation, and loss of community are common to centralized societies whether they are capitalist or state socialist. The right to fulfilling, meaningful work, and a large degree of individual direction and respect are missing in both these countries.

As superpowers both the governments of the US and the USSR control the land and lives of Third World

people in several continents. Even though it is important to look at the historical events that brought these countries to their current status as world powers, nonetheless both countries now threaten us all with the possibility of global annihilation. Both share the responsibility for the nuclear arms race: and unilateral initiatives to end this race to insanity need to be demanded of both governments.

We can't look uncritically at the Soviet Union, or other socialist bloc countries, as models of or inspiration for the non-violent, feminist society we seek. I was struck upon reading Emma Goldman's perception of the Soviet Union written less than a couple years after the revolution took place in Russia. Exiled from the US for her anti-war and anarchist ideals, Goldman looked to the USSR as a model of socialist revolution. Her excitement on arrival in Russia turned to despair as she became aware of party privilege, a rapidly growing centralized and stultifying bureaucracy, and the brutal crushing of dissent. Those who had fought to make the revolution, and found need to criticize the Bolsheviks were killed en masse. In defending the revolution from counter-revolutionaries, the Bolsheviks destroyed the living force of the revolution - its potential to adapt and change.

Many of the problems Goldman perceived in revolutionary Russia are the same problems that exist in the USSR today. If through revolution, we hope to create a future based on human values, we must realize that an important strength of society is the peoples' love for and belief in that society. This faith is neither gained nor sustained through repression. Perhaps the best defense of the revolution lies in the living out of this realization. And perhaps our ability to aid this process lies in our willingness to both challenge and support the unfolding revolutions of our era.

*Karen visited the Soviet Union for three weeks in August-September 1980, as part of a peace delegation.*

# Beyond Anti-Sovietism— Left Myths About The USSR.

by Gary Weinstein

In war, truth is the first casualty. " This ancient Greek saying is the starting point for this discussion because it grasps two important realities. First, that the US has been at war with the USSR for most of this century and second, that we do not know this "enemy". Central to this US cold war effort is the mystification of the Soviet culture, history and people.

This mystification translates into fear, hatred, cynicism and distrust which are all essential attitudes in creating and sustaining the Soviets as the "enemy". Worse, there is almost a taboo against speaking positively about the USSR. We are humiliated, threatened, red-baited, called treasonous. We begin to censor ourselves.

But as nuclear disarmament becomes the number one global agenda item, US anti-war and progressive activists can no longer avoid openly discussing our position on the Soviet Union.

Yet due to this immense amount of mystification, most of the US Left seems only able to offer a tailored or re-arranged version of Reagan's anti-Sovietism without being able to separate from it. We don't see that anti-Sovietism is anti-communism - the very bedrock of US foreign policy and worldview.

Taking Right-wing anti-Sovietism as the "first position", and this Left anti-Sovietism as the second, what follows is a third position - a genuine counter to these two versions of anti-communism.

A primary Left anti-Soviet myth is "The USSR is also an imperialist country seeking war & world domination."

This assigns a kind of "equal to the US, but different" status to Soviet foreign policy.

The third position maintains that Soviet foreign involvement is designed to first prevent the US from further exploiting the Third World, and second to protect itself from a long history of US aggression. The USSR realizes that the more of the world that is socialist, the less there is for capitalist plunder. This emerging soc-

ialist land base translates directly into a decline in US influence (for example Cuba, Viet Nam, Angola). It is the USSR's progressive role in the worldwide struggle against US imperialism that has earned it the wrath of the US. Since World War II the Soviet Union has sided with at least 20 national liberation and anti-imperialist struggles. How can US progressive people support the victories in Viet Nam and Cuba, for instance, but not recognize that *without Soviet assistance*, these revolutions would have fallen long ago to the genocidal US steamroller?

The third position recognizes that US people have virtually no appreciation of the realities of war. Because of Allied inaction, Soviet losses in World War II alone totalled 20 million dead and 20 million wounded - the equivalent of one person lost for every Soviet family. US losses were but one one-hundredth, or one person lost for every US town. It is this reality that US people are blind to. Soviet anti-war sentiment is among the strongest in the world today. The Soviets have vowed to never again be invaded. Today they are encircled by hostile forces allied with and armed by the United States. Soviet foreign involvement is therefore bound by a protectionist dynamic.

Where the Soviet Union can be criticized is in its elevation of its national interest over that of other countries. This explains Soviet intervention in Eastern Europe, for example, but it doesn't make the USSR imperialist. It is "guilty of" responding in extreme ways to continued US aggression on all fronts - military, economic and political (eg. EEC, NATO, Afghanistan and China). Imperialism is specific to the advanced state of capitalism and cannot exist under socialism. Contrary to capitalism which needs imperial expansion, socialist economics operates without an incentive nor a class of individuals who profit personally from economic exploitation.

The second Left myth is that

"The Soviet Union is co-antagonist in the nuclear arms race."

The counter to this holds that Soviet

nuclear policy historically and presently is *defensive* in nature. This does not mean that Soviet missiles are not pointed at the US nor that they are unwilling to use them. By defensive, it means that the Soviet role in the arms race has sought to prevent nuclear war. This position sees that four years of US nuclear monopoly followed by fifteen years of unquestionable nuclear superiority was interpreted by the Soviets as a gone-for-broke US build up aimed specifically at them. If left unmatched, it would have led to their annihilation. The third position recognizes that if unbridled US nuclear madness was either reversed or absent; there would be no Soviet equivalent. If any authentic US move toward disarmament were ever to occur, it would lead to a reciprocal move by the Soviets, *not a further Soviet build up. This is the case for unilateral disarmament by the United States.*

This conclusion is rooted in the systemic differences between capitalism and socialism, the hidden showdown behind the arms race. There is no analogous economic incentive for the arms race in a socialist economy. Every ruble spent on armaments in the USSR comes directly from the pool of socially owned wealth, and therefore hurts the people. Not so under capitalism, where a tiny elite of private owners and profiteers benefit on armament expenditures.

As Reagan reinstates virulent anti-Sovietism as the central pillar of US foreign policy, what should progressive people do? We should only *strategically* criticize the USSR by first recognizing the importance of aligning ourselves with socialism as the superior and more socially just system. Only then can we criticize its shortcomings and inadequacies. We must hold to the conviction that socialism is the historically progressive system because by creating the social ownership of all productive means, it introduces the *preconditions* for human liberation and disarmament, something capitalism can never hope to do. Without this conviction, our colluding criticisms of socialism and the Soviet Union will objectively aid Reagan.

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# A Pox on Both Their Houses

by Ed Kinane

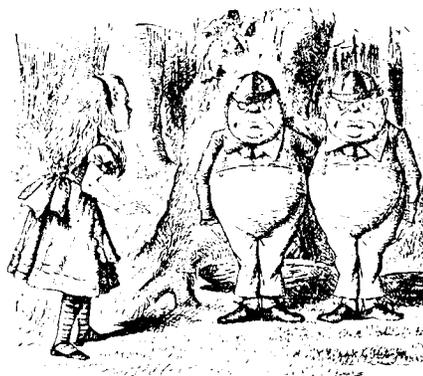
In this country we cannot understand Big Labor except in its relation to Big Business. The centralization, corruption and co-optation of Labor is directly linked to the power of the banks and corporations. At one level Big Labor and Big Business are adversaries; but at another, deeper level they are allies.

The hostile collaboration that goes on between Labor and Capital in the US likewise goes on internationally between Russia\* and the US. For, in a sense, they are Big Labor and Big Business writ large. In their state and corporate capitalisms they are like the competing yet clinging genders of the same endangered species. Both are locked in capital's fatal embrace, an embrace cemented by the ideology of industrialism.

Contrary to our indoctrination, industrialism is not 'progress' -- it's regress. Industrialism -- whether 'socialist' or capitalist, whether tweedledee or tweedledum -- requires the growth of budgets, profits, wages and consumption -- at any cost. It requires the theft of power from citizens, families, workplaces and communities, and the unnatural concentration of power physically, politically, and militarily. It requires a technocratic elite, insulated from the needs of the many, an elite who, godlike, decide the people's fate.

The ideology of industrialism demoralizes morals. It requires the dehumanization of humans (workers, bosses, consumers, investors, rulers) and the denaturalization of nature (soil, air, water, forests, plants, animals, genes). It requires the depletion of resources and their eventual conversion to pollution and waste. Industrialism accelerates entropy on a planet in dangerous decline. It dismantles the biosphere.

Like the glass of water that's either half full or half empty, Russia or the US can be interpreted in quite



*"Tweedledum and Tweedledee*

*Agreed to have a battle;*

*For Tweedledum said Tweedledee*

*Had spoiled his nice new rattle.*

opposite ways depending on the assumptions and values we start with. Our interpretation also depends on whether or not we automatically see the lesser of two evils as something good in itself -- as if the two were our only alternatives. Consider the following:

- Compared to the US, Russia
  - is less polluted by the profit and consumption motives;
  - exports less weaponry and nuclear technology throughout the world;
  - is less triggerhappy;
  - altho it dominates its neighbors economically and militarily, it does not have multinational corporations spanning much of the globe, raping the earth and adversely affecting scores of nations and hundreds of millions of people;
  - has less brutal class oppression domestically and within its satellites, and the people of its satellites have more material security and prosperity than the people in US colonies.

(Here I must ask some indulgence from the reader...who, I hope, is one of a wide variety. You may dismiss some or all of the above comparisons as sheer fabrication, noting that I haven't documented

them. Or you may feel I've overdone the understatement and that where I say 'less' I should have said 'far less'. In either case I ask, for the few remarks that remain, that you consider only those statements, if any, which you do accept.)

Does the above comparison indicate real differences between the two super powers, or does it simply reflect lesser and greater scale? Does it make Russia 'good,' or simply less evil, less destructive to itself and the world? How would Russia stack up if it were compared to (say) China instead of the US? Is Russia less bad than the US only because it is now less big, less powerful?

Given the historical trend of its industrial military complex, wouldn't Russia be just as much of a menace to the globe as the US if it could be, and if the field weren't already pre-empted? Expansionist and interventionist, bellicose and genocidal, the US has been the world's major military power since Hiroshima. This fact profoundly affects Russia -- so much so that it is impossible to understand Russia except in terms of its fear of, rivalry with, and emulation of, the US. Historically the two superpowers are the parallel and converging blades of the same bloody sword. And that sword is -- industrialism.

It's useful to recall that Russia has been industrial only since about 1917, whereas the US has been at it since the Civil War, or about twice as long. Russia's had only about half the time to devour its land, to expand its empire, to build its machine, to tighten its grip.

*\*I've never been comfortable calling Russia, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Such phraseology is too polysyllabic to be honest. With the betrayal of the Revolution, the name became the jargon of bureaucrats and propagandists, an attempt to obscure the nationalist/statist reality that is Russia.*

*Ed is a local banker and anarchist.*

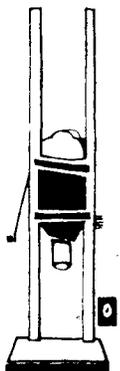
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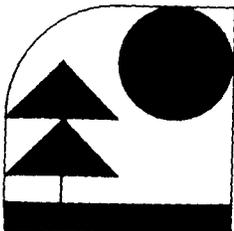
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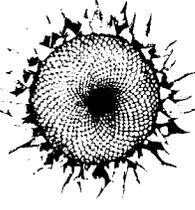
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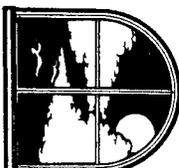


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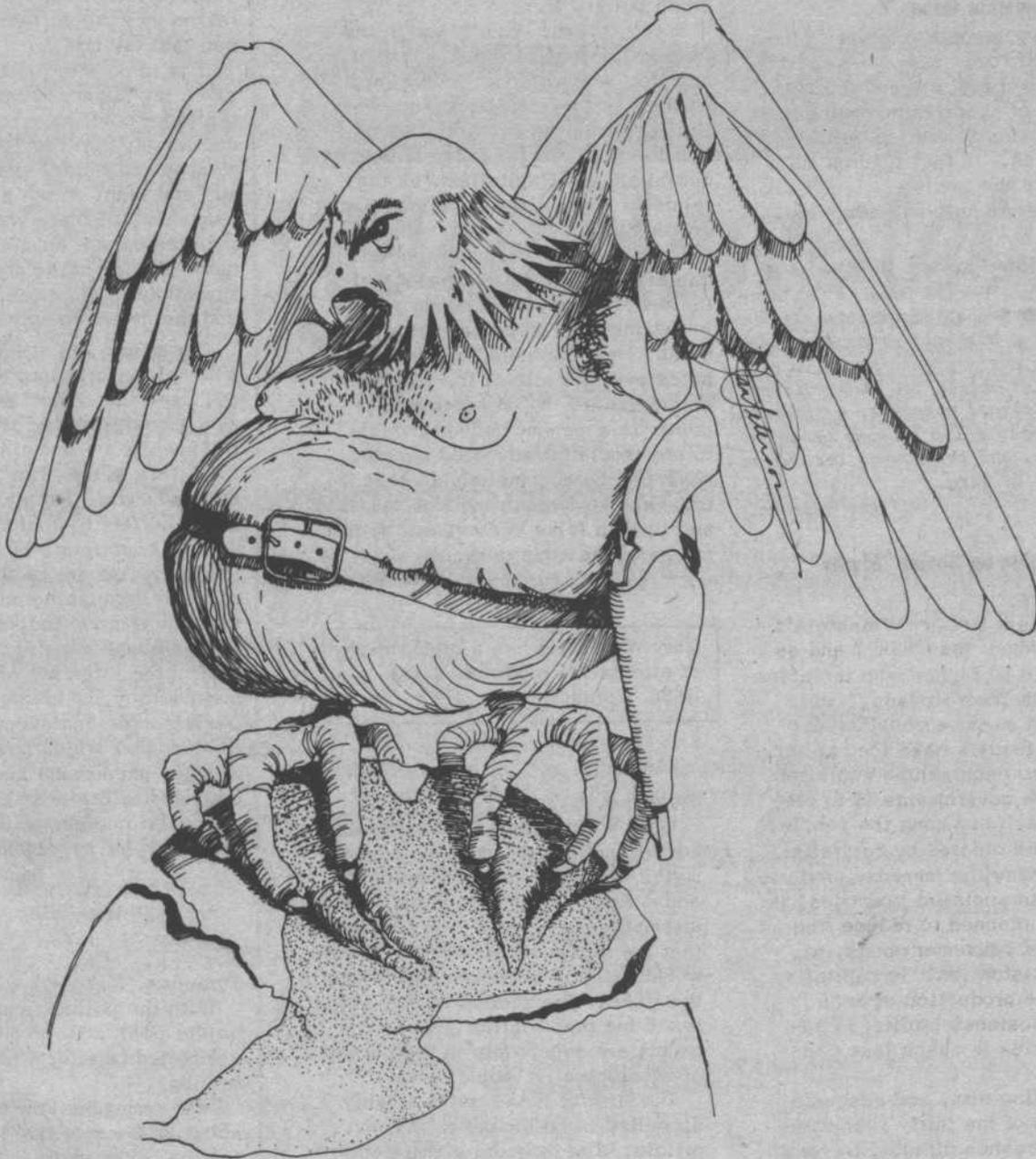
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# LETTERS



These letters have been condensed

## Separate Issues ?

Why must you equate interest in the Peace Council with the homo-sexual issue? They are not one and the same!

The cause of peace is not being served by linking it with an entirely different cause. In fact it turns me off! Separate the two!

An anti-war advocate.

*As our masthead says, the PNL is an "antiwar/social justice paper". We sincerely believe one is impossible without the other. War will never disappear as long as we carry about the seeds of intolerance and hatred for those different than ourselves; moreover, a "peaceful world" is simply a lie if some of us remain oppressed and persecuted for our beliefs and way of life.*

-the editors.

## More Thoughts on Soviet "Myths"

Brooklyn, N.Y.

As supplement to Gary Weinstein's "Left Myths About the USSR," and as explanation to Ed Kinane who threatens "A Pox on Both Their Houses," the essential fact must be considered.

Capitalist leaders have long known that the key to undermining socialist or progressive governments is to create dissatisfaction among the people.

The pressure created by capitalist countries forcing the immense production of arms in socialist countries, is intentionally planned to reduce the availability of consumer goods, to stir up dissatisfaction. In capitalist countries, the production of arms means more business profits; in socialist countries it means less consumer goods.

Understanding this, and adequate consideration of the thirty year campaign of propaganda directed by radio against East Europe, can provide altruists and fair-minded "liberals" with insight into the nature of the efforts to undermine human-oriented governments.

As for "industrialism," in itself it need not be a cause of misery; it depends how it is used and for what purposes. The tremendous growth of

world population requires socially-beneficial mass production. Whether industrial production is a good or evil depends on the economic purpose which underlies it.

R. E. R.

South Butler, N.Y.

Bravo, bravo! Your piece in the June PNL is one of the most concise and well written articles I've ever read on Left myths about the Soviet Union. You very succinctly brought out the crucial differences between Socialism and Capitalism, as they relate to imperialism, exploitation, and militarism.

I can see how your basic points can also be relayed on to many of the people in my rural community. In getting our Freeze campaign going, I am often engaged in debates over the role of the USSR in disarmament. By presenting your points in a manner understandable to non-socialist educated people, much can be accomplished, that is, to overcome Reagan induced hysteria and to help folks understand the true nature of the arms race.

Tom West

Gary Weinstein has a bibliography of alternative readings on the USSR. Contact him at SPC.

Syracuse, N.Y.

Gary Weinstein's "Beyond Anti-Sovietism" article perpetuates two myths which are far more prevalent and dangerous than the ones he is attempting to dispel. The first is that the fundamental conflict in the world today is between the US and the USSR. The second is that in resolving that conflict, murderous means are acceptable in the pursuit of ideologically "noble" ends.

The first of these myths is ably dispelled in Ed Kinane's "A Pox..." article. The far more significant conflict is between rich and poor, industrial and Third World. However, with the economic resources of the world at stake, it is no wonder that the military-industrial bureaucracies of the capitalist and socialist states have spent billions promoting the US/USSR illusion, convincing their citizens that the

other side is the enemy, and that murder and other sacrifices are necessary in the service of the "greater good."

The illusion has worked so well that many on the left, recognizing the obvious evil in the US system, see nowhere to turn but to defend that of the USSR. This is what "Beyond Anti-Sovietism" does, taking us straight from the frying pan into the fire.

It is in no way justifiable, even given the supposed importance of the large conflict, capitalism vs. socialism, that the USSR has nuclear weapons to murder every human, animal and plant on the planet. The immorality of these weapons and policies cannot be dismissed in the name of "defending socialism" any more than in the name of "freedom and the American way."

The article, in attempting to fit a complex world into a single ideology, uses the second myth to explain away the unsavory actions of the USSR while condemning those of the US. This is the "fire" we find ourselves in when we start shaping our moral beliefs to conform to the unnatural constraints of a political ideology: we are taking a step towards relinquishing our claim to individual moral responsibility. It is this abandoning of personal moral will in the interests of a state, bureaucracy, or ideology (an insidiously simple and even "comforting" thing to do) which has historically allowed phenomena such as Nazi crematoria, Stalinist purges, and genocidal nuclear arsenals to evolve.

Liam Mahony  
Laurie Goldman

Syracuse, N.Y.

With the potluck and PNL articles on the USSR still on my mind, I feel compelled to offer a few of my own feelings.

I can remember how excited I was about Brezhnev's trip to the US during the Nixon years. How wonderful détente seemed; here was the spirit of friendship and cooperation.

I remember, too, the sharp contrast of Mr. Solzhenitsyn's arrival. There were no marching bands for him. President Ford kept his distance. If friendship between the

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Because of the Peace Community's energy and effort on disarmament organizing these past months, we include extensive coverage of the many events planned around the UN Special Session (pp. 12-15).

See p. 16 to learn about Upstate Resistance's response to the first indictments of draft resisters.

The Israeli invasion of Lebanon brings forth an SPC statement (p. 6) and further Mid East dialogue (p.9).

Looking Up returns with good news to raise our hopes and enable us to "carry it on."

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Rev. Jesse Jackson

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**COVER** The inspiration for Jan Peterson's artwork was an excerpt from Marge Piercy's poem - "Curse of the Earth Magician on a Metal Land:"

A common motif in monumental architecture in the United States is an eagle with wings spread, beak open and the globe grasped in his claws.

Put the eagle to sleep.

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# Syracuse Peace Council

## News from the SPC House

Finally, we've got wheels! A 1975 Oldsmobile Delta 88 was donated to the Peace Council by Margaret Weinstein of Scotch Plains, N.J. Thank You!! The car is in fine condition, and will begin its official duties lugging this month's Newsletter back from the printer.

Another unexpected donation: an anonymous friend is giving us \$20 for each person in the house collective to spend two restful days at "Chapel House", a retreat house at Colgate University. Someone thinks we're working too hard.

We've had several new volunteers this month, and we're starting the long-awaited task of overhauling our 2500-name mailing list. We'll be adding a special feature: on your next PNL, there will be a month written on the corner of your address label, reminding you when your subscription is due. Most subscriptions to the PNL ran out long ago, so we hope that this reminder will bring in more money to support the expenses of producing the Newsletter.

If you can help with this big job (typing at home? sorting cards? alphabetizing?) or with anything else, or if you just want to get a better idea of what goes on in this hotbed of peace activism, please come by or call.

## 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 is supported primarily through contributions, monthly pledges, and fundraising events which reflect our political goals. To be a member one needs simply to contribute to SPC in some way (financial or otherwise) and to agree with the general principles of SPC. Attendance and participation in SPC community events establishes one's sense of membership in the Peace Council.

SPC's major work is done through committees and in coalitions. Four collectives work out of the SPC office: the program staff, the SPC Press, the American Myths Calendar committee, and the Front Room Bookstore. The office is open every weekday, 9AM - 5PM; visitors always welcome.

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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, Karen Beetle,  
Liam Mahony

### SPC Press

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##### Committee:

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Gary Weinstein 472-5478

## June 12 Rally Committee continues

The Syracuse Committee for the June 12th Rally has finished an evaluation of our work for the Rally itself, but has decided we're not ready to dissolve ourselves yet! The Syracuse Committee is composed of people from SPC, Pax Christi, FOCUS, and the National Organization for an American Revolution. Over a dozen workers from AFSC and other organizations, as well as unaffiliated individuals, helped spread the word.

Although arranging buses is a time consuming job, the Syracuse Committee had other objectives for itself besides. Our hope was that the United Nations Special Session and the Rally would give individuals and groups in and out of the "peace community" a good reason to sit down and think about why we have a nuclear arms race, and how the military budget, even without a war, affects our daily lives. This statement: "We support the June 12th Rally because we believe our nation and the world need a freeze on the insane nuclear arms race, and because we cannot continue to squander our money and resources on objects of mass destruction while vast human needs go unmet", was formally endorsed by 14 groups, including the NAACP, the Syracuse chapter of Americans for Democratic Action, and Council 66 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. The Syracuse Committee is now recontacting some of these groups to discuss how our "issues" interconnect, and how we can co-operate in the future.

As for the hundreds of Syracusans who went down to the Rally, we are very curious about individual impressions and reactions. We have decided to phone as many of the bus riders as we can, to ask what they thought of the Rally, and if they'd like to participate in other peace work activities this summer. One idea is neighborhood leafletting or door-to-door canvassing. If you can help by making some phone calls, or want to take part in the project, please let us know! Call SPC at 472-5478.

Sunday, August 8, 1982



## SPC Dances

The first two SPC dances will be held this month on July 16th and 30th at the Westcott Cafe. We hope to start a tradition of bi-weekly events (mostly dances, but other ideas are welcome), in the the Westcott community, both to raise money and to improve our accessibility. This is a low-risk, low publicity endeavor; we're depending on word of mouth communication for a big turnout. So mark your calendar and spread the word. Do you like to have fun on Friday nights? Come and dance to good music for a good cause!

## Middle East Discussion

The SPC Program and Evaluation Committee and others in SPC believe that the Peace Council needs to address the war in the Middle East. The US involvement in the war is undeniable; the death and suffering of the people there is great, and the situation is worsening; the possibility of nuclear conflict is serious. A few concrete results of our concern: on p.7 is a statement by SPC on the Israeli invasion of Lebanon. The points made in it were agreed to by consensus of the program and evaluation committee; drafts of the statement were read by other people as well. A Monday Night Potluck this past month presented opinions on the AFSC book A Compassionate Peace. A review of that book, written by Andy Mager, is to be found on p.9 of this issue of the PNL.

The program and evaluation committee recognizes the intensity of feelings this discussion brings up for Jewish people in the Peace Council. We want to take the time to express those emotions and discuss our attitudes towards Israel and the Palestinian people. It demands great sensitivity and courage from us all to do this. If you are a Peace Council person who would like to sit down in a small group to deal with this topic, please contact the SPC office.

The following events and projects still need workers. If you have spare time in the summer, especially during July, think of helping out. We have jobs which require creative impulses, or physical exertion, or having a car to use. We have jobs you could do in your home, jobs that take all of three hours, jobs that your children can help with! Call SPC at 472-5478 and ask for the person listed:

## SPC House Maintenance

we need loads of help while the weather is with us to: put up rain gutters along west side of house; put up dry wall and paint a room; repair the chimney; construct a new chimney for the wood stove; finish painting the outside of the house...call Liam

## Hiroshima/Nagasaki Commemoration

setting up a program for the Vigil on Friday, August 6th. doing a poster; postering; contacting press; making a banner; showing a movie downtown or leafletting or creating street theater...call Glenda

## NY State Fair

designing a booth; setting up; staffing a shift at the Fair; co-ordinating a day at the fair (means being able to drive there); taking down the booth...call Carol

## Monday Night Potluck Committee

Corinne Kinane is looking for other committee members to help schedule and publicize the Monday Night Potlucks. Call her at 422-1659 or leave a message at SPC.

## Save these Dates!

Concerts are being planned for the fall to benefit SPC and Women's INFO:

Saturday, September 18th: Meg Christian

Saturday, October 16th: Holly Near

watch for info on location and tickets. if you are from out of the Syracuse area and can be a ticket outlet, contact Karen Mihalyi at 315/422-9386.

# SYRACUSE PEACE COUNCIL'S MONDAY **POTLUCK** DINNERS *and* DISCUSSION

Open to All at No Admission Charge for Comraderie & Discussion

## July 12 Grenada-Revolutionary Caribbean Jewel

Photos and discussion based on our March 1982 trip to the Caribbean island of Grenada with a group organized by the Berkshire Forum. The occasion was the 3rd anniversary of the revolution. We will talk about participatory democracy in Grenada, freedom of the press and how the nation's beautiful resources are being developed and protected. See the May PNL for background article. Discussion will be led by Linda DeStefano and Dick Weiskopf, 475-0062.

## July 19 The Peace Newsletter: Does it Fulfill Your Needs? Your Dreams? Your Most Exotic Fantasies?

Should the PNL be a magazine or a newsletter for the Peace Council? What should the PNL be trying to accomplish? Should the PNL be part of an overall SPC political strategy? How can the PNL better serve SPC? Better serve the community? (Should the PNL be trying to serve specific communities and, if so, what communities?) What can be done to attract more SPC and community activists to work on the PNL? How can the PNL be improved and how can we better promote and distribute it? Participate in a lively discussion with the PNL Editorial Committee. For more information call Karen Beetle at SPC 472-5478.

## July 26 Cultural Strategies in Our Political Work

A time for cultural workers (people who use artistic means to communicate values and difficult concepts) and others to share strategies and visions for realizing the potential of more artistically oriented outreach work. How can we use the arts — visual, dance, music, theater, film — to make our outreach work more tempting and less threatening? And, on the other side of the coin, how can we make it easier for cultural workers to do their work well and effectively? Discussion will be led by Dorothy Sokol, a cultural worker, who can be reached at 478-4414.

## August 2 Non-Violence Workshop

We will examine feelings and ideas about violence and non-violence. What are our personal and collective limits and commitments? When (if ever) is violence justified? When (if ever) would you become violent? How do you deal with violence in yourself? Others? Violence committed against others — family members, people on the street, people in other countries? What does it mean to say SPC has "a basic commitment to non-violence?" Led by Kath Buffington, AFSC Assertive Conflict Resolution Program Staff member and SPC member.

## August 9 Income Sharing: Am I My Sisters' Keeper?

What is income sharing? How is it different from pledging? Peace Council staff members earn \$56 per week. Most of us earn considerably more. Are we willing to begin to explore the possibility of sharing a small portion of our incomes with those who do the full-time work most of us can't do? Questions and discussion. For more info, call Kath Buffington, 475-4822.

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# Peace Council Responds to Israeli Invasion of Lebanon

*This statement was composed by Gary Weinstein. The Program and Evaluation Committee initiated the content ideas. Versions were checked by both the P. & E. Committee and the SPC staff.*

Our concern for all the people of the Middle East requires us to speak out on the Israeli invasion of Lebanon. At the same time that the Peace Council recognizes and condemns rising anti-Semitism, so too do we recognize and condemn all military invasion. There is no justification for Israel's invasion of Lebanon and its attacks on Palestinians, Syrians and Lebanese in the region.

Israel's claim that the invasion is in response to the attempted assassination of their ambassador to Britain is false. Israel insists that the PLO was responsible for the assassination attempt. But it was shown soon afterwards that the PLO also had its members targetted by the assassins. In fact, talk of a possible invasion was openly reported as early as this past April during Israel's withdrawal from the Sinai. Others had predicted it far earlier.

Further, while Israel claims that PLO forces in the area endangered them as a nation, they showed their ability to overrun and destroy the region in only hours, contradicting the nature of the threat.

Israel is claiming that the invasion is a defensive measure. It seems to us though, that it is a cover for their plan to dramatically increase control over Lebanon - specifically to install a government friendly to both Israel and the U.S. During the fighting, Israel refused to grant repeated ceasefire requests by the PLO. Israel appears willing to continue aggression to further its aims. If Israel ever supported the spirit of Camp David to grant Palestinian autonomy, that intention is now definitely abandoned.

Israel's "lightning war" against Lebanese, Syrians and Palestinians is unacceptable as a claim of "defense." The toll in thousands of slaughtered civilians - hidden from us by the U.S. media - does not constitute anything resembling defense.

The Peace Council recognizes the current rise in anti-Semitism domestically and worldwide. We insist that a defense of Jewish people, their culture and history can be clearly separate from a condemnation of Israel's aggressive actions. Combatting anti-Semitism must not take the form of defending Israel's every action.

Lastly, U.S. citizens must realize that the U.S. government is in nearly full support of Israel's actions. It is our tax money that funds U.S. arms to Israel and the entire Mid East. These weapons militarize the area and are constantly increasing the danger of nuclear war being triggered there. The U.S. is guilty of hypocrisy in saying it wants "peace" while continually arming the conflicting nations and favoring Israel. As U.S. citizens, we must protest our government's role in this war.



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( Cont. from p.2 )

USSR and US governments means that we must shun the people who struggle for human rights within the USSR, then this Nixon-Ford-Kissinger brand of détente was a perverse policy. It should be possible for two friends to point out each other's faults. That is a true friendship.

I worry that many in their quest to understand the USSR will choose to see only the positive and ignore the negative. Don't close your eyes to the oppression that does exist in the USSR.

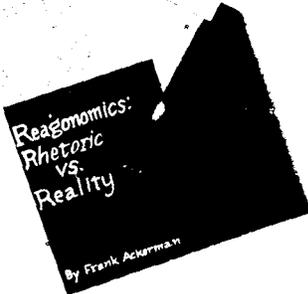
Don't forget the writers jailed for their words, the mental institutions for "anti-state" behavior, or the persecution of Soviet Jews and Baptists. Remember the plight of the Pentecostals living in the basement of the American Embassy in Moscow. And wonder, as I do, about the Soviet dissidents who don't make world headlines when they are arrested. How many of them are there?

Think also, about the oppressive shadow cast by the USSR outside its borders. Imagine what it is like for Russia's colonies in Eastern Eur-

ope, denied their right to sovereignty. Stand with the workers of Poland in their struggle for democratic rights, despite intimidation from the Soviet and Polish governments. Don't close your eyes to the resisters in Afghanistan who are fighting to rid their homeland of Soviet domination.

Don't ignore all these people that are denied the human rights they deserve. Step into their shoes and truly attempt to comprehend what the Soviet government means to them.

Paul Germano



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by Frank Ackerman

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# A Compassionate Peace: A Future for the Middle East

A report prepared for the American Friends Service Committee 1982 \$6.95

by Andy Mager

During this time of renewed warfare in the Middle East it is very difficult to feel hopeful about prospects for peace in the region. Yet, if we truly desire peace, we must begin searching for potential areas of reconciliation. This is the perspective taken by A Compassionate Peace: A Future for the Middle East, the new book by the American Friends Service Committee.

The book does not trace the ancient history of the Jewish and Arab peoples. It does not attempt to justify the land claims of either group. Instead, the authors look at 20th century Middle Eastern history to find the current roots of the conflicts and suggest possible paths toward peace.

A Compassionate Peace is written clearly and concisely. A wealth of information is made accessible through a readable style. An attempt is made to draw together the many interconnected problems of the region: the Arab/Israeli conflict, Palestinian refugees, oil, an escalating arms race, a revolution and reaction in Iran and civil war in Lebanon. These are analyzed to clarify the central issues which must be resolved before peace is possible.

The authors refuse to believe that peace in the Middle East can be achieved through further militarization. *Realism, however, demands that we see the possibility of genuine and lasting peace in the long run, built upon immediate steps to alter the institutional or political circumstances which perpetuate conflicts and erode peace.* (p. 116)

Israel's traditional perception that security is achieved through advanced weapons and a well-trained,

ready to fight citizenry has consistently prevented peace. Fortunately, as the Begin administration becomes more militant in its "peace through strength" rhetoric and actions, some Israelis are beginning to see the danger of this position. The task of controlling the occupied West Bank and Gaza has led some Israelis to think more in terms of working out a just and long-term settlement with their Arab and Palestinian neighbors.

However, the Begin administration is trying to make the West Bank a permanent part of Israel by encouraging settlements there. If this policy along with the attempts to integrate the West Bank economy into that of Israel are not stopped, prospects for peace are greatly diminished.

On the issue of terrorism the book points out that violence has been initiated by both sides at different times. This violence is a symptom of the hatred and lack of trust which pervades the region.

The solutions which the authors suggest are not new and exciting. But, I believe that they constitute the most likely solution. A home for the Palestinians, in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, without outside interference must be a goal. In order to get there, three main proposals are made: 1) Israel must recognize the need for Palestinian independence, stop further settlements in the occupied territories, and stop trying to integrate these areas into the political economy of Israel; 2) the Arabs and Palestinians must present further proposals for peace and seek their acceptance by the world (including the right of the Israelis to live in the region) and 3) the US must recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization as the current spokespeople for the Palestinian

people and make them an integral part of the peace process. Even if the current Israeli invasion leaves the PLO shattered, the fundamental need for Palestinians to participate in negotiations will not have changed.

The book's weakest point is its faith in the US government. I see no reason to believe that the US government will suddenly place its desire for peace ahead of its perceived needs for arms markets and "national security" through access to oil. At the same time I don't see that a settlement could be reached without at least tacit US approval.

My second criticism of the book is its failure to discuss the importance of dealing with Israeli perceptions. Israelis and other Jews



Palestine Perspective

The Lebanese village Quazzaye after Israeli bombardment

around the world justly fear rising anti-semitism. Israel is seen by both groups as a refuge should a second "Nazi Germany" appear somewhere in the world. Until these groups can believe that a just peace, one which provides a homeland for the Palestinians, is in their own best interests, peace will never come to the Middle East.

The situation in the Middle East today is not hopeful. No matter how hard I try, I have difficulty feeling that there are prospects for peace in the region. *If war continues in the area, it will be because the contenders and the rest of us do not truly believe that peace is possible. If peace comes it will be because one or more countries and peoples involved will have believed and, believing, will have acted daringly and faithfully in that belief.* (p. 191) f."

Without that hope there is no possibility of peace. This is probably the most valuable contribution of A Compassionate Peace.

Andy works with the PNL Editorial Committee and is active with Up-state Resistance.

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## Looking Up

This June, 2000 area high school students received a thought-provoking and timely message. It was handed to each of them outside their graduation ceremonies by Upstate Resistance and SPC activists in the form of a diploma-like sheet of paper, rolled up and wrapped with ribbon. It read:

CONGRATULATIONS

**YOUR HIGH SCHOOL YEARS ARE OVER & SOCIETY CONSIDERS YOU ADULT**

If you are a man - this means that the government is asking you to register for the draft. Have you thought about where you would be fighting and for whom? You may feel that your High School years have been regimented and prescribed. The military will be even worse. Isn't it time to think about whether the military fits in with what you want to do with your life? There has never been registration without a draft. So it is a good idea to think this out before you go ahead and register. If you are considering enlisting in the military or joining ROTC - know that recruiters rarely are able to follow through on their promises. Military life is not the glorious adventure they want you to believe. You are being trained to kill.

If you are a woman - this means that low-paying, dead-end jobs may await you. Today's "action packed" military claims to teach you skills that will allow you to break out of this cycle. Many recruits find out too late that skills they learn are useless when they return to civilian life. Often women experience extreme sexual harassment and discrimination in the military. As women, we are often faced with no-win situations - if we want "non-

traditional" jobs. Military life offers us more of the same.

We don't want to detract from this day's celebration. But we hope that you will give a few minutes thought to these issues. Whatever you decide, good luck with your future.

Contact Upstate Resistance for draft counseling or organizing against militarism.

Kath 471-6923, Karen 472-5478, Andy 422-2887.

### Protests Win Allies

We will never know the full impact our graduation message may have on the lives of the young people who read it. But that our protests and attempts at "consciousness raising" do have effects is clear. Last month in California the man who was chief spokesman for one of the two major nuclear weapons labs in the country resigned after witnessing a series of demonstrations by anti-nuclear activists against his employer.

William Perry, Jr. said that the protests against Lawrence Livermore Nuclear Lab (which at one point involved some 1200 arrests) made him undergo a 'moral conversion' away from 'selling nuclear weapons.'

On June 11 there was another defection from a nuclear lab. Karen Rembert who worked as a secretary for most of the last 19 years at the Knolls Atomic Power Lab near Schenectady, quit her \$17,000 a year job.

The Knolls Lab, operated by GE for the US Energy Dept, is a research and development center for naval and nuclear propulsion systems. The Knolls Program involves, in part, the training of Navy personnel for nuclear submarines (including the Trident) armed with nuclear weapons.

Karen said that anti-nuclear leafletting and vigils at the Lab - conduct-

ed each Friday by the Knolls Action Project - "made me start thinking." She and her husband decided they could not "base our family's earnings on an industry based on war." The turning point came when a group of peace marchers, en route from San Francisco to the UN Special Session visited Knolls Lab in late May.

Karen says she intends to work with the Knolls Action Project researching the conversion of the defense industry to the civilian economy. She hopes to counsel other workers struggling with the decision to leave weapons related jobs. To learn more, contact KAP, PO Box 3152, Albany, NY 12203, (518) 434-4037.

### Defunding the War

Danny Hakim is a mathematics instructor at the State University of Oswego. His job isn't directly related to the production of weapons, but Danny believes that just by paying federal taxes he would be fostering war since so much tax money goes to military spending.

When he filled out his 1980 tax form, he deducted \$3,315 for "war resistance." It lowered his taxes by one-third -- the amount he said would be spent on military programs. Danny intends that money to go instead to support county day care services through Day Care Network and the Child Care Council.

The IRS will begin auditing Danny soon. Persons convicted of tax evasion face up to five years in prison or a \$10,000 fine. But Danny is not alone: according to IRS statistics those who have refused to pay all their taxes have jumped from 6,000 in 1978 to 27,000 in 1981.

In a statement released to Syracuse media on June 16, SPC expressed support for Danny. SPC insists that the Reagan war budget be defunded and encourages any individual to pursue principled tax resistance. Danny, we're heartened by your courage!

*Looking Up is a new addition to the Peace Newsletter in response to reader input for less depressing news. We welcome your comments, and suggestions of uplifting actions, or victories to be celebrated.*



# June 12-14: A Time of Celebration,



Jan Phillips



Anne Griffin

"June 12th? Beautiful. Inspiring. Long overdue. Urgent. A refreshing and important display of common sense". Anne Griffin.

"I could rave and rave about it. I felt tremendous energy from all the people there and the good spirit that was shared by everyone. The whole city seemed to be in on it". P. Barfoot.

"What made me feel best was the message to the European Disarmament Movement: 'we're with you and doing everything we can on our end'".

C. Baum.



Anne Griffin

"I was proud to take part in the demonstration. I was one of the 'grassroots'!" Anne Griffin.

"Terrific, terrific".  
Karen Beetle.

Not everyone agreed with us, and much of the media coverage was an attempt to coopt the events, but the lengths to which they had to go in that attempt is a testament to the breadth and strength of the movement.

Liam Mahony



Anne Griffin



Joanne Conolly

Wall projection by Courtney Frisse



Ruth Risher

"A day when we could clearly see that, 'We are not alone!' A day of hope and renewal." Dik Cool.

"The energy stayed with me for a week after the rally. At work, with my 6/12 button on, I became a magnet for discussion about nuclear disarmament, people were seeking me out to talk about it more". Paul Barfoot.

# -and Assertion!



Carol Baum



Ralph Puffer



Carol Baum



Annette Gofke

"Seeing mission workers sit down with us to demonstrate their commitment to disarmament, and their frustrations with the US Government's inactivity, made me feel that there is hope for survival". Andy Mager.

"I felt uplifted. It was a strong witness because of the number of people and the peacefulness the rally kept within itself. Patti Narciso

"For me, blocking the US Mission was tremendously empowering. Marching in a crowd of thousands was not". A. Mager.



Mike Chamberlain



Annette Gofke



Ralph Puffer

"One of the most impressive things about the rally was the number of labor unions represented. This showed how truly 'grassroots' the disarmament movement is. A tremendous amount of good education is happening around workers in America about the connections between the arms race, security, and issues of jobs and justice". John Ragusa.

"I'm sure that June 12 was more of a beginning than a culmination, and the demand for peace is, thankfully, growing". John Ragusa.

## Militarism

### Other UN Special Session Events

#### Feminism and Disarmament Gathering

The spirit of this amazing conference is reflected in the following statement written by six British and Argentine women that day:

We the women of Argentina and Britain totally reject the war that is being fought in the South Atlantic.

We reject any economic order that supports exploitation and oppression by the sale of arms. We reject the use of force to resolve any conflict.

We see our sisterhood to each other as more important than any concept that divides us, particularly that of the Nation state.



We mourn for the kelpers people whose home is a battlefield.

We mourn for all of us in Britain and Argentina and the world who suffer the effects of living under militaristic governments. Governments that use war to distract from the violence and misery of unemployment, hunger, disease, and death.

We recognize that all these things are closely connected.

As women we weep together. There are no winners in this war or any war.

As women we all struggle together to create a feminist society in which such problems cannot arise.

#### International Religious Convocation

Images from the International Religious Convocation... A stunning banner hanging in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine -- "choose life so that you and your children will live." 10,000 people listen attentively to readings from the New Testament, the Bhagavad Gita, the Qur'an, the Damapada and other holy books. Children whose lives have been touched by war speak -- a Japanese child, a teenager from the South Bronx, a girl whose father was an atomic veteran,

a young man from Kampuchea. People's eyes filling with tears. The South Bronx Gospel Choir singing joyfully. A prayer in Spanish for an end to US aid to El Salvador. A tree, a Japanese elm, held in the center of the Cathedral. Women carrying bowls of earth from the east, west, south and north. A Hopi elder blessing the tree and earth. All present speaking together the Community Affirmation for Peace. A procession of 8000 colorful hopeful people marching to Central Park. A woman Rabbi chanting in Hebrew as the tree is planted there.

#### Resistance Gatherings

Draft resisters and other anti-draft activists gathered on either side of the country in mid June. In New York City over 200 people met to plan strategy and share our experiences. A smaller group in Berkeley focussed more on building personal connections between resisters.

Both gatherings were held in conjunction with disarmament activities (the rally and cd in NYC and a cd action at Livermore Labs). Groups around the country are preparing for the first indictments of draft resisters. (See page 16 for local info.)

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# Peace Walk:

## Strides in the Right Direction

Before my involvement in organizing the Peace Walk in Syracuse, I had felt wonder and embarrassment at America's reserve in indicating the desire for peace.

But, I was heartened by the responses to the Peace March. People I had never heard of and people who had been away from peace activities called to volunteer assistance. Some 30 local residents generously provided three nights of hospitality for the walkers. The Onondaga Indian Reservation housed walkers.

Different Faiths work together. Alongside the Unitarian minister and the Episcopalian and Catholic priests in the Interfaith Peace Service were the Buddhist Monks, the Native American Peace Pipe Carrier, the American Black Muslim Iman, the American Friends Service Committee representative, and the non-denominational Church of God minister.

A minister's group arranged for the walkers' supper on Sunday night. May Memorial Unitarian Society welcomed the Interfaith Peace Service and invited walkers to stay Sunday night if the need arose. The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception graciously gave us use of the Parish Hall for the walkers/hosts potluck supper on Saturday night. St. Lucy's Catholic Church was ready to accommodate walkers on Saturday and Monday nights in the gym, if need be.

The closing circle at the Interfaith Peace Service is the memory that represents the Peace Walk in my mind. There were women and men, old and young, blacks and whites, gays and straights, long-hairs and short-hairs, united in the desire for peace.

- Corinne Kinane

## A Community Celebration

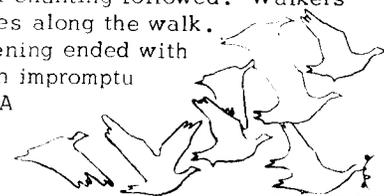
For me "An Evening with the Walkers and the Open Hand Theatre" was a joyful bringing together of people from around the world. Songs of struggle, of hope were woven through the evening with the richly melodic drumming and chanting of the Japanese Buddhists.

The Open Hand Theatre presented two pieces: Nanabaclo and the Evening Star adapted from a Haitian tale, and the Original Child Bomb by Thomas Merton. With magical masks and lively antics the Open Hand Theatre's premier production of Nanabaclo presented a playful view of Goddesses and Gods fighting over an awesome and dangerous fire ball - the evening star. In contrast, the Original Child Bomb is the stark and painful story of the first atomic bombing in Hiroshima.

Gently people sat, talking, sharing their feelings about Nuclear War ... a great caring and compassion merged with the pain. Songs, led by the Women Harvest Choir, and Buddhist chanting followed. Walkers spoke of their experiences along the walk.

As the scheduled evening ended with a song, people formed an impromptu circle of linked hands. A sense of celebration filled the hall.

- Geoff Navias



# Walking for Peace

In May, the Toronto to New York City Peace Walk and the San Francisco route of the World Peace March joined in Buffalo. The combined peace walk made its way through the state, stopping at towns and cities en route to raise awareness about peace and the UN Special Session on Disarmament. The walk arrived in New York on June 6, and was received by the UN on the opening day of the Special Session.

The two walks had different origins and agendas. The Toronto Walk, organized by Canadian activists and the Upstate Peace Network, was committed to a tasksharing process and to working on sexism, racism, and classism as part of a peace process. The World Peace March, initiated by a Japanese Buddhist order, was focused primarily on nuclear disarmament and had a strong identity as a spiritual walk led by the monks.

The participants were a diverse group, including Asians, Europeans, North Americans, and Native Americans; people from all religious backgrounds, ages, and sexual preferences. The Peace Walk served a strong networking function, creating bonds between different cities, towns, rural areas and individuals across the state. It helped spark energy in the areas it passed through: peace groups emerged in areas where they had not previously existed; in other towns existing groups were strengthened. Everywhere, it helped build for the June 12th rally and the civil disobedience on June 14th. The walk also served to raise consciousness statewide about New York's nuclear

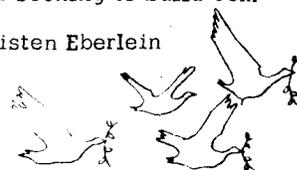
facilities. Creative and energetic vigils were held at Seneca Army Depot, Griffiss AFB, and Knolls Labs. Perhaps best of all, the walk provided a way for people's growing concern for disarmament to be channeled into action.

However, this disarmament effort had definite shortcomings. The group process of the Toronto Walk ceased functioning after the Walks came together, leaving the combined walk without mechanisms for communication or responsibility sharing. Differences in culture and background of walkers created gaps in understanding which were not bridged, leaving walkers without any basic agreements as to behavior or purpose of the walk. In many ways we were simply a group of individuals walking for the amorphous goal of "world peace," without a consensus or dialogue on what peace means, or what changes need to take place before we live in a peaceful world.

Although the lack of a peaceful process and internal communication was a serious fault, the walk did provide strength and energy for both walkers and local contacts. The walk's great diversity (a strength itself) just made communication and agreement more difficult than it would have been in a more homogeneous group. It's a challenge we increasingly need to face as our movement grows and as we struggle to build a new society - that of respecting and loving our differences and seeking to build common understandings.

- Kristen Eberlein

*Kristen Eberlein organized for the walk in the Buffalo area, and walked from Buffalo to New York City with the Walk.*



**Indictments to be Met by Nationwide Resistance**

The long dreaded indictments of draft resisters began on June 30th with the indictment of Ben Sasway in San Diego, CA. More indictments are expected.

Indictments are being met with protests in over 100 cities across the country. Thanks to our energy and imagination, Selective Service's worst fears are coming true!

With renewed vigor from resistance gatherings in New York City and Berkeley, resisters and other activists are making the connections that Reagan so desperately wants to hide. We can't reduce the threat of nuclear war without drastically reducing conventional as well as nuclear weapons and reducing tensions around the world.

Here in Syracuse, Upstate Resistance has just finished leafletting local high school graduates. In late May, we picketed and leafletted at the Holiday Inn downtown where local draft boards were being trained. Now is a crucial time for those of us working for a more peaceful world. If the government can intimidate most young men into registering, then they will think that they have a green light for further intimidation and increasing militarization of our lives.

Please get in touch with us and join our efforts. Future plans include continued support of public and private resisters, continued advocacy of resistance, visiting the new US Attorney, organizing transportation to the first trial of a resister, and civil disobedience.

-Andy Mager

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# Haitian Refugees:

## Struggling for Freedom behind Barbed Wire

by Deborah Weissman  
and Susan Horn

Fleeing Jean Claude DuValier's brutal regime in Haiti for the "land of the free" has turned out to be not much of a trade for the 40,000 Haitian refugees who have come here since 1972. Thousands of Haitians who attempt the 800 mile crossing to Florida learn that even if they survive the elements and treacherous smugglers, they face a more implacable foe - the US Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The current policy of "enforcement, detention and interdiction" was announced by Reagan in July 1981. "Interdiction" means that coast guard cutters cruise the waters and turn back boatloads of Haitians. Formal asylum hearings are dispensed with. The last time "interdiction" was used by the US was in 1939 when boatloads of Jewish refugees from Nazi Germany were turned away.

Those refugees who reach Florida are taken to the overcrowded North Krome camp outside Miami. From there, groups are shipped to holding compounds in Puerto Rico, Texas, West Virginia, Kentucky and New York to await "Exclusion Proceedings."

This policy of detention - of not allowing resettlement through routine immigration channels - is new and applies exclusively to Haitians. It is intended to speed up "repatriation" - coercing Haitians through inhuman living conditions to give up their right to claim political asylum.

*Deborah Weissman is a partner in the Syracuse Law Collective. Susan Horn is a partner of Horn, Heins, Finklestein, and Pezzulo. Both are members of the National Lawyers Guild and represent two Haitians imprisoned at Raybrook Federal Prison in the Adirondacks.*



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Haitians, however, refuse to give up this right. Rather than return, they live behind barbed wire, away from Creole-speaking communities, facing medical and sanitation problems, transfers without warning, and prolonged, indefinite imprisonment without having committed a crime. Families are often separated. These detention centers are nothing less than concentration camps.

Yet to return to Haiti means certain imprisonment and probably death. Returnees are regarded as traitors; asylum claims are seen as an "insult" to the DuValier regime. Every group investigating the situation, except the US State Department, has found this pattern of persecution.

It is important for us, knowing that thousands of Haitians are locked up in concentration camps, to plug these facts of terrorism into a political framework; the Haitian refugees are a symbol of the erosion of civil liberties and the racism of the US government.

The Haitians have been made into the scapegoats Reagan needs to foist his budget cuts on the American people. In Miami, Haitians are blamed as the cause of unemployment and the decline of health care and education - all problems worsened by Reagan's cuts.

The government has used these refugees to whip up chauvinism and racism. That the government does

not think twice about indefinite detention of blacks is illustrated by the Cuban immigration. It was not until the third wave of Cuban boats landed, with mostly black Cubans, that the government began to detain Cubans.

In the past year, political, church and legal groups have protested these policies and provided support and sponsors to prompt the release of the Haitians. At least two Federal Courts have held that the detention is illegal. In New York City, in a case brought on behalf of eight refugees held in the Brooklyn Navy Yard, the Court held that the policy is discriminatory and ordered their release. Yet legal maneuvering by the government has so far prevented any releases. Last week, in Florida, a court decided that "technical" defects in the issuance of the detention policy rendered it illegal.

If the government has its way, this decision will mean the release of only those Haitians who have sponsors and lawyers, and only for 30 days until exclusion hearings are held. If the hearings are lost (as most are) they would go back into detention during any appeal. Over 2,000 Haitians have been imprisoned for almost one year. Of the more than 150 being held at the Raybrook Federal Prison in the Adirondacks, only two have lawyers. The situation is similar in all the other camps.

The message is clear - and it's a threat to all third world people who struggle for national liberation. And it's part of the current broad attack on the civil liberties of the people of the United States - part of a package of repressive legislation and presidential orders.



# Falklands/Malvinas: Why Does Everyone Want These Islands?

by Diane Heller

Three questions need to be asked of the recent conflict: why did Argentina invade the Malvinas? why did Great Britain choose a military response, rather than negotiation? and why did the United States side with Britain?

The Argentine junta had been under strong internal pressure for change, as citizens protested high inflation, unemployment, and lack of government information about the thousands who have "disappeared" since the 1976 coup. The New York Times reported that President Galtieri hoped "a popular land grab could save his faltering junta from Peronist mobs." But Argentines clearly supported the act, not the government, as they shouted, "Malvinas, si! Junta, no!"

There were also pressures within the junta, traditionally dominated by the army, as the navy and air force bid for more power. Probably more crucial were economic concerns involving oil and gas reserves off the coast and strategic military interests such as the struggle for control of the Antarctic region, oil/mineral reserves and sealanes between the Islands and the Antarctic. National and ethnic pride were also involved, as the junta's billing of the invasion as a Latin American anti-colonial struggle against European imperialism united even opponents of the regime to oppose "outside aggression."

Clearly, national pride was a factor for Britain as well. The escalation of a potentially negotiable situation allowed Mrs Thatcher to strengthen her political standing and popularity, which were faltering in the face of a weak economy and high unemployment -- a predicament similar to Argentina's. (Interestingly, Mrs Thatcher's husband is involved with The Falkland Islands Company, which controlled the Falklands.)

However, the major consideration was/is the Islands' strategic mili-

tary importance. First, if the Panama Canal ever closes, military and economic advantage will fall to those in control of the Falklands/Malvinas sealanes. Second, Puerto Argentina/Stanley has been considered as a potential NATO naval base, substituting for the loss of the Simonstown base in South Africa. Third, the U.S. reportedly was hoping to use the Falklands as a British-administered airbase, like Ascension Island and Diego Garcia, forming a triangle of defense/offense in the South Atlantic. The U.S. was especially interested after its exclusion from a 1969 meeting among Argentina, Brasil, South Africa, Paraguay, Taiwan and Israel, at which a secret treaty was signed apparently creating a South Atlantic Treaty Organization.

OAS headquarters from Washington. Also, under the 1947 Inter-American Mutual Assistance (Rio) Treaty, the U.S. was bound to defend other signers from outside aggression but instead abstained from the April 17-0 vote that supported Argentina's claim to sovereignty.

In terms of international economics, recent Argentine grain sales to the USSR had surpassed U.S. sales; this may have been another factor in U.S. support of Britain. The U.S. may have hoped the crisis would disrupt Argentine deliveries and restore U.S. dominance in Soviet wheat deals. Politically, the U.S. and Britain may have seen the loss of the Falklands as a "domino" precedent for the loss of other strategic island bases around the world.

Britain is now jubilant over its victory but paying the taxes of war in an already strained economy. Argentina is expected to resume action eventually. It is buying more arms and refinancing its \$35 billion foreign debt to maintain its \$5 bil-



These points help explain why the Reagan administration backed Great Britain, though it had been friendly with the junta, asking for Argentine military support to U.S.-backed Central American governments and forging plans for U.S. bases on the Patagonian coast. In siding with Britain, the U.S. reneged on the Monroe Doctrine, which promises U.S. protection for other American states from European aggression and colonialism, and on its membership in the Organization of American States. Other OAS members are now calling for U.S. expulsion and for moving

lion arms buying reserve. The failure of the invasion has caused a shake-up in the junta, but new faces do not necessarily mean new policy.

The crisis has also led to tension in the U.S. government as then Secretary of State Haig called for the resignation of Jeane Kirkpatrick, representative to the U.N. because of her support of Argentina's position. Haig, unsuccessful in negotiation attempts over the Islands, has now himself resigned. The Reagan administration will now have to rebuild political relations with Latin American nations "up in arms" over U.S.' breach of loyalty.

*Diane is currently working with Mutuality in Mission, Syracuse. She is active with FOCUS, and recently returned from a year in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.*

# Organizing and the Reality of East Timor

by Michael Chamberlain

Well before Indonesia invaded East Timor in 1975, the United States government knew what Indonesia was planning. Even though 90% of Indonesia's military equipment was supplied by the US, nothing was done by the US government to stop Indonesia from using that equipment to kill Timorese and destroy their land. While villages have been razed and people have been starved, the US government has tried to put an end to efforts to get Indonesia to withdraw from East Timor.

It is hard to do consciousness raising and organizing about a place that is not well known. Yet, one of the most difficult problems with organizing on East Timor is not what people don't know; it is how they react to being asked to do organizing on East Timor.

People around the US often find it difficult to work on East Timor. There are many reasons for this. One such reason is that East Timor is too difficult to work on because the scale of human suffering is too large to deal with. Another reason is that there is so little concrete effect most people feel they can have on the situation. One reason that many "activists" have is that they are already too over-extended, and they can't take on another "issue" such as East Timor.

The view that East Timor is such a tragic situation that people find it difficult to deal with misses the point. The horrible tragedy of situations such as East Timor are realities which we all must face. Just as we need to visualize the destructiveness of nuclear weapons when discussing the threat of nuclear war, we need to confront and deal with the human destructiveness of US foreign policy.

Amongst the many other "issues" that people are working on, it might seem that we are already too over-worked to be doing something about East Timor. As true as this may

seem to be, we need to realize the connectedness of East Timor to the other "issues" we work on. The policy of the US government towards East Timor is based on the same assumptions and principles as US policy towards Viet Nam, Iran, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and many other places in the world. These are not separate "issues." We need to explore the connections between these situations and analyze the systematic policies that bring

Once people are educated, there are things that they can do. Letter writing is not a new activity, but it is an extremely important activity. Newspapers, Congresspeople, the State Department, the Indonesian government, religious organizations, and relief agencies all need to be made aware of people's concern about East Timor. There is a resolution currently before the House (HR 321) and the Senate (S 87) which calls for Indonesia's withdrawal from



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them about. As we continue to work against world hunger, interventionism, and militarism, we can and should point to the realities of East Timor as an example of the consequences of US policies.

Education is the first step. Both the US and the Indonesian governments would have found it hard to initiate their policies toward East Timor if much had been known about their actions. They would find it difficult to continue their policies if more people knew about them now. The illegality and immorality of their policies in East Timor have made them extremely sensitive to world public opinion. Educating your friends, the groups you work in, and your community, religious, and Congressional leaders is a very important beginning.

East Timor. Writing your representatives in Washington, asking them to co-sponsor these resolutions, is a good way to get started.

In facing the day-to-day realities of situations like East Timor, we need to realize that we may not see the immediate impact of our work. Instead, we need to view our work in much the same way as the Timorese view their own struggle. We are fighting against a system of oppression and brutality that must be ended. East Timor is a part of that oppression and brutality, and we are struggling alongside the Timorese to change that reality.

For more information, contact:  
East Timor Human Rights Comm.  
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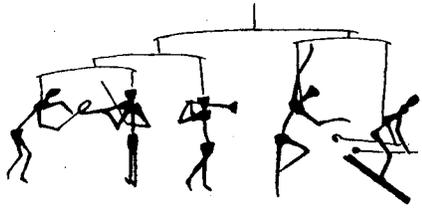

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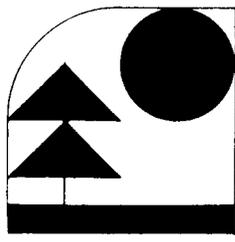
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The intent of the Task Force on Nuclear War Evacuation/ NY State is to analyze the proposed pre-attack evacuation plan as it now exists for each risk and host area in the state. It will emphasize the complex movement of people and resources around NYS and will bring attention to the myriad irresolvable problems associated with the plan.

Included in the research effort will be an analysis of the strategic implications of relocation and evacuation, and the exposure of the potentially provocative risks of pre-attack evacuation. The work will provide the factual base for activist groups throughout the state, and in others as well.

A parallel effort, at the Onondaga County level, is underway, with the first meeting of the Disaster Preparedness Subcommittee, to discuss crisis relocation planning, July 8 at noon in Rm. 407, County Court House.

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creating an environmental organization for the entire Great Lakes region. Registration is \$15. There will also be exhibits, a race, and dancing to celebrate "River Appreciation Day" on Saturday, July 31. For a brochure write Save the River Box 322 Riverside Drive Clayton, NY 13624.

## Mexican Women Strike Back!

In December 1981, the entire labor force of the Zacatecas, Mexico factory of the Crescent Company, a United States garment manufacturer, walked out of the company's Zacatecas, Mexico factory. The makers of "Figure Flattery" lingerie refused to negotiate with these 500 women striking against inhuman working conditions and poverty level wages. Instead,

Crescent began negotiations with the Mexican government to move the company's sewing machines to another city where labor is not yet organized. The workers, however, began guarding the plant entrance 24 hours daily to prevent the company from moving the equipment.

Today, seven months later, the women and the machines are still there. The women remain, in spite of the hardships of living camped outside the plant, loss of wages, and constant harassment.

Solidarity by U.S. women workers and organizations is critically important. Telegrams and letters demanding that the rights of the Crescent workers be respected can be sent to: Gobernador Guadalupe Cervantes Corona, Palacio de Gobierno, Zacatecas, Zacatecas, Mexico.

Also, donations are needed to continue this important struggle. Contact Raquel Rivas Hernandez, Sindicato Unico Independiente de Crescent, Vrizas No. 145, Zacatecas, Zacatecas, Mexico.

## El Salvador: The Killing Continues...

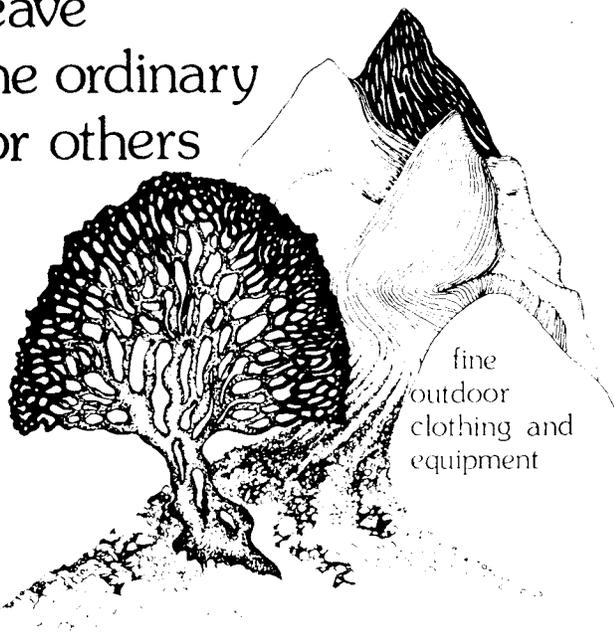
As our attentions are focused on new wars in other places, we must not forget that in the past two and a half years, 34,000 civilians have been killed in El Salvador. And by all accounts, the carnage is increasing.

Right wing "security" forces continue their terrorist acts, daily exposing the lie of that "triumph of democracy," the March elections. Two hours after being appointed Mayor of her town, Evangelina Garcia de Lopez and her daughter were killed in their home by eleven men. As one Salvadoran said, "This is a war without war casualties. The victims are civilians, unarmed, being killed because they are sympathetic, or suspected of being sympathetic, to the guerillas."

U.S. involvement also becomes more brazen every day. This month saw the heaviest combat so far, complete with search and destroy missions by nearly 2,000 Salvadoran soldiers trained at Fort Benning, Ga. and Fort Bragg, N.C.

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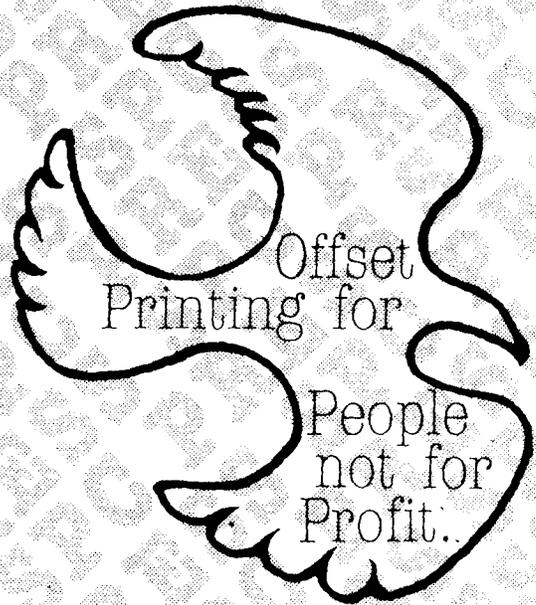
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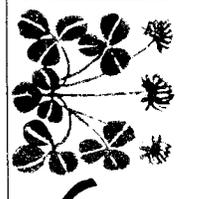
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I want to die a natural death  
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I want us to go on.  
I want us simply to go on.

—Marie Cartier

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# LETTERS



## SPC Absent from War Protest

Syracuse, N.Y.

Thursday, July first, there was another protest in Syracuse. As often for such events, it took place in front of the Federal Building, and as often too, unfortunately, it was against the indiscriminate killing of people that is called war. The war in question was the invasion of Lebanon by Israeli forces, and the protest was held to underscore the right of Palestine and Palestinians to exist.

The only false note was the absence of SPC--an absence which reflects the lack of involvement of SPC in this matter (with the exception, as far as we know, of a statement in the Post Standard and the Peace Newsletter which seemed more concerned to establish a firm curriculum for anti anti-Semitism than to protest this war.)

Once again, as in Viet Nam, the U.S. and its allies are trying to maintain control of 'vital interests' by supporting war, mass murder and genocide rather than continue negotiations which might resolve the conflicting demands of both Palestinians and Israelis to have a homeland. We felt these were sufficient reasons to assemble downtown. Where was your support, if not your presence?

The Syracuse Science Collective

## The Greatest Threat

Syracuse, N.Y.

In a recent Post Standard there was a drawing of a little girl's face. In her eyes was the reflection of a mushroom cloud.

I thought, age is not merely a matter of how old you are. It is also, how long you expect to live.

The little girl might have been six years old, the age of one of my granddaughters. I am 69. Do we share the same life expectancy? Do we both expect to live until nuclear war strikes?

Come, my beloveds, young, old and in-between. Suddenly we are all the same age--and we face a single threat.

Ignorance, inexperience and enthusiasm, shake hands with arthritis, partial deafness and love. We all have handicaps. We all have strengths.

And we all face the strangest and most difficult struggle since history began. For we cannot seek to destroy our opponents--those who would build or use nuclear weapons. Instead, we must either make them neutral or make them our allies.

With the help of God, to whom we are all children even if we live beyond 100 years, we will prevent nuclear war.

Angus MacDonald

Syracuse, N.Y.

Dear Friends,

I want to say good bye and thank you to all those Peace Council folks who have helped me to grow and learn skills as an activist/organizer. I can say that it was the Peace Council that nurtured and supported me in that growth experience through the SPC Public Power Task Force and the Nuclear Power Committee, with their focus on process, involvement and mutual support. My plan is to develop more skills as a community organizer. Michael and I will become a part of similar political efforts in the Seattle area, and we will keep you informed. We would like to invite you to stay with us when you come to the Northwest.

With love,  
Ann Stevenson  
Michael Berres

c/o 3726 Beazer Road  
Bellingham, Wash. 98225

P.S. It was over the PNL layout table that I first met Michael.

*Letters from Peace Newsletter readers are welcome on any aspect of SPC programming, or specifically in response to articles in the PNL. Suggested length: 250 words. (Anything longer risks getting cut.) Deadline: the 20th of each month. Write: To the Editors, Peace Newsletter, SPC, 924 Burnet Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13203.*



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## IN THIS ISSUE

The August PNL examines various dimensions of our wartorn world. This somber theme is salvaged by our emphasis on the vigorous efforts of people in Japan, in Israel, in Central America, and here at home to resist the powers that mock peace. We even throw in a bit of satire.

Like all PNL's this one was pulled together by many hands: our editorial committee has swelled from just three members back in January to ten this month (including several 'observers'). We are young and old, single and married, female and male, black and white -- a healthy diversity well reflecting SPC membership.

### Editorial Committee

Karen Beetle, Ed Kinane, Pat Finley, Andy Mager, Angus MacDonald, Diane Swords. Observing: Suzanne Burns, Linda Boyd, Donna Wassung

### Workers

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### Next Month's Production

August 23rd & 24th Mon. & Tues.

### Deadlines

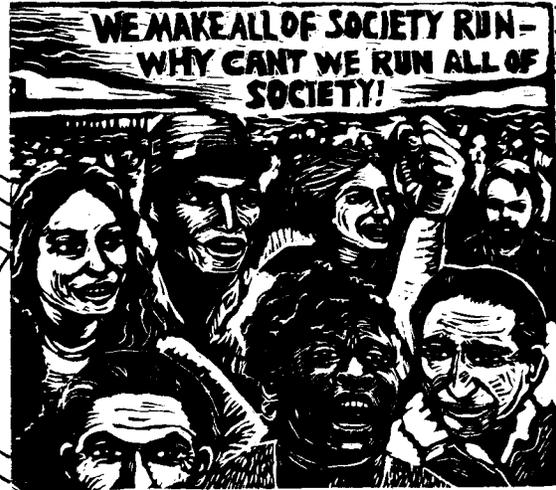
Space Requests: August 11th

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Classifieds/Calendar: August 23rd

"It is our duty to fight for our freedom. It is our duty to win."

*Assata Shakur*



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### COVER

The cover art is a new four color SPC Poster designed by Dik Cool, Karen Kerney, Dorothy Sokol and Laurie Goldman. It's our way of saying, "Hiroshima and Nagasaki -- Never Again!" See page 6 for ordering info. The poem by Marie Cartier is from "The Seasons Will Change" printed on page 18.

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## News from the SPC House

As we frantically pull together this issue, with workstools falling through the floorboards in the attic workroom, the phone ringing off the hook, and (when it's not pouring rain through the ceiling) the temperature pushing ninety degrees, dreams of summer vacation are on all our minds.

Laurie's been gone for the past two weeks, and Gary will be leaving for a month, so the Press is not operating quite at full capacity. Karen is leaving for a week, and Glenda will be taking a break later in the month, so staff won't be at full steam either.

Despite the inevitable slowdown that accompanies vacation-time, changes are definitely happening here. A new project, the "SPC Dances" is being attempted, The darkroom downstairs is nearing completion and the camera is being tried out.

July marked the four-year anniversary for Glenda as an SPC staff-person, and three years for Gary at the Press. Happy Anniversary! If they could stay here that long, we must be doing something right.

## 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 is supported primarily through contributions, monthly pledges, and fundraising events which reflect our political goals. To be a member one needs simply to contribute to SPC in some way (financial or otherwise) and to agree with the general principles of SPC. Attendance and participation in SPC community events establishes one's sense of membership in the Peace Council.

SPC's major work is done through committees and in coalitions. Four collectives work out of the SPC office: the program staff, the SPC Press, the American Myths Calendar committee, and the Front Room Bookstore. The office is open every weekday, 9AM -- 5PM; visitors always welcome.

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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, Karen Beetle,  
Liam Mahony

### SPC Press

Gary Weinstein  
Laurie Goldman

### Peace Newsletter

Karen Beetle, production co-ordinator; Pat Finley, Andy Mager, Laurie Goldman, Ed Kinane, Angus MacDonald, & Diane Swords.

Observing: Suzanne Burns,  
Donna Wassung, & Linda Boyd.

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needs someone!

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#### Upstate Feminist Peace Alliance:

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Carol Baum, Dik Cool

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Kath Buffington, Liam Mahony

#### Program and Evaluation

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Glenda Neff, Vince Scambati,  
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Seneca Army Depot: 472-5478

Nuclear Weapons Freeze

Campaign:

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Taskforce on Crisis Relocation

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East Timor Human Rights

Committee:

Mike Chamberlain 479-5020

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Geoff Navias 471-3074

Friends of Central America

United in Support(FOCUS):

Gary Weinstein 472-5478

## A Golden Opportunity

Two European students have made us the incredible offer of doing a year of full-time volunteer work at SPC in return for simply room and board. Christa Pranter (Sweden) and Marco Burkli (Switzerland) walked through Syracuse with the World Peace March in May, after a year of volunteer work in the midwest on an International Christian Youth Exchange, and decided that they would like to return in October and work with us.

Here at the SPC house we've spent time with them both and we're quite impressed with their intelligence and sincerity. We'd like to make it possible for them to come back, but we don't have the resources to do it. Can you help?

Do you have a spare room in your house? For three months, six months, or a year? (They're willing to move around if necessary. They are also interested in living together, so only one room is needed.) Would you be interested in sponsoring, say, a month's worth of food?

If you think any of these might be a possibility or if you have any other suggestions, please call us soon. We need to give them an answer as soon as possible, preferably a positive one.

## No 1983 SPC Calendar

After several interminable meetings and hours of heart-rending discussion, the Program and Evaluation and the Organizational Maintenance committees of the Peace Council decided not to publish a wall calendar for 1983. The financial risk was too great; the ability of SPC to put it out on time was very doubtful; and the magnitude of the project and the questions it raised would have strained the still tenuous "New Structure" of the Peace Council too much. The decision was a difficult one - we all know how important the political and cultural contributions of the calendar have been - but we feel it was a good one. Maybe next year?

Don't be surprised though, by the ads you will be seeing in these pages and elsewhere for a wall calendar (see page 19). Subsequent to our decision, Dik Cool, who has been the coordinator of past SPC calendars, decided to go ahead and produce the calendar apart from the Peace Council. This is an independent venture and not a fundraiser for the Peace Council. Recognizing the need for high quality political culture in our work, we wish the project the best of success.

## Taking it to the streets

The Syracuse June 12th Committee has organized a project called "Reaching Out: How to talk to your friends and neighbors about nuclear war, the Russian threat, and other sticky issues." Come to an evening of exercises and role plays, facilitated by Kath Buffington, which will help you to do just that. It will be held on Thursday, August 12th, 7-10pm at the Friends Meeting House/AFSC 821 Euclid Avenue. A flier "Why I went to New York City for the June 12th Peace Rally", a compilation of quotes and photos by Syracuse area people, will be available that evening, as well as other resources and ideas. Everyone is welcome, lemonade will be provided, and it's free! Come with a friend.



## More Dancing?

The first SPC Dance took place on July 16. A great time was had by all who came, but so few people came that it did not raise much money. If we are to make a tradition of these dances, we need volunteers to do coordination, publicity, music, set-up, etc. Call Liam at SPC.

## Need a steady job?

### Advertising

Peace Newsletter advertisements bring in about \$3000 of much needed income each year, while giving us a chance to support those who are helping us. We need someone to help coordinate the soliciting, production and billing for our advertisements. The work comes to only several hours a month, and the schedule is very flexible.

### Mailing List

This is a once-a-month job. Our mailing list is over 2000 names long, and every month we get a few dozen additions and changes to it. These changes need to be typed up on index cards and onto mailing labels. All that is required is a few hours a month, decent typing skills, and above all, dependability.

### Films Committee

We need people to strengthen this already existing committee, which oversees the promotion and distribution of our collection of films and slides.

### Potluck Committee

The SPC Potlucks have taken place just about every Monday night since February, 1981. Thanks to the consistent efforts of Lois Levitan and Marge Rusk, attendance at the potlucks has grown from just a handful to a few dozen, making them an important forum for discussion and outreach. Lois is moving to Ithaca, so we need volunteers to help with arranging, publicizing and setting up these exciting weekly events. If you are interested, please call Corinne at 422-1659, or leave a message at SPC.

## More...

\*The steering committee for the Plowshare Craftsair will be forming in September. If you're interested, contact Glenda at SPC.

\*We are thinking of having a Garage/Book sale on October 9, 1982. Interested in helping? Do you have stuff to donate? Contact Liam at SPC.

\*Start getting ready for the Annual Phonathon! We'll be doing it sometime in October and we need as many people as possible to take shifts at the phone.

## Half Full or half empty?

Well, July 1 has passed, bringing with it a midyear examination of the SPC coffers. This budgeting evaluation yields some interesting facts.

We've been spending considerably more (\$600 more) each month than we've been earning. How? We depend very heavily on major fundraisers in the Fall, in particular the Phonathon and the Plowshares Craftsfair. These have yet to occur this year, so we are still managing on the leftovers from last fall.

Overall, we've spent just about 50% of our allowed expenses (see our published budget in the March PNL), but only raised 40% of the budgetted income, for a net loss of \$3400 since January. If all goes well, we should make

up a good part of that by December, though we're still likely to end the year about \$2000 short of where we started.

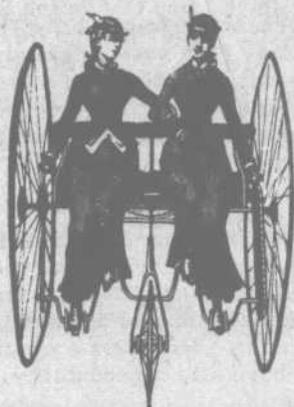
On the brighter side, our concert and our miscellaneous sales income have already exceeded their entire year's budget. To top this, we received in the mail this week an anonymous contribution for \$1,500!

Such is the see-saw we're on.

## Choose your speaker!

The SPC Annual Dinner will be held on October 2, 1982 at the Harrison Center on Lancaster Ave. We haven't chosen a speaker yet, so get in your requests now! Would you like to help with preparations? Do you have a favorite food? Give us a call.

## THE FRONT ROOM GOES TO THE FAIR!



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## August 16 **Space War**

The Pentagon plans to fight wars in space. The completion of the space shuttle tests means a new phase in the militarization of outer space. On four occasions, the United States has exploded nuclear bombs in space, surrounding the earth with a band of radiation. Learn about this and present military designs on space. ???s - call 472-9386, Jack Manno.

## August 23 **SPC Potlucks**

This potluck is to discuss the potlucks. Are there discussion topics that you would like to see on our list? Are there continuations or follow-ups on past potluck topics that you'd like? Do you have other thoughts on potluck discussion topics? If you are unable to attend and have thoughts you'd like to share, please drop Corinne a note at SPC. If you need more information, please call Corinne at 422-1659 or leave a message at SPC - 472-5478.

## August 30 **Is Nuclear War Survivable?**

A presentation on the feasibility of crisis relocation plans (civil defense, for Onondaga County and New York State. Background for research and action in the critique of nuclear war evacuation provided by Pat Rector, spokesperson for the Crisis Relocation Planning Project of the Physicians for Social Responsibility. For more info, call Pat at 446-2380.

## September 6 **Pedaling for Peace**

The Peace Pedallers are a group of six who are bicycling across the country to express their concern about disarmament, and militarism. They are visiting and dialoguing with concerned people in the communities along the way. Their journey is a spiritual one, based in the Quaker tradition, but their concerns reach out to all of us. Come meet them and learn about their months on the road and their hopes for the future. For more info, contact Karen at 472-5478.

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# Musings on Children's Literature:

## What Are the Stories We Want Our Children to Know

by Lois Levitan

I have a fantasy about being a children's book editor who, with just a few strokes of my pen, would vastly increase the number of non-sexist, socially relevant, exciting and enticing books for kids. The writing of children's books is a burgeoning field, attracting talented authors and illustrators who know how to develop a good story and for whom, increasingly, no subject matter is off-limits: love, friendship, community, compassion, adventure, inquisitiveness, thoughtfulness, resourcefulness, dealing with fear and anger and differences. But all too often, even in otherwise excellent stories, there will be an unconscious phrase or offensive illustration. All the interesting characters may be given boys' names or the parents are seen in the background as a father with a briefcase, suit and tie and a mother wearing an apron and carrying a dustmop. A few simple editorial changes could enhance the positive role-modeling potential of these books.

For an example, *Betsy's Fixing Day* is part of the *Betsy* series by Gunilla Wolde designed for very young children. It is an absolute favorite of my 3-year-old daughter who likes the small size of the pages and loves Betsy -- the resourceful little girl who fixes her broken toys and puts a bandage on her baby brother's finger when he hits it with a hammer. It is a delightful book which gives my own resourceful and spunky daughter an excellent role model, but which does less for me as her mother when Betsy borrows a hammer, nails and pliers to fix her doll carriage "from Daddy" and "from Mommy" borrows the needle and thread to sew up her bear. The message seems to be that little girls can do what they will, but by adulthood they had better settle into stereotyped roles. It would not have detracted from the story to have left out these phrases or to have said, in both cases, that she borrowed the tools "from Mommy and Daddy."

*Lois has read many kids books in the last five years.*

I have no illusion that my suggestions for cosmetic editorial changes can alone create a liberating body of children's literature. Equalizing the number of "he's" and "she's" in the stories is not sufficient to create an egalitarian society when the stories themselves are rooted almost entirely in the experiences of white collar Americana. For example, several years ago Dell Publishers featured a series of books for older children on "sensitive subjects" -- divorce, death, competition and loss, step-parents, etc. Of the first four of these which I read, all took place in economically privileged homes and three featured mothers embarking on careers in law. I feel strongly



### You work on dresses?

that these types of characterizations foster economic escapism, which is a cruel hoax, especially for the kids experiencing some of the difficult times discussed in the book. The reality is that most mothers who go to work do not join elite law firms. Finding books which present working class people in a positive light is at this stage far more difficult than finding books challenging sex-role stereotyping.

The Feminist Press' bilingual *My Mother the Mail Carrier/Mi mama la cartera* and the Woman's Press of Toronto's *Ms. Beaver* series and

their *My Mommy Works on Dresses* are several good exceptions, dealing well with issues of class, race, gender and empowerment in the format of very palatable children's books. The illustration on this page is from *My Mommy Works on Dresses* showing the pre-school daughter's image when her mother answers her question, "What do you do at work Mommy?" The story goes through the factory dressmaking process, both the mechanics and the woman's feelings about her work and about who makes the profits. The depiction of the greedy boss is a little heavyhanded, but does not seem to bother my daughter, for whom this is another favorite. While books featuring little girls in starring roles are not her exclusive choices, she clearly prefers stories where she can identify with the protagonist.

In the last decade there have been increasing numbers of stories -- especially those published by small alternative presses -- which feature minority families, single parents, gay and lesbian parents, and handicapped people. The drawback is that as a pioneer art form it has evolved unevenly. Some of the books are too wordy, too thematic or have ugly pictures. It's hard to create a snappy story line. *Tatterhood and Other Tales* (Feminist Press) avoids this pitfall by collecting 25 folk tales from around the world chosen because, "The heroes are not superior; they are human and vulnerable. The heroines have energy, wit and sense." The result is a beautiful book -- the kinds of stories we can feel fine about passing on to our children.

Feminist Press publishes two bibliographies of non-stereotyping books: *Books for Today's Children* about picture books and *Books for Today's Young Readers* for those 10-14. War Resisters League has a booklist for children and The Council of Interracial Books for Children, 1841 Broadway NYC, publishes a newsletter which critiques children's books.

# PEACES

## Trident Nein

Nine peace activists calling themselves the Trident NEIN were arrested July 5 in Groton, Conn. after breaking into Electric Boat shipyard where Trident nuclear submarines are built.

The protesters, saying they were declaring their independence from nuclear weapons, spraypainted the hull of a Trident currently under construction with the words, 'U.S.S. Auschwitz.' They believe that, as in the Nazi death camp, incineration awaits us all if these weapons are ever used.

In addition to the re-facing, they poured their own blood down missile tubes, hammered on hatches and damaged two uninstalled Trident sonar cones. Their aim was 'to begin the process of disarmament of the most lethal weapon ever manufactured.' The Trident is the ultimate first strike weapon, designed to destroy Soviet ICBMs in their silos. Its builder, General Dynamics, is the nation's leading war contractor having built the Polaris, Poseidon, and now the \$1.8 billion Trident.

The three women and six men, all members of the Atlantic Life Community, modeled their action on the destruction of missile nose cones by the Plowshares 8 in Pennsylvania. At their arraignment they pleaded, 'not guilty by reason of government insanity.' When their case is heard, the NEIN plan to put the US government on trial for its production of nuclear weapons.

If convicted of their 'crimes' they face up to 13 years in prison. Expressions of solidarity can be sent to Ann Dennis, Sr. Judith Beaumont, Sr. Anne Montgomery at: Connecticut State Women's Prison, Niantic, CT 06357; and to Vincent Kay, Tim Quinn, Bill Hartmen, James Cunningham, Art Laffin, and George Veasey at: Montville Correctional Institution, Box 1000, Uncasville, CT 06382. For more info contact the Trident NEIN, P.O. Box 411, New Haven, CT 06502.

## Law Schools Show Gumption

Six law schools -- Columbia, Yale, NYU, Harvard, UCLA and Wayne State (Michigan) -- refuse to permit Army recruiting on their premises because the service will not accept homosexuals. The law schools require that firms recruiting on their campuses sign a statement agreeing not to discriminate in their hiring on the basis of -- among other factors -- the physical handicap or sexual preference of their students. An NYU spokesperson explained, "We simply believe that sexual preference is not job-related."

The Army's judge advocate general, Maj. Gen. Hugh J. Clausen, has said, "Recruiters for the Army's judge advocate generals corps cannot sign this statement because homosexuals and many handicapped individuals are not eligible for military service." Clausen said, "Homosexual conduct is a crime in the military." He went on to observe that, "Exclusion of homosexuals from the armed forces is a practical means of precluding from military service a group of individuals who have a natural proclivity to violate the Uniform Code of Military Justice."

Clausen is recommending to the Pentagon that those universities whose law schools bar his recruiters be made ineligible for future defence contracts. He is also planning to recommend that the Pentagon review its policy of retaining ROTC training units at those schools. Sounds like a wonderful idea!

## Male Hero? Equitable?

Your help is needed to ensure that 'justice delayed' is not once again 'justice denied.'

On February 4 the 92 Syracuse employees of Equitable Life Assurance Society voted to be represented by District 925. The new union is sponsored jointly by Service Employees International Union and 9 to 5: National Association of Working Women.

The company is refusing to bargain, denying their employees the right to a better life and respect on the job. The employees are overwhelmingly female, many with families to support. By its actions Equitable has shown it is clearly opposed to equality and justice for

working women.

At the same time, ironically, the July issue of Ms. Magazine has named as one of its 40 male heroes, Coy Eklund, the Chief Executive Officer of Equitable! We cannot allow a feminist-oriented magazine to ignore injustice to women.

We need letters from Central New Yorkers to Ms. Magazine expressing disgust and opposition to the selection of this 'male hero.' Explain simply that Equitable's policies do not promote equality for women, and by honoring the Equitable chief, Ms. Magazine is contributing to the continued exploitation of women workers.

Send your letters to Ms. Magazine, 119 West 40 Street, NYC 10018, and a copy to District 925, 3060 Erie Blvd East, P.O. Box 831, Syracuse 13201.

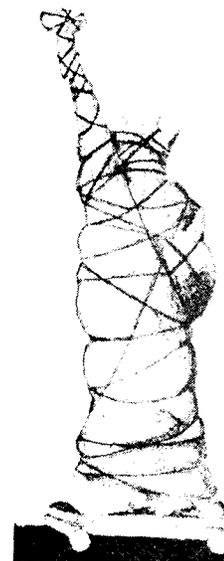
-Regina Canuso

## Statue of Liberty Recalled by Manufacturer

On the same day the Equal Rights Amendment was defeated in the U.S. some 100 French women in Paris demonstrated in solidarity with their American sisters. The protestors -- who represented most groups in the French women's movement -- carried a huge effigy of the Statue of Liberty thru the streets.

March organizers explained that the Statue had been a gift of the people of France to the people of the U.S., but 'America no longer deserves this great symbol of liberty.' The demonstrators asked the French government to demand its restitution.

-Guardian



The anti-war movement has been an important force in our society for challenging U.S. militarism internationally. It has helped to make peace and disarmament pressing issues for millions of U.S. citizens. And yet, it has not fully recognized the links between militarism and racism, and it has given relatively less attention to the effects of economic injustice. These have been serious drawbacks. We want the peace movement to be as powerful and as effective as possible. In order for this to happen, however, it must become functionally multiracial and focus on racism and economic injustice as well as international militarism.

While the causes for particular wars often appear complex, racism has played a pivotal part in virtually all military conflicts. There are six ways in which we understand racism, militarism and economic injustice to be interrelated.

1. Where and why wars are fought. A glance at history shows that every military conflict, declared war or otherwise, has been over control of land and resources. Historically, people of color have borne the brunt of the world's great wars of domination in conflict-related deaths, economic exploitation, political repression and poverty; for it is the land, resources and human labor of the Third World that the Western powers have consistently fought over. Armed and trained by the largely white, industrialized countries, armed forces now control the machinery of government in fifty-four of the countries of the developing world. Half of these countries are among the poorest in the world.

2. The psychological mechanism for waging war. The ability of a country to wage war or to conquer another people depends on instilling "enemy thinking" in the mind of the populace. Enemy thinking, in turn, depends on racial and cultural stereotyping. Native Americans were conquered and almost obliterated by European colonizers who viewed the Indians as "brute savages." Slavery was made possible through an

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## Racism and the Struggle for Peace



*The War At Home: the South Bronx*

ideology which described Blacks as subhumans. Japanese Americans were interned during the Second World War and Hiroshima and Nagasaki became testing grounds for man's ultimate weapon because the Japanese were thought of as "Japs" and "yellow-eyed devils." Hitler's extermination of the Jews was based on a blatantly racist ideology.

3. Battlefield casualties. Racism in the U.S. has resulted in a pool of conscripts for the armed services disproportionately made up of people of color. Since most of these "economic conscripts" are unskilled they end up in the front lines of battle, victims of the white generals and Presidents who wage the wars.

4. Who finances militarism. Wars are undertaken at the expense of those who can least afford it - poor people in general, and people of color in particular - as money is taken from budgets which would otherwise fund human services and given to the military to build instruments of mass destruction. As political attention and precious resources have been focused on military priorities, the poor of the world have steadily grown in numbers. Most by far are concentrated in the "colored" developing nations of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

5. The political economy of militarism. Production for military use has proven to be both inflationary and job reducing. Military expenditures yield far fewer jobs than the same money spent by government for civilian purposes; and those jobs which are produced require a highly

skilled, technical labor force. Racism in U.S. society guarantees that the majority of jobs created in the military sector will go to skilled, educated white workers, thus reinforcing existing racial and class inequities.

6. The war at home. Poor people of color have not been visible in the mainstream peace movement because they are already experiencing war in their own communities. For Navajo in the Southwest, the front end of the nuclear cycle has meant an enormous increase in radiation-related illnesses, genetic deformity and death. Blacks in inner-cities experience police as an occupying force. Indeed, the national guard is being trained as a counterinsurgency force should social disturbances break out in major metropolitan areas. Undocumented workers from Mexico, Central America and Haiti live in conditions amounting to a state of martial law. Abroad, it is the poor in the Third World who are always the guinea pigs when the superpowers decide to test a new weapons system.

We believe it is essential that everyone who is serious about stopping the war machine and establishing a real peace understand the racist nature of war. It is no coincidence that Carter reinstated draft-registration, giving rise to the reemergence of a vocal anti-war movement, at a time when the military was complaining that there were too many people of color in the armed forces. They realized that people of color might not be counted on to fight against their brothers and sisters in Third World

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# Disarmament Organizations: Where from Here?

In 1976 Margaret Mead addressed a large audience about the effect of a people's view of the future on their lifestyle. She concluded with the image of black walnut tree. People in our culture no longer plant walnut trees, seeing no future in cultivating something which takes so long to bear fruit.

When asked why she chose to make her home in America from among all the places she had lived, she said, "I want to be where I can do the most good."

Her advice to people who would do likewise was to go home and join the local chapter of any organization that is working for peace.

June 12 was an example of the combined force of such organizations. Now the organizations have returned home. Here is a brief summary of what is next for some of our Syracuse groups.

## Freeze

Encouraging representatives to pass the Freeze (House Joint Resolution #521; in Senate, Hatfield-Kennedy Amendment to Percy Arms Control Resolution) vote probably week of July 26.

Considering further push to put Freeze on N.Y. ballot in Nov. Collecting individual and group endorsements by petition Planning State Fair booth Providing speakers and/or AV materials for presentations by other groups Planning "Walk to Save the Human Race" 2:00, Oct. 3: big walk approaching downtown from five directions and rallying on Clinton Square with speakers and music. Collecting information on political candidates' positions on the Freeze Next meeting: Aug. 3 at 7:30 West Genesee Presbyterian Church Contact: Marty Bartlett 458-6266

## Pax Christi

Joining other organizations working against the draft and nuclear facilities. Contact Barbara Major 475-2811.

## Upstate Resistance

See page 13.

## American Friends Service Committee Physicians for Social Responsibility

Hotline alerts those on mailing list about upcoming legislation on disarmament (and other issues) Public education - provide speakers and audiovisuals. Contact Virden Seybold 475-4822.

Nuclear Weapons Facilities Networking Project - clearinghouse for organizations and general public on the six facilities in upstate New York and Canada. Slide show and brochure soon available. Contact John Rigusa 475-4822 Draft Counseling - Kath Buffington 475-4822.

## Tax Resistance Support Group

Continuing to gather information on methods and consequences of resistance Putting out public statement. Exploring actions to support Danny Hakim at his tax audit. Exploring local funds in which to invest withheld tax money. Contact: Diane Swords 479-5658

## Educators for Social Responsibility

New local chapter. Purpose: to help parents and educators respond to the sense of powerlessness and fear of nuclear war through education. Current activities: Self and community education Creating and disseminating curriculum materials which stress critical thinking and social responsibility. Developing local programs for a National Day of Dialogue on the Nuclear Arms Race to take place in schools and communities on October 25. Next meeting : August 18 7:30 PM Hutchings Psychiatric Center Education and Training Building 545 Cedar St. Rm. 202 Contact: Joan Goldberg 673-1083

## Syracuse June 12th Committee

Meeting: "Taking it to the Streets- Talking to Friends and Neighbors about Nuclear War, the Russian Threat and Other Prickly Subjects." Thurs. August 12 7-10 PM, Friends Meeting House.

Constructing medical school course on medical consequences of nuclear war. Speakers, film and slide show available. Meet first Monday every month. Contact: Dick Weiskopf 475-0062

## Crisis Relocation

Local organization: Onondaga County Ad Hoc Citizen's Committee on Crisis Relocation. Encouraging public attendance at four hearings: first Aug. 9 on evacuation plan. Aug. 23 on host areas. September dates not yet set, but topics are: post attack period and wrap up. Location: Room 407 County Courthouse, Columbus Circle at noon. Bringing out dangers and waste of plans. Encouraging publication of a pamphlet to inform citizens of dangers and stress prevention rather than civil defense. If you cannot attend hearings, call county legislators to express your views: Doris Chertow 446-1067; Tim Rice 475-3063; William Sanford 423-2454. Contact Pat Rector for further information 446-2380.

State organization: Task Force on Evacuation/ New York State. Opposing Utica evacuation plan which is to be national prototype if it passes.

## Interreligious Instruments for Peace

Informing religious community about disarmament issues. Working on October 3 Walk to Save the Human Race (see Freeze)

## United Campuses to Prevent Nuclear War

Originally open to SU faculty, now students and staff invited. Committed to Freeze Considering working on Freeze referendum and Elaine Lytel congressional campaign. Nov. 11 - convocation on nuclear arms race. Open to public. Next meeting - August 19 noon, room 204 Physics.

# Jews Protest Israeli Invasion

On June 30 a quarter-page ad signed by hundreds of members of New Jewish Agenda\* appeared in the New York Times:

This is not the way! We are American Jews deeply concerned about the physical and moral survival of our people and the Jewish State of Israel. We are extremely pained by the senseless killings that have occurred in the war in Lebanon. We are convinced that the invasion of Lebanon does not enhance the security of Israel.

While similar ads appeared in US and Israeli papers, over 30,000 Israelis protested in Tel Aviv. Every other day people representing various segments of Israeli society gathered to express their anguish and protest a war they view as different from past Israeli wars - a war in which thousands of civilians have already been slaughtered. On the 23rd, mothers demonstrated in front of the Knesset (parliament). On the 28th, in Jerusalem, Israeli soldiers just returned from fighting in Lebanon protested government intentions to assault West Beirut. These 30 soldiers claimed their feelings were shared by most of their comrades.

In the US Hasidic Jews joined peace and left groups protesting at the Israeli UN Mission on June 18. Other American Jews have chosen to withhold their customary pledges to major fundraising organizations such as the American Jewish Federation.

They send their money instead to groups actively working either for peace in the Middle East or on relief in Lebanon.

The protests go on and the war continues. The invasion force of 80,000 Israelis keeps itself ready for a full-scale assault on Beirut and has cut off food, water and medical supplies to the city. According to Drew Middleton of the NY Times, Israeli forces evaluating the pros and cons of such an assault do not believe civilian casualties would be as heavy as Western military experts estimate. "They say that in urban warfare civilians soon learn to adjust by living in cellars or, during a pause in the fighting, fleeing to safety outside the battle zone."

No "full-scale" assault yet; and everyday we hear reports of more civilians killed and maimed.

-Pat Finley

*\*The New Jewish Agenda is a national organization working for peace in the Middle East, human rights in Argentina, Cuba, and gay rights, nuclear disarmament, economic justice and against anti-Semitism and racism.*

## Cry of the People

by Penny Lernoux



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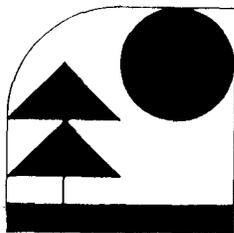
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## The Japanese Anti-Nuclear Movement Remembers

Every year on August 5 a rally protesting nuclear arms and honoring the dead is held in Hiroshima's Park of Peace. The more than 60,000 names on the cenotaph, the testimony of the hibak'sha (people who survived the bombing) and 2nd and 3rd generation victims of the bomb show the source of Japan's deep anti-nuclear sentiment. This feeling transcends all political, class, and age lines.

Sentiment against nuclear weapons is so strong that they are banned from Japan; by law the government cannot possess, manufacture, or permit the entry of nuclear weapons into Japan. At present, no government could survive if it suggested changing this law.

Of course, there are still plenty of issues for the movement to focus on: international disarmament, nuclear power, US nuclear arms illegally in Japan, and efforts of the government to build up Japan's military.

Gensuikyo, the best known anti-nuclear group in Japan, opposes only nuclear weapons. Gensuikin and Jishu-koza are two of the largest groups against both nuclear power and weapons. However, as the Japanese like to make many sub-divisions, the real base of the movement is many small groups: organizations of sociology teachers, hibak'sha, and so on.

The presence of US nuclear weapons in Japan is an extremely hot issue. Because of the Japanese government's nuclear policy the US military denies that it brings any nuclear weapons into Japanese territory. However, it is ludicrous to think that American ships unload their nuclear weapons before entering a Japanese port. In 1981 former US ambassador to Japan, Edwin Reischauer, admitted that US vessels routinely carry nuclear weapons into Japan. The protests this caused were large enough to shake up prime minister Suzuki's government.

People also suspect that the US illegally keeps nuclear weapons on Okinawa due to the many mysterious locked doors and "Entry Prohibited" signs on the American base there. Through the efforts of the anti-nuclear movement people were made aware of these deceptions. The presence of such weapons will make Japan a likely target in even a limited US-USSR nuclear exchange.

The Japanese know all too well that "limited" nuclear war is a meaningless concept. The "limited" experience of Hiroshima and Nagasaki taught them that war is never justified, particularly nuclear war. Do we really have to wait until a bomb is dropped on us to learn the same lesson?  
-Connie Adams

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# Can Pac Man Save Capitalism?

*Scenario: A confidential memo to the White House from the Presidential Commission on Youth, Education and Welfare.*

In response to your request that this Commission undertake a fact-finding mission to investigate the problem of declining school attendance and education standards, we submit herewith a summary of our findings. Our survey of a cross-section of the nation's elementary and high school teachers, with spot visits to classes in session revealed an alarmingly consistent result: American students have lost interest in their studies. In addition, a quick survey of the Armed Forces recruiting stations indicates that, just at a time when we need high-quality personnel to operate the sophisticated military devices of the 80's, we are receiving recruits of an unprecedentedly low level of ability. The increasingly apparent failure of our education system to accomplish its mission is thus becoming a threat to our national security.

If our youth are neglecting their studies and staying away from their schools, we then asked ourselves, just what are they doing with their time? We came up with a remarkable finding: they are flocking by the millions and tens of millions to spend every spare hour, every spare piece of change, playing electronic games - games with names like Space Invaders, Berzerk, Defender, Tailgunner, and Battlezone, to name a few. In the year 1982 then, this is where the energies of an entire generation are focussed.

After some reflection, we began to conceive of ways in which our nation can set about recovering this wasted natural resource. We believe that we have come up with an exciting new concept in education - one that will answer the needs unmet by the existing system, one that will provide our Armed Forces with much-needed skilled manpower, and at the same time, will instill in our youth a true respect and love

for the values of our democratic society.

What we propose is no less than a revolutionary new way to redirect the untold hours spent by our youth in playing electronic games to support positive and useful educational goals. Whereas the games now concentrate mostly on meaningless contests with aliens, imaginary



creatures, and faceless adversaries, substitute the real enemies of democracy for those fictional foes. Instead of imaginary weapons, substitute battle simulators keyed to the most modern state-of-the-art computer-controlled weapons in our arsenal, pitted eyeball-to-eyeball against the most advanced enemy weapons and techniques. Think of the educational value of true-to-life simulations of the liberation of Poland with nuclear artillery! Imagine the pride of a young man or woman directing the landing of our Rapid Deployment Force in a distant land threatened by the forces of international communism! Think of the excitement of outwitting terrorists, saboteurs, and subversives; of breaking up street demonstrations! We are con-

fidant that our young people will rise to the challenge; that they will be breaking down the doors to get a chance to compete in this new generation of electronic games.

And this is only the beginning, or what we have referred to as Phase I of the program. Phase II is still more exciting. We introduce at this point the vital missing element - personal risk. Drawing upon the time-honored methods used in psychology labs everywhere, we seek to increase the efficiency of learning in this phase by supplying some negative reinforcement (punishment) as well as some positive reinforcement (reward). The negative reinforcement will assume the mode of unpleasant, but (for the most part) harmless electrical shocks administered automatically whenever the player makes a mistake, or performs badly. The strength of the shock is to be adjusted to the seriousness of the error, but a certain amount of randomness could also be introduced so that it would be possible to get a shock of any strength at any time. Separate record would also be kept of the total number and intensity of these random shocks; they could be treated as war injuries, and all players financially rewarded to an extent commensurate not only with their skill but also with the sum total of their "injuries." This is analogous, of course, to the awarding of purple hearts for combat injuries and would serve as part of the positive reinforcement.

As in any game enjoyed by youth, be it drag-racing or sky diving, there is always a possibility of death. Naturally, we would provide for this as well; in our electronic simulators, there would be a small but finite chance of being severely burned or receiving a lethal shock. Of course, the wounded would be treated as war heroes, and the electrocuted would be given state funerals and their next-of-kin decorated appropriately.

As a third phase, we envision rewarding the outstanding performers from the previous phases by giving

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*The above article was written by the Syracuse Science Collective.*

# The Little Folks Everywhere We're On the Rise

The first indictment of a draft resister has spurred resistance activists into action around Upstate N.Y. Pickets in Buffalo, Ithaca, Rochester, Albany and Syracuse showed support for Ben Sasway of San Diego, CA (and all other non-registrants).

## Second Indictment

Enten Eller, the second resister to be singled out, was indicted in Roanoke, Virginia on July 13. Enten is a member of the Church of the Brethren. His resistance is religiously based.

David Wayte was indicted on Thursday July 22 in Pasadena, California. He has been active in the resistance movement for over a year.

On Sunday July 18, Upstate Resistance sponsored a picnic in support of draft resisters in Thornden Park in Syracuse. Good food and fun were complemented by further strategizing on "where do we go from here."

The first trial currently scheduled is Ben's, which begins Aug. 24 in San Diego. (David Wayte's pretrial hearing is scheduled for Aug. 2 -- it is possible that he may be tried before Ben.) Upstate Resistance will have a presence at the trial. Because Chris Clarke (a resister

from Buffalo) is currently visiting in California, we sent a T-shirt saying "I represent Upstate Resistance" and listing the complicity statement signers, for Chris to wear at the trial. If there is a trial closer to Syracuse, we are considering sending a car or van full of people. Anyone interested in either of these activities or in helping to subsidize them please contact us.



We are also preparing for the legal defense of resisters here in Upstate NY. The National Lawyers' Guild has pledged that they will defend resisters anywhere in the country if their presence is requested. The Albany UR group is currently in

the process of organizing an all-day workshop for lawyers for the specifics of defending resisters.

The government's moves toward further intimidation are also becoming clearer. Indictments around the country are expected to continue and perhaps accelerate this summer and fall. Approximately 160 resisters are currently targeted.

## IRS Collaborates With Selective Service

Selective Service has completed its computer checks to try to locate more of the well over 1/2 million resisters. Their cross-reference with IRS files brought them an additional 250,000 names of non-registrants. IRS is now searching for current addresses for these people. They (IRS) will be sending out 75,000 warning letters in August and an additional 175,000 next January. If people do not respond to this letter, their names and addresses will be turned over to Selective Service.

People who receive these letters are urged to contact Upstate Resistance for support and draft counseling. We must let non-registrants know that they have our support.

-Upstate Resistance

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countries. In threatening to reinstitute the draft, the militarists may be looking to white youth to uphold the interests of U.S. generals and multinationals. It is our responsibility to educate people about this and help to create a situation where the military will be unable to depend on the allegiance of white soldiers to do their bidding.

We are encouraged by signs that the peace movement is concerned about its white, middle class image. We, too, are concerned, not only about the image, but about the analysis and strategy which flows from white, middle class leadership.

Such leadership sometimes assumes that people of color are not interested in peace or are too preoccupied to join a movement. We believe this is a misreading of reality. On the contrary, Black and Native People have been among the boldest and most eloquent spokespersons for peace. Because

people of color have been most victimized by militarism, they are more likely to work for the things that really make for peace. Let us not forget that it is the Third World nations which have called for this Special Session on Disarmament!

We are convinced that it is difficult for white, middle class people to see the connections between racism, militarism, and imperialism. Poor people of color understand these connections far better. That is why we believe there have been deliberate attempts to keep the movement for peace and disarmament separate from the movements for racial and economic justice.

If real peace is to be achieved, the white peace movement must aggressively seek leadership and direction from Blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans and other people of color. They must participate in all aspects of organizational planning, decision-making and outreach. In

those situations where funds are available to pay organizers, people of color must be actively sought out. It is only with the active involvement of poor people of color that it will be possible to build a truly broad-based, multiracial multi-cultural movement capable of moving forward on the tasks and winning. White organizers must learn to struggle with their own racism, which comes up in often subtle, but significant ways and keeps them from working with or taking leadership from people of color. We are convinced that racism is learned behavior and therefore can be unlearned, though the process is often painful - as the struggle in the June 12th Rally Committee demonstrated.

We are convinced, however, that this struggle over racism in our movement is a healthy one. If we are to be genuine peacemakers we will have to work unstintingly for justice.

# Disarming Your Local Nuclear Facility

## Making Connections

Our region is crowded with nuclear weapons facilities. However, each one has a corresponding anti-nuclear organizing project (see box below). On the weekend of July 23-25, while Reagan was announcing the increased production and storage of Neutron Bombs at Seneca Depot, seventy people gathered at a conference in Rochester to share skills and ideas about how to work towards the eventual conversion of these facilities to more peaceful uses.

The goal of the conference was to strengthen the connections within this network of activists. The workshops

included "how-to" skills sharing sessions and chances to share why we organize (eg. "Integrating Social Analysis into Our Work," "Despair and Empowerment.") The good food and time to talk, sing and dance together also helped to cement the bonds of this emerging network.

## Conversion Organizing

The issues of economic conversion of the facilities and conversion of the workers to more peaceful jobs were central to the conference.

John Mousseau, a former naval officer at Knolls, co-facilitated a workshop on "Outreach to Workers." The

discussion stressed the importance of identifying with the workers, eliminating the "us vs. them" self-righteousness, and the importance of maintaining contact to build trust. Karen Rembert, who recently quit Knolls (see July PNL p.11) partially as a result of the consistent leafletting at the plant, was also at the conference. The contributions, and simply the presence, of these two "success stories" was inspiring to all of us, and a testament to the painstaking work of the Knolls Action Project.

## What Next

At the final plenary there was unanimous agreement that this network should continue. Funding possibilities for a continuing staff position, as well as a possible joint protest at the Seneca Depot in 1983 will be discussed at the next meeting in Syracuse on September 24. We all left with a much clearer understanding of each others' work, and with many new ideas to help with our own organizing.

-Liam Mahony

### What is the Nuclear Weapons Facilities Networking Project?

The NWFNP was begun in April by the American Friends Service Committee to facilitate communication among the many groups in the region organizing around nuclear facilities. These groups include:

- \*Cruise Missile Conversion Project (Litton Systems factory, Toronto, Canada).
- \*Finger Lakes Peace Alliance (Seneca Army Depot, Neutron Bomb).
- \*Cruise Missile Action Project (Griffiss Air Force Base).
- \*Knolls Action Project (Knolls Atomic Power Labs, Albany, Trident Submarine).
- \*Sierra Club Radioactive Waste Campaign (West Valley nuclear waste dump).

For a listing of resources, or for more information on the network, contact John Ragusa, NWFNP, c/oAFSC, 821 Euclid, Syracuse, NY. 315-475-4822.

## A Guide to Disarmament Media

This new eight-page guide, published by Media Network, describes 26 films, videotapes, and slideshows useful for organizing and education work on disarmament.

The list, designed for use by activists, covers various aspects of the arms race and disarmament, including military spending, medical effects of radiation, the draft, government suppression of information, and films for children.

The Guide to Disarmament Media can be ordered for \$1.00 from Media Network, 208 W. 13 St., NY, NY 10011. For bulk orders, please call 212/620-0878 for more information.

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### Employment Research Associates reports:

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# El Salvador Human Rights Progress Certified

by Angus MacDonald

On July 27, to keep war aid flowing to El Salvador, the Reagan Administration certified to Congress as true, four un-truths about the Salvadoran government--namely, that:

1) it is making an effort to control violations of human rights,

Amnesty International in a May 17 "Urgent Action" stated that "following the elections...reports of human rights violations involving the official armed forces have continued unabated." Salvadoran Bishop Rivera Damas in his May 2 sermon declared, "It's a paradox that when the people have said 'no' unequivocally to violence, that the most elemental human rights continue to be violated."

2) it is achieving control over its own armed forces to end the torture and murder of Salvadoran citizens by these forces.

In mid-May the Salvadoran army mounted a 4,000-man offensive in the province of Chalatanango, then held by guerillas. According to a June 10 Washington Post report, the army claimed killing 135 guerillas, but also admitted killing unarmed men, women and children. Opposition sources put the number of civilians massacred at 600.

3) it is implementing essential economic and political reforms, including the land reform program,

El Salvador's Constituent Assembly has repealed Decree 114 initiated by the previous Christian Democrat-military junta, which had provided the legal basis for agrarian, banking and foreign commerce reforms. It has suspended for one crop year the "Land to the Tillers" program which allowed sharecroppers and tenant farmers to buy up to 17 acres of the land they worked. A major peasant group, the Salvadoran Communal Union, has denounced the forcible eviction of up to 12,000 peasants from land to which they had been given provisional titles in the last few months.

*Angus is an old friend and a new member of the PNL Editorial Committee.*



4) it is committed to holding free elections and to beginning discussions with all major political factions in El Salvador which have declared willingness to find an equitable solution to the conflict.

While the major opposition coalition, the Democratic Revolutionary Front, has repeatedly offered to engage in dialogue with the government, neither the present nor the previous government has shown any willingness to do so. The Front could not take part in the March 28 elections because of official death threats against its leaders.

An election held during a civil war, where there is little access to media, where public meetings are virtually impossible, and where people cannot move freely or express their opinions openly, can scarcely be called "free."

The El Salvador war now involves El Salvador's neighbors. 2,000 Honduran troops joined Salvadoran troops in a drive against guerillas in El Salvador's Morazan province. In reprisal, guerillas of a previously unheard-of organization called the Froylan Turcos group (named after an obscure writer of the early 1900's) blew up two of Tegucigalpa, Honduras' four electric power plants, according to a story in the July 7 Syracuse Herald-Journal. A New York Times story of the same date quoted a high Sandinista official in Nicaragua as saying, "We can't ignore" the Honduran intervention "because we feel threatened. We will respond politically, diplomatically and possibly militarily."

Escalated U. S. aid to the region

includes Cessna "Dragonfly" counterinsurgency jets, spotter planes and transport planes to El Salvador and a scheduled increase of aid to Honduras from \$9 million in 1981 to \$62 million in 1982. A July 25 story in the Syracuse Herald-American reveals that the U.S. Air Force is flying equipment to Honduran Army troops in a three-day operation to strengthen defenses along the border with leftist-ruled Nicaragua.

The July 7 New York Times article cited above also quoted Salvador Cayetano Carpio, one of the five senior Salvadoran guerilla commanders: "In spite of the training, the helicopters, the jets and everything else from the United States, they have to bring in large numbers of Honduran soldiers," said the 62-year-old Mr. Carpio, a legendary figure who is frequently called El Salvador's Ho Chi Minh. "Soon they will have to bring in American soldiers."

According to a July 28 report in the Syracuse Post Standard, Rep. Gerry E. Studds, D.-Mass., calling the certification "fundamentally dishonest," said he and 25 other House members were introducing a resolution to declare it "null and void."

We urge people to write to their congresspersons to support Rep. Studds' resolution and similar actions, and to stop all military aid to El Salvador.

A week of nationwide protests of the certification is scheduled beginning July 31st. To find how you can help, contact F.O.C.U.S., 257 E. Onondaga St., Syracuse, N. Y. 13202, (315) 471-6677, and C.I.S.P.E.S., Mid-Atlantic Region, 19 W. 21st St., 2nd floor, New York, N. Y. 10011, (212) 242-1040.

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*Among the sources for the above story were the Inter-religious Task Force on El Salvador and Central America, 475 Riverside Drive, Room 633, New York, N. Y. 10011, and C.I.S.P.E.S. -- A. M.*

# poetry for peace

## The Seasons Will Change

A common flower a dandelion grows on the front lawn  
 My mother smiles.  
 One year later, a common flower a dandelion  
 grows on the front lawn.  
 My mother smiles.  
 Two years later, a common flower a dandelion  
 grows on the front lawn.  
 My mother is smiling.

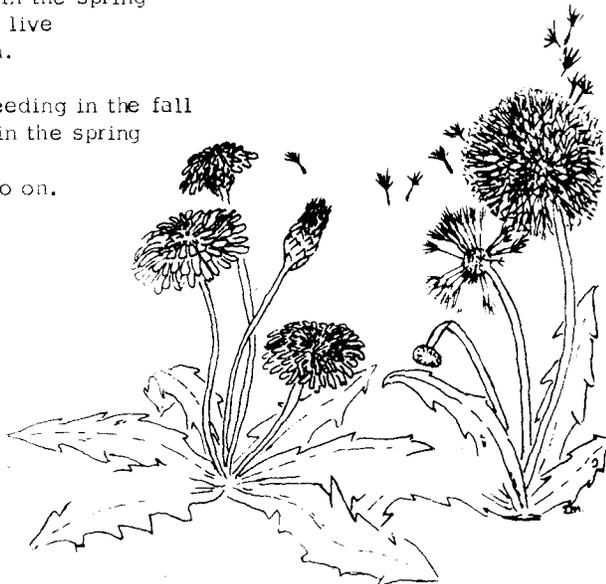
Years passing. Common flowers. Dandelions.  
 The front lawn. My mother. Smiling.  
 I want these things to be assured. The common.  
 The everyday.  
 Not the exotic hothouse orchid.  
 My vision:

Spring followed by another spring  
 followed by another spring.  
 Every year the front lawn easing to let the common flower  
 the dandelion  
 burst its surface with yellow heat.

And in the fall the seeding of the dandelion.

I want to see my mother smile her way  
 to a natural death like the dandelion seeding in the fall,  
 followed by growing in the spring  
 I want my children to live  
 to die a natural death.

Like the dandelion seeding in the fall  
 followed by growing in the spring  
 I want us to go on.  
 I want us simply to go on.  
 I want to go on.  
 by Marie Cartier



what happened to the 60's?  
 decade of my birth  
 nurturing me  
 till my ideals  
 were real and strong

the 60's  
 mother of my dreams  
 giving me cause  
 to believe  
 in truth and justice

i believed  
 that peace  
 really did have a chance.  
 that illusion  
 now giving way  
 to an unrelenting knowledge  
 that violence  
 is institutionalized,  
 systemized.  
 seems like it's inbred

Virility  
 synonymous with  
 a hard line tackle  
 or a neutron bomb.

i feel awe  
 at the subtlety  
 of our teachings

by betty jo johnson

A puppet  
 with a heart  
 to win,  
 to break.  
 A puppet  
 to manipulate  
 right, left, up, down,  
 Controlling  
 A puppet  
 that hurts  
 that cries out  
 tears that are moist  
 A puppet  
 to be accepted  
 to be wanted  
 to be cherished  
 A puppet  
 not of self-control  
 not of own desires  
 but pleasing others as  
 they pull the strings.

We can't be puppets!

by Stephen Jenteel

## Whole Cast

All the tar paper and  
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 houses  
 of my childhood have  
 siding  
 insulation  
 and two-car garages,  
 waiting for retirement.  
 Red covered fallout shelter  
 booklets mold  
 in leaky corners where  
 canned tomatoes  
 were supposed to be held hostage  
 in case of attack.  
 Time to start building my  
 non-existent  
 nuclear  
 family  
 a little fallout  
 oven  
 for the final scare.

by Ken Perry

(cont. from p. 12)

You have made the spear, you have made the spear;  
And by a moment's want of forbearance.  
You may disgrace your whole life with it  
This is what I have heard and tell to warn my  
descendants.

Quoted from a collection of ancient Chinese poetry  
in the She King (Book of Poetry)

submitted by Paula Burk

them the opportunity to receive training on strategic  
global warfare simulators and to offer the most suc-  
cessful of these young people high-ranking Pentagon  
positions.

In summary, we see our three-phase plan as the  
solution to a crumbling educational and military sys-  
tem, a deteriorating national security posture, and  
as a way of re-instilling in this nation's youth, not  
only the pride and patriotism of previous generations,  
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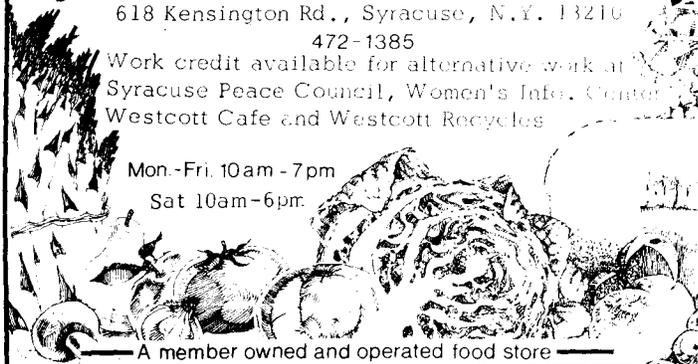
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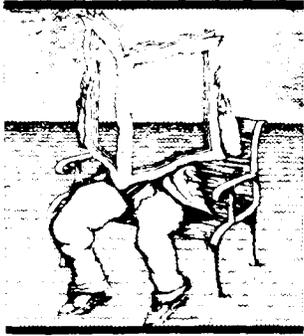
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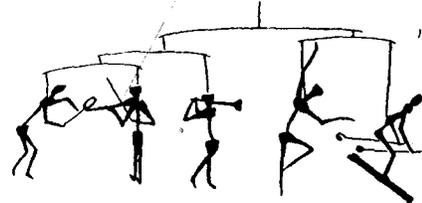


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# New Wave Feminism:

## Life After the ERA

by Suzanne Burns

It was at midnight, July 30, that the Equal Rights Amendment ran out of time after ten years of fighting. While Phyllis Schlafly and her crowd held smug parties, women and men across the country asked themselves how something like that could happen and wondered in anguish if equality would ever come. The mass media told us that it was a dead issue. Things didn't look very bright to a lot of people. Now, the ERA has been re-introduced, Feminists are hard at work on elections, and the fight continues.

fry it up in a pan/ and never forget you're a man..." Gently assuring all those macho men out there that a "real" women would never allow her career to threaten them. And on and on.

It's a trend that can be seen everywhere: we've gained some legal rights, we've broken into the political arena, we've gained admittance to "non-traditional" careers -- certainly no small gains, but socially our situation has changed little. In the midst of an anti-woman backlash, we've been conveniently stuck into another, equally oppressive stereotype of the thirty-hour a day woman,

the undertow. For too many people in our society, the ERA was the feminist movement, period. The fight for equality has been identified solely with our fight for legal rights. Of course legal rights are important, but changing laws alone will not change the ingrained attitude that brought these laws about in the first place, just as ordaining women in the church will not bring the female deity into public consciousness or change church bureaucracy. I feel that we must place more emphasis on everyday life in the future than we have in the past. Anything else, I think, would just have an "add woman and stir" effect.

More radical feminists in the movement have, I think, focused more on our culture and everyday life. But with few exceptions, I think that these groups have been too localized-- speaking to one community. We need to unify ourselves and act together. One way to do this is to recognize the common ground that both the struggling career woman feminist and the radical feminist stand on and be open to other lifestyles and ways of thinking. I think too often radical feminists speak only to those who already share their values. This can lead to progress and creativity being stifled. Our outreach must extend to other groups.

One very positive step forward we have made in the past is in connecting the feminist movement with other movements for peace and justice. We've recognized how everything is connected: eq. sexism, militarism, racism. We are actively fighting all oppression. All over the world changes are happening and women are in the forefront. We need to nurture and encourage this kind of unity.

We've come a long way, certainly, and we still have far to go. The second wave is here and it will continue to move and grow. Like the mythical Phoenix, we shall rise. The fight continues.



ART BY: SUE WILSON, 1982

Not too long ago, a magazine ran an ad for a "women's" product which portrayed a woman dressed in a red slit dress crawling along the floor. The caption read: "Now that you're equal, you can be a real woman again." The fight goes on.

Today, one can turn on the TV, and see a perfume commercial: a "sexily" dressed, heavily made-up model smolders in the conventional playboy magazine style as she dances around singing, "I can bring home the bacon/

bringing home the bacon and cooking it, smiling through it all, and always always pleasing others. Never offending. Never challenging.

We still walk alone at night at our own risk. People joke about the difference between "real men" and "quiche-eaters," women are battered, children are neglected -- we have far to go and much to fight for. But enough grunts, groans, and moans. The question is how do we strategize to bring more change into our everyday lives?

I think that the problem in the past decade has been that the feminist movement as a whole focused so much on legislation and changing institutions that many of the other cultural concerns of women were caught in

*Suzanne is an uppity woman fresh out of high school who loves freedom. She starts college in the fall.*

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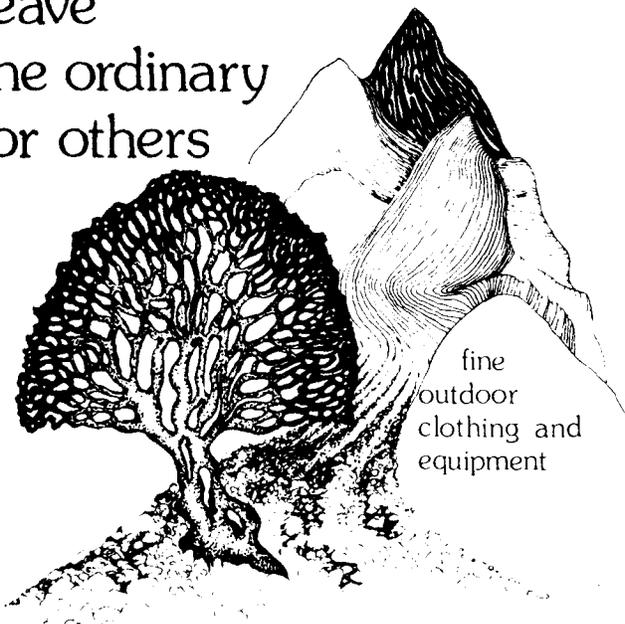
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Do you know any people in Central America, the Caribbean, Colombia, or Venezuela? I'm a former SPC staffer looking for hospitality during my fall trek through these places. Please call William day or night at 423-9839, or write 616 Fellows Ave. Syr. 13210. Muchas gracias!

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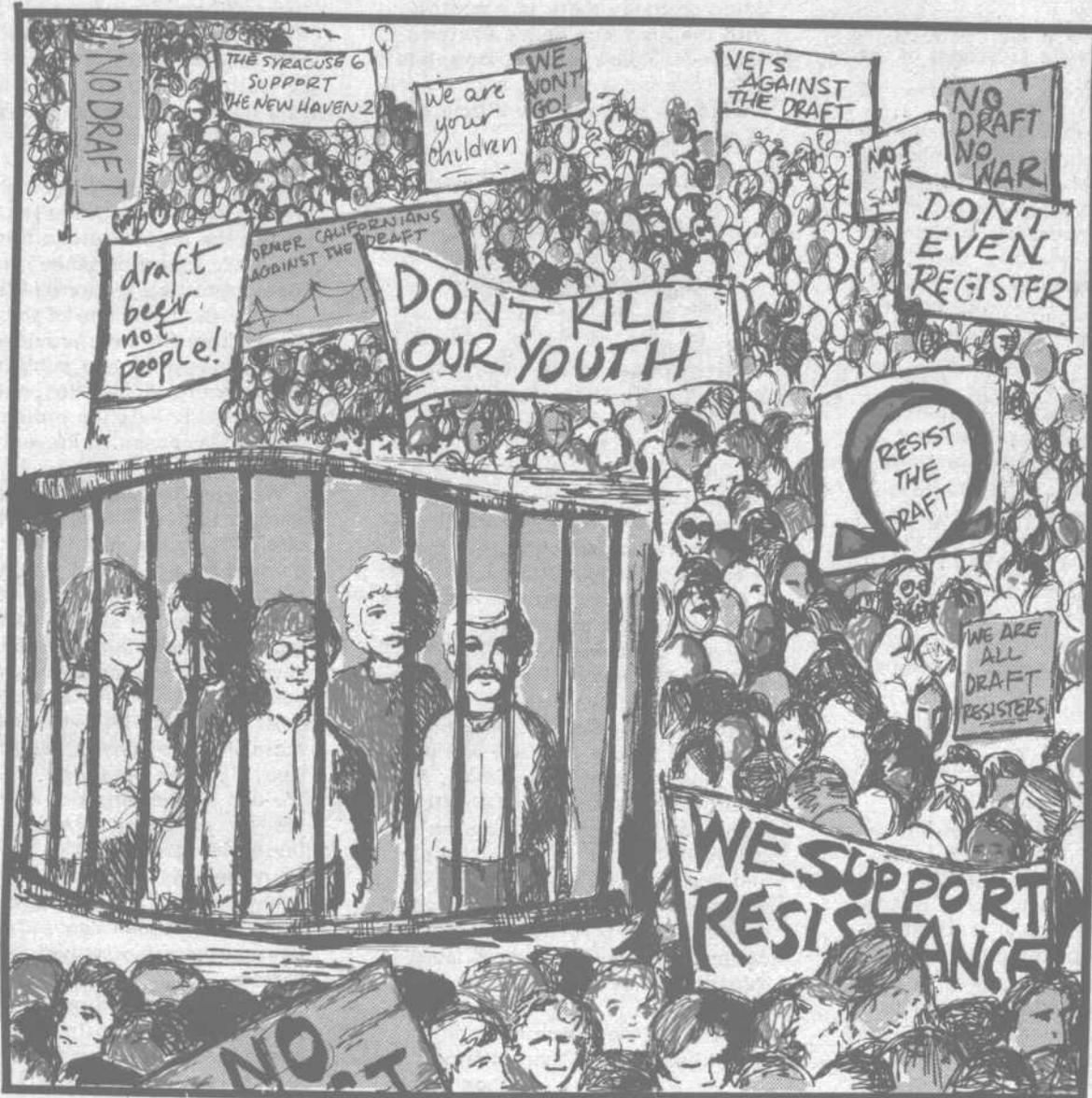
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# Letters

## To The President

Syracuse, N.Y.

On August 5, 1982, the following letter was sent to the President of the United States:

Mr. President:

I hold you personally responsible for the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

You are not acting as a friend of Israel in this encouragement of carnage. The Lebanon action is losing Israel more friends than anything that country has done. Are you subtly prodding Israel towards unacceptable behavior in preparation for abandoning her to her enemies in the near future?

There is a Palestine Liberation Organization because Israelis took the homes of Palestinian Arabs in setting up Israel. Israel to have a stable and peaceful existence must help the Palestinians set up their own homeland. Killing the PLO guerrillas will not erase injustice.

Cut off arms shipments to Israel!

Urgently,  
Angus MacDonald

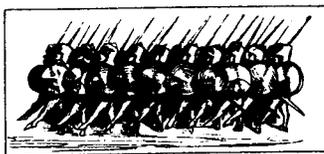
## Creative Tactics

Dear Peace Council Friends,

I am writing this letter to the editor as a way of bringing up some questions I have about tactics for us, the peace community of central New York. I believe that its about time we start focusing our attention on the local industries who are every day involved in the construction of materials for use in weapons systems of mass destruction. Why not hold our demonstrations at their offices, our vigils at the homes of the executive officers and chief scientists. In our communities live many individuals who make their living, often a gluttonous living, on devising ever more horrible schemes that threaten each of us, and make our lives more tenuous, less joyful. I think individuals should be held accountable for these acts.

The General Electric Company, Syracuse plant is one of the thirty principal plants of the top ten US

defense contractors. GE alone holds contracts worth a half billion dollars a year, and that doesn't include sub contracts. GE Syracuse was among the principal contractors for the world's first intercontinental ballistic missile, that devilish rocket that married high technology to mass mass slaughter. Among the work going on today there is a contract with the Air Force Space systems to assist Air Force plans to completely militarize outer space, permanently arming the skies in the ultimate act of terrorism.



Syracuse Research, at Skytop, a division of Syracuse University, holds millions of dollars of contracts with Army, Air Force and Marines, including psychological research done for the Energy Department (makers of the bombs) on the effects of nuclear threat making. For this they received over \$600,000.

Carrier Corporation has contracts with the Trident submarine.

Anaren Microwave Inc. has a contract for the Navy's Hawkeye electronic warfare systems.

We go to the Federal Building and Columbus Circle and talk and pray and sing, so that a nameless, faceless government will please stop using our resources to threaten our lives while we ignore real people and corporations with names and faces who go about the business of supplying the present arsenal and dreaming up new, and even more deadly schemes to devastate our future.

. Let's at least consider making their lives a little more difficult.

Jack Manno

*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.*

## Disarmament Organizing: Don't Forget SPC!

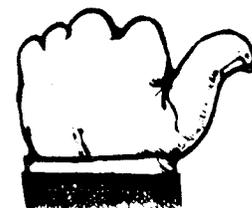
Syracuse, N.Y.

I cannot convey how strongly I reacted when I realized the Peace Council was not listed in the August PNL article, "Disarmament Organizations: Where From Here?". I believe this was a serious omission. Many PNL readers will not realize that SPC is visible throughout the other pages SPC could have had even a very brief description and a "see pp.4,5, etc.

It could also have been noted that SPC is working with almost every one of the organizations listed--on the draft, tax resistance, the nuclear facilities projects. We were and are the backbone of the June 12 Committee; we have provided contacts, resources and publicity for Educators for Social Responsibility, the Crisis Relocation project, the United Campuses to Prevent Nuclear War group.

We need to give ourselves credit when it is due. Through the thick and thin of forty six years, SPC has kept a voice for peace and justice alive in Central New York. The US movement to stop the arms race is growing and broadening, and that's wonderful. As an organization which sees "peace" issues to include draft resistance, economic and racial justice, gay/lesbian liberation, SPC can easily be isolated. We can be the target of red-baiting. Perhaps even worse, we can become invisible--and that's partly our own fault! In any appropriate meeting or event we need to identify ourselves with the Syracuse Peace Council, as contributors or volunteers or supporters.

To build a united peace movement locally and nationally we must respect the differences in perspectives and make all of our efforts more visible.  
Glenda Neff



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## IN THIS ISSUE

This month's PNL brings us another perspective on the Middle East, that of Allan Solomonow, speaker at the October 2 SPC Annual Dinner. He shares his insights on Israeli militarism and the hope for the future in the Israeli Peace Movement.

Looking Up returns with uplifting news to carry us on as we read about the "Justice Dept" plans for jailing this generation of war resisters.

Cultural work continues as we all celebrate an exciting Bright Morning Star Concert and the 10th anniversary of Olivia Records with local concerts.

Next month's highlights will be Disarmament Strategy articles, and a look at a non-violent civilian defense.

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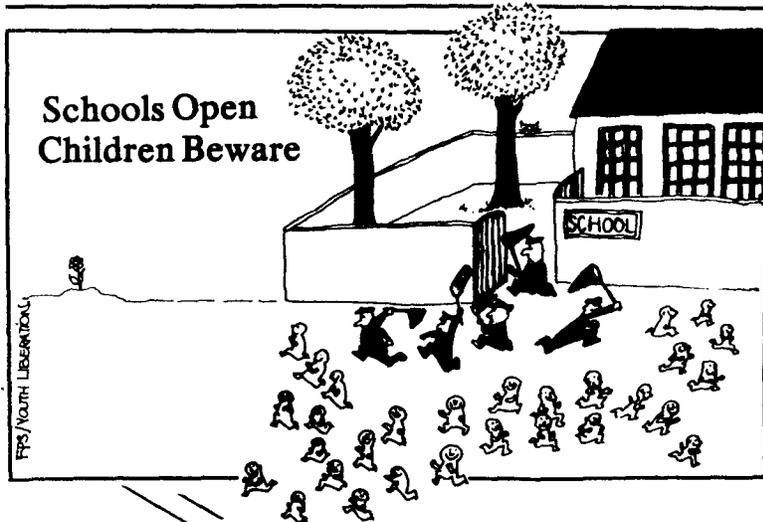
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## Next Month's Production

Mon. Sept. 20, Tues. Sept. 21

## Deadlines

Space Requests: September 11  
Display Ad Deadline: Sept. 18  
Classifieds/Calendar: Sept. 23



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The cover illustrates the government's unsuccessful intimidation tactic of selectively prosecuting draft registration resisters in the face of a failing registration program and massive public support for resisters. See page 19 for more information. Art by Laurie Goldman

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## News from the SPC House



Standing: Liam, Laurie, Gary, Angus. Seated: Karen, Carol, Glenda, Ed, Vince, Dik, and Yippie.

Yes, there are real faces behind all those typed names and words you've been reading. More unbelievable, there were a few rare days this summer when we were all here in the office at the same time.

Summer is drawing to a close, and we're all gearing up for what promises to be a very busy fall. The action starts with the New York State Fair, followed quickly by the SPC Council Meeting and the Annual Dinner. Plans are already underway for the Phonathon in October and the Plowshares Craftsfair in December.

So now is the time to jump right in, pull your load, join the fun. Wouldn't you like to work with this motley crew?

## 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 is supported primarily through contributions, monthly pledges, and fundraising events which reflect our political goals. To be a member one needs simply to contribute to SPC in some way (financial or otherwise) and to agree with the general principles of SPC. Attendance and participation in SPC community events establishes one's sense of membership in the Peace Council.

SPC's major work is done through committees and in coalitions. Four collectives work out of the SPC office: the program staff, the SPC Press, the American Myths Calendar committee, and the Front Room Bookstore. The office is open every weekday, 9AM - 5PM; visitors always welcome.

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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, Karen Beetle,  
Liam Mahony

### SPC Press

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#### United in Support(FOCUS):

Gary Weinstein 472-547

#### Federation for Progress

472-240

## Dealing with Lebanon

The invasion of Lebanon should bring home to all of us the necessity of including the Middle East in our work for peace. The number of people being killed, the use of newer, more horrible anti-personnel aerial bombing, the resistance of all sides to international pressure, combined with the obvious economic interests which the super-powers have in the region, compels us to try to understand the situation and act as best we can to change things.

The Middle East is one of the most complex of powderkegs, and most of us have alot of catching up to do in attempting to understand it. We urge all of you to look deeper into this issue than the censored news reports that reach our local papers. Come down to the SPC office and look through some of the periodicals we receive which deal with the region from different perspectives. Come to our Annual Dinner and hear Allan Solomonow speak. We can't ignore it anymore.

## Annual Dinner, October 2

"AMERICA and LEBANON: ILLUSIONS and THE JEWISH PEOPLE" will be the subject of Allan Solomonow's address at our Annual Dinner. Mr. Solomonow is a long-time progressive Jewish peace activist who is currently working with the Middle East Peace Project, the Shalom Network, and the War Resisters League. He is the author of many articles on the Middle East, including the one on page 13 of this Peace Newsletter.

The Annual Dinner will be held on October 2 at the Harrison Center on Lancaster Ave. (see back cover Calendar Box for more specifics).

## Halfway there

Eureka! We've managed to find housing for the two Europeans we spoke of last month in this space. Christa Pranter and Marco Burkli (from Sweden and Switzerland, respectively) will be coming to work full-time as volunteers here at the Peace Council sometime in October. Housing is only half the problem, though. We still need to come up with a way for them to get food. Would you be interested in sponsoring a month's worth of food for one or both of them? This could be done by either donating food or donating money to help them to buy food. If you know of any part time work they could do, that would also be helpful.

\* HOLLY NEAR in Concert! Landmark Theatre, 8:15 pm October 16. Tkts. \$7-10 sliding scale. Part of the proceeds to benefit SPC and Women's INFO.

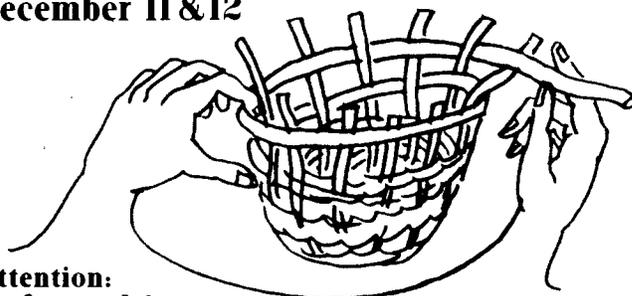
\* SPC Annual Phonathon will be held during the week of October 12-16. We need volunteers to help with the phoning. Call Liam at SPC.

## SPC Garage/Book Sale

The season is here. The time has come to dust off your ever-growing piles of material goods and see what priceless finds you can donate to SPC. We don't have an exact date yet, but there will definitely be a large garage and book sale held somewhere on the East Side in October. So please drop off your donations at 924 Burnet Ave. sometime this month (for books, ask for Carol, other stuff, Liam).

We hope to make this a big fundraiser this year, so please consider donating items that can sell for more than a few pennies.

## 1982 Plowshares Craftsair December 11 & 12



**Attention:  
Craftspeople!**

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available from SPC Film Committee

### Controlling Interests

45 minute color documentary which looks at the impact of giant conglomerates on international economic and social development.

### "I have three children of my own"

20 minute slideshow with cassette tape; narration by Helen Caldicott on the dangers of nuclear radiation by the entire fuel cycle, nuclear power and weapons.

### "No Viet Nameese ever called me nigger"

65 minutes; color; made in 1969. Black Viet Nam Vets and Harlem residents link the Indochina War to domestic racial violence.

### El Salvador-Another Viet Nam ?

our most recently acquired film, highly recommended by everyone who has viewed it. Teachers, professors: if you would like to preview it before the fall, contact Paul at 446-8127.

Rental on a sliding scale. To reserve call Paul at 446-8127.

School is starting. Now is the time to reserve films for classes or school groups.

**SYRACUSE PEACE COUNCIL'S**  
**MONDAY POTLUCK DINNERS and DISCUSSION**

Open to All at No Admission Charge for Comraderie & Discussion

**September 6 Pedaling for Peace**

The Peace Pedalers are a group of six who are bicycling across the country to express their concern about disarmament, and militarism. They are visiting and dialoguing with concerned people in the communities along the way. Their journey is a spiritual one, based in the Quaker tradition, but their concerns reach out to all of us. Come meet them and learn about their months on the road and their hopes for the future. For more info, contact Karen at 472-5478.

**September 13 Presenting the Truth about Nine Mile II On the Air**

Niagara Mohawk has been bombarding T.V. audiences with ads that sell the Nine Mile II nuclear power plant as a "sound investment" for the economy and jobs. Ni Mo is selling a falsehood- neglecting to mention that this "investment" is only making a very few prosperous and that those people working in a nuclear power plant are literally risking their lives. We want air time to tell the truth about Nine Mile II. ???s - 472-5478.

**September 20 Teaching Non-Sexism: Eliminating Sex Stereotypes in Education**

A look at where and why this is happening (or not happening) in our schools from the point of view of teachers, parents and feminists. For more info, call Henry Yokel at 478-5225.

**September 27 Racist Politics: Attempts to Oust A Black Mayor**

Eddie James Carthan refused to do things "the way they had always been done" and has paid dearly for it. Being the first black mayor of Tchula, Mississippi (whose population is 70% black) since Reconstruction days has caused him to be the target of a very dangerous conspiracy. The most recent trumped up charge against him is for murder - a crime punishable by death in Mississippi. For more info, see opposite page or call 472-5478.

**October 4 Nuclear Weapons Facilities:  
What is going on and what we can do**

Come find out how the N.Y./Ontario region is involved in the "New Generation" of nuclear weapons. We shall share facts, and discuss the possibilities or organizing for disarmament and the economic conversion of our militarized economy by focusing on local nuclear weapons and weapons-related facilities. If you have any questions, call John at 475-4822.

FOR INFORMATION/INPUT ON POTLUCK DISCUSSIONS CALL CORINNE KINANE AT 422-1659 OR SPC 472-5478

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## SPC Council Meeting Sept. 19

The Second SPC Council Meeting will be held Sunday, Sept. 19 from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm at the Westcott Cafe'. The purpose of the meeting is to help set guidelines, promote discussions on goals and strategy and strengthen both the activities and the outreach of SPC.

Extensive planning has gone into this meeting with an agenda set up that allows an in-depth look at the Peace Council by attending the full day session or a specific interest area by attending one or more special discussions. There is an hour for lunch with a good opportunity for socializing. Projects and Committees will submit reports prior to the Council Meeting. Packets of these reports will be available at SPC to persons planning to attend. By reading these reports before the meeting you can decide what interest area(s) you would like to attend in the small group discussions and more informative dialogue will result.

### Agenda

- 9:30 - 10:15 Welcome, Introductions, Goals of meeting
  - 10:15 - 11:45 Specific Project Discussion PNL
  - 11:45 - 12:30 Other Projects; Small group discussions (materials from packets)
  - 12:30 - 12:45 Small groups reporting back
  - 12:45 - 1:45 Lunch
  - 1:45 - 2:45 OM Comm. report and discussion
  - 2:45 - 3:15 P&E report & dis.
  - 3:15 - 3:30 Break
  - 3:30 - 4:45 Strategy discussion on Disarmament issues
  - 4:45 - 5:00 Evaluation, closing
- Childcare available nearby, call SPC

### PNL

One of the specific areas in the morning session that is vital to SPC is the PNL (Peace Newsletter). How do you feel about the editorial policies? the production? the outreach? the advertising space? the sub-

scription fees? What do you like and/or dislike about the PNL?

### Disarmament Strategy

This specific area session meets in the afternoon (3:30-4:45). What should our disarmament strategy be for the 80's? Should SPC focus on conversion work, direct action, electoral strategies, or tax resistance? Should SPC work on making connections between disarmament & other social justice issues?

### OM

Another afternoon session is OM (Organizational Maintenance). This committee has a large responsibility in the workings of SPC. Fund-raising alone is vital and seems at times almost overwhelming. What ideas can you offer this hard working committee? What resources can you offer?

If you feel strongly about being an SPC member why not attend this important meeting? The Peace Council can only be as strong and effective as it's members want it to be. Let's continue to be a notable force in the community.

-Sally Brule

## The Struggle for Black Political Rights The Case of Mayor Eddie James Carthan

In 1977, Eddie James Carthan became the first black since reconstruction to be elected mayor of a bi-racial town in the Mississippi Delta. In his first two years in office in Tchula, Mississippi, a town with a 70% black population and 30% unemployment, he instituted CETA weatherization programs, Housing rehabilitation, childcare and nutrition programs, and was on the way to acquiring a new water system, new buses, cable TV, improved mail service, and a long list of other progressive changes.

Today, Eddie Carthan faces court sentences of up to six years or more in jail. How did it happen?

Through intimidation, the rich white politicians managed to turn enough of the town's black aldermen against Carthan to secure a majority on the Town Board. With this majority, they proceeded to stop payment on all city employees' checks, have Carthan's phones taken out, his salary reduced from

\$600 to \$60/month; they forced resignations by blacks and replaced them by whites, and finally succeeded in getting all federal programs to Tchula cut off.

In April 1980, the town's police chief resigned and the aldermen illegally appointed a replacement after Carthan's legally appointed replacement had already assumed office. The illegal replacement, Andrews, immediately changed all the locks on the city hall doors.

When Carthan and six others confronted Andrews, Andrews drew a gun on them, but in the ensuing scuffle was disarmed. For this, Carthan and his six co-defendants were convicted of assaulting a police of-

ficer and sentenced to three years.

Five months later, Eddie Carthan got three more years for a fraud conviction, despite the fact that another defendant confessed to having forged Carthan's name.

Last April, Mayor Carthan and his brother were indicted for the two-year old murder of one of the town's aldermen. Two other men had already been convicted for this murder, and no mention of conspiracy with the Carthan's had come up in their trial.

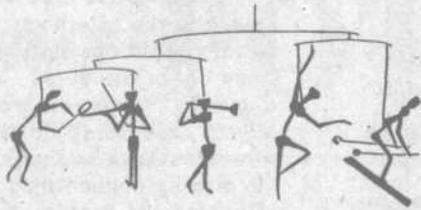
The Federal prosecutor told Carthan's lawyer that if "we don't get him on one charge, we'll get him on another."

A reactionary power structure always comes down hardest on the most visionary leaders. Unfortunately, they often get away with it. Eddie Carthan deserves all the support we can give him.



Eddie Carthan will be speaking at the SPC Potluck on Sept. 27

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# Thinking About Income Sharing

by Kath Buffington

Don't worry, this isn't a pitch to quilt you into signing over \$50 a week for the next 16 years to a gaunt, overworked SPC member! It is a few thoughts on income sharing --what it is, why people might engage in it and some small beginnings for each of us.

## What is it?

Income sharing is taking part of your income and sharing it with a person with less income. Income here is broadly defined to include salary, wages, shelter, services, products, produce, etc. A partner in an income sharing arrangement could provide \$10/week toward food, a room in a house, \$50/month to the SPC salary account, 2 loaves of bread/week, 35 quarts of canned tomatoes/year, \$100/year for clothing, 5 hours/week childcare, pay for health insurance for a person, or provide 1 supper/week. The income shared needs to be something the receiving partner can appropriately use. Six people offering to pledge canned tomatoes to one person might be a slight oversupply!

## Why do it? . . .

Not surprisingly, the IRS doesn't recognize any kind of income sharing other than a deduction:dependent relationship. So, it's not going to be a tax write-off unless money is donated to a tax-exempt organization and then passed on. Guilt is not the best reason for sharing income but is probably the motivator for many people's initial considerations. I would hope that the reason people would become partners would be to affirm and (very concretely) support the work



being done by someone--work that the giving partner chooses, for whatever reason, not to do. The specific work I'm addressing is that done by SPC staff members but it should grow to include similar kinds of work that we, collectively or individually, think is important to have done, yet don't have the institutions and funding to support in the US as it exists today. We can empower ourselves by identifying needs to be filled and scraping up the income to support people in meeting those needs for all of us. This can be a step toward real redistribution of income.

It's important that income sharing be a partnership. For lack of better terms, I've referred to the "giving" partner and the "receiving" partner. In reality, both are giving and receiving. It's just not so easy to define that end of the partnership. The giver is also receiving the

satisfaction of knowing that she or he is supporting important work. The receiver, of course, is giving time and energy toward a job or project. Both would also be part of a fairly unique process that could enrich and change their lives and those around them.

Several issues arise when an income-sharing partnership is under consideration or established. These need to be discussed openly and honestly by the partners and clear agreements reached. One issue is guilt--giving out of guilt or guilt for receiving. Many people aren't bothered by this but those who are often find simply talking about this helps a great deal. Another issue is reliability. If a partner is counting on some basic support, it needs to be there. A third issue is length of the partnership. It's probably a good idea to have a short trial period, agree to evaluate at the end, decide how to modify and continue, or end there.

## A First Step . . .

A first step towards actually sharing income can be taken by simply talking with a friend about concerns and mechanics related to income sharing. The next step is pairing up and talking with a potential partner. Then, if it looks like a mutually acceptable partnership can be worked out, an agreement can be made. After a specified time, partners can check in, evaluate, and decide where to go from there. This very personal commitment can help, bit by bit, to change our world.



*Kath Buffington is a long-time Peace Council activist who likes sharing.*

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from p. 2)

'83 Disarmament Calendar

Syracuse, N.Y.

As members of the Syracuse Cultural Workers Project, we would like to try to clarify for other SPC folks the status of the Disarmament Calendar for 1983 and its relationship to the Peace Council as we see it.

When the P&E and OM committees decided that it was not possible for the Peace Council to publish a movement calendar for 1983, due to the financial risk involved and to questions of SPC structure which have not yet been resolved, a group of us decided to go ahead and publish the calendar ourselves, as a collective independent of the Peace Council.

Our reasons for doing this were many, but two of them were most significant. The first is that we are convinced of the importance of quality cultural projects which reflect and inspire the movement we are all involved in and committed to.

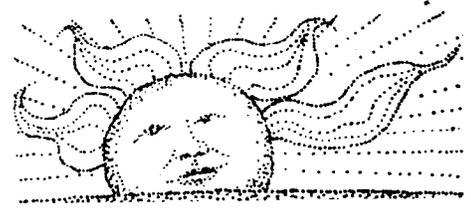
The People's History, People's Energy and American Myths calendars have reached tens of thousands of people in this country and abroad over the last 11 years. We believe that they have played an important part in helping us to develop a sense of our identity as members of an alternative community--a community which embraces progressive people of all times and places whose goal, like our own, is peace. We feel unwilling to let this work of cultural awareness-building be interrupted, even for a year.

Our second reason for going ahead with the calendar has to do with money. Last year's calendar, one of the most ambitious the Peace Council has produced, lost money--the first time an SPC calendar has done so since the first one was published in 1972. Although the OM committee has assumed responsibility for recovering the \$3,000 lost (Dik, as calendar coordinator, has also continued to assume responsibility for the debt), we would like to be able to raise a good portion of that money ourselves through the publication of the 1983 calendar. Therefore, we would like people to know that,

although this calendar is not an official "SPC fundraiser," any profit made, at least up to the amount of the debt, will be donated to the Peace Council. Any loss sustained, (perish the thought) will be our own.

We are very excited about doing a Disarmament Calendar at a time when disarmament is finally being recognized as the most important issue facing us. We hope that SPC folks and others will find it a hopeful daily reminder that we are not alone in our struggle for a just and peaceful world.

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## Fighting NiMo Again

In the past few months, Niagara Mohawk and the four other utilities involved in the Nine Mile Two nuclear plant have mounted a \$500,000 TV advertising blitz to salvage their dying public image. The ads convey one simple, false message: "New York needs jobs. Electric power makes jobs. Therefore NY needs Nine Mile Two." This simple lie is spiced up with touching glimpses of unhappy plant closings, happy nuclear workers, and a few racist hints against nasty "foreign oil."

In an attempt to counteract this campaign, some Syracuse people with the help of the Peace Council are initiating proceedings under the Fairness Doctrine to obtain free TV time to air the case against Nine Mile Two. Since these deceptive ads are being shown all over Upstate New York, the Consumer Protection Board in Albany is initiating similar proceedings on a statewide level.

If we succeed in getting free time, it will be a major blow to the utilities. Not only will we be able to reach millions of people through a medium that is usually beyond our means, but we will be giving the television stations good reason to think twice before they agree to take on huge pro-nuclear ad campaigns.

Even if we don't get the free access, the threat that we might the next time will be enough to cause them to hesitate, and the attempt in itself will generate favorable anti-nuclear publicity.

The SPC Potluck on September 13 will be devoted to this issue, and to how we can make the most of this campaign.

## CUAPB Discusses FFP

At its meeting August 9, Citizens United Against Police Brutality discussed a proposed booklet which would present the situation of police brutality nationwide and locally and ways of bringing the police under community control. The group agreed to produce the booklet.

Two members of CUAPB reported on the national conference of the



Federation for Progress held in New York City in late July. They felt that the organization had good potential.

The next CUAPB meeting will be held Monday, September 14, 1982, 7:30 pm at 633 S Warren Street.

## Boycott Proctor & Gamble

In the July "Peaces" column we reported Proctor & Gamble's plan to market a new detergent with a cancer causing ingredient in the Syracuse area.

In fact all Proctor & Gamble products are on an AFL-CIO national boycott list and have been since December 1981. This action arises out of P&G's refusal to comply with the NLRA in its dealings with the United Steelworkers of America. For more info., contact Naomi English, organizer, SEIU, Local 200 AFL-CIO in Syracuse; Phone 446-476

## Gay Community News Burns

A few hundred years ago homosexuals were burnt at the stake. Hence the name "faggot", a term of derision now used with pride by homosexuals mindful of the history of their oppression.

In Boston the burning times are back again. On July 7 a seven alarm fire swept thru the office of "Gay Community News," "Fag Rag," and Glad Day Bookstore.

GCN's managing editor said that, "although the fire was of indeterminate origin, we believe it started as a result of arson - arson for profit or arson for political vengeance."

GCN plans to continue to publish on schedule, using temporary office space provided by several local political and community organizations. To help out, contact GCN, c/o Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, 2 Park Sq. Boston, MA 02116; (617) 426-1350.

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## Bologna In Santa Cruz

Some 300 protestors gathered on June 26 at the Civic Auditorium in Santa Cruz in opposition to the annual Miss California beauty pageant being held there. The demonstrators carried signs such as "Mold Jello Not Women" and "No More Profits From Women's Bodies."

One feminist wore a "meat dress", constructed of bologna, to satirize the pageant's reduction of women to "meat for sale."

Protesters objected to the custom of displaying women's bodies to be graded and judged like merchandise. They pointed out that the pageant prize (a \$3,000 scholarship) was automatically withheld from disabled women, older women, and most women of color.

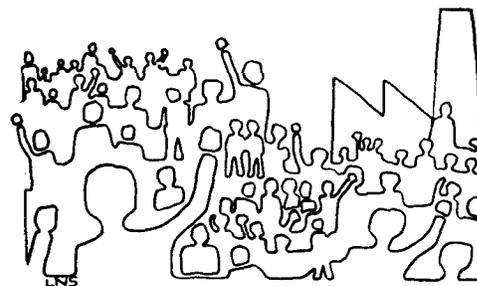
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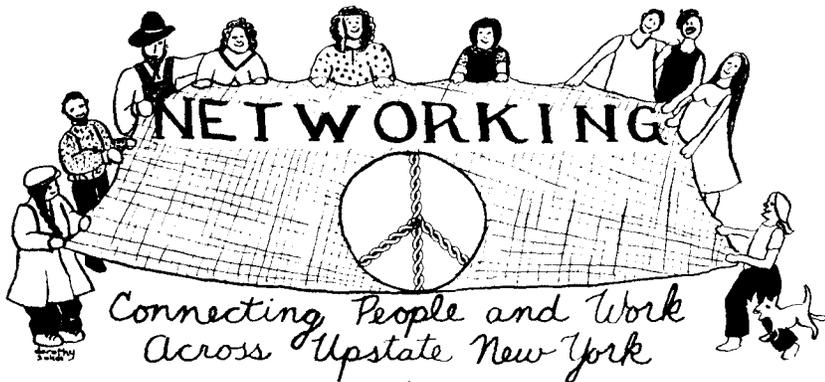
## The Ultimate in Civil Defense

In May, Garrett Park, Maryland became the first city in the US to declare itself a Nuclear Free Zone. Its citizens voted overwhelmingly to prohibit the production, transport, storage, processing, disposal, or detonation of nuclear weapons within the town's borders.

A month later Sykesville, MD (pop. 1800) likewise declared itself nuclear free. There are now hundreds of Nuclear Free Zones all over the planet: from towns and counties in Great Britain (including all of Wales), Europe, Australia, and New Zealand, to regions of Africa, and theoretically to all of South America and the Antarctic.

By declaring their communities and nations Nuclear free, people embrace the ultimate in civil defense. For more info. and sample resolutions contact: Nuclear Free America, 2551 Guilford Ave. Baltimore, MD 21218; (301) 633-8478.





## The Upstate Peace Network

The Upstate Peace Network (UPN) was formed in 1973. The network grew out of the need for a coordinated Upstate campaign against the B-1 Bomber and the need to connect issues of military spending with domestic economic and social injustice.

Since its formation the UPN has been instrumental in any number of projects from organizing a conference "Dollars and Sense... Who Controls Upstate NY" (1977) to coordinating the Toronto/ NY Peace Walk of the World Peace March (1982).

Two of the current projects which the Upstate Peace Network is involved in are:

### October 30: Stop The Arms Race

Support the Canadian Peace Movement.

Canada through US and Canadian corporations is heavily invested in the arms race. The Litton System's plant based in Toronto is manufacturing the guidance system for the US Cruise Missile (to be deployed first at Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome, NY. The Cruise Missile is a major escalating step towards first strike). Test flight of the US Missile is scheduled to take place in Alberta, Canada.

Peace groups from across Canada are organizing for a major demonstration in Ottawa Oct. 30. (Ottawa is 140 miles from Syracuse) Stopping the arms race is an international issue. Many Canadians, and people from other continents, came to the June 12th Rally in NYC. The Upstate Peace Network, in coordination with the Nuclear Facilities Networking Project, is organizing to get people to Ottawa. Show support for the Canadian Peace Movement. For more information contact John Ragusa c/o AFSC, 821 Euclid Ave., Syr-

acuse, NY 13210 (315) 475-4822 or contact your local peace and justice organization.

### Korea Speaking Tour

Nov. 7th - 14th

Maud and David Easter will be on a speaking tour of Upstate NY. They will be speaking on the military, economic, and social implications / lessons to be learned from US involvement in Korea. For information on their schedules and honoraria contact Virden Seybold at AFSC.

Maud and David Easter work with the Albany based Committee for a New Korea Policy. As part of its continuing work to strengthen the Upstate Korea Network, the Committee held dinners and commemorative meetings to celebrate the May 1980 Kwangju uprising in South Korea in Ithaca, Rochester, and Buffalo. In Buffalo, 100 Korean Americans come out to the Kwangju meeting. Korean dinners in each city brought together both Koreans and Americans to voice concern about US support for the repressive South Korean government. Contact the Upstate Korea Network at Committee for a New Korea Policy, 221 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12206.

Often the most important work of the UPN is not the large projects and conferences, but facilitating ongoing communication between the different peace and justice groups across Upstate NY.

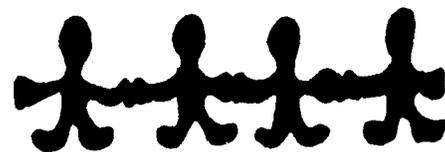
The Upstate Peace Network consists of organizations and special task forces in the area who share a vision of a world community based on peace and social justice, and who are working non-violently to stimulate social change.

Among our concerns are: 1) the need for greater awareness (in the churches, schools, communities, and the Congress) of the use and abuse of power in the world; 2) an active concern for the human suffering of victims of war and social injustice, and for the reconciliation of people who find themselves in the roles of "enemies;" 3) the reorientation of US domestic priorities toward human needs and away from preparation for war; 4) repression of domestic dissent; and 5) the exploration and building of values and life styles consistent with our vision of the world.

Progress toward these goals is dependent upon the strength of organizing efforts in our various local communities. The UPN exists to assist local organizations by enabling organizations to: 1) share resources and aid each other in local resource development - speakers, slides, films, written materials, etc.; 2) discuss and evaluate experiences - local project work, conferences attended, etc.; 3) stimulate ideas, planning and enthusiasm for future programs; 4) undertake mutually agreed-upon joint projects of a non-violent nature; 5) assist each other in developing organizing skills and raising necessary funds to carry out local and joint programs.

All decisions of the UPN are arrived at by a process of consensus.

The Peace Network is independent and has no exclusive relationship to any national organization. Regular participating groups and members are: Western NY Peace Center, Ctr. for Justice (Buffalo), Peace Center of the Southern Tier, Rochester Peace and Justice Education Center, Genesee Valley Citizens for Peace, Syracuse Peace Council, Upstate Office - American Friends Service Committee, Wider Oneonta Rights Coalition, Upstate Resistance, Nuclear Weapons Facilities Networking Project, Social Action Center (Albany).



# Jews, Palestinians, and Survival

by Allan Solomonow

Once again war has raged in the Middle East. Hidden within the unending tragedies are ominous portents of what is yet to come. Yet, hope lingers on. The very desperation of circumstances has brought renewed strength and solidarity to the voices of peace and their determination to forge a new Middle East for all its peoples.

The Begin government has taken a further, decisive step in implementing its rightist ideology, creating a Pax Israeli: a sword of Damocles over the region requiring that its nations conform to Israel's dictates or suffer the military consequences. There is no question that Israeli policy is supported by most Israelis; however, despite this swing in Israeli thinking, never has Israel been so divided over the alternatives to peace and security.

For the first time in Israel's history it is divided during time of war. Israelis are asking whether the government policy provides a moral and a pragmatic basis for making this land into a secure haven for the Jews of the world--the fulfillment of the Zionist dream.

The invasion of Lebanon has become a caricature of the Israeli government's obsession with military might as a solution to Israel's understandable striving for security. The folly of the invasion has fanned a dispirited peace movement to life and led to some of the largest demonstrations in Israeli history, equivalent to our turning out several million here!

More than this, the invasion has brought to the ranks of critics soldiers and statesmen who have questioned every aspect of the war from its planning and extent, to censorship and disinformation, to the siege of Beirut. Fasts have taken place in front of the office of the Prime Minister, weeping parents have pleaded that their sons' sacrifices should be taken to heart by rededicating Israeli policy to peace.

*Allan Solomonow who works with the Middle East Peace Project will be speaking at the SPC birthday dinner on October 2.*



For Jews everywhere we are faced with a profound question of identity. As the people of "shalom" - of peace - who have shunned power for centuries, we are now awash with power and, worse, the illusion of victory. Each of us everywhere must now choose between being a Jew of peace or a Jew of war.

This struggle is of a very Jewish nature, one in which the meaning of Zionism may have little relevance. In the Israeli peace community, Zionists are now pitted against Zionists. What separates Jews is not a vision of a state in which Jews can be free and secure but how to achieve such a state.

Up to this point Jews throughout the world had tended to focus their energy on the "safer" more liberal question of the settlements in the occupied territories. The sobering impact of Lebanon has now affirmed that Israeli survival requires that the Palestinian people - and the PLO - be brought into the political process.

For American Jews this has helped to liberate our ranks. We have feared to speak openly for policies we believed without their being publicly articulated by our sisters and brothers in Israel itself where these positions are literally a matter of life and death.

"Where," it is asked endlessly, "are the Palestinian voices for peace? Whoever heard of a Palestinian 'Peace Now' movement?" Without a state of their own, Palestinians have no milieu in which to create their own institutions. In the face of this barrier, voices have cried out for those who would hear.

With the largest portion of Palestinians living under Israeli sovereignty either in Israel, Jerusalem or the territories it remains a remarkable evidence of Palestinian commitment that their response to Israeli authority has been dominated by a spirit of nonviolent resistance. Strikes and boycotts have been the most frequent tools of civil disobedience.

The movement for peace amongst Palestinians is not merely a grass roots phenomenon, unlike Israel. At the highest levels of the PLO there have been public calls for a process for peace, a political process. Dr. Isam Sartawi, Arafat's representative in Europe recently called for mutual recognition between Israel and the PLO. This position was affirmed by PLO spokespeople in Beirut.

These voices of peace; Israeli and Arab, Jewish and Palestinian have been meeting with each other for some years seeking to avoid the tragedy that has now come to pass in the West Bank and in Southern Lebanon.

With the invasion, Israelis have undertaken to go directly to Beirut to the PLO, to Arafat himself. Distinguished Israeli doves, Uri Avnery and Amoon Kapeliouk, each held interviews with Arafat. Israeli television carried their reports: there is someone to talk to, a desire for dialogue and peace but the process for a dialogue is absent as long as Begin rejectionism precludes a commitment to Palestinian self-determination with the PLO.

Never has tragedy been greater in the Middle East. Paradoxically, the prospects of change have never been so great. The toll that has been

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# A Landmark Celebration of Women's Music

by Laura Wilansky

At a time when the "defeat" of the ERA is supposedly signalling the death of the women's movement, women's music is celebrating a number of landmark achievements which show the vitality and growth of the women's movement as a whole. September concerts by Meg Christian and Elizabeth Cotton at the Landmark Theatre are local examples of this national and international growth. In the past, women's bands and touring musicians have played Syracuse's bars, basements and gyms...now they are starting to appear in halls like the Landmark--could the Dome be next?

Another landmark concert will be Meg's November 26 Carnegie Hall date with Cris Williamson, celebrating Olivia Records' 10th anniversary. Meg cofounded Olivia in 1973, and Olivia released Meg's and the company's first record in 1975. Ten years later, Olivia has released 20 high-quality records produced entirely by women, and the Carnegie Hall concert is nearly sold out 3 months in advance! Meg's latest album, *Turning It Over*, has already sold 100,000 copies, a tremendous number for an independent label.

Another lively area of women's music is music festivals. The 7th Michigan Women's Music Festival took place this year on a new, spacious piece of land that the organizers hope to buy, and some 12,000 women participated, attending workshops and concerts. The performances were excellent and varied, representing a range from progressive jazz to classical to salsa. Kansas City saw its 5th Annual Women's Jazz Festival this year, showcasing the finest women's jazz. The National Women's Music Festival held in Champaign-Urbana from 1974 - 1980, reappeared in Bloomington, Indiana after a year in limbo; the New England Women's Music Retreat and West Coast Women's Music Festival are back for their second and third years respectively; and

*Laura Sue Wilansky is a cook, musician, composer, healer, satirist, computer programmer, producer, political organizer and founder of Jezebel Enterprises.*

Sisterfire, a music and cultural festival had a successful first year in Washington, D.C. Each year these festivals attract an increasing number and caliber of talented musicians and help create an appreciative audience for their music.

Women musicians are experimenting with punk bands, jazz orchestras, symphonies and synthesizers - and quite successfully. Laurie Anderson, one avant-garde electronic musician, has a contract with Warner Brothers and is getting quite a bit of radio and magazine exposure. Women are starting and leading rock bands, unheard of just a few years back when bands like Sweet Jenny Grit and Friends first appeared in Syracuse. Whether the Go-Go's and Joan Jett are a step forward is open to debate, but they are popular and could be the inspiration for many young women to pursue their own dreams of playing music - just as those first Olivia Records and local women's bands inspired me and my friends, and made me realize I could do it too!

Ten years ago, women were boldly exploring every aspect of the music industry from producing concerts to engineering and selling records to building stages and designing lights--now many women are well established in these fields. For example, Woman Sound, a sound reinforcement compa-

ny founded in Washington, D.C. in 1975, (and the first women's sound company in the country), is thriving and employing a number of technicians under the able guidance of Boden Sandstrom, one of the company's founders. Woman Sound's recent accomplishments include providing sound for the Michigan Festival, Sisterfire and Bright Morning Star's national tour, which culminated with an inspirational Syracuse concert (see page 17).

The women's music distribution system is also evolving. Local distribution of women's records, originally handled by local women like Susie Gaynes, is now done by Virginia Giordano, of Manhattan Muse in N.Y.C., who distributes to the city and New York State. One regional distribution organization which has survived for seven years is Ladyslipper. They distribute records and promote concerts in North Carolina. Their catalog is thorough, educational and fun to look at - its table of contents includes records, tapes and songbooks by women in categories from reggae and calypso to children's to punk and new wave.

Despite these clear signs of the health of women's culture, all is not well economically. As more women enter the field professionally, there is more competition for gigs, record

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# Bright Morning Star - One of the Best

by Pat Hoffman

On August 8 I met Bright Morning Star. Speaking as a fairly regular concert goer, I have to say that this concert was one of the most enjoyable happenings I've ever been a part of. Surely Bright Morning Star is one of the best!

Although I didn't realize it at the time, I had already been introduced to the group's music at a recent Peace Council event where everyone was singing "Our life is more than our work, and our work is more than our job." I was so impressed by the simple truth of these words that I wanted to turn to everyone around me and exclaim, "That's it, that's IT!" Now I know that all of their songs are filled with insights that resonate with very basic realities of our lives, on this planet, now.

In the 60's Simon and Garfunkel spoke powerfully to my spirit, both personally and socially, and now to my surprise and delight I have found a group in the 80's that does the same thing.

Each member of Bright Morning Star comes from a background of political activism in his or her own right. They first met and sang together during the first and second Seabrook occupations in 1976 and 1977, and have continued to work together and come together for concerts and recording sessions. It was at Seabrook that they chose Bright Morning Star as their name, based on a version of that old Appalachian hymn which they sang as they were being bussed to trial.

*Pat is a wonderful person who helps out with the bookkeeping at the Peace Council, and is on the Organizational Maintenance Committee.*



Charlie King, one of the group's members, has organized Songs of Freedom and Struggle, a network of political songwriters in the Northeast. They meet at workshops twice yearly and any interested person is welcome to attend. For more information write 158 Cliff St. Norwich CT 06360.

Bright Morning Star's message is delivered with a wide variety of musical styles: simple traditional songs, many with biblical themes, folk music, spirituals, country western, blues, honky tonk. The quality of musicianship and the versatility of members of the group vocally, instrumentally and dramatically make each song a unique experience. Full play is given to each individual's personality, talent and personal concerns, and each emerges as the special person he or she is. As performers and audience become acquainted, a sense of brotherhood and sisterhood begins to develop.

Concert goers are led through moods of reflection, nostalgia, humor satire, hope, determination and just plain fun. I especially liked Court Dorsey's "Serious Men" which has to be experienced to be fully appreciated, and Charlie King's imitation of Bob Dylan in "Vaguely Reminiscent of the 60's." I made "Simple Gifts" one of my own theme songs, and "Bright Morning Star" one of my own songs of hope.

I came away from Bright Morning Star feeling inspired and energized. I bought one of their albums in order to remember and renew the experience and I'm now introducing them to family and friends. Next time they visit Syracuse, why not fill the Civic Center?

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# For Reagan All Roads Lead To War

If a President seriously intends to perpetuate nuclear war, he cannot seriously pursue any other objective. Therefore any goal he proclaims, any action he takes, any statement he makes, must be evaluated as either part of his drive toward nuclear war, or as an attempt to deflect or defeat opposition to nuclear war.

A story in the Syracuse Post Standard August 19 revealed that on the orders of the Reagan administration, the Pentagon had completed a strategic master plan to give the United States the capability of winning a protracted nuclear war with the Soviet Union.

President Reagan, then, is actively planning nuclear war. What of his other stated goals and policies? How do they fit into his rush toward atomic holocaust?

With the backing, according to Secretary of State George Schultz, of the Reagan administration, the Senate on August 11 took a definite step to-

ward this war. According to an Aug. 12 N.Y. Times story, an amendment to a \$9 billion supplemental appropriation bill by Senator Steven D. Symms, Republican of Idaho, was passed by the Senate 68-28.

It pledged "to prevent in Cuba the creation or use of an externally supported military capability endangering the security of the United States" and to prevent by any means "including the use of arms" the extension of Cuban influence in the Western Hemisphere.

The amendment also pledges the United States to work with the Organization of American States and "freedom loving Cubans" to support self-determination for Cuba.

It added up to a statement of determination to destroy the Cuban government by subversion or force of arms or a combination thereof. The Soviet Union could not remain indifferent to such an action and would have to get involved in some way.

How about Reagan's "fight" for the \$98.9 billion tax increase? The president is trying to deny by implication that he intends to start nuclear war. Would I destroy America when I am trying so hard to make its economy work by cutting the budget deficit? But even in his speech pushing the tax increase, the president stated his commitment to the "defense" budget.

To live, we must oppose the Reagan administration. But opposition alone cannot be enough: we must hammer out alternatives that work. In doing this we must mobilize the widest possible range of people including in addition to peace groups, labor, women, blacks, environmentalists, religious groups and our other traditional allies, those businesspeople, industrialists and bankers who reject the Reagan policy of universal murder and suicide. We must make peace, provide jobs and save the environment.

-Angus MacDonald

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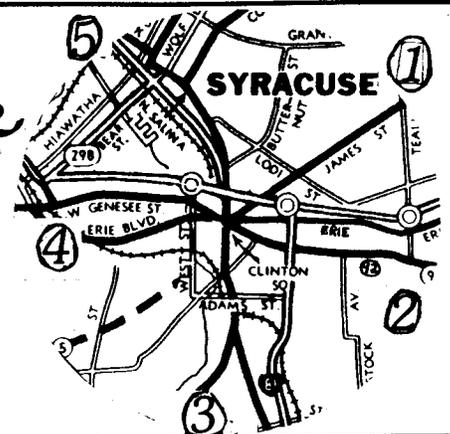
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# "You Can't Kill The Spirit..."

## A Draft Resistance Update

The spirit and action of draft resistance is alive and well. Despite the attempts by the government to convince young men to register through selective enforcement, the number of 18 year-olds deciding not to register is increasing. The following is an update of draft resistance news from around the country:

### Russ in Jail

Russ Ford, an ex-Wesleyan student and Anarchist, became the fifth person to be indicted for resistance to draft registration on August 5. Although the prosecuting attorney requested that Russ be released on personal recognizance at his arraignment, the judge denied the request and offered Russ the option of a surety bond to guarantee bail. Russ refused to sign, and as a result, he is being held at Danbury Federal Prison until his trial on Sept. 10. People can write to Russ Ford, #07539-014, Federal Corrections Institute, Pembroke Station, Danbury, Conn. 06810.

At Russ' arraignment Ed Hasbrouck, a draft resister from Boston, committed civil disobedience by hugging Russ as the Federal Marshals came to take him away. Ed is being charged with a felony for his action; he is also being held at Danbury.

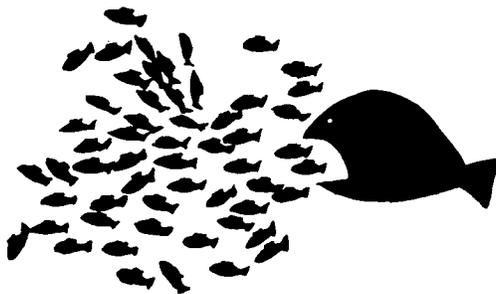
Six Syracusans travelled to Danbury on August 14 to participate in a picket of solidarity with Russ and Ed. With only one day's notice, about 50 people from New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts came to Danbury.

### Enten Convicted

On Wednesday August 18, Enten Eller, a college student and member of the Church of the Brethren (one of the three traditional peace churches), was convicted of violating the Selective Service Act by refusing to register. His non-jury trial lasted only 3 1/2 hours. Enten did not try to defend himself through technical arguments or challenges to a military

draft. He based his resistance on his religious beliefs.

Enten was sentenced to three years of active probation and 250 hours of community service work if he registers within 90 days. If he does not register, which he has indicated his intent to do, he will be resentenced in November.



### Michael to be Indicted

Michael Frisch, a draft resister, who is a student at Earlham College in Richmond IN, received word that he is soon to be indicted. The grand jury met in Indianapolis on Tuesday, August 24, to hear evidence against Michael. An indictment is expected in the next two weeks.

Michael went to high school in New Lebanon, NY, and has been involved with Upstate Resistance. His resistance is based in part on the Quaker Peace Testimony. New York Yearly Meeting, a statewide body of Quakers, has passed a statement of support for Michael.

Upstate Resistance will be sending people to Michael's trial, and perhaps his arraignment. Call if you are interested in joining us.

Michael can be reached at Earlham College, Box E-514, Richmond, IN 47374.

### Resistance Continues Undaunted

It is clear that the government hopes to intimidate the majority of non-registrants by a small number of convictions and prison sentences. Even by Selective Service standards, this strategy has been a failure thus far. The rate of registration fell during the spring and early summer. According to an official at the Clinton Square post office in Syracuse, the number of registrants has not increased since the indictments began.

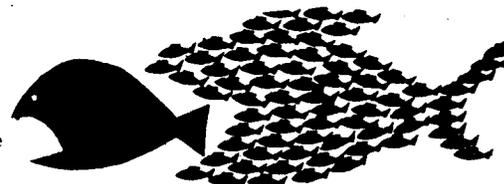
Meanwhile, resistance activism and networking has been active around the country. National anti-draft groups have been meeting to find ways of better coordinating. A conference for parents of resisters is being planned for sometime this fall. A Midwest resistance gathering will take place in Des Moines, Iowa later in August.

### CD in October

A day of civil disobedience has been scheduled for October 18 at the Selective Service headquarters outside of Washington, D.C. The action will take the form of a blockade: We will attempt to stop the operations there for a day as a symbol of our feeling that Selective Service should not exist. At least one affinity group will be participating from Syracuse. To join the group contact Upstate Resistance at 471-6923 or 472-7697.

### CO's to Aid War Effort?

Selective Service is about to make final decisions on a new set of regulations that would govern alternative service assignments for conscientious objectors if and when Congress reactivates a draft. The new rules set up a national centralized job bank through which CO's will be assigned to alternative service work. CO's would not be allowed to make individual arrangements for alternative service with their churches or humanitarian organizations. The regulations assume that CO's should "make a civilian contribution to the war effort by working in areas of national priority." The program does not recognize the concept of conscientious objection to all participation in war, whether in civilian or military jobs.




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Upstate Resistance is a local group which organizes around draft resistance. We can be reached by calling Karen 472-5478 (days), Kath 471-6923 (eves) or Andy 472-7697.

## Third World

### (Middle East Cont.)

wrought has left an indelible impression upon Jews as well as Arabs. Only a peaceful settlement can secure a future for either people.

Whether the voices for peace are heard is largely in the hands of this nation - and of us. America cannot function as a mediator in the interests of peace while being the foremost supplier of arms to the region. When, in defiance of the American phosporous and anti-personnel bombs that reign down upon the innocent, Palestinians and Israelis wish to

come here to call out for compassion, America cannot turn a deaf ear to them.

If this government is too busy with its arms sales to open its ears to the pleas for peace then we must, as we have at other times, help our government serve the interests of peace and justice. If the governments will not make peace then the people must.

All we need to do is to follow the precedent that has been set among Palestiniáns and Israelis. Earlier this year Israeli Jews and Palestin-

ian Arabs joined in a demonstration in the downtown of Ramallah, to protest the closing of Bir Zeit University. When tear gas issued forth from the guns of the Israeli military, Palestinians helped the Jews to flee or find refuge.

In our nation we must all find a means of raising our voices to end this spiral of violence and destruction in the Middle East. Above all, Jew and Arab must work together to guide the peace community in the greatest challenge we have ever faced.

### (Women's Music Cont.)

sales and festival invitations. Fans of women's music can't or won't pay as much to see Cris and Meg as fans of the Rolling Stones will pay to see their favorites. Political performers who ask for more money risk losing performers and fans and being considered politically incorrect. And producers aren't making any money either. Many have gone out of business with large debts. Festivals like Kansas City are threatened by national budget cuts in arts funding. Companies like Olivia and Ladyslipper are surviving and paying their employees, but they

must solicit loans and donations to survive. Even well known performers, like flutist Kay Gardner, must often spend years, as Kay is doing now, raising money for her next album, A Rainbow Path. It seems likely that under the present economic system, cultural workers who produce honest art that speaks to people's real life experiences may never be economically viable - the system has no interest in selling people's culture that supports liberation from the system.

Therefore, people who are energized and nurtured by women's and other progressive music must remember that musicians and producers

need money to survive...that what appears to be a glamorous profession is frequently exhausting and unpaid work...that every women's album taped at home from a record means more money to the big record companies (who produce most magnetic tapes) and less to women...that every women's concert is an opportunity to introduce a friend to a fine musician they may not have heard on the radio (yet...). Only the support of people who need and want women's music can insure that women musicians will survive, flourish and continue to speak and sing the heart of the women's movement.



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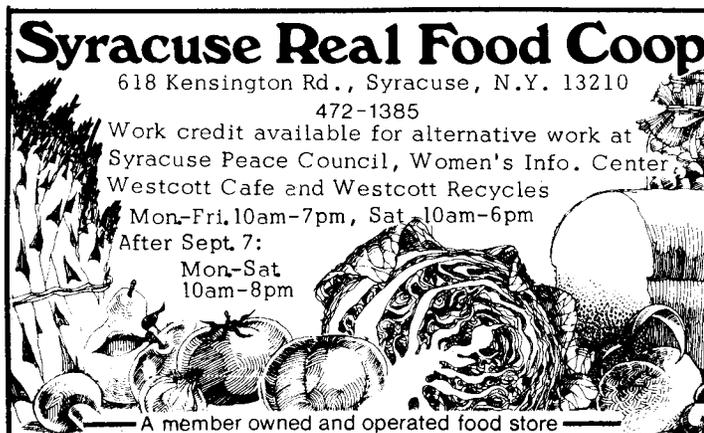
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## Looking Up

### Vigils Encamp in England

British peace activists, under direction of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, have used legislative and legal means with good success: 150 counties and towns have passed anti-nuke resolutions, two major rallies have shown widespread support, and the movement is backed by the Labor Party and major trade unions.

Recently, however, CND has approved nonviolent direct action. People have begun camping near the sites of military installations all over England, registering a long-term protest and educating personnel and the public. Many of the camps report "plenty of support" from military and non-military personnel and neighbors. The greatest success was to block construction of a shelter in Bridgend to house authorities in case of nuclear war. Campers there refused to leave as construction was about to begin. The county council would not back off and concrete was poured on the campers. Public reaction was so intense that the council halted work on the shelter.

### Remembering Hiroshima at Litton

On the morning of August 6<sup>th</sup>, 16 Canadians were arrested in the fourth act of civil disobedience in the last year at Litton Systems in Rexdale, Ontario. Litton Systems presently has two contracts with the United States "War Department"

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to build the guidance system for the Cruise Missile. Litton has been the focal point of the Cruise Missile Conversion Project, a Toronto based collective for the "conversion of products of war and mass destruction to socially useful products."

Songs and poetry were shared by about 75 support people outside the main entrance. The deaths of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were mourned by several symbolic acts, including the spray painting of five doves carrying a wrench (the CMCP conversion symbol) across the front of Litton.

The feeling of participants was positive. "Although we felt small in numbers we felt strong in our actions knowing that similar statements were being made worldwide."

### President Cannot Break Law

The Solar Bank will be restaffed to run its program of low interest loans for families who make solar installations or energy saving improvements on their homes. Reagan fired staff last year just as the program for which Congress had voted \$21 million in funding was organized.

New York federal judge Charles S. Haight has ordered the Reagan Administration to begin distributing the money, hire a staff and expedite implementation of the program.

"The decision is important because it showed that the president cannot break the law and because it provides a type of energy safety net program," said Solar Lobby director Dick Munson.

### Using the Tools of Capitalism

Recent decisions by major companies indicate the effectiveness of boycotts.

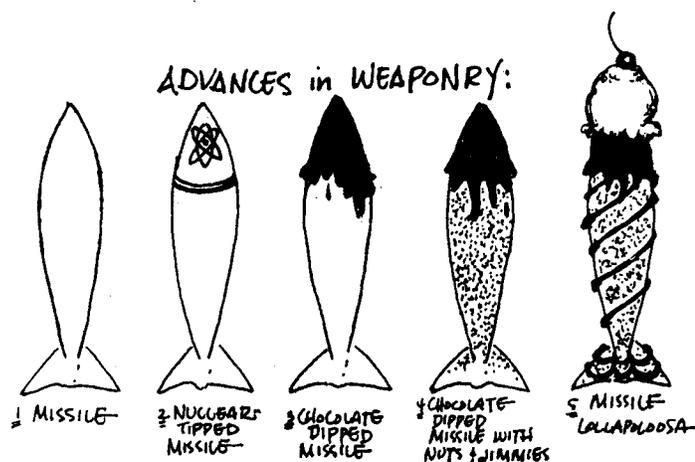
Dow Chemical recently decided not to renew its contract at Rocky Flats where the company had been involved in the production of the nuclear components of warheads. Speaking for Dow, Phillip Schneider said "We are trying not to get involved in discussions of nuclear weapons."

Union Carbide has described its involvement at the Oak Ridge, Tennessee Y-12 Plant, where nuclear weapons components are produced, as a public relations liability. They have withdrawn their government contract at that plant.

### International Boycott

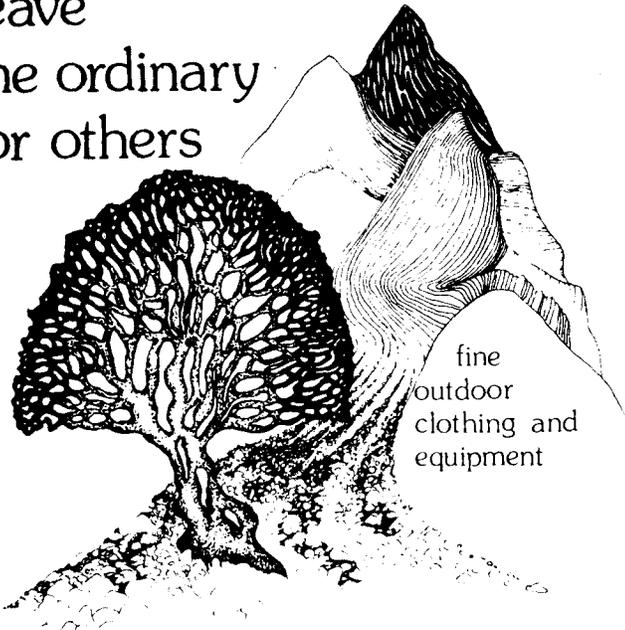
With these successes in mind, General Electric has been targeted for an international boycott. GE is among the largest of the world's multinational corporations. GE profits from all aspects of the war economy, its prime military contracts for fiscal year 1980 coming to \$2,202,042,000.

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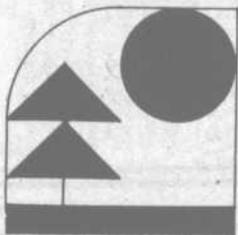
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<p><b>5</b> NYS State Fair: Look for SPC Front Room booth in Youth Activities Bldg; Nuclear Freeze booth in Center of Progress Bldg.</p>	<p><b>6</b> Pedaling for Peace 5pm Friends Mtg Hse 821 Euclid see p. 6</p>	<p><b>7</b> SW Food Co-op mtg 7:30pm 475-8065</p>	<p><b>1</b> Music: The Photo 4:30-7pm Fed'l Plaza</p>	<p><b>2</b> press conference: Educators for Social Responsibility 10:30am SU Maxwell 673-3751</p>	<p><b>3</b> East/West Ctr Macrobiotic Dinner 6:15; Lecture: Spiritual Astrology 8pm \$7 reservation 475-7230</p>	<p><b>4</b> every Sat., Westcott Recycles glass, alum., paper 12-4pm 301 Peat St. 472-4157</p>
<p><b>12</b> Men's Group mtg 9am 422 Westmoreland 422-2887</p>	<p><b>13</b> The truth about Nine Mile II nuclear plant</p>	<p><b>14</b> Gay/Lesbian support group 6:30 422-5732</p>	<p><b>15</b> Elizabeth Cotten concert to benefit Elaine Lyell campaign see p.16</p>	<p><b>16</b> NACCP mtg 7:30pm 116 Furness St.</p>	<p><b>17</b> Meg Christian part of concert proceeds to benefit SPC-see ad on p.15</p>	<p><b>18</b> Update Feminists Peace Alliance mtg 3pm 472-5478</p>
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<p><b>26</b> Calendar items? PNL Classified? Mail to SPC 924 Burnett Avenue Syr. 13203 before the 17th.</p>	<p><b>27</b> MOVING? Please let us know before you move!</p>	<p><b>28</b> Draft counseling training 6-10pm 475-4822</p>	<p><b>29</b> "El Salvador-Another Viet Nam" showing at Peat Library on Victoria Place 7pm with discussion</p>	<p><b>30</b> "Gentle Power of the Mind" workshops with Dr. Gerald Jampolsky &amp; Hugh Frather 7pm 215E Jefferson 510</p>	<p><b>31</b> Women Harvest 9/24, thru 9/26 begins Fri. 9/24, thru 9/26 see page 14</p>	<p><b>32</b> Walk to Save the Human Race TOM ORROW 10/3, see p. 18</p>

**Saturday October 2, 1982**

**SPC 1982 Annual Dinner**

**America and Lebanon: Illusions and The Jewish People.**

Allan Solomonow MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROJECT

Harrison Center 1342 Lancaster Ave. Syracuse

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## S.P.C. Statement on Massacre

Our hearts go out to those Palestinians who lost their families and friends in the horrible massacre of September 17, as we grieve for the thousands of people who have died in these months of senseless slaughter since the invasion began. The outrage against all this killing is growing all over the world. In Israel itself, during the holiest days of the Jewish year, thousands are protesting, marching, and rallying to condemn this newest wave of carnage. Those who work for peace should give their full support to these voices of sanity in the Middle East.

Our own government, though, continues to fan the flames. We must not be deceived by Reagan's interventionist maneuvers; sending US Marines into Lebanon is not intended to secure peace, but rather to secure increased US control in the region. Millions of dollars worth of military equipment will be given to Israel by the US in the coming year. We call on the US to permanently halt sales of military equipment to Israel and other Middle Eastern nations. A cessation of the flow of arms into the region would do more to promote peace than the Marines ever will.

Murder of civilians is but an extension of murder of uniformed soldiers; mass murder is a logical consequence of militarism. As long as the belief prevails that killing is an acceptable solution to a problem, that life is not sacred but just a means to an end, massacres like that of September 17 will continue to occur.

We demand that Israel withdraw completely from Lebanon. We call on Israel and the PLO to sit down and nego-

tiate. Mutual recognition and a homeland for both peoples are prerequisites for any steps towards peace.

This issue should be a priority for anyone concerned with militarism and the arms race. Given the huge economic interests the nuclear powers have in the region, as well as Israel's probable nuclear capability, the threat of a large scale, even a nuclear, war is nowhere greater than in the Middle East. We can and must work for a peaceful defusing of tensions in the Middle East.

But what can we do? It's easy to feel helpless or ineffective, but we can't allow such doubts to prevent us from acting. We need to act, and action begins with education. SPC urgently requests that you attend Allan Solomonow's talk this Saturday, October 2nd, at our Annual Dinner (see below). We need to begin our own dialogues to come up with creative ways to work for peace.

SPC's 46th Annual Dinner  
SATURDAY OCTOBER 2, 1982

with Allan Solomonow of the Middle East Peace Project  
"Israel and the Palestinians: What Route to Peace?"

at the Harrison Center 1342 Lancaster Avenue Syracuse

5 pm wine and cheese reception 6 pm dinner

Menu: spinach lasagna, garlic bread, autumn salad  
apple crisp and assorted beverages

\$4-6 sliding scale; half-price for children  
childcare provided during the program

## Getting the Cruise Out of Canada

This fall, Canadians will be stepping up their opposition to Canada's role in the testing and production of Cruise Missiles.

When we think of the Cruise Missile, most of us probably don't think of Canada being involved in any way. Canada's involvement, however, is extensive. The guidance system (or "brain") for the Cruise is being developed in Toronto at Litton Systems, and flight testing is likely to take place at Cold Lake, Alberta in 1983.

Over the next two months there will be three anti-Cruise actions in Canada. The first is a women's peace camp which will be set up any day now at Cold Lake, the probable testing site.

The second action is a large-scale demonstration on October 30th in Ottawa, to protest the production and testing of the Cruise Missile. Organizers are expecting this to be the largest demonstration in Canada so far against the Cruise. United States presence at the demonstration is very important. The Upstate Peace Network has already begun organizing buses and carpools to go to Ottawa from across New York State. If you are interested in going, or would like more information, contact John Ragusa through the American Friends Service Committee office in Syracuse, 315-475-4822.

The third action planned in Canada this fall is a civil disobedience at Litton Systems on November 11th. This action falls on Remembrance Day (or Veterans' Day, as it is referred to in the United States). The theme will

be "To Remember Is to End All Wars." Organizing is beginning in New York State to form affinity groups to participate in or support this action. For general information, contact the Cruise Missile Conversion Project, 730 Bathurst Street, Toronto MRS-2R4, Canada (Telephone: 416-532-6720). For information on local organizing, contact Karen Beetle at the Peace Council, 472-5478.

Let's join the Canadians in saying No to the Cruise!



Letters will return next month.  
We'll be looking forward to your  
contributions by the fifteenth of  
the month.

## IN THIS ISSUE

The grim events in the Mideast this past month have compelled us to express our outrage and grief once again. October's PNL, however, also contains articles to give us hope for a more peaceful future. Marty Blodgett writes about an inspiring alternative to "national security" as we know it: nonviolent civilian defense. Steve Lapham looks at the Freeze and Beyond.

On the local level, Betty Jo Whiting discusses the political diversity of our district's candidates for US Representative. Linda Boyd, member of the Southwest Community Center and the PNL Committee, reports on Arab and Black relations in Syracuse.

Carol Baum offers her thoughts on SPC at the State Fair, as well as one of her inimitable poems. She is not our only able versifier, however, as our Poetry Page proves yet again.

## Editorial Committee

Karen Beetle, Pat Finley, Andy Mager, Angus MacDonald, Laurie Goldman, Diane Swords. Observing: Linda Boyd. On Leave: Ed Kinane

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## Next Month's Production

Mon. Oct. 25, Tues. Oct. 26

## Deadlines

Space Requests: October 11  
Display Ad Deadline: October 18  
Classifieds/Calendar: October 23

## 35 Years of Warmaking - As Many Years of Resistance

On September 25, 1982, the Air Force celebrated 35 years of war preparations at Griffiss Air Force Base. Forty peace activists were there to greet them.



(A blockade at Griffiss Air Force Base on July 6, 1963  
Joanne Collier was sentenced to 3 days in jail.)

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## COVER

Our cover, drawn by Karen Kerney, portrays our struggle to "put out the fire which threatens to consume our world." P.S. The Revolution will not be televised.

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# Syracuse Peace Council

## News from the SPC House

September was definitely a month of change and renewal here. Most of us changed our addresses, all at the same time. We're finally settling down, albeit not in an entirely furnished manner (we're counting on the Garage Sale to help us out there). Carol took a much-needed vacation after the State Fair, and Liam forgot all about the SPC debts long enough to spend three weeks hitchhiking around New England and Nova Scotia.

Patrick, our guardian angel down here, is back from his summer in Maine, keeping the lawn mowed and the kitchen floor waxed. We wish Craig Colten the best of luck in Louisiana,

Production night this week was pleasantly interrupted by the sight of Glenda and her Morris team in full regalia dancing down Burnet Ave.; then again by a trip up to the photo exhibit at May Memorial ("Focus on Peace" produced by the Syracuse Cultural Workers Collective, Don't miss it!); and finally by some wondrous tales told by Carol of a time when folks actually brought chocolate cake down to late night PNL production workers. Imagine that!

## 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 is supported primarily through contributions, monthly pledges, and fundraising events which reflect our political goals. To be a member one needs simply to contribute to SPC in some way (financial or otherwise) and to agree with the general principles of SPC. Attendance and participation in SPC community events establishes one's sense of membership in the Peace Council.

SPC's major work is done through committees and in coalitions. Four collectives work out of the SPC office: the program staff, the SPC Press, the American Myths Calendar committee, and the Front Room Bookstore. The office is open every weekday, 9AM - 5PM; visitors always welcome.

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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, Karen Beetle,  
Liam Mahony

### SPC Press

Gary Weinstein  
Laurie Goldman

### Peace Newsletter

Karen Beetle, production coordinator; Pat Finley, Andy Mager, Laurie Goldman, Ed Kinane, Angus MacDonald, & Diane Swords.

### Book Review Editor:

Carol Baum 472-5478

### Poetry Editor:

Donna Wassung 422-7035

### Distribution:

Glenda Neff 472-5478

### Classifieds:

Peggy Galvagno 656-8297

### PNL Calendar:

Corinne Kinane 422-1659

### Advertising:

needs someone!

### SPC Programs/Projects

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Sally & John Brulé 445-0698

#### Animal Rights:

Linda DeStefano 475-0062

#### NVS Films:

Dik Cool 472-5478

Larry Poplow 425-6980

#### Anarchist Study Group:

Karen Beetle 472-5478

#### Syracuse Science Collective:

A. P. Balachandran 479-8826

#### SPC Film Committee:

Paul Barfoot 446-8127

#### SPC Potluck Series:

Corinne Kinane 422-1659

#### SPC Posters:

Dik Cool 472-5478

#### War & Peace promotion &

distribution:

Janice Corvaine 458-4049

#### Upstate Feminist Peace Alliance:

Karen Beetle 472-5478

### The Front Room Bookstore Collective

Carol Baum, Dik Cool

### Steering Committees:

#### Organizational Maintenance

Carol Baum, Brent Bleier,  
Sue Farber, Pat Hoffman,  
Kath Buffington, Liam  
Mahony, Peter Schiebe

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Corinne Kinane, Carl Mellor,  
Glenda Neff, Vince Sgambati,  
Sharon Sherman, Lillian Reiner,

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Brutality:

Angus MacDonald 476-8062

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Seneca Army Depot: 472-5478  
Nuclear Weapons Freeze

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Pat Rector 446-2380

Taskforce on Crisis Relocation  
Planning:

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Committee:

Mike Chamberlain 479-5020

Upstate Peace Network:

Geoff Navias 471-3074

Friends of Central America

United in Support(FOCUS):

Gary Weinstein 472-5478

## SPC 1982 Phonathon: Pledge for Peace

October is fundraising month here at SPC. We open the month with the Annual Dinner, followed by the Garage and Book Sale, and finally, the 1982 Phonathon.

The Phonathon is a yearly week-long event wherein we telephone 700-1000 people on our mailing list and ask you to support the Peace Council by pledging a monthly contribution. It is a chance to make personal contact and get feedback from the wide variety of SPC members while strengthening our pledge system, which is the backbone of our finances.

Currently, pledges bring in about \$800 per month, approximately one third of our income. Or, stated differently, two-thirds of our income is very unreliable. We never know one month if enough money will come in the next to pay bills and salaries. But, as we increase the "pledge" proportion of our income, we free ourselves from time-consuming stop-gap fundraising to do more productive long-term organizing.

### Eddie Carthan in Jail

Last month we reported on the case of Mayor Eddie James Carthan, a Mississippi progressive Black politician who, through frame-ups and other judicial dirty-dealing, was forced out of office and was now fighting to stay out of jail. Mayor Carthan had planned an Upstate N.Y. tour and was scheduled to speak at our Potluck on September 27.

However, in early September, the Mississippi Supreme Court upheld the convictions of the Tchula Seven (Eddie Carthan and six co-defendants). The other six were fined and given suspended sentences, but Mayor Carthan was singled out and jailed, becoming the first person in Mississippi history to serve a jail term (three-years) for Simple Assault. This should remind us how little things have changed in the South for Blacks who assert themselves politically.

On October 19, Eddie Carthan and his brother go to trial on charges of armed robbery and capital murder, facing a possible Death Penalty (see Sept. PNL article). Plans are being made to send a van down from Upstate New York to support them (for more info, contact Audrey or Jim Mang, Western NY Peace Center, 716-835-4073). Letters urging Carthan's release should be sent to Gov. William Winters, (Walter Sillers Bldg., Jackson, MS, 39205) and Att'y Gen. Bill Alain (Box 220, Jackson, Miss., 39205). Letters urging a Federal investigation of the case should be sent to Attorney General Wm. French Smith, US Dept. of Justice, Wash.D.C. 20530, and to Representative John Conyers, 2313 Rayburn Office Bldg. Wash. DC. 20505.

There is a "National Campaign to Free Mayor Eddie James Carthan and the Tchula Seven and to Preserve Black Political Rights," supported by many local and national religious and civic groups. Financial contributions to the Campaign should be sent to PO Box 29, Tchula, MS 39169. Your letters and contributions are desperately needed.



The dates for the Phonathon are October 18 - 21. The phoning will take place from 5:30 to 9:30 in the evening. We need lots of volunteers to help with both phoning and with preparatory paperwork. (Call Brent Bleier at 479-5393 if you can help with phoning, and Liam at SPC if you can help with preparation). And if you're unable to help out with your time, we need lots of people to make monthly pledges of anywhere from \$1 to \$100, so keep your checkbook and pen near the phone.

- \$3/month (10¢/day)... mailing costs for 30 newsletters
- \$5/month ..... two day's worth of postage stamps
- \$10/month ..... one-third of a staffperson's health insurance costs.
- \$20/month ..... one-third of our typesetting costs
- \$60/month ..... 1/4 of a staffperson's salary or.... 1/2 of SPC's utility bill.

Think about it.

### Garage and Book Sale: October 9

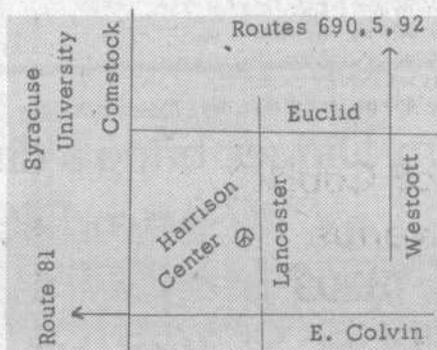
The date is set! The place is fixed, and the goods are piling in. What we need now is volunteers to help to set-up, staff, and clean-up. Set-up will be early Saturday morning and possibly Friday. The sale will start at 10:00 and end at 5:00 PM. If you can help please call Liam at the SPC office. Donations should be dropped at Erwin Methodist Church (Westcott and Euclid) 8-10 am, on the morning of the sale.

### 1982 Plowshares Craftsair December 11 & 12



**Attention: Craftspeople!** call SPC at 472-5478 any weekday  
Information and application forms available

## SPC 1982 Annual Dinner



Sat. October 2  
Festivities begin at  
5:00 PM

See page 2 for more  
information.

See you there!

**SYRACUSE PEACE COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY POTLUCK DINNERS and DISCUSSION**

Open to All at No Admission Charge for Comraderie & Discussion

October 4 **Nuclear Weapons Facilities:**

**What is going on and what we can do**

Come find out how the N.Y./Ontario region is involved in the "New Generation" of nuclear weapons. We shall share facts, and discuss the possibilities of organizing for disarmament and the economic conversion of our militarized economy by focusing on local nuclear weapons and weapons-related facilities. If you have any questions, call John at 475-4822.

October 18 **Stop the Line: Our Struggle against the 765kv line**

The farmers of Upstate New York opposed the construction of an ultra-high-voltage power line across their lands. This slideshow by Mima Cataldo details their struggle. Many Syracuse people will recognize the marches and rallies in which we participated. For more information, call Mima Cataldo 478-5083.

October 11 **Why Do We Kill People Who Kill People  
To Show That Killing People Is Wrong?**

Proponents of capital punishment insist that it is a fair and morally just, cost-efficient deterrent to crime. The People Against the Death Penalty disagree. Join us for a viewing of the locally-produced film, "Why Do We Kill People Who Kill People To Show That Killing People Is Wrong?" and a discussion of the pros and cons of the death penalty in our society today. If you have any questions, call Linda Herbert at 655-3315.

October 25 **Mexico: Crisis Moves Closer**

After Saudia Arabia discovered oil, they almost controlled the world economy: After Mexico discovered oil, they almost went bankrupt. The economic crisis in Mexico will be discussed in the content of social and political developments. For more info, please call Danny Hakim, 479-8929.

November 1 **Candidates' Views: The Night-Before-Elections Review**

We will be taking a look at candidates' views on issues such as disarmament, nuclear freeze, foreign aid, women's rights, minority rights, the death penalty, civil liberties, the draft and human services. Candidates' past and potential voting records will be included in the presentations and discussion. For more information, call Corinne at 422-1659 or leave message at SPC 472-5478.

FOR INFORMATION/INPUT ON POTLUCK DISCUSSIONS CALL CORINNE KINANE AT 422-1659 OR SPC 472-5478

**6 p.m. Dinner: bring a dish or beverage to share**

**7-9 p.m. DISCUSSION**

**THE FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE • 821 EUCLID  
(NEAR THE CORNER OF WESTCOTT STREET - ACROSS FROM ECOH)**

# Highlights of the Second Council Meeting

Sunday, September 19th, nineteen SPC members met for the second council meeting. With Sharon Sherman's assistance as time keeper, all facilitators did an excellent job adhering to and moving smoothly through the agenda. The agenda was published in the September Peace Newsletter (PNL).

The PNL was our first topic for discussion. Initially we focused on evaluating the extent to which the PNL cycle and new SPC structure ensure ongoing input to the PNL committee and enhance communication between the PNL and Organization and Maintenance (O.M.)/Program and Evaluation (P.&E.). Although it was recognized that the structure is new and exchanging minutes has guaranteed minimal communication, there is still much room for improvement. More specific issues (distribution and subscription, person shortage, local community access, and new ideas) were discussed in small groups.

Upon completing the PNL discussion, we expanded to other project areas: War and Peace, Specieism, Front Room Bookstore (TFR), SPC Press, Pot lucks, and P.&E. War and Peace still needs to make \$900.00 to reimburse backers; Specieism continues to be a controversial issue; the SPC Press is financially strapped and sees competition as a major obstacle; Pot lucks are excellent outreach tools, but lack follow-up; TFR's location presents several problems (the Westcott Cafe was suggested as an alternative); P.&E. is still hammering away at rhetoric regarding program/project definitions.

After lunch Liam introduced the O.M. discussion with a financial report. We expect a \$2,000.00 deficit between

the anticipated income and expenses for 1982. Fundraisers and subscriptions are expected to improve, but pledges look bleak. Major future expenses will include house maintenance, postage, phone, and printing. It appears that little is spent on actual program work. This is deceptive since many projects are self-supporting. Following the financial report, we reviewed and expanded upon an outline of ideas regarding the relationships among various SPC collectives (O.M., P&E., TFR, PNL, SPC Press, NVS films, Pot lucks, and SPC film committee). Specific areas of discussion were financial accountability, decision making, and communication. Ultimately O.M. wishes to create a consistent and cohesive process without developing an extensive bureaucracy. Similar concerns were shared during the P.&E. report/discussion.

P.&E., like PNL and O.M., wishes to ensure input from non-committee members and improve communication between committees. While maximizing efficiency, the committee wishes to maintain a democratic process. We reviewed the P&E guidelines that give P&E decision making power in program areas. Discussion followed, but no strong objections were presented.

The final agenda topic was disarmament. Developing alternative fund accounts for tax resisters, economic conversion, local-direct confrontation, and organizer training were discussed. The meeting ended with a brief evaluation, a friendly circle, some uplifting songs and a camel that turned into a horse. Detailed notes are at SPC.

-Vince Sgambati-

## THANK YOU

to everyone who worked on  
the State Fair booth

To day coordinators and booth staffers,  
thanks to you.

To booth designers and booth builders,  
laurels are due.

For encouraging words and moral support,  
you really rate!

For last-minute help there is no reward  
that's too great.

Together we're stronger, united allows us  
to dare

An alternative presence at the famous  
New York State Fair.

Special thanks to Sue Crumb, Muriel Landy, Don Casey, Harry Freeman-Jones, Vince Sgambati, Diana Trifosa, Virden Seybold, Lesley Pease, Laurie Goldman, Glenda Neff, Karen Beetle, Andy Mager, Betty Jo Whiting, Dik Cool, Carol Baum, Liam Mahony, Leslie Bliss, Chrys Ingraham, Mike Chamberlain, Kath Delaney, Marie Tari, Plymouth Church, Charlie Decker, Chuck Durand

THE FRONT ROOM BOOKSTORE  
of the Syracuse Peace Council

## STOP THE LINE

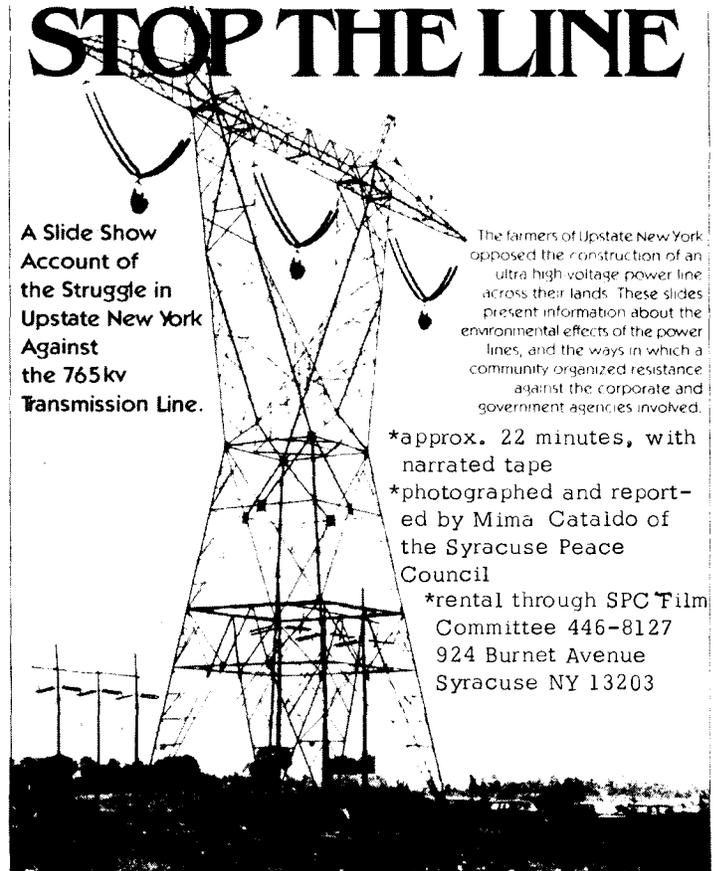
A Slide Show  
Account of  
the Struggle in  
Upstate New York  
Against  
the 765 kv  
Transmission Line.

The farmers of Upstate New York opposed the construction of an ultra high voltage power line across their lands. These slides present information about the environmental effects of the power lines, and the ways in which a community organized resistance against the corporate and government agencies involved.

\*approx. 22 minutes, with narrated tape

\*photographed and reported by Mima Cataldo of the Syracuse Peace Council

\*rental through SPC Film Committee 446-8127  
924 Burnet Avenue  
Syracuse NY 13203



# Reflections on the SPC Booth at the State Fair

Again this year the Peace Council had a booth at the State Fair. What did we hope to accomplish, what did we seem to accomplish, and how much energy did it all take?

Participating in the State Fair has challenged Peace Council activists for years. The incredible number and wide variety of people wandering around tantalize us. The potential for outreach and education is phenomenal. Many of us also feel strongly that there needs to be something at the Fair to counteract the massive military presence. Some of us also enjoy giving people the opportunity to meet and talk with peace activists, to see that we are real people and not necessarily weirdo nuts.

This year The Front Room Bookstore sponsored the SPC booth. The goal of the booth was to present politics in a subtle, colorful, positive fashion, trying to fit into the gala Fair spirit (we even sold balloons that said, "Blow up balloons, not people") without giving in to gross commercialism. We also hoped to make some money. T-shirts, buttons, records, pins and books were attractively displayed and a beautiful banner presided over all. There were also Freeze petitions to sign and plenty of free literature to take.

Organizing and staffing a booth at the Fair takes a lot of people energy and money. Staffing alone took 360 person-hours (or 9 weeks of a 40-hour-a-week job). Many additional hours were spent in ordering materials to sell, designing and setting up the booth, recruiting and orienting people to staff it and cleaning up. The space alone cost \$400 -- our total non-

merchandise related expenses will be about \$800.

Many people seemed to enjoy staffing the booth (when they weren't bored -- at times it was very slow). There were opportunities for interaction with all sorts of people and moments when all the energy and money seemed worth it -- giving leaflets to draft age men, discussing communism with 10 year old John Birchers, selling a bumpersticker to someone who had been searching for it for a year, the proprietor of the booth next to ours



photo: Jan Phillips

finally saying, "I don't agree with you, but you are sure nice people," responding to interested queries, watching a woman carefully select several buttons and then put one on before she left.

On the other hand, the Eat Shit button was our most popular item (and I don't think it was because of the Ronald McDonald on it). Many people walked by the booth not even seeing it. We did get people to sign petitions -- 156 names on a Freeze petition to the USSR and USA and 140 names on a Freeze petition to Congress. How "good" is that given we were there 12 hours a day for 10 days? It is very hard to know what it means to have an effective booth. When all the finances are straightened out, we will have come close to breaking even (we may have lost up to \$100). Financially it was not effective. It may be OK to lose \$100 if other things made up for it. Are 300 names worth it? What of affecting one person's thoughts? In a way it feels to me that we could use all that time and energy more effectively -- but would we actually do it? Many SPC activists want to put energy into having a presence at the Fair. At the same time, it is very hard for us to compete by the Fair's "rules" -- we don't have the money or the inclination. For example, one tank from the National Guard exhibit would have filled our entire booth. If we are to relate to the Fair in some way, we really need to think more about it. Some possibilities which have been suggested are theater, sponsoring New Games, booking films at the Art and Home Center, and having a good-food booth. What do you think?

- Carol Baum

## What's New at The Front Room



### Records:

- Holly Near - Speed of Light (7.00)
- Cris Williamson - Blue Rider (7.00)
- Songbook - Winds of the People (5.00)

NICE JEWISH GIRLS: A Lesbian Anthology - Beck (ed.) (8.95)

FIFTEEN PAST SEVENTY - Maas (3.95)

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### READING LISTS IN RADICAL SOCIAL SCIENCE -

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- FAULTLINE - Taylor (6.95)
- OUTLANDER - short stories and essays - Rule (6.95)
- GOD HERSELF: Feminine roots of astrology - G. Thorsten (3.95)
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## Book Review—



# Nice Jewish Girls: A Lesbian Anthology

ed. Evelyn Torton Beck Persephone Press 1982 \$8.95

by Jennifer Krebs

*What is this book Nice Jewish Girls put out by Persephone Press?*

It is an anthology of thirty-one stories, poems, journal entries, essays, narratives, and a photo essay by twenty-five Jewish lesbians edited by Evelyn Torton Beck.

*What do Jewish lesbians have to write about?*

The pieces collected in Nice Jewish Girls are about identity much like the pieces included in Persephone Press' prior collections The Coming Out Stories and This Bridge Called My Back.

*Is Nice Jewish Girls political?*

Some of the issues raised include anti-semitism, racism, homophobia, and zionism.

*Is it personal?*

Many of the pieces are autobiographical. The rest are based on real life experiences. And because the writers in the book are searching and fresh and honest about their lives, the book is of interest to nice Jewish girls (like me) and nice Gentile girls as well.

*Why is the word Jew capitalized and lesbian not?*

According to the rules of standard English, as I remember from my fourth grade discussion of nouns, Jews are a proper group whereas lesbians are common.

A major theme of Nice Jewish Girls is that coming out is a first step towards individuation. Nice Jewish Girls is a first step for Jewish women to explore their Jewishness within the lesbian feminist movement.

Several pieces in Nice Jewish Girls are written by Jewish women of color. These writers succeed in making a

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strong point: Jewish women and women of color are not mutually exclusive terms.

"What do you mean you are an 'Arabic Jew'? Isn't that a contradiction?" In "Some of Us are Arabic", Rachel Wahba writes she hears that question all too often, from Jews and Gentiles alike. She notes that the Egyptian and Iraqi Jewish communities of her parents were 75,000 and 135,000 strong respectively in 1948. Rachel no longer wants to pass as the European/Ashkenazi Jew that she dreamed of in her childhood. She is proud of her Arabic/Sephardic heritage. She no longer wants to feel like a minority of one.

When 12-year-old Josylyn Segal joined B'nai Brith Youth, the Rabbi called and informed her Russian-Roumanian father that Josylyn was not Jewish because her American Negro-Native American mother was not Jewish (and it is through the mother that Judaism is inherited). She now writes, "It is difficult to describe the depth of my emotional trauma when I was told that I was not Jewish. I had always believed, indeed taken for granted that I was Jewish." Josylyn then went through the process of converting to Judaism. "My conversion acted as a catalyst for an even deeper sense of Jewish heritage and identification."

Although Josylyn is a "part of everything that she is -- an interracial Jewish lesbian -- (and that makes her) a target for a wide range of bigoted attitudes," she sees her position in a positive light. She has insights into several communities.

In "Resisting and Surviving in America" Irena Klepfisz discusses her many experiences with anti-semitism. She states that the Holocaust and Jewish experience have been co-opted, commercialized, glamorized, severed from historical fact, and metaphored out of reality by Jews and non-Jews

alike in the media, the arts, and literature. The "casual reference" to Auschwitz or Treblinka is a trivialization of Jewish history, Jewish people's lives. This anti-semitism silences people with real life experiences of the Holocaust, real experiences they cannot forget or ever truly comprehend. Irena writes: "People are fed up with what Jews feel ... I have not been eager to make myself vulnerable." Yet the Holocaust is fundamental to the poetry of Irena Klepfisz as well as her prose.

"Bashert" (inevitable) is dedicated to those who died/those who survived. Bashert is a list which brings the history of millions of Jewish people into focus, drawing from the past and calling to the future:

*These words are dedicated to those who died  
because a card was lost or a number was skipped  
because a bed was denied  
because a place was filled and another place was left...*

*These words are dedicated to those who survived  
because life is a wilderness and they were savage  
because life is an awakening and they were alert  
because life is a flowering and they blossomed  
because life is a struggle and they struggled  
because life is a gift and they were free to accept it*

*Any criticisms of Nice Jewish Girls?*

Nice Jewish Girls contains little on how Jewish lesbians feel about Jewish spirituality: prayer, belief in God, individual spiritual experiences, celebration of Jewish holidays. Granted these subjects can fill other volumes. Still I find their absence revealing. Perhaps it's difficult for a Jewish-lesbian to write that she prays to the "God of our fathers."

*But you'd recommend the book anyway? Certainly. Nice Jewish Girls is challenging and exciting, very worthwhile reading.*

Nice Jewish Girls is available at The Front Room Bookstore.

## Second Coop Sprouts in Syracuse

Syracuse is no longer a one food coop city. On Sept. 25, the South-West Food Coop opened at 401 Craddock Street.

The idea for a second coop in the city grew out of a discussion at the January, 1982 membership meeting of the Syracuse Real Food Coop (SRFC). The initial organizers of the project were members of the SRFC who live in the southwest part of the city.

The coop, like all alternatives needs all the support we can give it! SRFC members can shop at the South-West Food Coop and visa versa. SRFC workers can also fulfill their work credit through work at the SW Food Coop. There is much work to be done in making the store functional as well as appealing to the community.

The 10-member board of directors is excited about the speed with which the coop has blossomed. Initial fund-raising and membership goals have already been surpassed. The coop seems to be acting as a catalyst for drawing together progressive people in the SW part of the city; creating a sense of community, where there has been little in the past.

The Coop is open on Tues. and Thurs. from 5-8 pm, on Wed. from 10 am-1 pm and on Sat. from 10 am-3 pm. Drop by to see it, offer your support and lend a hand with some of the work.



## Sexism in Space

When Soviet cosmonaut Svetlana Savitskaya showed up and knocked on the front door of the orbiting space station, she was greeted with an apron and told to get her space-suit into the kitchen.

The dialogue beamed back for televising throughout the Soviet Union gave the Russians the all-time record for sexism at high altitude.



The male cosmonauts who answered her knock had a little of the old male piggy all ready and waiting when Svetlana arrived on the doorstep of the orbiting Salyut 7.

Cosmonaut Alexander Lebedev: "We've got an apron ready for you, Sveta."

You'd think she might have left behind her all the centuries of sexist discrimination. But nooo.

"It's as if you've come home," crooned Lebedev. "We have a kitchen for you, not exactly a kitchen, more a canteen. You've got an apron. Now you can cook."

-Boston Globe

## Korean Repression Continues

Han Myong Hee, a Korean labor organizer, has been imprisoned since the Spring of 1982. Her crime? Working for democratically controlled unions.

She was acting president of her union at the American owned Control Data Corporation factory in South Korea. Last spring, during the midst of wage negotiations, the company fired 6 union organizers. Han Myong Hee organized a work stoppage to get the women rehired. Although the wage increase was granted, the 6 workers were not rehired and Han Myong Hee and 48 other women were arrested.

Later in the spring, Control Data, which reaped \$6.5 million in profits from the S. Korean plant in 1981, announced that it was closing the plant due to troubles with the workers.

While the U.S. government applauds the "freedom fighters" of Solidarity in Poland, they arm and support the military-based S. Korean government. We must do all we can to prevent this kind of horror story from being repeated by seeking ways to support those directly affected by US sanctioned multinationals.

For more information, contact: Committee for a New Korea Policy, 221 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206.

## Creating Our Future

*Not knowing is terrifying  
and knowing is terrifying  
but not knowing is hopeless  
and knowing may save us.*

Brookline 9th grader

Educators for Social Responsibility is a national organization of teachers, school administrators and parents committed to responding positively through education to children's concerns about nuclear war.

Currently, ESR is planning a "Day of Dialogue" for October 25, during International Disarmament Week. Schools at all levels are being encouraged to create dialogue with students and in evening forums with community members and parents towards taking responsibility for creating a liveable future. This approach is based on the belief that dialogue is the best means of resolving differences, individual and international.

Although many question bringing up nuclear war with children, surveys tell us that children are aware of nuclear issues early, and that unlike adults who employ avoidance techniques, children have not developed such defenses. Adult taboo treatment of the subject makes children's thoughts more frightening because they can't be shared; and increases the danger of war due to their being uninformed and inactive.

ESR advocates the right of all children to

1. Cooperative and problem solving activities;
2. A sense of confidence that we can create solutions;
3. A multicultural perspective.

Detailed sample curricula differentiated according to developmental level are available from ESR.



## Draft Resistance Update

Earlier this month, Selective Service announced that an additional 55 names of non-registrants have been forwarded to the Justice Department for possible prosecution. Of the 280 names that have reached the Justice Department, 10 draft resisters have been indicted. Four of these indictments have been in the last month: Michael McMillian and Gilliam Kerley of Madison, WI; and Chuck Epp and Kendall Warkentin from Bethel College in Kansas.

Russ Ford and Ed Hasbrouck were released from Danbury Federal Prison pending trial this month. One resister, Ben Sasway, is in jail, and several around the country are awaiting trial.

Upstate Resistance will hold our monthly potluck on Friday, Oct. 22. Join us for dinner at 5:30 (946 Ackerman) and for leafletting at the NVS showing of Coming Home (7:30). For info call 472-5478 (karen).

### Buttons for Sale

Leafletting at high school graduations, visiting draft resisters in Danbury, attending meetings for the October Action, and doing media work have all put Upstate Resistance into debt. In order to pay off these expenses and spread our message, UR has created buttons to sell as a fundraiser. The five-color buttons say "Support Your Local Draft Resister" and are available for \$1 each from the Front Room and from Upstate Resistance; 109 Trinity Pl. Syracuse, NY 13210.



## Shut Down Selective Service October 18th

### Non-violent Preparation in Syracuse October 3rd

Join us on October 18th at Selective Service in Washington, DC to show our solidarity with draft resisters around the country who are facing prosecution and jail for their opposition to the draft and war. Upstate Resistance will be forming a regional affinity group for this action. We need people who can be supporters both here and in Washington, and folks to do civil disobedience. Contact Kath 471-6923, Karen 472-5478 or Andy 472-7010 to find out more.

## T-Shirts



### Our Selection Includes:

- "Our Mother the Earth; Our Father the Sky; Your Children are We" (bald eagle graphic) (5.50)
- "you can't hug your kids with nuclear arms" (with child's drawing) (5.50)
- "That's all folks!" (a la Porky Pig - with mushroom cloud in the background) (5.50)
- "Join the Army...., etc." (with picture of our Uncle Sam) (5.50)
- "Organize!" (with the little fish chasing the big fish) (7.00)
- "Bread Not Bombs" (with flower) (6.50)



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# Civilian Based Defense— An Alternative to Military Violence

by Marty Blodgett

In looking at the problems that face our world, we particularly notice the danger of nuclear holocaust, and the economic and social problems related to immense and increasing military budgets. This situation forces us to question our most basic assumptions about our world. In particular, the assumption that "power comes out of the barrel of a gun," that violence is the ultimate sanction, or means, at our disposal, deserves closer examination. This idea is the basis of our military institutions, and those of many other countries. In examining this assumption, we should think about what the nature of defense really is.

Our legitimate defense needs require that control of our system remain in our hands and not be seized by force. Does our military expertise guarantee this? The use of nuclear weapons for defense seems like an unsure proposition--if actually used they are much more surely agents of destruction than defense. The theory of deterrence is that having sufficient nuclear retaliatory capacity will prevent attack. In fact, countries which have nuclear weapons are more likely to be targeted. It is a common assumption that the maintenance of national security requires superior military weaponry and the willingness to use it.

Let's step back and take another look at the situation. Where does political power originate? We usually assume that a government or ruler has the political power and military capacity enabling it to attack or defend. Actually, the ruler and government are the tip of a pyramid, made up of the energies, resources, and cooperation of the citizens. These people acknowledge the government's authority by obeying the law, and providing the re-

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*Marty is a student of life, concerned with nonviolence in thought and action. She wrote this without wearing glasses.*

sources and expertise needed to carry out the government plans. The government can punish a few who refuse to respect its authority, but if a large enough number of its citizens withhold support it becomes impossible to force compliance.

This perception of the basis of political power implies the possibility of the populace to withhold support, and not provide the cooperation that a government needs to maintain control. Historically, we find many examples of this type of action, some more and some less successful.



*This is a symbol of work slow-downs, a form of resistance being used against the martial law in Poland.*

These examples have not received the attention they deserve, because they don't fit our usual notion of political power based on military violence.

Carrying on a nonviolent struggle requires determination, courage, and the willingness to face personal injury or death, as involvement in a conventional war requires. No particular set of religious beliefs are necessary. It is inherently democratizing, requiring individual action decision-making and responsibility to be effective. Ordinary, determined people have used nonviolent means to fight for diverse causes. It is not necessary that the populace perceive the existing government as

perfect--it must simply be seen as preferable to the likely alternatives. If the defense is unsuccessful it is possible to continue the struggle, with some hope of eventual success. This can't be said for a struggle involving the use of nuclear weapons.

What are some of the methods of nonviolent action that have been used in the past? Gene Sharp suggests that the many methods used fit into three general categories.

One general type of action is nonviolent *protest*, which may be symbolic. A few of the many actions included are: petitions, letter-writing campaigns, use of posters and symbols, leafletting, teach-ins, vigils, picketing, protest meetings, and parades. These actions may be directed at the opponent to show the extent of feeling, and gain attention for the issue. They may also be directed at the public, to gain attention, support, or action. One example is the burning of one's own property as a symbol of protest. This happened in the Colonial period of our history, a year after the Boston tea party, when colonists in Charleston, S.C. and Providence, R.I., gathered their tea and burned it in support of the economic sanctions against England (which included non-importation of tea).

Another general type of nonviolent action is *noncooperation*--ceasing usual cooperation and withholding new forms of assistance. In the economic and political spheres, some examples are: boycotts, withdrawal of bank deposits, refusal to pay taxes, debts or other assessments, strikes and work slow-downs, boycotts of elections and government service, reluctant and slow compliance with laws, popular nonobedience, and nonobedience in the absence of direct supervision. In Colonial America, people refused to pay debts to British firms. Since trade was largely conducted on credit, with the Colonies borrowing, this created a severe economic squeeze in England. In Germany, stalling and obstruction were used by nuclear scientists to undermine

the Nazi effort to build an atomic bomb. While appearing to cooperate, they refrained from passing on preparatory theoretical work, as well as memoranda on research, and didn't inform the military about the potential of such a project.

*Intervention*, the third type of nonviolent action, may be used to disrupt or destroy objectionable policies or institutions, or to bring about new and desired policies or behavior. This category includes various forms of physical intervention, placing bodies in the way of objectionable activity, such as halting vehicles, or intervening in actions of police and soldiers. Sit-ins and ride-ins characterized the struggle for civil rights in the U.S. Other methods include overloading of facilities or administrative systems, nonviolent land seizures, establishment of new social patterns, willingly seeking imprisonment, fasting, and disclosing identities of secret agents. The last method was used by Americans who posted descriptions of paid slave hunters, slave owners and the fugitives they were seeking. This occurred in Boston and Philadelphia in the 1850's, warning the fugitives of imminent danger and encouraging their would-be captors to depart.

These are only a few of the methods used by people to withhold their contributions and obedience to a government which must ultimately depend on these very things if it is to survive. Gene Sharp suggests that analysis of more examples can help us refine the "tools" of nonviolent struggle. He refers to the prepared use of these methods in a struggle as *civilian based defense*. (CBD).

Does all this sound a bit unrealistic? Less so than nuclear weapons appeared to be 40 years ago. Several European countries consider the possibility of CBD worthy of further study. Sweden has a working group on CBD within their Defense Ministry. It is hoped that many countries will eventually augment their defense policies with a small component of CBD, which can be expanded as the wisdom and usefulness of it is observed, and as its techniques are further refined. This is called "transarmament"--going beyond the currently observed need for vast stores of military hardware.

Where can we go from here with the idea of CDB? The first step is education of ourselves and others, through reading, thinking and discussing. It would be helpful if the works of Gene Sharp were more widely available. Users can request their purchase by libraries. There is also research that needs to be done--study of various aspects and examples of nonviolent struggle is a useful project for students.

This article draws upon the work of Gene Sharp. His works include: *The Politics of Nonviolent Action* (Porter Sargent, 1973); *Social Power and Political Freedom* (Porter Sargent, 1980); and the award winning essay, *Making the Abolition of War a Realistic Goal* (1981).

Information about an ongoing study group in Ithaca, and a recently compiled study guide are available through Phil Bogdonoff, RD #5, Teeter Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850, (607) 277-8377.

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# The Freeze and Beyond

by Steven Lapham

Hope lives! Over the last year the peace movement in America has grown with phenomenal speed. The proposal for an immediate US/Soviet nuclear weapons freeze has emerged as a powerful unifying idea.

But is the Freeze a dead end? After a mutual Freeze is accomplished, will the enthusiasm for disarmament fade away as it did after the signing of the Partial Test Ban Treaty in 1963?

The answer is no. The debate over the Freeze has changed the public's awareness of the danger of nuclear war and of the futility of seeking "security" with nuclear armaments. Americans cannot return to comfortable ignorance.

But there is much work to be done by peacemakers if disarmament is to flourish. The Freeze is a perfect tool for breaking new ground. . .

## Politics

In the United States, social reform must ultimately be translated into law. Peacemakers must enter the political arena if they are serious about changing government policy.

The Freeze is a prominent issue in this November's elections. Congressional candidate Elaine Lytel has put the Freeze at the top of her platform for conserving "this good green earth." Darrell Weston also supports the Kennedy-Hatfield Freeze Resolution. Gary Lee and George Wortley, however, both voted to kill a House Resolution for an immediate Freeze.

The Freeze campaign aspires to wed patriotism and disarmament. Patriotism is a vital part of the European peace movement, and it can be here too. The U.S. could be a leader in constructing world security through multilateral disarmament.

## Economics

Never have the domestic costs of military spending been so stark. The primary cause of inflation, high interest rates, and unemployment is extravagant military budgets.

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*Steven is a member of the Nuclear Weapons Freeze of Central New York, and a folksinger.*



"Oh, sure, you'll always have your fringe element . . ."

But criticism is not enough. If America is to enact progressive disarmament, then peacemakers must begin advocating economic conversion. Converting from our current war economy to a peace economy can happen without loss of jobs or capital, but only if there is advanced planning. We must encourage local industries to explore ways to re-tool shops and re-train workers for peaceful production.

Companies in Onondaga County received \$150 million in military contracts in 1981. Peacemakers, our work is here.

## Education

A veil of silence has enveloped our schools and colleges. As it was in Nazi Germany, nobody dares whisper the crime of genocide we are planning for the children.

America will never have caring, informed citizens as long as the schools ignore the great moral questions of our time. The Educators for Social Responsibility is a group that is trying to bring discussion of "real world problems" into the classroom.

In high schools, one must always present both sides of a controversial issue. The Freeze has provided a

platform for rational debate about peace and war.

ESR is planning a "Day of Dialogue" to discuss the arms race, in the schools on October 25. Be there! **Peacemaking**

I recall a conversation with Geoff Navias in which he said the peacemaker must try to "answer people's needs."

People need security, and only a total Freeze of nuclear weapons followed by real disarmament offers hope of security and a future for our children. People need to feel proud of their homeland, and the Freeze Campaign has reminded us about the blessings of democracy. People need food, warmth, and job security, and only a peace-oriented economy can provide these things.

People need to understand their world and to feel they have some control over it. By opening a dialogue on the arms race in the schools the Freeze can help educate a generation of concerned citizens.

Peacemakers must do more than protest against war. Even more than criticism and protest, this nation needs to be healed. The Freeze is a first step toward a healthy alternative to war.

# The Congressional Candidates and Local Coverage

by Betty Jo Whiting

Apparently the Reagan administration and Congress believe they were given a "mandate" by the American people to sacrifice human needs for the sake of militarism and tax cuts for corporations and the rich. This attitude has polarized our country to an extent which has not been seen since the Vietnam war.

Indicative of this polarization is the Congressional race in Onondaga County, with five philosophically and politically diverse people running for the Republican and Democratic nominations. There are definitely differences between the candidates. I gathered this impression from having attended a forum conducted by the Syracuse Press Club at the Hotel Syracuse and one sponsored by the National League of Women Voters held at St. Paul's Cathedral.

The forum conducted by the press club was poorly orchestrated in that the candidates were given only 30 seconds apiece to answer each question. The issues dealt with were narrow in focus and did not seem to reflect the concerns of many local and nationwide Americans today. None of the candidates were asked their stance on The Freeze, the ERA, nuclear power plants, or the military budget in light of our economic situation.

However, in her opening statement Lytel-D, strongly supported the Freeze, the ERA, and the Clean Air Act. She asserted that 60% of New Yorkers favor the ERA, 60% support the Freeze and 90% the Clean Air Act. At the Women Voters forum Daryl Weston-D and Peter DelGiorno-R came out in support of these issues.

Gary Lee-R advocated the continuation of "Reagan's reduction talks that will result in parity". George Wortley-R stated he supported the Freeze although he had voted against it in the past. They both felt the ERA should go back

*Betty Jo is a freelance activist who is voting for the first time this year.*

to the states for ratification with neither of them expressing their personal beliefs.

Concerning military and economic aid to El Salvador three of the candidates: Lee, Lytel and Wortley, supported continued economic aid, with Wortley strongly in favor of military aid also. Weston stated that there has been "no reform in the area of human rights" in El Salvador, and came out against military aid. DelGiorno, in keeping with his views on military aid to other countries, explained that he does not support the "interference into other countries' domestic affairs."

On the question of abortion Lee and Wortley came out staunchly against, with both advocating legislation that would criminalize it or deny federal funds to those too poor to afford the choice. DelGiorno and Lytel both emphasized the need for family planning, preventative measures, and choice. Weston, although "morally opposed" to abortion, would not try to have it criminalized since that would not be accurately reflecting the needs of his constituency.

Campaign rhetoric was flowing freely from the Republican incumbents. Wortley's approach was somewhat dated, with him asserting that Reagan was "given a mandate" by the American people to take us "in a new direction." He states that Reagan has given us "stability and leadership."

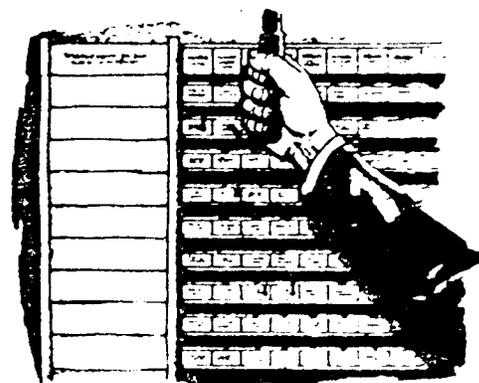
Lee stood on his "profile of experience and accomplishment," particularly his help in the passing of the Superfund bill. He also mentioned his work on "the Commerce Committee has significant impact for the community" in the areas of transportation and tourism.

DelGiorno, "disloyal republican" who does not vote party line, believes "America has the best Congress money can buy." He emphasized the need for job training and counseling for the unemployed, military budget cuts, and treating "society's ills rather than the symptoms". At the press club forum he admonished the press "not to do the voter's job

for them by editing out populist views other than those presented by the incumbents." He also claims that our "foreign policy is merely an extension of big business." In terms of spending reform he advocates the federal government collecting the monies then allocating block grants to each congressional district.

Weston, although offering few concrete solutions, expressed concerns about Senior citizens, subsidized housing, unemployment, and the federal deficit. He believes that the "Reagan administration has brought us to social and economic disaster".

Lytel says there is a need for "increased investment in labor intensive programs" and more job incentive programs with an emphasis on minority businesses. She asserts that Reaganomics is not working and is causing great harm. She states that "joblessness takes a toll on the family as well. Health problems, mental illness, crime and suicide all increase during times of high unemployment."



These are critical times. There are many people among us that have no faith in the electoral process so they do not register or vote. There are others that want a new system. Unfortunately, or not, this voting institution is the only major thing we have to work with this November. There are MAJOR qualitative differences between the candidates. It does make a difference who is elected. Look at Reagan, he won his "mandate" by 4%. Please register to vote by October 14. Call the Board of Elections at 425-3312 to find out where.

# Arab-Black Community Relations: A Quiet Cold War

A small but substantial Middle Eastern community is emerging amid several established neighborhoods throughout the local metropolitan area. The social impact of Middle Eastern people upon the community at large, particularly, the Black community within the southwest area of Syracuse, offers a unique study of minorities struggling within a difficult symbiotic relationship: each group needing the other economically between the two groups.

Springing up at a rapid rate within the Black community are small grocery stores owned and operated by Middle Eastern families. On the surface, there appears to be a simple relationship between Black consumers and Middle Eastern merchants. Beneath the surface is a network of negative emotional reactions to cultural, behavioral and attitudinal differences that exist between the two groups.

Many Middle Eastern merchants are businessmen possessing international experience with merchandising not readily recognized by most Blacks. Unlike other small grocers, the Middle Eastern is most likely to be someone who has emigrated from a place other than his homeland: to establish or continue a family tradition of merchandising before coming to the United States; has established contacts with European suppliers/exporters over a long period of time; is often the major importer for the third world country in which he is doing business; has developed the means to become an unofficial political/

economic force in relatively poor countries; has become accustomed to societies with only two social classes: a small educated influential class and an uneducated poor. It is possible for a person with such experience to bring with him stereotypical attitudes/views about Blacks and other people into the community in which he does business.

According to sources within the Black community, the main problems that create conflicts can be related to the following observations: the constant use of a foreign language by the owners while shoppers are buying goods; the isolation of Middle Eastern women and children from the Black community; the indiscriminate business practice of selling cigarettes and beer to small children; supporting the services of prostitutes and sexually exploiting young females; having no knowledge of the merchants' source of financial resources; not being able to readily distinguish and identify the specific ethnic group(s) Middle Eastern people within the community belong to.

The reactive effect of both groups not communicating with each other is broadening the void that exists between them. With no effective communications, undercurrent feelings may continue to erupt into confrontations and arguments. One possible alternative may be the diplomatic intervention by existing agencies, interested community organizations and institutions to provide a forum for discussion of differences/concerns.

-Linda Boyd



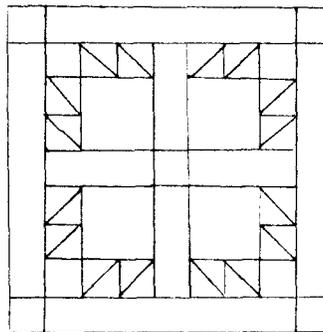
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## FEDERATION for PROGRESS 1st National Conference Report



In the U.S. today there are thousands of Left and Progressive groups battling for peace, disarmament and social justice against Reagan's nearly unprecedented economic collapse, rampant militarism, racism and the nuclear arms race. "The strategic question," however, as Manning Marable has put it, "is that of unity."

With this central question in mind, the Federation for Progress held its first national conference in NYC on July 31 - Aug. 1, 1982. The culmination of over eight months of intensive nationwide, grassroots organizing, the Federation conference drew about 600 activists from 31 states and nearly all progressive movements.

Responding to a Call letter in February signed by 20 prominent Left activists (among them Marable, Phil Berrigan, Don Luce, Elizabeth McAllister, Kitty Tucker), a series of pre-conference meetings resulted in an 18 member steering committee, a draft program and the 1st national conference which was an intensive

slate of speeches, plenary sessions and workshops geared to generating proposals for discussion and adoption.

While the keynote addresses were inspiring, conference process was at times lacking in guaranteeing thorough discussion on critical issues. At one point, for example, the over one hundred action and programmatic proposals were voted on as a single block. Long-windedness and repetition from the speakers and a lack of clarity on conference procedure marred the otherwise dramatic and productive conference which featured activists such as Pete Seeger, Michio Kaku, Julian Bond, Arthur Kinoy and Frances Hubbard.

The goal of the Federation (FFP), is to achieve a level of unity amongst Left & Progressive organizations previously unattained. The FFP aims to differ from most other coalitions by being multi-issue, by a sustained radical analysis and by building a program of comprehensive demands.

Equally important, it intends to be longstanding, outlasting Reaganomics to develop a growing consensus among progressives. Finally, the Federation hopes to be an overarching coalition; one that continually unites hundreds of groups nationally under the FFP banner of Jobs, Peace & Equality. The basis for authentic unity will be the enhancing of a particular group's effectiveness through new, broad coalition work while preserving the group's autonomy in every sense. The structure of the Federation has a width and breadth that promises to be highly representative and ensure a thoroughgoing democratic process.

An action calendar of fall, winter and spring events around which the Federation will be built both nationally and locally is going into gear. A local Syracuse chapter has met a number of times. The Peace Council is currently considering whether to join forces.

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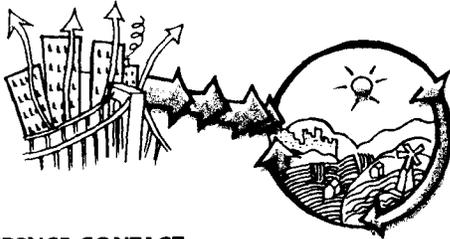
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All Quiet on the Western Front

FRIDAY, OCT. 8 7:30, 9:30  
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This film, based on Erich Maria Remarque's book, has long been hailed as one of the most significant anti-war films ever made. It traces the adventures of 7 young boys entering the German Imperial Army in 1914. Fear, horror and destruction are the essential story elements. One of the first pictures to be made entirely in sound, it won an Academy Award for best picture. With Lew Ayers and Louis Wolheim. (1930, 100 min.) Plus Part 4, SLAVERY

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COMING HOME

FRIDAY OCT 22 7:30, 10  
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The effects of the Viet Nam war on the lives of soldiers, the personal awareness of the war's injustice and the individual rights of the disabled are powerfully conveyed in this remarkable love story. Jane Fonda, Jon Voight and Bruce Dern give extraordinary performances. (1978, 127 min.) Plus SEE WHAT I SAY a celebration of communication for deaf women. Holly Near, Susan Freundlich and four other women explore the issues surrounding deafness, signing and signed-music.



FRIDAY, OCT 29 7:30, 10  
Don Siegel

Special effects and science fiction horror are combined as pods take over the US. The pods produce duplicates of existing people which control humans, void them of emotion and create passive robots. Director Siegel considered this film a metaphor for McCarthyism, the repressive political climate of the 50's (named after Joe McCarthy) which attempted to destroy collective and individual freedom. (1956, 114 min.) Plus RED NIGHTMARE (1957, 28 min) a farcical government "red scare" film narrated by Jack ("Dragnet") Webb. Commies beware!

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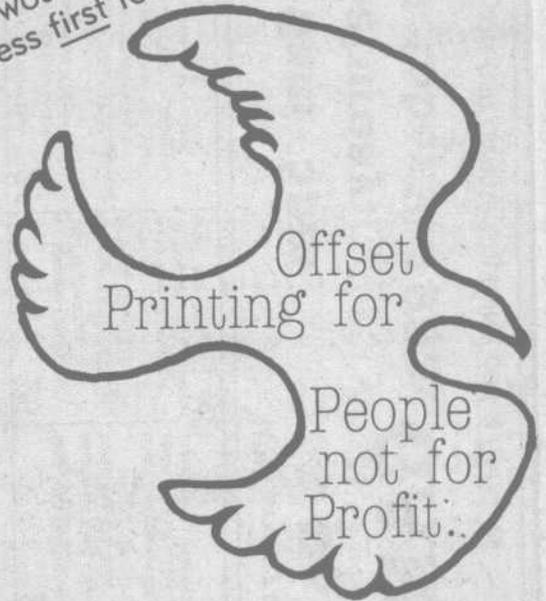
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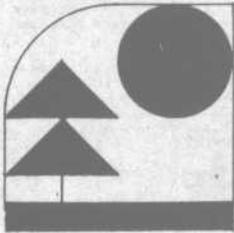
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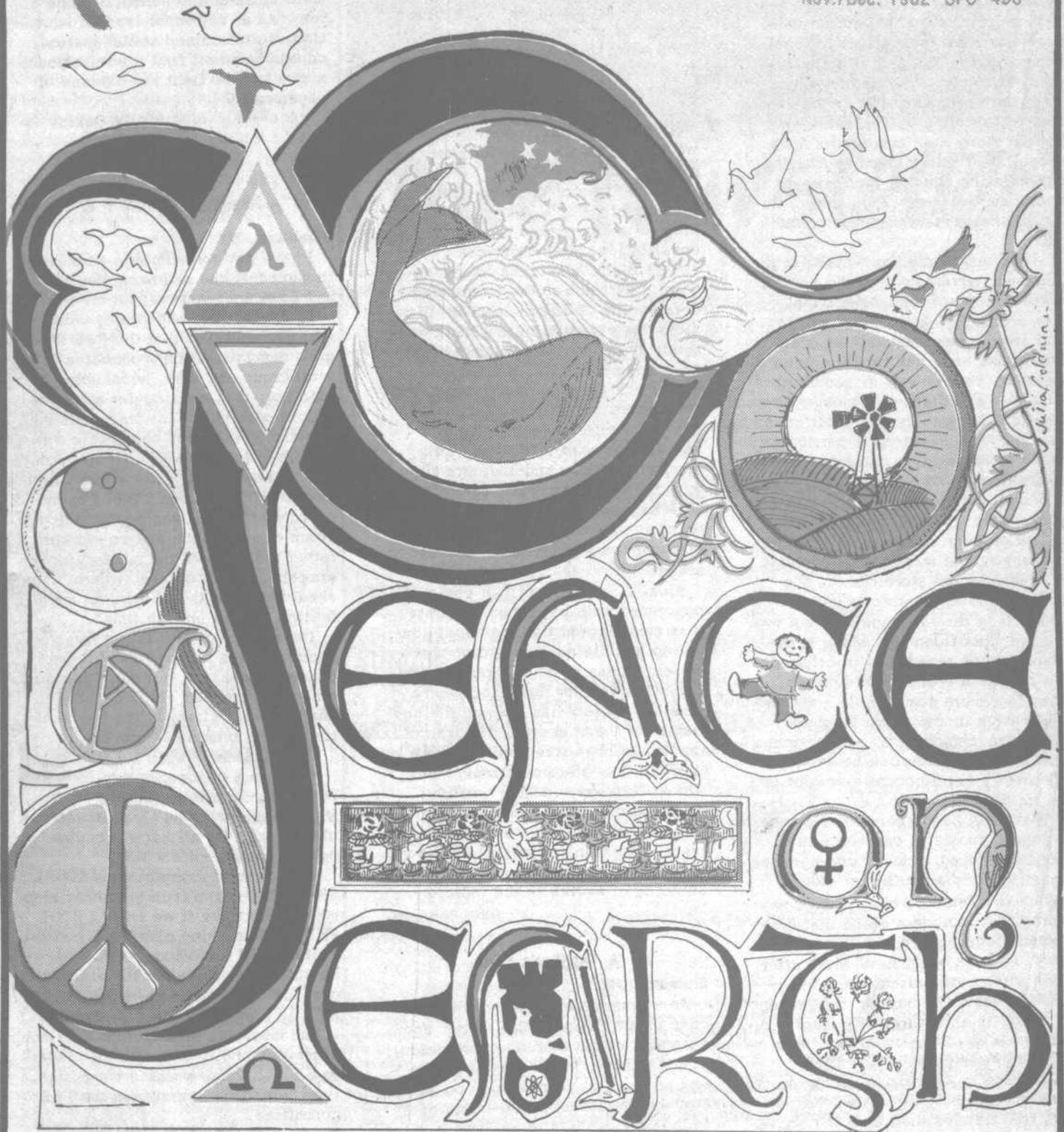
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# Letters

## In Response: Arab-Black Relations

Syracuse, NY

More often than not international problems have their affect in local communities. The Palestinian-Israeli conflict is certainly no exception. Over the years since the colonization of Palestine by European Jews began, many Arab immigrants have established a livelihood in America. Assimilation and low profile have been common buzzwords used to describe their re-establishment in the US.

This philosophy has worked to the economic advantage and the social disadvantage of Arab-Americans. Low profile has become no profile and stereotypes, as well as misinformation, have had fertile ground in America. This belief, in combination with fear and disillusionment with an American society deaf to their cause, has left Arab-Americans, particularly those of Palestinian extraction, with minimal voice of explanation.

Recent articles have spoken of an uneasiness when shopping at Arab-owned grocery stores. One of the reasons stated was the frequent use of Arabic by the store owner. The sole reason why Arabic is used is because it is the language that the owners are most fluent in. Many immigrant groups regardless of origin do not possess a command of English. They feel more comfortable and communicative in their own language. Are we so chauvinistic as Americans that we demand English be spoken at all times? Is an accent a scarlet letter for discrimination?

There has been speculation concerning the outposts of commerce that have developed in local communities specifically the Southwest side of Syracuse. Paranoia has fueled comments that include a claim that Arab owned grocery stores are funded by Saudi Arabian oil money! Myth after myth after myth-information! In the Middle-East, the buying and selling of goods is as natural as peanut butter and jelly. The immigrants have come to America with very little. They come to America to escape war, discrimination, tyranny and the poverty that has resulted from the above.

What else would we have them to do? Accept a place on the welfare rolls? No! As anyone else, the recent immigrant does what he does best in order to take care of his family.

Most unfortunately, there has been a breach of acceptance of the "new kid on the block". The blame cannot be pinned on anyone. Americans need to learn of the Arab culture in other ways besides the stereotypical images of greed, dirt and violence. Arab-Americans have a wonderful culture. We are filled with humor and a vigor for every aspect of life.

As chairman of the Arab-American Council of CNY, I make a special plea for a determined program of reconciliation. Arab-Americans have sought Black Americans for friendship in part due to the inherent understanding of discrimination. If tensions are elevated in the Black communities due to the presence of Arab-American enterprise, the Council will provide a place and a time, with translators, to arbitrate these and any other differences. In return I ask all who read this to exercise special patience and understanding with the newly arrived immigrants of Arab countries. The immigrant experience is unsettling in itself. It is compounded when we fail to understand.

Finally, as an American society concerned with basic human rights, it is most urgent that we begin education and dialogue regarding the homelessness of nearly four million Palestinians. For thirty four years Western society has ignored the humanity of these people. The tragic result has been five conflicts with the US proxy state of Israel, civil war in Lebanon, and the horrible events of this past summer in Beirut. Friends, we will have a more complete understanding of problems here at home with a more human understanding of events in the Middle East.

John Bahouth

## A Teacher's Pride

Shushan, NY

As a consistent reader of the Syracuse Peace Council Newsletter and a member of the teaching profession, I must express my dismay, outrage, and sadness at your cartoon on page 3 of the September issue-captioned "Schools Open" "Children Beware."

Those of us dedicated to our profession teach with love, humor and skill. We are proud of the smiles and successes while we combat both cynicism and fear.

It is insupportable thus that your periodical should depict teachers as male villains and school a place to fear. As a newspaper lauding education, agitation and social justice, couldn't you all find it within your scope to also fight the disease of negativism?

Molly Oakley

## A Resignation From P & E

Syracuse, NY

I have put considerable time and thought into the following decision and I ask that you respect my wishes

First and foremost I enjoy working with you and feel that the P&E (Program and Evaluation) committee is a vital group and very necessary. I also feel that my singular attention to anti-war/peace is vital. It is my contention that P&E needs this watchdog attention to that particular point.

I am now at the point where I feel emotionally drained. I feel I spend energies for anti-war/peace with a group of my friends and co-workers rather than toward the military/government/war-machines, where, they should be directed. I have an awful feeling of "not enough time".

The history of SPC is anti-war/peace. It was founded as anti-war/peace effort. I do not deny that social justice needs are necessary to change world views if the peace attitude will eventually prevail.

### IN THE MEANTIME!

There is a dangerous man in the White House who is talking about fighting and winning?? a limited nuclear war!! We all know a nuclear is not winnable"--it's FINAL!

My sense of urgency says STOP THE BOMB--stop it like nothing else matters because if we DON'T STOP THE BOMB nothing else WILL matter.

The FIRST direction of SPC must be anti-war/peace and then the social justice needs can be fulfilled. As it is now, this order is reversed.

The meetings take a great deal out of me personally and with all respect to a loyal, hard-working committee, I am hereby resigning from the P&E committee.

Sally Brule

## IN THIS ISSUE

We're glad to be back with another PNL for you (see p. 5 for an explanation of the delay). This Nov./Dec. issue seeks to combine the spirit of the holidays, our hope for the future, with a focus on both local strategies and international efforts in several parts of the world.

The Men's Group, crisis relocation organizing, the local Federation for Progress, the Tax Resistance Support Group and Upstate Resistance all struggle to make our vision clearer and our dreams more realizable.

Reports from Poland, Turkey, an update on Central America and a column on Visiting Dictators all make clear for us the human side of oppression. They remind us that our work for peace is a gift that we can give to all the world's children.

The disarmament article challenges us to think clearly and strategically about the way we work for peace.

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### Next Month's Production

Mon. Jan. 24, Tues. Jan. 25

### Deadlines

Space Requests: January 10

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Julia Goldman, a PNL fan from Madison, Wisconsin, sent us this very special holiday greeting to share with all of our readers. Thanks, Julie.

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## News from the SPC House

The SPC house has been changing with the season. Christa and Marco are busily becoming part of all that happens here. Their influence has even spread to house decor -- paper cranes have appeared everywhere (for a while one of the house plants was a paper crane flower). Christa and Marco arrived just in time to help winterize the house. We spent the day caulking, weatherstripping and putting up storm windows and plastic. The finishing touch was provided by Brent Bleier, who in an incredible week-long effort, rebuilt our chimney. As of this writing Brent has yet to receive his just dessert -- a cake in the shape of a chimney.

The SPC Press had a record month in October. Laurie and Gary sent out a special promotional mailing and were well rewarded. So well rewarded in fact that Laurie took a brief vacation. Liam too took a well-deserved vacation, having worked nearly seven days a week since his previous vacation. Also in October Liam and Karen were arrested while trying to shut down the selective service office in Washington D.C. Liam was fined and Karen has to return for a trial.

The second room in the house is beginning to look like a Front Room annex -- boxes of books are constantly coming and going. Books were at four colleges for programs on the prevention of nuclear war. The UPS delivery person is getting stronger with all the books he is bringing us for Plowshare and the holidays. And speaking of Plowshare, the excitement and activity are growing -- it's coming soon.

## 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 is supported primarily through contributions, monthly pledges, and fundraising events which reflect our political goals. To be a member one needs simply to contribute to SPC in some way (financial or otherwise) and to agree with the general principles of SPC. Attendance and participation in SPC community events establishes one's sense of membership in the Peace Council.

SPC's major work is done through committees and in coalitions. Four collectives work out of the SPC office: the program staff, the SPC Press, the American Myths Calendar committee, and the Front Room Bookstore. The office is open every weekday, 9AM - 5PM; visitors always welcome.

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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.

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Dear PNL Readers and SPC Members:



s Thanksgiving approaches, you may be wondering what has been holding up your November Peace Newsletter. Unfortunately, October found the Peace Council a few thousand dollars in debt; we couldn't publish another newsletter until we had paid for the previous two issues. As you can see from the masthead, these debts forced us to do a combined November-December issue. In addition, the special holiday mailing which you would usually be receiving now had to be skipped.

Instead, we've filled this issue with "holiday stuffing!" Please take time to look over the extra sheets inserted in this issue. Our annual Plowshare Craftsair is coming on December 11 and 12, complete with a holiday raffle. The Front Room Bookstore is all

stocked up with a great collection of books, T-shirts, buttons, calendars, posters and more. The posters in SPC's own collection also make excellent holiday gifts. So, before you head out to the shopping malls, drop down to 924 Burnet Ave. Support the cause of peace while buying educational gifts for your friends and family.

This season is the time of our most important fundraising. It is only by building up a reserve through our Phonathon and Plowshare Craftsair that we are able to last through the bleaker winter and spring months. Without this reserve, we will most certainly be in the red before the spring sunshine arrives.

This need not be the case. With a steadier monthly income, through a stronger monthly pledge system, we would be less dependent on seasonal fundraisers. This is what our Phonathon is all about, and we'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who came through with pledges during the first half of our 1983 Phonathon last week. We will be calling the rest of you very soon, in early December, so please think ahead about how much you'd be willing to pledge to the Peace Council.

For those of you who live outside the Syracuse Metropolitan area (more than half of our mailing list!) we can't afford to call you. But consider all the information and political analysis the Peace Newsletter provides, consider the Peace Council's essential role as a clearinghouse and resource center for peace groups throughout the Upstate region and beyond, and take a moment to send in a pledge or contribution.

As we enter the holidays, all of us hope that 1983 brings changes which will make this world a better place. Perhaps some progress toward peace in the Middle East, an end to US intervention in El Salvador, or even a Nuclear Freeze? But as we hope and work for these big changes, let's not forget to take time out for ourselves, friends and family. Peace has many different meanings, many different aspects, but they all depend on our treating each other as loving human beings.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year  
in Peace and Justice, for the  
Syracuse Peace Council

*Marc Rivkin*     *Jay Weinskin*     *Carol Baum*     *Liam Mahony*  
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Have a Happy, Peaceful Holiday!!

SYRACUSE PEACE COUNCIL  
**MONDAY POTLUCK DINNERS and DISCUSSION**

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- November 29 **Deciding How to Respond to Assault:  
Fighting Back or Not Fighting Back**  
Marty Linehan, certified Social Worker and Tae-Kwon-Do instructor, will show us what options may be available to us in the case of assault. Marty will facilitate the discussion on how we feel about fighting back, and how this fits into our philosophies of violence and non-violence. For more information, call Corinne at 422-1659 or leave message at SPC.
- December 6 **The Greensboro Massacre Three Years Later:  
A Survivors Struggle**  
On November 3, 1979, five anti-Klan demonstrators were shot dead in broad daylight during a demonstration against the Klan/Nazis in Greensboro, N.C. One year later, six defendants were found innocent of any wrong-doing giving a green light to racist violence in the U.S. Dale Sampson - one of those present at Greensboro and a widow of one of the victims - will present the current stage in the 3-year struggle for justice in the Greensboro Massacre. She works with the Greensboro Justice Fund in NYC which has been involved in a Federal Grand Jury investigation of the incident. Will the Justice Department legalize murder? Come find out. Questions? Call 472-5478.
- December 13 **Peace Activities and Feminism in the Middle East  
A First Hand Account**  
In November, Carol Berrigan visited Lebanon, the West Bank, Israel and Jordan as a member of the Women's Delegation to Women and Children in the Middle East. They met with peace activists and feminists. Carol will discuss these meetings, as well as share her slides. If you have questions, call Carol - 492-9060.
- December 20 **Draft Resistance:  
What's Been Happening and How to Get Involved**  
Every day brings new information about indictments, prosecutions and other government harassment of draft resisters. Find out the latest news and learn what is and could be happening here in Syracuse to support non-registrants. Members of Upstate Resistance will facilitate the discussion. Call Karen 472-5478 or Andy 472-7010 for information.
- December 27 **No Potluck**
- January 3 **Around the World in 60 Days**  
Gerry Edwards and Dinah Steel travelled to China, Japan, Korea, India, Nepal, Israel, Egypt and Rome this past summer with the Moonies. They will share their knowledge of the Unification Church and religions around the world, and their impressions of the different cultures. Discussion will be accompanied by their slides. For more info, call Gerry at 471-6923.

FOR INFORMATION/INPUT ON POTLUCK DISCUSSIONS CALL CORINNE KINANE AT 422-1659 OR SPC 472-5478

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## Hello to Christa and Marco

Christa Pranter and Marco Bürkli, whose introductions you can read below, finally arrived in Syracuse on October 14. They've been working hard here in the office -- in fact, they put a lot of time into this PNL issue -- and they're both looking forward to initiating and working on their own peace projects.

As we mentioned in a previous issue, we were successful in finding housing. Marco and Christa will be staying with Virden and Elva Seybold on East Genesee St. However, we're still looking for donations to help with food and other expenses. So, if you're looking for a deserving place to donate a holiday gift, please consider helping these two enthusiastic people stay (and eat!) here in Syracuse for the rest of the year.

## Hello to Syracuse

The first time I arrived in Syracuse, I was walking on Route 11. It was spring and I spent two weeks on the World Peace March "San Francisco - New York." At that time I didn't know yet that I'd return to Syracuse again to volunteer full time at the SPC.

I was born and raised in Switzerland, where I went to school for 13 years. An exchange program (called International Christian Youth Exchange) brought me to Jackson, Mich., in the summer of '81. There I spent ten months doing all kinds of volunteer jobs. When spring came I joined the Peace Walk. I was thinking a lot about my future, about my return to Switzerland, which didn't feel like home anymore. Feeling unsure about going to university, wanting to work for a peace group, wanting more education outside schoolrooms, looking for values, I thought that the SPC seemed like a place to pursue these feelings.

When I went back to Switzerland at the end of July '82, I was pretty sure that I'd return to Syracuse. Here I am.

I like to take my time doing things. I don't like to talk about my feelings, I enjoy cooking and I can't stand cold weather.



After I finished school in Sweden, I decided to go abroad for one year, wanting to see something different, another kind of life than I was used to. I ended up in Lincoln, Nebraska as an exchange with ICYE (International Christian Youth Exchange).

The year in Lincoln was a very important personal experience for me, where I became more clear about the priorities in my life. At the end of the year, I ended up on the Peace Walk and that's how I came through Syracuse.

Knowing that I wanted to do peace work and getting much encouragement from SPC people made the decision to come back easy.

Although I was somewhat involved with social change groups in Sweden, working at the Peace Council is my first experience with political organizing. For me it has been a big step to cross the line from only agreeing with the work for justice and peace to focusing my energy on it. So I have a lot to learn!!

I like to do quiet things like just sit and think, write or read. I always wanted to learn how to knit and this will be my next big project. . . . Sometimes, after making sure that I'm alone at home and that all the windows are closed, I will sit down and play my guitar. - Christa

## October Fundraising

The Peace Council Garage Sale was the fundraising success of the year, bringing in a whopping \$900 risk-free dollars. The total expense of the event was less than \$100, making it a highly profitable day of "community recycling." The Annual Dinner at the beginning of the month was moderately successful, raising about \$400. More important, (after Allan Solomonow's provocative talk) it gave us all a chance to think harder about the difficult issues of war and peace in the Middle East.

For reasons beyond our control, our annual pho-athon was delayed from October to November. It was difficult to recruit as many callers for the second set of dates, so we were unable to finish the calling. We will be finishing it up over the next few weeks, but we'll need many volunteers to help. If you can spend a couple of hours some evening on the phone, either here in the office or at home, call Liam at 472-5478.

The Holly Near concert also raised several hundred dollars, for both SPC and Women's Info. We would like to apologize for some inaccurate remarks made by Holly Near during the concert referring to SUNY and apartheid. To the best of our knowledge, SUNY has no money invested in the racist South African regime. (SPC is not currently active on this issue. If you are interested in working against apartheid, call Artis Lee at the American Friends Service Committee, 475-4822.)



Thanks!

For all the hard work that went into these events, a word of thanks and a bit of recognition are the least we can offer. Looking at the length of this list, which is still incomplete, of people who helped out on this crowded agenda of events, we can see how much active support SPC has in the community.

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Thanks!

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## Michael Cooney is Coming!

SPC and Friends of the Traditional Arts (FOTA) will co-sponsor a concert with Michael Cooney on Friday, February 11th at May Memorial Church. Some SPC people may remember the wonderful concert he played for SPC in December of 1977, or way back to the early '70's when we had an SPC Hootenanny. Michael sings traditional American and British folksongs, ballads, blues, sea songs...and plays banjo, fretless banjo, guitar, concertina. But more than just singing the songs, Michael can discuss where they came from with the ease of a folklorist, and in a manner as entertaining as the singing.

Anyone enthusiastic about traditional music, or Michael Cooney in particular, is welcome to the Concert Committee. Many small jobs available. Call Glenda at SPC 472-5478.

## The 500th Issue!

Yes, believe it or not, the August, 1983 issue of the Peace Newsletter will be our 500th. There are rumors and rumblings circulating that we might do something really special: perhaps a retrospective on the Peace Council; maybe with pages of "greetings" from SPC supporters, or advertisements. It could even be a special fundraiser. Whatever we do, it will take more advance planning than the usual PNL, so if you want to help with the planning, call Liam at SPC.

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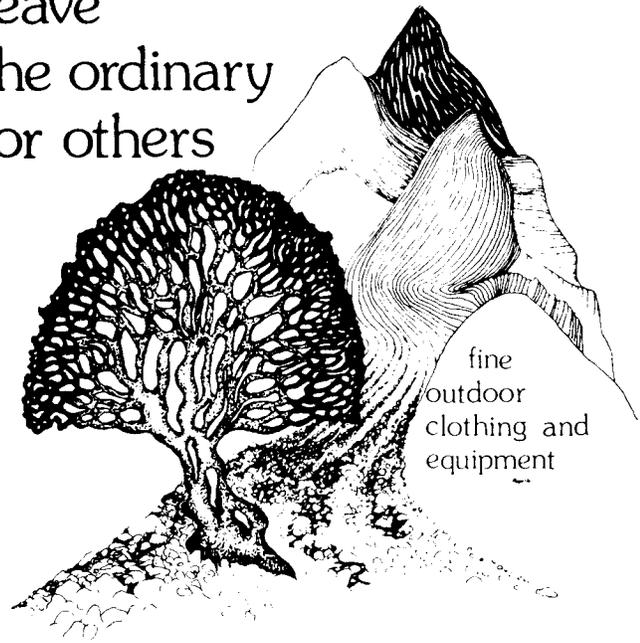
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## Book Review—

# A People's History of the United States

Author: Howard Zinn Harper Colophon Books 1980 \$7.95

by Joe Agonito

In the turbulent Sixties a growing body of historians began to challenge the traditional presentation of American history. Jesse Lemisch, one of the more militant "New Left" historians, called for a new methodology which would rewrite the history of the United States from the "bottom up" -- that is, from the viewpoint of Native Americans, black people, women, workers, the poor, and dissenters who had been left out of the textbooks and the system. Lemisch reasoned that such an approach would force a radical reinterpretation of the American past.

Lemisch's fondest hopes have been realized in Howard Zinn's A People's History of the United States. A People's History is the first synthesis of United States history written from a "left" perspective and incorporating the best of "New Left" scholarship (Zinn relies as well on some of the older "progressive" historians, such as Charles Beard). For Zinn "the history of any country ... conceals fierce conflicts of interest (sometimes exploding, more often repressed) between conquerors and conquered, masters and slaves, capitalists and workers, dominators and dominated in race and sex." In such a struggle Zinn admits (unlike most textbook writers who pretend to objectivity) that he sides with the exploited. In recounting the history of the United States Zinn chooses then to tell the story of the discovery of America from the viewpoint of the Arawaks, of the Constitution from the standpoint of the slaves, of Andrew Jackson as seen by the Cherokees, ... of the Mexican War as seen by the deserting soldiers of Scott's army, of the rise of industrialism

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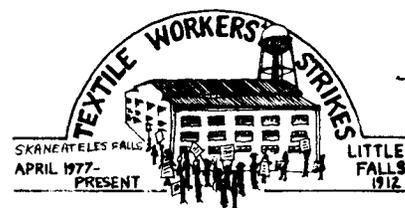
as seen by the young women in the Lowell textile mills, ... the conquest of the Philippines as seen by black soldiers on Luzon, ... the first World War as seen by socialists, the New Deal as seen by blacks in Harlem, ... the postwar America as seen by peons in Latin America.

For those accustomed to standard textbooks, Zinn's A People's History will come as a surprise and the familiar terrain of American history will no longer be recognizable. What does Zinn's America look like? Traditional heroes, when they are mentioned at all, become villains: Andrew Jackson, for instance, the frontier "democrat," emerges as a "slave holder, land speculator, executioner of dissident soldiers, exterminator of Indians." Great events become suspect: the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, to cite one example, designed to "save" American lives, was done more to overawe Russia than to defeat an already defeated Japan. Most important, the people become actors on the stage of history: poor people, from Daniel Shays to Fannie Lou Hamer, protest their poverty; black slaves, the famous (Nat Turner and Harriet Tubman) and the obscure, rebel against a cruel system, and their descendants -- Frederick Douglas, W.E.B. DuBois, Martin Luther King, Ella Baker, Malcolm X -- continue the struggle; Native Americans, from Powhatan to Russell Means, resist white domination; workers war against the capitalist, and the place names where they fought become legendary -- Haymarket, Homestead, Ludlow, Lawrence, Flint; women, from Elizabeth Cady Stanton to Betty Friedan oppose male control; and radicals of all persuasions -- Eugene Debs, "Big" Bill Haywood, "Mother" Jones, Emma Goldman, "Aunt" Molly Jackson, Nate Shaw -- appear throughout American history to denounce injustice.

A People's History is replete with

stories about the ever recurring struggles of the people. Why, then, if this is so, do the ruling classes (as even Zinn admits) still remain in control? Zinn recognizes the peculiar "genius" of the elites to survive. They have mastered the technique of deflecting lower-class anger against the system either by turning it inward (for instance, by pitting poor whites against blacks) or by directing it outward against some "imagined" foreign foe. The establishment has become adept at co-opting dissent. Controlling a land rich in resources (until recently at least) the ruling classes could always manage limited reforms, providing just enough concessions to pacify discontented groups and incorporating them partially into the system. The ruling classes could do this all the more easily since they control the political system. The school, and the mass media which indoctrinate the lower classes into an acceptance of the prevailing order. Finally, when all else fails, Zinn assures us that the establishment will imprison or kill those who really threaten their control -- and the list of martyred dissenters in America is legion.

Despite it all, Zinn retains his faith in the people and the struggle. Zinn writes with grace and passion and he quotes with great force from some of the most fascinating figures in American history. Zinn's A People's History is a provocative work which radically transforms the very way in which we perceive the American past. It deserves to be widely read.



Karen Kerney: SPC People's History 1978 Calendar

A People's History of the United States is available at The Front Room Bookstore.

# F.O.C.U.S. on Central America

by Douglas Igelsrud  
and Diane Heller

Friends of Central America United in Support (F.O.C.U.S.) is a local organization working for peace and social justice in Central America. Established as an interfaith task force in 1980, FOCUS has broadened and today consists of five committees: Interfaith; Public Education; Direct Action; Media; and Legislative.

The Reagan Administration continues to paint a picture of Nicaragua as increasingly totalitarian and intent on "exporting subversion." One hears nothing about the many positive accomplishments of the new government such as: reducing the illiteracy rate from 50% to 12%; implementing a land reform program that distributed some of the best farm land to 53,000 farmers; and a 218.3 million dollar health budget (26.4 million under Somoza). Honduran military support and U.S. involvement with 5,000 former Somosista National Guardsmen, who are conducting raids into Nicaragua from over the Honduran border, is rapidly escalating. (See Newsweek cover story, Nov. 5, 1982) While the avowed purpose is to stop the alleged flow of arms from Nicaragua to El Salvador, a senior Washington official was recently quoted as saying, "there are secondary and tertiary consequences which you can't control"--such as the fall of the Sandinista government. Former Honduran military intelligence chief Torres Arias recently condemned Honduran general Gustavo Alvarez's efforts to launch what Arias called a "criminal and bloody campaign" against Nicaragua. Costa Rica's president Luis Alberto Monge visited Washington in November to tell President Reagan that U.S. efforts to destabilize Nicaragua are endangering the region's moderates more than the Sandinistas. He asked Reagan to scale back American support for covert activities against the Sandinistas. The reaction: polite indifference. With joint U.S.-Honduran

military maneuvers beginning on December 5th, near one of the most sensitive border areas, small wonder many Nicaraguans fear imminent invasion. Now is the time to write to our government leaders.



"I'M SORRY WE DON'T HAVE BLINDFOLDS FOR YOU PEOPLE, AMERICAN OFFICIALS ARE WEARING THEM."

William Ford is a Wall Street lawyer. The murder of his sister, Ita Ford, a Maryknoll missionary, by the Salvadorean security forces on December 2, 1980, has dramatically changed his views on U.S. policy in Central America. On October 15th at the Harrison Center in Syracuse, Mr. Ford spoke to over 200 people. In his remarks at the FOCUS-sponsored event, he said he felt there were a great many people in the U.S. who were either disinterested or misinformed about what is happening in El Salvador. He stated: "Our government is supporting a group of gangsters in uniform." Recent remarks by U.S. Ambassador Hinton confirm the view: "Over 30,000 people have been murdered--not killed in battle--murdered," and "the gorillas of this Mafia (the security forces) must be stopped." Mr. Ford recalled the candid remarks of former president Duarte, "Anyone working with the poor will be called a 'communist' by the army." The opposition Democratic Revolutionary Front (FDR) has again appealed for a negotiated solution to the civil war, but the appeal has been rejected by the U.S. and Salvadorean governments. FOCUS is collecting signatures to place a full-page ad in the Sunday Empire magazine in late January when President Reagan will again attempt to certify that human rights conditions have improved in El Salvador. The statement calls for the halt of all military aid to El Salvador.

On October 21st, Mike and Sharon Lavery, former Maryknoll lay missionaries to Guatemala, shared their experiences with FOCUS members and the Citizens Foundation, a local business organization. Having lived in Huehuetenango from 1978 to 1980, Sharon could speak of the extreme poverty she witnessed in her work. She vividly recalled the death of a 17-pound two-year-old girl from malnutrition, just one of the 50% of all Guatemalan children who die before the age of five. These children are victims of widespread hunger caused by very low pay and frequent unemployment. When the Laverys recently revisited Guatemala, they found that the massacre of the Indian population is rapidly escalating. Sharon described the horror of small children clinging to the bodies of their murdered mothers, even holding fast as the soldiers threw the women's corpses into the bonfire. Amnesty International reported in October that the Guatemalan forces had killed more than 2,600 Indians and peasant farmers since President Rios-Montt came to power in March of this year.

In the new counter-insurgency program, entire villages were destroyed, the people tortured and mutilated, in at least 112 separate mass executions between March and July of 1982 alone. In Washington, the Reagan administration is pressing hard to resume aid to Guatemala while at the same time trying to avoid an open confrontation with a still-reluctant Congress. On November 11th, FOCUS brought a survivor of such a massacre to speak in Syracuse. Efrain Rosales relayed his story to audiences at Hendricks Chapel and the Newman Center at Syracuse University. On November 19th, FOCUS, along with Mutuality in Mission and various S. U. departments, sponsored a day-long teach-in on Guatemala.

The Interfaith Committee of FOCUS is planning a memorial for the 2nd anniversary of the violent deaths of the four U.S. churchwomen. It will begin with a vigil at Columbus Circle from 5-6 p.m. and continue as participants march to Maria Regina College for an ecumenical liturgy at St. Anthony's Chapel at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call FOCUS at 471-6677 or the Peace Council.

Douglas Igelsrud is chairperson of the FOCUS Legislative Committee. Diane Heller works locally on behalf of the United Methodist Church Board of Global Ministries.

# Visiting Dictators

*This fall President Reagan welcomed two of his closest Asian allies to the White House--Marcos of the Philippines and Suharto of Indonesia. Visits by the dictators of governments friendly to the United States government serve to further cement the ties which lead to injustice and suffering for billions of people.*

*These two cases exemplify the role played by the United States government in the Third World. The need for those of us working for peace and social justice to align ourselves with people struggling for freedom around the globe is clear.*

*-Andy Mager*

## Marcos--Philippines

In September Ferdinand Marcos of the Republic of the Philippines visited the U.S. at the invitation of Ronald Reagan, on the 10th anniversary of Martial law in his country. Marcos has been in power since 1964 as President/Prime Minister/Dictator. His violations of human rights are well known. Just prior to his visit he instigated a special 1,000 man Police Force with orders to "shoot to kill any suspect"; 50 people were killed. Since his return to the Philippines 80 people (including religious) have been rounded up.

Marcos came to beg for more money for the "rental" of U.S. bases in the Philippines. He wants an increase in rent from \$100 million to \$2 billion. This money does not just go into bases but is filtered into a 250,000 man JUSMAG (a joint U.S. military agreement). It's repression is felt in even the smallest barrio.

While Marcos (who spent \$15 million on his visit here) lives in the lap of luxury, the Filipino people are literally starving to death. A 1979 survey showed that 75% of the children suffered some degree of malnutrition and in one city the World Health Organization has assessed the blindness rate at 5%, mostly as a result of malnutrition.

A further repressive act is an attempt to pass the U.S.-Philippine Extradition Treaty in the U.S. It has passed in the Senate, but not in the House. This act (set up specifically for Marcos but potentially dangerous to all countries) would make it possible for a person to be extradited for "political opinion". Any appeal would have to be fought in the State Department, not in the courts. No Filipino in this country would be safe with this law!

What has happened to the U.S. policy on human rights? Human rights violations in the Philippines are as predictable as the sunrise and yet the U.S. Government's fervor to have armed bases all over the world tacitly approves these violations. When will we truly grant the Filipinos freedom! !

*-Sally Brule*



## Suharto--Indonesia

In October, just one month after the Marcos visit, Indonesian President Suharto came to Washington.

Like the Marcos regime, the Suharto government has been characterized by extensive and systematic human rights violations. Suharto, an army general, came to power in 1966 after a bloody purge of the Indonesian communist party. During the 1960's and 1970's the Suharto government held hundreds of thousands of political prisoners. Many of the political prisoners remained in detention for well over 10 years.

Suharto's government has always been considered important to U.S. military, business and foreign policy affairs. The U.S. Navy uses Indonesia's waterways to travel from their Pacific bases to the increasingly important Indian Ocean. Indonesia has also been a faithful supplier of oil and gas resources, and it has stood behind U.S. objectives in Southeast Asia and throughout the world.

An indication of the significance which the U.S. government gives to Indonesia's friendship is the way the last three administrations have protected Indonesia from criticism about its invasion and occupation of East Timor (see Feb. 1980 PNL).

The Reagan administration's acceptance of Indonesia's occupation of East Timor became a major focus of public attention during Suharto's visit. As Suharto was on his way to the U.S. 100 Congresspeople wrote to Reagan and Secretary of State Schultz calling on them to raise East Timor in their talks with Suharto. During the Suharto visit the national newsmedia, including television and radio news reporters, questioned the administration about U.S. policy on East Timor.

Administration officials refused to say whether East Timor or other human rights issues were discussed, but they were visibly disturbed by the persistence of concern about East Timor.

Apparently no new military assistance agreements came out of Suharto's visit. In fact the amount of attention to human rights violations generated by the visit may present problems for any new proposals for military assistance.

One thing is clear, concern about East Timor in the U.S. is having its impact. For more information contact: East Timor Human Rights Committee, Box 363, Syracuse, NY 13201.



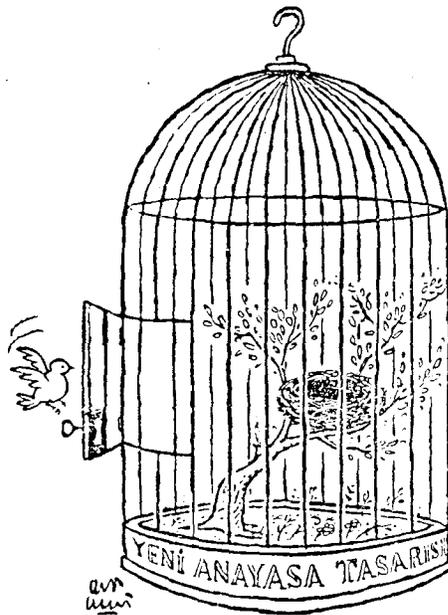
# Turkey: NATO Ally Under Military Rule

The late seventies was a time of complete disorder in Turkey marked by high inflation, 80-100 %, high unemployment, 17-20 %, increasingly unequal income distribution, student strikes, strikes at factories, and literally hundreds of people killed in the streets. On one side, is the popular democratic organizations struggling to retain freedom and basic human rights, and on the other side is the coalition government, its armed forces, and an armed fascist movement supported by one of the political parties which formed the coalition.

On September 12, 1980 the army intervened and seized control of the government. All political parties, associations, labour unions were banned. The state forces chased after the many 'anarchists'; most of them were accused of being 'marxist-leninists'. This long chase took more than one year. 19, 000 people were arrested and 6, 000 accused. Official authorities admitted that some 'dishonest' people happened to "torture and mistreat" the prisoners, and they assured that these people would be punished for their misbehaviour. Besides the arrests, hundreds of books and newspapers were collected in an attempt to destroy "communist propaganda." Turkish people were told that these restrictions were for the benefits of all the citizens and reminded that working in absolute harmony was employees' and employers' primary duty. They asked people to work hard and be obedient, to suffer under economic and political oppression and never to demand more than they are given.

The Turkish Peace Council was a progressive union which brought together many people from different age groups and different professions against war and against all kinds of human oppression. They organized several meetings, symposiums and helped to lead the anti-war movement in Turkey before September 1980. The Peace Council was banned just like

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THE NEW DRAFT CONSTITUTION

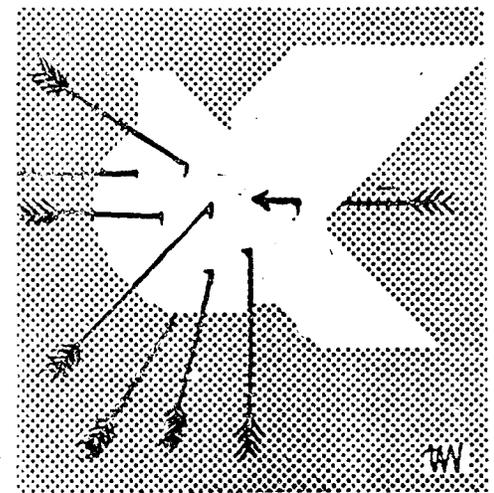
other associations and unions the day after the coup took place. One year later, in February 1982, the executives of the Turkish Peace Council, which had not been functioning since 1980, were all arrested. In May 1982, it was announced that the case would be examined by the Istanbul 2nd Military Court, which then asked that the arrested persons be imprisoned for 8 to 30 years. The Military Prosecutor said "... Turkish Peace Council has followed the directions of the World Peace Council which is a marxist-leninist organization and the directions of the illegal Turkish Communist Party. They used "Peace" as a means to join the political parties, associations and labour unions with which they shared a common ideology. They continuously made Soviet Russian propaganda, supported the anarchy in the country, and tried to build a communist system by destroying national fraternity and unity. Peace Council continuously communicated with marxist-leninist organizations in the country and abroad. They participated in the meetings held by these organizations abroad and acted against our own national interests.. " Orhan Apaydin, a member of the TPC, President of Legal Bar, arrested in February 1982, said in his defence: "These

claims do not have any evidence. Our struggle is to create respect for human rights and freedom. The underlying fact is that we are now being judged for this struggle." The case is still continuing.

A new authoritarian constitution, said to look like an imperial edict rather than a constitution, has been prepared during the past several months and the Military Government has already banned all criticism of the draft constitution which was voted on November 7th, 1982. The chief of the present Junta, under the constitution, became President for seven years and the other members of the Junta became an advisory council.

Meanwhile, on September 28th, William Casey, director of CIA, made a short trip to Ankara, capital of Turkey, where he met the Prime Minister Mr. Uluysu, who refused to inform the press about the reasons for this unexpected visit.

Weeks before the referendum an anti-constitution movement raised its voice in the country and abroad which resulted in a new series of arrests in the country. On November 3rd, about 10 Turkish gunmen took the employees of the Turkish Consulate in Cologne, Germany hostage. The gunmen made an appeal for resistance to the new constitution. Leaflets, signed The Revolutionary Left, said "Our refusal only has meaning if we translate it into deeds." Proclamations were made, "No to the Junta's constitution in Turkey," "No NATO democracy in Turkey."



# Personal Observations of Poland Under Martial Law

by Rich Zalewski

This summer, while a student at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland, I had the opportunity to experience life in Poland under martial law.

Most noticeable was the dismal economic situation. Ration cards are required to purchase many basic items--food, fuel, etc. Moreover, prices on everything have risen dramatically, and the availability of most essentials is a serious problem. For example, soap, detergent, and toilet paper are in short supply. At a butcher shop I waited in line for two hours with friends and some 50 others to buy sausage before a clerk announced that it was sold out. It would be another week before fresh sausage was available.

Some families have relatives in the West who ship them food and clothing to help alleviate their most pressing needs. Many Poles must fend on the streets trading on the black market Polish zlotys for US dollars. They use dollars at the hard-currency shops, which accept only US money and provide a variety of quality Western products unavailable in other stores.

The food supply problem is due mainly to faulty economic planning and a manipulation of distribution for political reasons. On August 13, the 8-month anniversary of martial law, I noticed lines much longer than usual at several stores. I was told that the government released certain scarce items for sale on that day in order to keep the population "in line" and off the public squares demonstrating.

There is a great contempt, I discovered, for the Kremlin which is often translated into dislike for all things Russian. A worker I met with a degree in economics went into a tirade against the USSR, blaming it for exploiting Poland's resources, giving Poland little and of meager quality in return. In bookstores I rarely saw browsers in the Russian language sections. I never saw anyone in the Marxist-Leninist literature

*Rich has been to Poland in 1980 and 1982 and has written about Solidarity in previous PNL issues.*

stacks. Conversely, there is a great demand for English language books (which are scarce), Western music, clothing, etc.

One visible sign of martial law is the daily patrols of ZOMO--the special military unit which cracked down on Solidarity last December and now enforces martial law. Late one night I was leaving a party with six Polish students. Suddenly a ZOMO vehicle appeared at the end of an otherwise deserted street. We dashed into a building to wait for it to pass. Although curfew has formally ended, ZOMO still has authority to act in suspicious situations. One student remarked that this incident reminded her of stories her grandparents related about the Nazi occupation--only this time the storm troopers are Poles.

In Poland one senses a great deal of mutual distrust between citizen and government. Fear, cynicism, dejection describe the public mood. But there are also signs of defiance. I saw pro-Solidarity graffiti on buildings, some blotted out by the police. One student showed me a political button he wore before martial law. It had the initials "EA"--"Element Antysocjalisty." As the regime grew concerned over the increasing power of Solidarity in 1981, it charged that anti-socialist elements were taking over the movement. To counteract this smear campaign, thousands of Solidarity members took to the streets with "EA" buttons, parodying the regime's ideological rhetoric. The absence of the word "socialism" in many Solidarity documents was a deliberate reaction to the perversion of socialism by the authorities over the years.

There has been a purge of university staff, renewed censorship, and claims of government surveillance

of students. Yet throughout Poland over 1,500 illicit bulletins have proliferated, most circulated in the factories. In a classroom building I found a stack of leaflets printed by the banned Independent Student Association (NZS). What I read was an appeal to the authorities to resume a dialog with Solidarity, to release the internees, to restore legality to NZS, and in general to end repression against Polish society.

As Solidarity's birthday approached, tensions mounted. One US student witnessed an unprovoked ZOMO attack on a crowd of 2,000 in Victory Square, Warsaw, in mid-August. People were assembled around a large floral cross built by individuals to honor the victims of martial law. There, a few days later, I saw the long wooden fence erected by the military to discourage future gatherings. More crosses were built on Church property bordering a major city street, and Poles resumed their daily vigils. While I stood by one such cross, I saw across the street ZOMO trucks and foot patrols. One foreign student acquaintance was arrested by plain-clothes police for recording the religious and protest songs of the crowds. He was released, but a Pole arrested with him was beaten and kept in custody.

I left Poland five days before August 31, when massive demonstrations occurred commemorating the historic Gdansk Agreement of two years ago.



## Budget Cuts: Human Services Nemesis

At a time when 11.5 million persons nationally are unemployed and approximately fifty-seven cents of our public dollar is committed to military spending, our local communities are faced with triage-like decisions that affect the lives of its members. Syracuse's human service agencies are in a desperate struggle to deliver quality service with less monies. In the case of agencies like Emergency Housing and Relocation, the death knell has already sounded.

The direct impact of less money for Syracuse's agencies is that fewer people can be served. This is evident in overflowing waiting rooms, program sites, offices and recreational facilities. According to one county legislator, each human service agency funded by county monies can expect a significant reduction in staff and/or services in 1983.

When the question of which services have been directly affected is asked, the answers are discouraging. Services related to simple survival have been the most affected. For instance, the various food closets throughout the county have dwindling supplies and less staff to solicit/distribute foods.

Families that need temporary assistance for 1-2 days may soon discover the food closets to be less full or even empty. Emergency clothes closets in the urban area may close due to staff shortages.

Grants to provide assistance in paying outstanding utility debts to prevent eminent shut-offs has been offered to eligible residents throughout the county through a local community action agency. However, budget reductions from governmental funding sources will reduce the number of persons who will receive these grant benefits.

Legal aid assistance to eligible persons also has been reduced. Thus there may be a recurrence of inadequate legal representation for the low-income families in this county.

Day care centers that depend upon subsidized funding are experiencing cutbacks severe enough to threaten closings.

Public schools are reporting acute problems meeting the rising costs of providing support programs for youths needing additional assistance with reading and math. Paper, textbook and staff shortages are becoming major set-backs.

The areas of human services suffering major budget cuts are broad. Beyond food, clothing, fuel, legal aid, public schools and day care, there are a legion of services facing similar fates: services that respond to the elderly, the developmentally disabled, emotionally impaired and chronically ill. The unemployed (adults and youths), youthful offenders needing rehabilitation (sic), public financial aid for colleges, just to name a few are also in need of continued financial support.

Collectively, citizens of this county can work together to balance the scales.

- Linda Boyd

## MX: From the Arsenal of Death

To the people who want to build the MX missile system, it does not matter whether or not Americans near the missiles survive. It does not matter whether or not the environment surrounding the missile site continues to be able to sustain life. It does not matter if much of the Western state's supplies of water, cement, electricity and construction materials are diverted from keeping the people alive to preparing to kill people.

No, to MX proponents, the only important thing is that the MX missiles should be able to survive a nuclear attack so that they can be launched and kill millions of people on the other side of the world.

The MX (Missile Experimental) program envisions building extremely accurate land-based intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBM's). Each missile would carry ten independently targeted warheads, and each warhead, after travelling 8,000 miles, would be able to strike within 100 feet of its target.

But where to put the system? In 1978 it was initially suggested to dig 4,500+ miles of tunnels in Utah and Nevada. 300 MX missiles were to be shuttled back and forth through the tunnels on railroad cars.

After several other changes they came to the present proposal: to put 100 MX missiles close together in a strip of Wyoming or New Mexico 14 miles long and one mile wide. This is called "Dense Pack" and the theory behind it is that the first Soviet missiles to hit would create a blast which would destroy or divert the missiles which followed, thus allowing the MX's to survive.

Estimates of the cost of the MX range up to \$100 billion. While this makes Boeing, Marietta, Northrup, and United Technologies very happy, anyone who wants to live, or who does not want her/his grandchildren to pay for this obscene system, does not share their joy.

According to a November 11 story in the Syracuse Post Standard, Senator Ernest F. Hollings, (D-S.C.), believes that he has the votes to shoot down the MX by deleting MX money after the Senate returns for a lame-duck session on November 29.

We can help. Write to Senator Daniel Moynihan and Senator Alphonse D'Amato and urge them to vote to delete all funds for the MX system from the defense appropriations bill or any stopgap spending bill. WRITE YOUR CONGRESS-PEOPLE TOO!

- Angus MacDonald



# Looking Up



## The Berkeley Tradition Continues

[Florence McDonald, Council Member of City of Berkeley, introduced the following Emergency Resolution June 29, 1982, which was passed 5 to 4.]

I MOVE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A HALT TO ANY FORM OF DRAFT NON-REGISTRANTS' PROSECUTIONS AND DISCRIMINATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, U. S. Attorney General William French Smith has announced that indictments against draft non-registrants will begin during the week of June 28th, and

WHEREAS, Registration is the first step leading to a general draft, and

WHEREAS, Every American war has been accompanied by a draft, and the regulations and government machinery are now being set in place for a draft, and

WHEREAS, The needs of the people of Berkeley and all U. S. citizens require maintenance of peace and constitutional and human rights, and

WHEREAS, The people of Berkeley have in the past actively supported the rights of draft resisters,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Berkeley City Council will continue such a tradition through recognition of the events of the "Stop the Indictments" Campaign by issuing a statement of support calling for a halt to any form of draft non-registrants' prosecutions and discriminations.

RESISTANCE

## Truth on Display

If people in Boston continue to act favorably to a city health board proposal, the following warning will replace fallout shelter signs on many of the city's non-residential buildings: "Warning - The Board of Health of Boston has determined that no occupant of this building will survive a nuclear attack."

During the hearing, which took place in late October, eleven speakers spoke in favor of the resolution and none of the one hundred people present spoke against it. According to Paul Carey of the Department of Health and Housing, this major victory for truth "is a statement of fact. Over the years those fallout shelter signs have lulled people into a false sense of security. People walk by and they subconsciously tell themselves they would be safe there. But there is no escape."

The rest of the text for the proposed new sign reads as follows:

"NUCLEAR WAR. NO SHELTER - NO ESCAPE."

"NUCLEAR WAR has no cure. It can only be prevented."

## Parting With Apartheid

Foes of apartheid are extracting investment money (without using an anesthetic) from the sensitive pocketbooks of South African corporations and of American firms that trade with South Africa.

In late spring, Democratic Kentucky Governor John Y. Brown sent a trade mission to South Africa to "initiate economic ties." Then, in August, Governor Brown had a meeting organized by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Kentucky's black state legislators. The meeting included representatives of the American Friends Service Committee, the African National Congress of South Africa, and the American Committee on Africa (ACOA). Following this meeting, Governor Brown reversed himself, saying, "We are not going to do business with companies that believe in segregation . . . We are not going to do business with South Africa."

Other victories:

In June, Philadelphia prohibited the investment of public pension funds for corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia.

In Connecticut, Governor William O'Neill signed a bill which requires

the removal of state pension funds from companies that make sales to the South-African police and military.

In both Michigan and Massachusetts divestment bills have a strong chance of becoming law before the end of the year.

## The Freeze is Coming

Next time someone starts talking to you about one of those conservative "mandates," be sure to remind them of this fact: on election day this year, about one-fourth of the nation's population approved resolutions calling for an immediate world-wide freeze on the production, testing and deployment of nuclear weapons, as well as the bombers, submarines and missiles used to carry them.

The Freeze Resolution won in every state where it was placed on the ballot except one, Arizona. Voters in Michigan, Oregon, California, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Montana all passed the referenda as did those in the local elections of 30 cities, including Chicago, Philadelphia and Washington, D. C. They join those Americans who have already declared their commitment through resolutions of 275 city governments, 12 state legislatures and 446 New England town meetings, in addition to a popular vote in the State of Wisconsin.

An impressive beginning. . .

## Building Bridges

Sweden's media had a week of events on Peace, in connection with UN Day, October 24. The events built up to a rally in Stockholm, the capital of Sweden. 40,000 people were walking for disarmament and peace.

All holding hands, they formed a Peace Bridge between the United States and Soviet embassies, to say: "We want peace. We want the governments to listen to the people."





# Beyond the Freeze Toward Abolition

The Freeze Campaign has been a greater success than many of us had expected. If I am in some ways critical of the Freeze, I want to give credit to those who saw, better than I, the chances that the Freeze offered of a breakthrough beyond the narrow ranks of the peace movement toward middle America. Critical as I may be I do support the Freeze, and was a signer of the original Call. If handed a petition to put it on the ballot, I would sign. If the matter was up for a vote in my city, I'd break my neck to get to the polls and vote for it. But if asked to lay aside other work, particularly work involving a demand for the United States to take unilateral action for disarmament, I would decline.

## Danger of Being Co-Opted

In any struggle there is the danger of mistaking a trick by the opponent for a victory. Management can often prevent a union from organizing by temporary concessions to workers. The first response of any Establishment to a rebellion is human - it denies the rebellion is real. Reagan's first response to the European demonstrations was to write them off as Moscow-organized. But if the Establishment is wise, the second response is to try to buy out the rebellion. We saw this 20 years ago when, after a monumental campaign against U.S. and Soviet nuclear tests, Kennedy and Khrushchev signed the

*The above article was excerpted from a pamphlet by the same name written by David McReynolds for the War Resisters League. Copies of the original are available for 25¢ each, \$15/100 from War Resisters League, 339 Lafayette St. New York, NY 10012. (212) 228-0450.*

"Partial Test Ban Treaty." The peace movement didn't denounce the treaty as a fraud, they embraced it as a victory. The U.S. and Soviet governments pulled off a terrific con job. Testing in the atmosphere stopped - but the tests moved underground, weapons were perfected to fit the new and more deadly missiles, and the arms race never paused.

If all we want is the Freeze, we may get it - because the Freeze would meet the economic needs of one sector of those who run the country and it would silence the peace movement. We must be clear in our own minds. We support the Freeze because for us the Freeze is not the end - it is a small but important beginning.

## No Easy Way Out

We are living in a moment of exceptional potential for change, such as we have not seen in 20 years. We can fail to make a breakthrough if we fail to realize how much has to be done. We have a chance of leaping to safety - but only if we take a great leap.

We advocate a revolutionary position - a world without guns. Often moderates argue that the right wing is so powerful we must limit ourselves to just a single issue, and even to part of that issue - the Freeze, a balanced, verifiable Freeze. If we are for unilateral disarmament, we are urged to keep that discreetly in the background.

To argue that we not discuss other issues is to argue that foreign policy and the arms race develop in a vacuum, and to ignore what is happening around us. We are living in a period so close to a depression that only an expert can tell the difference.

I know the Freeze is not monolithic, but a broad campaign that has brought together a range of groups. I only suggest that within the Freeze Campaign we continue to work to do the following: (1) To emphasize that the Freeze must be a first step toward complete and general disarmament; (2) Make clear our support for Japanese and European demands that go beyond the current Freeze position (both Peoples want removal of U.S. weapons from their lands.) (3) Try to understand that while we see the world only in terms of U.S./Soviet Bloc politics, much of the world is trying to disengage and we welcome that disengagement and the demand for nuclear free zones in Europe, the Pacific, Asia, Latin America; (4) We must reach out toward those most deeply hurt by Reagan's domestic and military programs and point out the link between disarmament and the chance to rebuild America; (5) To spell out now the next immediate steps after the Freeze.

## Beyond the Freeze- Unilateralism

The major problem with the Freeze and almost all discussions about disarmament is the effort to sell it as "risk free." It is this which makes the Freeze both acceptable - and weak. When we argue that the arms race is barbaric and edges us toward destruction and that any risks we take in ending it are fewer than the risks we take in continuing it, we are on strong ground. But when we argue that we "risk a Freeze" because we are "about equal" in weapons, we open the door to the "experts" who will bring in ABM's, ICBM's, "throw weight," Cruise, SS 20, etc., until

we lose sight of the real issue in a cloud of essentially pointless jargon.

There is no perfectly safe way of having a Freeze - at whatever point we stop, either we or the Soviets will be "slightly ahead" and the gen-

erals (and academic experts) on one side or the other will insist they can't "freeze" until they have increased their arms just to equality. When do we wake up to the fact that this game has gone on for 37 years?

We are told that the whole point of deterrence is not to have to use the weapons. If we are not willing to use these weapons, they do not deter. If they do not deter, let us get rid of them. When War Resisters League calls for unilateral disarmament we do not mean only for the United States, but for all nations. That is, let each nation begin without waiting. The actions can come first, the treaties will follow. Our own members do not bear arms, do not do military work, and resist the military in the ways open to them. We call on our sisters and brothers in all countries, in whatever ways are open to them, to refuse to cooperate with their own war machines.

Obviously multilateral disarmament is what we all want. Pacifists do not want a world where one nation is unarmed and all others remain armed. But we believe that something as revolutionary as disarmament is not begun by treaty, but by action.

Governments prefer the stability of the arms race to the dangers of disarmament. They are aware of the



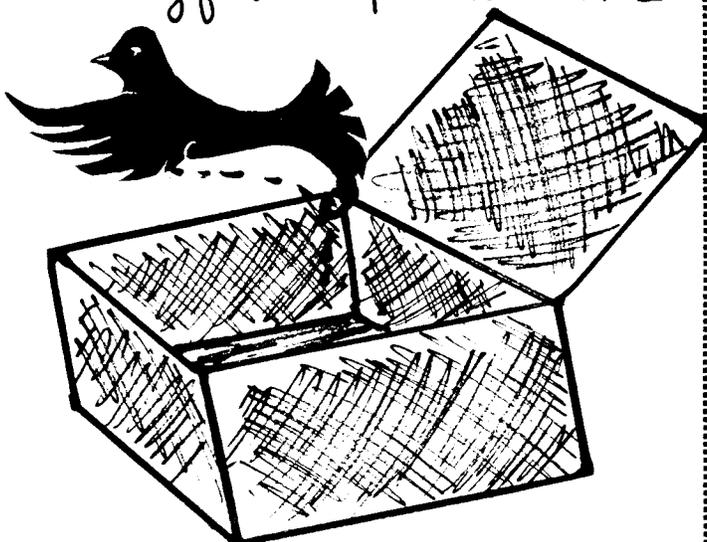
long range risks of an arms race, but they fear more the short range impact of disarmament on their own power. Each government says to its own people, "Trust us, we desperately want to disarm - talk to the enemy, he makes it impossible, and we arm only to provide for your security." Suppose part of the public were to say, "We are fed up. We have heard your words for a thousand years and no longer believe them. You have taxed us for war while our people have no homes, not enough work, too little to eat. Your defense is a greater threat to us even than the enemy. We won't serve in your army. We won't pay your taxes. We won't do military research. And we will organize demonstrations and actions that will make it extremely hard for your military machine to function at all - because we finally realize that your militarism does not protect us - it threatens our survival."

The unilateralist positions says that the way to begin disarming is to begin. Let us begin first with ourselves, because we have control over that. We are convinced that if one

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# "Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn US Around..."

## A Draft Resistance Update

On November 15, Judge Terry Hatter, Jr. declared the draft registration regulations invalid because former president Carter did not follow review procedures correctly. Judge Hatter also dismissed draft resister David Wayte's case and let stand his previous ruling that the government is selectively prosecuting public non-registrants. The implications for those already convicted, awaiting trial or not yet registered are unclear at this time. The government is expected to appeal promptly.

### Prosecutions Continue

Meanwhile, the government continues its intimidation campaign. The Selective Service System (SSS) has obtained driver's license computer tapes from all but five states and has started to do cross-checks between the lists of draft age drivers and their list of registrants. Already 20,000 letters have been mailed out. The letters, signed by General Turnage, SSS director, were mailed Oct. 19 and give the recipient 15 days to return the registration form. If the form is not returned, the resister's name will be turned over to the local US attorney's office.

As of this writing, 13 men have been indicted (see box). Four have been convicted and one, David Wayte (above) has had charges against him dropped.

In Syracuse, Andy Mager has received a letter from the SSS telling him to register. He stands strong in his resistance, in spite of local US attorney Frederick Scullin's statement that "I would expect that someone's going to nail him pretty soon."

### College Financial Aid

In response to the law threatening cut-off of federal financial aid benefits, some colleges, such as Earlham in Richmond, Indiana, have pledged to make up any monies taken from students.



### 60 Arrested at SSS HQ

On Monday, October 18, 60 people (supported by 300 more demonstrators) were arrested at the SSS headquarters in Washington, DC. Police had arrived before 6 am and barricaded the headquarters, leaving a small passage way for pedestrians and employees. At 7 am people met at Washington Circle and marched along Pennsylvania Avenue to the SSS. Around 8 am, affinity groups tried to cross the barricades and blockade the passages. People were arrested within an hour and charged with crossing police lines. After much of the action was complete, three people strolled by the barricades unchallenged and walked to the front doors. They were able to sit down for a few moments before being arrested. Two affinity groups from upstate New York participated in the action.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 3--Coffeebreak, WAER, 11 am
- Dec. 3--Draft Resistance Potluck 6 pm, 946 Ackerman, 472-7010 for resisters, their supporters, and anyone with questions
- Dec. 4--Upstate Resistance, statewide network meeting, 109 Trinity Place, 471-6923, 12--lunch, 1--meeting, supper together, dancing
- Dec. 5--Draft Counselor Training, must pre-register, call 475-4822, American Friends Service Committee, 1 pm to 8 pm
- Dec. 5--Choice or Chance slide show on registration, recruitment and the draft, 8 pm, call 475-4822 for location
- Dec. 14--Syracuse Peace Council/Upstate Resistance monthly meeting. For those interested in working on draft resistance. Call 472-5478 or 471-6823 for place, 7:30 pm.

### THE FEW, THE PROUD, THE INDICTED...

These men need to hear from you!

- Ben Sasway, sentenced to 2 1/2 yrs., out pending appeal, 804 Ora Avo Dr., Vista, CA 92083
- Enten Eller, sentenced to 2 1/2 yrs., suspended on condition that he register within 90 days (he says he will not), Bridgewater College, Box 552, Bridgewater, VA 22812
- Mark Schmucker, sentenced to 2 1/2 years working in a home for mentally retarded, \$4,000 fine, Goshen College, Goshen, IND 46526
- Gary Eklund, convicted, awaiting sentencing, 1555 W. 29th St., Davenport, Iowa 52804
- David Wayte, CHARGES DISMISSED, for the moment, 475 Alpine St., Pasadena, CA 91106
- Paul Jacob, indicted, gone underground to avoid trial, from Arkansas
- Indicted, awaiting trial:
- Russ Ford, Ecology House, 69 High St., Middletown, CT 06457
- Ed Hasbrouck, Mass Open Resistance 1020C Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass. 02215
- Kendal Warkentin and Chuck Epp, Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas 67117
- Rusty Martin, Box 504, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613
- Gillam Kerley, Box 246 and Michael McMillan, Box 942, Madison, Wisconsin 53701

# The Canadian Connection — Together We Can Stop the Cruise

## Refusing the Cruise

For years now there have been Canadians committed against any involvement in testing and production of the Cruise Missile. That their voice for peace is becoming stronger and their work is gaining widespread support among other Canadians was clear this fall: a massive nationwide protest rally, numerous local referenda, and a large Civil Disobedience at the Litton Systems Cruise Missile factory in Ontario have all taken place within the past few weeks.

On October 30, in Ottawa, the nation's capital, 15,000 people attended the largest peace rally in Canadian history. Concerned people from every province and the US (including about 250 from Upstate NY) marched past the Houses of Parliament and gathered at a nearby park to hear speakers and music.

The rally's theme, "Refuse Le Cruise" was stressed from many perspectives. The significance of feminism, non-intervention, the struggles of indigenous peoples, as well as the connections between moral and economic issues were discussed by such speakers as Sr. Rosalie Bertell and Ken Hancock of the Cruise Missile Conversion Project (CMCP).

-Laurie Goldman

## Connecting the Issues

On the day following the rally, the Alliance for Non-Violent Action, a recently formed network of Canadian activists, and the Women's Action for Peace held a day of workshops in Ottawa. The workshops drew the connections between support of the military and our experience as women, men, working people, people in developing countries, etc. The focus was strategizing - finding better, more creative ways of working together in our communities.

One of the workshops that I facilitated was "Draft Resistance in the US." I am encouraged by the support and aid draft resisters will find from our friends in the Canadian peace movement if exile becomes necessary.

-Karen Beetle



## Unexpected Violence

On October 14, a van full of dynamite exploded outside Litton's Cruise factory in Rexdale, Ontario, injuring eight people and causing millions of dollars in damage. A few days later responsibility was claimed by a group, "Direct Action," denying any connection with other anti-nuclear groups, in particular the CMCP.

Direct Action's 9-page letter analyzed Litton's and Canada's involvement in the arms race, stressing the need for "militant direct action." The well thought-out, coherent essay contained in it many hints, such as

*"We will not survive if our success is determined by whether the nuclear enemy can be persuaded to change its sickened mind,"*

clearly pointing to the legitimate political frustration and impatience which led to this tragically misguided action.

The letter ends with a pitiful attempt to apologize for the fact that injuries occurred, outlining the "safety" precautions which were taken, and attempting to shift blame to Litton's security for not evacuating workers quickly enough.

The damage done by this action to any attempt to establish dialog with Litton workers is immeasurable. The injuries to police and workers is unforgivable.

The Nobel Peace Prize grew out of Alfred Nobel's fear that his invention of dynamite signalled the beginning of humankind's ability to destroy itself. It is sad and ironic that the climate of violence is now such that well-intentioned people have been deluded into seeing dynamite as a weapon of peace.

-Liam Mahony

## Blockade at Litton

November 11 is Remembrance Day in Canada. To commemorate this day the Alliance for Non-Violent Action coordinated a day of resistance at the Litton plant in Rexdale.

The theme of the day, "To Remember Is to End All War," sought to reach out to people who remember war by honoring veterans and thinking of those killed in past wars.

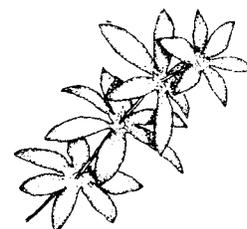
The evening before the blockade there was apprehension about the effect the bombing of three weeks previous might have on the action. Soon after the 150 blockaders sat down at either end of the access road to the plant at 6:45 a.m. it became clear that the police feared violence.

Over 50 of the blockaders were arrested at the northern blockade. The others were physically removed by the police to allow vehicles to pass through. The police wanted to arrest as few people as possible.

The action was certainly an escalation from the three previous civil disobedience actions at the plant. Approximately 4 times as many blockaders participated as in the past actions. The police were also out in force with some 300 officers on hand, 10 times that of previous actions.

Despite the inability of the blockaders to close the plant for the entire day, people left feeling strong. Nearly 1,000 support people turned out during the day to express their solidarity. There is a strong feeling of growth and gaining momentum on the part of these Canadian activists.

As an American there to support their efforts I could only feel sad that there were not more of us!!



## Militarism

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nation begins the process, public opinion will force leaders in other nations to follow. The Soviet Union lost 20 million people in the last war. The very soul of the Soviet people longs for peace - what would happen to the Soviet government if our side took serious unilateral steps, subject to verification by Soviet teams? A Soviet government that did not respond would risk being swept away.

We balance the risks of an unarmed world against one with nuclear weapons

and we know that while capitalism and communism as they now exist would not survive disarmament, humanity would.

Our universe has about it now a sick shimmer of unreality. We know weapons lie in wait, buried in fields and the depths of the ocean that can dissolve our cities and leave behind not even ruins. To redeem our world it is essential we create the possibility of a future, the sense of ourselves as existing within a river of time without beginning or end. A freeze cannot do that. It leaves the future

hostage to stockpiles of weapons so powerful they evade imagination, leaves us thinking sightless and in terror of the void where time has ended, the river burned away.

How fortunate to live at this time in history when our lives have a chance to count in the work of carrying this human race one step forward. And what obligation to live now, knowing how much rests upon our actions. The step we must take is toward the literal abolition of war. The Emperor is naked. Let us have the wisdom of a child to see it and say it.

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### Taking a Stand on Israel

Syracuse, NY

I have been reluctant to take a public stand on the Middle East for fear of being labelled anti-semitic. It is a reluctance shared by many other Christians, I suspect. I shared my feelings with a Jewish friend, partly out of guilt. He was one of 16 local Jewish people who signed a letter entitled "Jews against Genocide (In the Syracuse Post Standard). I felt that same reluctance when I attended the annual Dinner of the Syracuse Peace Council. The speaker was Jewish.

He too condemned the policies of the Begin government.

Whether one agrees or disagrees with the opinions set forth, one has to admire the moral courage it demands to be Jewish and be critical of the state of Israel. The highest form of loyalty is dissent.

As a Catholic, I have publicly supported a woman's right to have an abortion. I have been condemned by other Catholics for supporting murder. My position on that issue stems in part from my belief that the religious leaders of my church have made a serious mistake by trying to impose

our beliefs on others. It has fueled anti-Catholic sentiment and created division within our church.

The situation of Jews relative to the Middle East poses a similar dilemma, only much worse.

At the risk of being labelled anti-semitic, it is my firm belief that the state of Israel will never have any meaningful security until it comes to grips with the rights of the Palestinian people.

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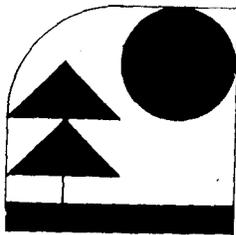
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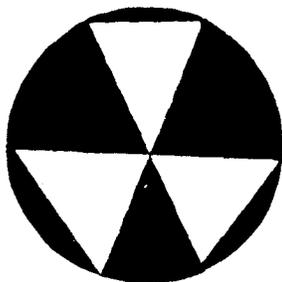
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## 'Town Meeting' to Blast Nuclear War Planning Dec. 1st

Imagine the cold food storage lockers of Tops and Wegman's used as morgues "to accommodate the increasing numbers of dead"; imagine the newspaper boys and girls dutifully delivering the news tabloid announcing an imminent nuclear war; imagine senior citizens, disabled people, and poor people competing with car-less Syracuse University students for a seat on the busses that are supposed to take them out of town in the event of a nuclear war; imagine thousands of compliant workers, many of whom earn minimum wages, remaining in the nuclear target area until the big bombs fall, for the purpose of "safeguarding" the industrial apparatus and serving the politicians. Then you get an initial glimpse of what's being cooked up for Onondaga County's residents as our government continues as a partner with the Soviets in its acceleration of the nuclear arms race.

Effective organizers know that when people understand how an issue affects them directly--what



it means tangibly for themselves and the people they care about--they can mobilize themselves into a political force. And that is the dual purpose of TARGET SYRACUSE--a "Town Meeting" on civil defense scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the Onondaga County War Memorial (lower level, Convention Hall) on Wednesday, December 1 . . . education and political action.

There is nothing abstract about the threat of nuclear war, or the intent of Reagan administration policy, when citizens have an opportunity to learn, in grimly explicit detail, the content of nuclear war evacuation scenarios viewed as part of our strategic arsenal.

They are designed to make "limited" or "protracted" nuclear war plausible by fostering the myth of

survivability. In reality these so-called "crisis relocation plans" actually increase the threat of nuclear war by functioning as the "triggers" for attack: signals to the Soviets of our readiness for war.

Organized by Physicians for Social Responsibility and the Nuclear Weapon Freeze Campaign of Central New York and endorsed by the Peace Council, the Syracuse Freeze, United Campuses for the Prevention of Nuclear War, and other groups, the event is expected to draw participants from a wide spectrum of personal and political commitments. "We have vigorously sought the participation of state and county civil defense planners themselves," organizers say, "because we believe that if they think these plans are valuable, they ought to be able to defend them, in front of the people whose lives purportedly depend on them. We think these plans can't hold up under scrutiny, and in fact may themselves cause loss of life."

If you'd like to help in the organizing, call Pat at 446-2380.

- Pat Rector

## Tax Resistance Grows Locally

This month, while many people search for Christmas gifts and tax deductions, others will be giving another kind of gift and taking a riskier step with their income taxes. More and more people are redirecting tax money from war to peace--studying, counseling and publicizing their actions. In Syracuse, a support group has been meeting monthly for nearly a year; now it is planning several events: a workshop, a potluck, a press statement and probably attendance at a hearing.

The group formed last year at about this time. Members are from many different backgrounds and affiliations, and all actions are actions of individual conscience.

Dr. Frank Oski visited the group and received a letter of support after he and his colleagues pledged to withhold military taxes last February. The group also met with

Ed Davie, a long-time resister and Quaker. Many of the members redirected tax money in April. The group was present at Danny Hakim's hearing at the Federal Building. The IRS officials were uncooperative and the group's presence caused the postponement of the hearing. Other resisters have been supported with information and encouragement.

After contacting the War Resisters League and the Conscience and Military Tax Campaign, as well as several lawyers, the group has labored over a public statement of conscience. The statement raises the original concern of the group: the threat to all life and the curse to the world economy made by the arms race and financed by our taxes. Until significant progress is made in reversing the arms race, the group will support continued ac-



tions of tax redirection by individual members.

Everyone is encouraged to watch for the statement's release in early December. The next meeting is to be on December 8 at 7:30 at the Friends Meeting House, 821 Euclid Ave. Also watch for news of Danny Hakim's hearing, which may come up this month, and for radio and press coverage of all this. A potluck is being planned for the near future--watch for it on the PNL potluck page.

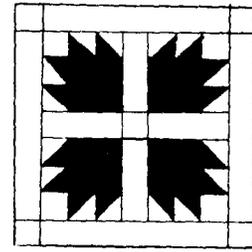
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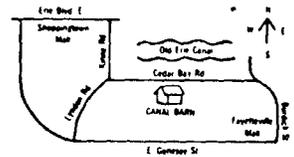


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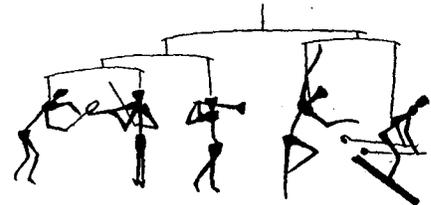
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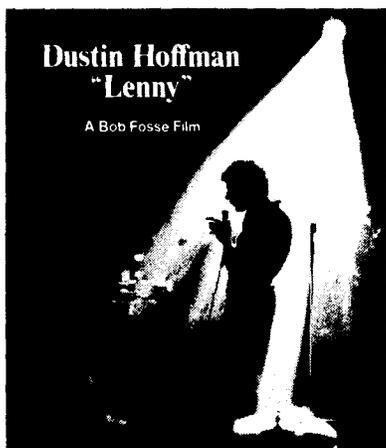
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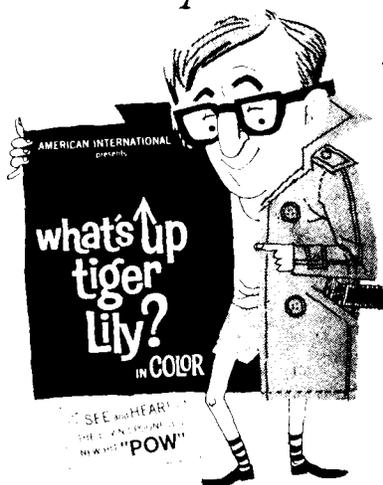
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From the Feminist Series of Crossing Press. Available for \$5.95 at The Front Room (TFR).

## "There Is No Way to Peace, Peace Is The Way"

The 1983 War Resister's League Calendar is inspiring, (as most of their calendars have been).

The appointment calendar is filled with wonderful quotes on war, peace and social justice. My only criticism of the calendar is its lack of graphics

Two of my favorite quotes are:  
*I dream of giving birth to a child  
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by Eve Merriam, and  
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### Everywoman's Almanac

This year's Everywoman's Almanac is a celebration of women and culture. Interspersed with sketches and songs are short pieces by Canadian feminists about their lives and work.

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### The 1983 Disarmament Calendar

The 1983 Disarmament Calendar, published by the Syracuse Cultural Worker's Project, fits into the series of wall calendars published in previous years by the Syracuse Peace Council.

The calendar is packed with attractive black and white photographs of peace rallies across the world. There is a focus on the June 12th rally in New York City. In addition to the photos, the calendar provides many facts about the arms race and people's struggles for peace and justice. "No home should be without one," said the PNL production crew.

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The Women Writer's Calendar is an appointment calendar with excerpts of pieces by women writers. Twelve authors from the late 18th century until today are represented with black and white photos and a nice balance of poetry and prose.

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The calendar has good space to make notes, but no extra space for addresses.

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## Community

## Local Federation Chapter Gets Rolling

A coalition of progressive groups is forming in Syracuse that promises to be broader and to provide more unity in a concrete way than any in recent Syracuse history. Perhaps not since the anti-Viet Nam War period have groups from such diverse backgrounds sat down to discuss strategy, politics and both the urgency and possibility for progressive social change in Central New York. Consider the rostrum of organizations that have been meeting to discuss the forming of a coalition:

The Socialist Party of New York State / Syracuse Chapter  
 Americans for Democratic Action / Syracuse Branch  
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 Central New York Council on Occupational Safety & Health (CNYCOSH)  
 Citizens United Against Police Brutality (CUAPB)  
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 Legal Services of Central New York / Staff Attorney's Association  
 Educators for Social Responsibility  
 Coalition of Labor Union Women  
 Syracuse United Neighbors  
 Onondaga County Daycare Network  
 National Lawyer's Guild / Syracuse Chapter

Such are the organizations involved in preliminary discussions on the formation of a Syracuse chapter of the Federation for Progress.

Billed as "the natural followup to June 12th," the Federation was launched at a national conference in New York City this summer (see PNL; Oct. '82).



The Federation themes - Jobs, Peace, Equality - are the triad around which nearly all progressive social change is being fought for today in the US. The FfP understands that coalition work 1) must be long term, methodical, thoroughly democratic work and; 2) must be multi-issued, broad and comprehensive.

The Syracuse chapter will soon be looking at proposals for work indigenous to Syracuse. One possibility for SPC involvement is economic/peace conversion as a program of action that ties the Federation goals together well with SPC's work.

As the nearly 15 organizations continue to explore the potential for cohesive action, two significant weaknesses present themselves: Will the FfP be little more than an anti-Reagan response - deflated by a Democratic presidential victory in 1984? Second, how broad will the FfP be locally, given that major local organizations are not involved at this time?

In the coming months, the FfP must devise a Program that envisions genuine long term, fundamental, progressive social change beyond Reagan's depression, and then consciously build an FfP chapter that includes all eligible organizations willing to carry that program out.

Peace Council members are encouraged to learn more about the Federation and SPC's potential involvement in it.

## Open Hand Theater Moves On



Greetings from Open Hand Theatre, a local, political theatre collective. We create and perform a variety of theatre, from juggling skits to a full length play about U.S. involvement in Central America.

This past year we participated in many disarmament and nuclear freeze gatherings by performing "The Original Child Bomb" and "Nanabaclou", two disarmament pieces. OHT took part in the City's summer parks' programs; juggling, teaching and performing. Our move at Summer's end

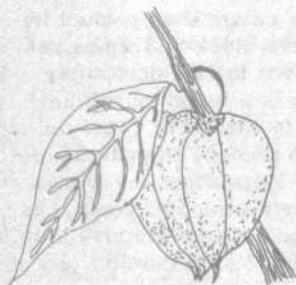
from Eureka Studios to Plymouth Congregational Church provides our own stage for rehearsals and performances. Our new address is 232 E. Onondaga St., Syracuse 13202. Phone messages will be taken at 472-9386.

We are presently offering two classes in Beginning Contact Improvisation and Juggling. Call Geoff for class information at 472-9942.

There are many ways to help. We need help with costumes, stage lighting, building props and providing music (we need a cellist!). We need a small desk, a lamp, plants. Our next performance is Dec. 9 from 12:30 to 1pm at our new home in Plymouth Church.

## Resources for Gentle Men

- M. gentle men for gender justice. A nationwide journal (2.50)  
 THE MALE MACHINE - Fasteau (4.95)  
 UNBECOMING MEN: A men's consciousness-raising group writes on oppression and themselves (2.50)  
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 FOR MEN AGAINST SEXISM: A book of readings - Snodgrass (ed.) (6.00)  
 FATHERJOURNAL: five years of awakening to fatherhood - Steinberg (3.00)  
 THE SPIRAL PATH: a gay contribution to human survival - Fernbach (6.95)  
 THE MEN WITH THE PINK TRIANGLES - Heger (4.95)  
 WITCHCRAFT AND THE GAY COUNTERCULTURE - Evans (5.95)  
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 THE MILKMAN'S ON HIS WAY - Rees (4.95)  
 REFLECTIONS OF A ROCK LOBSTER: a story about growing up gay - Fricke



# The Syracuse Men's Group

## Local Anti-Sexist Group Struggles to Deal With Men's Issues

by Paul Barfoot

A new movement is building across the country, as men begin to realize the strength of supporting each other in taking back the full humanity denied us by traditional masculine sex roles. We are rediscovering the beauty of becoming nurturing, caring humans, and are starting to use the energy of this discovery to confront sexism in ourselves and in society.

In September of 1981, a group of about a dozen men began meeting in Syracuse to give support to each other and to reach out to other men. The group called itself simply "the Syracuse Men's Group." Some men came to the group with a background in the peace movement. Some were motivated by the lessons they had learned from the feminist movement. But all shared the common concern of needing to build trusting and caring, rather than competitive relationships with other men.

As the new group met throughout the Winter, the need for a statement of purpose became apparent and a subgroup was formed to write one. A support group was formed, a ritual and magic group, a gay-straight dialogue group, a study group and eventually a second support group came into being as the need for it arose.

In the Spring, the Syracuse Men's Group carried on a tradition that was begun three years earlier by some of the men. We celebrated International Women's Day with a pancake breakfast to raise money for the Women's Information Center. This and the Charlie Murphy concert, which the group also sponsored, brought several new men into the group.

*Paul is a native Central New Yorker. He is married to Gretchen, an active feminist. Together, Paul and Gretchen dream for a world in which their daughter, Tina and son, Brian can grow up free of the oppression of sexism.*



(part of the group at a recent meeting)

The Syracuse Men's Group has formed so that we may work together to discover our capacities for friendship, affection, gentleness, strength and caring. We aim to develop a community which will support the full humanity of each member.

We have come together so that we may better understand and challenge the domination of society by males (i.e., "patriarchy"). We see around us violence, injustice, limited capacity for feeling and inability to cooperate for the betterment of all. We see the elimination of male dominance as a step toward the elimination of these social ills.

In getting to know ourselves as men, and through our contact with the feminist movement, we understand the need to take responsibility for our own sexism and that in the world at large, and to replace it with positive values. We strongly support feminism and are trying to learn from it the lessons of mutual aid, consciousness raising and activism.

We recognize that homophobia (i.e., the fear of homosexuality) keeps men alienated from one another. We are therefore committed to dialogue and solidarity among gay, straight and bisexual men.

As we dismantle what keeps us apart, a beautiful new world can be built.

The Syracuse Men's Group welcomes new members and encourages the participation of men of all backgrounds who are comfortable with the values expressed in this statement.

By the beginning of the Summer there were almost 40 men on the mailing list and the statement of purpose (see box) was finalized and agreed to by the whole group. The slide show "Masculinity and Violence" was purchased and plans were begun for its use by members of the group.

The Fall of 1982 brought Charlie Murphy back to Syracuse for a second concert, and will see the first showings of "Masculinity and Violence."

It is difficult to predict what lies ahead for the Syracuse Men's Group, but a series of workshops on Men's issues for the Spring is in the early stages of planning and a weekend for older boys has been proposed for the weekend of Women Harvest in September, 1983.

Many issues have been raised by the Syracuse Men's Group during its first year, and many concerns expressed. But like the national men's movement, we are still struggling to define ourselves and to choose the particular issues we will take on as our own. The most important issues seem to be: the role of society in allowing and promoting violent behavior in men (especially against women) and the struggle for gay rights and against homophobia. Still, the foundation for work in these areas seems to be the building of a caring community of men. This is not easy work. Change is never easy, but the Syracuse Men's Group has made a beginning.

## Fighting Mississippi "Justice"

We have been following the case of Mayor Eddie James Carthan (see Sept. PNL p7, Oct. PNL p5). On October 16, an Upstate contingent went down to the Tchula Seven support rally in Jackson, Mississippi. Bob Staley-Mays, staff-person at the Rochester Peace and Justice Education Center, sent us this report.

### Three Thousand Strong

I started from Buffalo with four others early in the morning on Friday for the October 16 Tchula Seven support rally. When we arrived in Jackson, Eddie Carthan was completing his third week of a water fast in the Holmes County Jail. Hundreds of people gathered four miles north of the State Capitol to begin the march. Shirley Unger, Carthan's wife, spoke, as well as Rev. Frederick Douglass Kirkpatrick of the Black United Front. There were CALC chapters from as far away as Southern California, Texas and Minnesota; everyone marching four abreast, singing chants, freedom songs, and spir-

ituals. One of the most impressive events along the march came when we received word that we were to pass a church funeral. The lengthy silent marching which followed was as moving to me as was the chanting and singing.



The crowd eventually swelled to an estimated 3,000 people in downtown Jackson. Speakers at the rally included Rev. Joseph Lowery of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Joseph Carthan, Eddie's brother, and Ms. Jackie Martin, daughter of slain Tchula alderman Granderson. Ms. Martin said Eddie Carthan is "guiltless of my father's blood."

### Harassment on the Rise

As Bill, Elizabeth, Audrey, Jim and I drove back from Jackson, we re-

viewed recent events in the South, where once again systematic harassment of Blacks is on the rise. I remembered Gary Tyler, who is serving a life sentence in Louisiana for a murder he obviously did not commit. The testimony which convicted him was later recanted; the woman claimed she'd been threatened and intimidated by Louisiana State welfare authorities and the Ku Klux Klan. There has been clearly documented evidence from Congressional reports, Amnesty International, and other litigations that there is a conscious link up of intelligence agencies of both federal and state governments, that have as their purpose to disrupt, discredit and destroy effective Black leadership.

### Innocent!

On November 4, an all-black jury found Eddie Carthan innocent of the murder of Roosevelt Granderson. Carthan is still in jail, awaiting the appeal of two previous convictions. The struggle continues.

## Note Our Arrivals of Late



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 REWEAVING THE WEB OF LIFE: Feminism & nonviolence (8.95)  
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## Free Speech Challenged

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Nevertheless, at the event, attended by over 129,000 people, Boeing, General Electric, the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce, a local drug awareness group - among others - were admitted to the open house and allowed to hand out literature.

SAC filed suit against the Air Force Base, wanting access to the same civilians visiting the base. They are now petitioning the Supreme Court. Although the suit has been denied so far, they are very encouraged by the three dissenting circuit judges, who said they couldn't accept the Air Force's "selective exclusion" of SAC. The three said that the defence contractors' displays were as "ideological" as the displays proposed by SAC.



Free speech is also an issue for the Knolls Action Project. Members of the project have for the last four years been leafletting workers at the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory, which is responsible for the Trident submarine's propulsion system.

Karen Rembert decided to quit her job at the lab (see PNL 8/82 p. 4), saying that the Knolls Action Project had caused her to reconsider working for the company. Three weeks after she quit, the chief of security at General Electric, which manages the lab, called the group. He requested that they stop the leafletting at the entrance road to the lab. They now have to leaflet farther away from the lab, at a location near fast moving traffic, which causes them to reach many fewer people.

The Knolls Action Project has tried to work out a compromise with GE, but it hasn't worked so far. They have been trying to avoid legal action but will go to court if necessary.

# PEACES

## Lesbian Court-martialed

On October 15, Joanne Newak was sentenced to six years of hard labor. Her crime? Wanting to live her life as she chooses.

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During the appeal of this case, Joanne Newak's lawyer, Faith Seidenberg, presented evidence showing that Joanne was badly served by the Air Force attorney first assigned to defend her. He had persuaded another airwoman to testify, under immunity, against Newak. He had also been telling her that Newak "was going down the tubes." The lawyer was removed from the case when his biases became apparent.

Even though this took place during off-base hours in Joanne's private apartment, she was sentenced by military court. The incidents which under military code are considered as major crimes would hardly even have been brought up in a civil court.

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## S. Korean Justice

On March 18, 1982 students from the conservative Presbyterian Koryo Theological College set fire to the American Cultural Center in Pusan, South Korea. Leaflets scattered outside demanded that the U.S. leave Korea and accused the U.S. of subjugating Korea economically, perpetuating Korea's North/South split, and supporting an unpopular regime.

The South Korean military-based government's reaction has been extreme. On the basis of confessions extracted under torture, two men were sentenced to death; two women received life imprisonment; the Catholic Priest who helped the students turn themselves in was imprisoned for three years; and 11 others were sentenced to from two to 15 years. In addition, 16,000 people were rounded up in the days after the fire.

Many observers believe that only pressure from the U.S. Congress and from the Reagan administration can save these lives. A nationwide petition campaign protesting the sentences is underway.

For petitions and further information, contact: Committee for a New Korea Policy, 221 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206.

## More Action at Electric Boat

On Sunday, Nov. 14, just days after the sentencing of the original Trident Nein (Aug., 1982 PNL), seven people entered the Electric Boat facility with more dirty work in mind. Three people boarded the USS Georgia, damaged 6 missile hatches and poured their blood down the missile chutes. The other four managed to damage a steam turbine from one of the other subs. All seven are now in jail in Connecticut, awaiting arraignment.

One of the participants in this most recent action was an Upstate New Yorker, Ellen Grady of Ithaca.

The original Trident Nein were given sentences ranging from time served to one year in prison followed by five years of probation.

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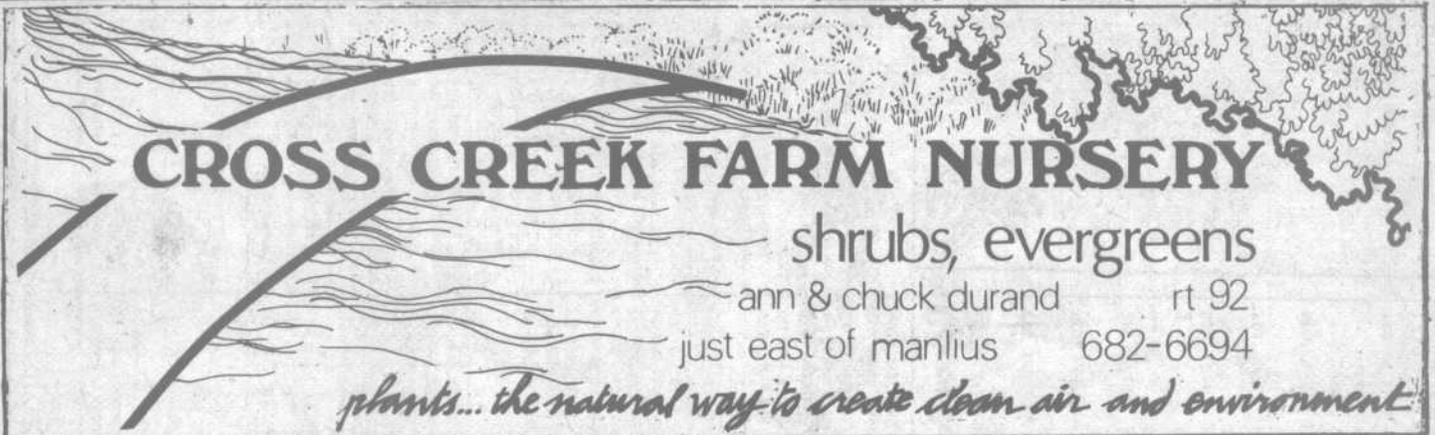
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28	<b>SPC Potluck</b> Deciding how to respond to assault 6pm Friends Mtg House see p 6	29	every Tues: 4-7pm Women's INFO open 478-4636 every Tues: vegetarian dinner 'Westcott Cafe' 6-8:30 \$3.50 Dorothy Day died 1980 Liturgy St Anthony of Padua 7:30pm	30	<b>Target Synocussal Town Meeting</b> on civil defense 7:30pm War Memorial see p. 21 446-2380 "Slave System of Law" Eugene Genovese 3pm SU Bird Lb Rm 1916 sponsor: African Studies	24	Socialism in Tanzania: Dr. G Hyden 10-moon 119 College Pl 423-2552 Community Thanksgiving Eve Service SU Hendricks Chapel 7:15 476-2001 donate canned goods	25	<b>Moving?</b> Please let us know before you move!! Anniversary of American Martyrs in El Salvador: Vigil in Columbus Cir. 5pm Walk to Liturgy at Grant & Court Sts 6pm 476-0048 Advocates for Choices in Childbirth 7:30 100 Berkeley 422-7791	26	Watch for Women's INFO Dec. Newsletter with Intrust survey and photo/poetry section!	27	every Sat: Cambridge Forum public affairs program WRO-fm90 11:30am every Sat: Westcott Recycles glass, alum, paper 12-4pm 301 Peat St 472-4157
5	<b>Draft Counselor Training</b> 1-8:30pm must pre-register 475-4822 New Environ't Assoc. potluck 5:30 mtg on homestead-ing exper. 6:30 478-0336 Animal rights jpr: potluck 6pm mtg 7pm 478-8521 or 475-0062	6	on the Greensboro Mas-sacre 6pm Friends Mtg House see p 6 472-5478 Physicians for Soc'l Responsibility mtg 6pm Upstate Med. Ctr Room 5342 475-0062 Performers for Nuclear Disarmament coalition mtg 8pm 472-9942	7	SEUNAS(Southeast Univ., Neighborhood Assoc.) open mtg 7:30 118 W Ind-sor St. 475-8159 every Tues: Women's INFO potluck 6pm 601 Allen St. 478-4636 Women's political caucus mtg 7:30 446-1868	8	CNY NOW mtg 7:30 Fed. Bldg Rm 1117 446-2128 "Toxic Chemicals" with Walter Hany/NTPRG 476-8381 every Wed during SU term: Int'l. Lunches noon, Int'l. Living Ctr 401 Euclid 423-2457	9	Open Hand Theater: "The Old Woman, Laaväa" Plymouth Ch noon free "Idealism meets the Bureaucracy" David Slatery SU Maxwell Fds Room 7:30pm "Physics of a First Nucl Strike" FR: SU - Physics Dep't, Rm 202, 4:15 pm	10	<b>What's Up Tiger Lily</b> NVS Films SU Grant Aud. 7 & 9pm \$1.50 see p 23 Workers needed at Plov-share, set-up tonight 472-5478(Glenda) Men's party 8pm 472-7010(Audy)	11	<b>Plovshare Craftfair</b> 10am - 5pm see below Send your January Calendar items to Corinne c/o SPC before 12/18 for special mailing(no Jan. ENL)
12	<b>Plovshare Craftfair</b> noon- 5pm see below Vigil at the Seneca Army Depot, 2 pm. For more info call SPC 472-5478. Socialist Forum see p 28 Men's Grp mtg 9-noon 109 Trinity Pl. 472-7010 see p27	13	<b>SPC Potluck</b> on the Middle East 6pm Friends Mtg House see p 6 472-5478 Citizens United Agst Po-lice Brutality mtg 7:30 633 So Warren 476-6538	14	Upstate Resistance mtg 7:30 946 Ackerman Nuclear Freeze 7:30 May Mem'l 458-6286 Fed. for Progress 7:30 633 So Warren 472-2406 Amnesty Int'l mtg 8pm SU White Hall	15	Educators for Soc'l Responsibility 7:30pm 1320 Jamesville Str. 673-1083 The Front Room Book-store open every Wed. 111 9pm 472-5478	16	NACF mtg 7:30 116 Furman St. 471-3891 "The Other Wise Man" Pat Butler-Greenon at Plymouth Ch noon free	17	<b>Hair</b> NVS Films SU Grant Aud. 7 & 9pm \$1.50 see p 23 Inter-religious Instruments for Peace 9:30am Friends Mtg House 475-4822 New Envir. Assoc. Holiday Party 7:30pm 270 Fenway Dr.	18	<b>Nuclear Weapons Facilities</b> Networking meeting in Roch-ester for info: SPC 472-5478



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MON 12/21 SPC POTLUCK: Draft Resistance 6pm Friends Mtg House 821 Euclid 472-5478

FRI 1/7/83 Upstate Resistance potluck 946 Ackerman Ave potluck 6 pm 472-7010

SUN 1/9/83 Celebration of Life Exhibit Opening 2 - 5 pm 821 E. Genesee St. 492-0631

FRI 1/14 NVS Films: HAROLD & MAUDE 7, 9, 11pm SU Grant Aud. \$1.50 472-5478

SUN 1/16 Socialist Forum: Eastern Farmworkers Assoc. 3 - 5 pm Westcott Cafe' 475-7715

FRI 1/21 NVS Films: SMALL CIRCLE OF FRIENDS 7, 9, 11pm SU Grant Aud. \$1.50

MON 1/24 & 25 Production of February FNL

1/24 - Volunteer Counselor Training at Rape Crisis Ctr. Limited registration 422-7273

1/29 MICHAEL COONEY CONCERN May Memorial proceeds bene fit SPC 472-5478

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