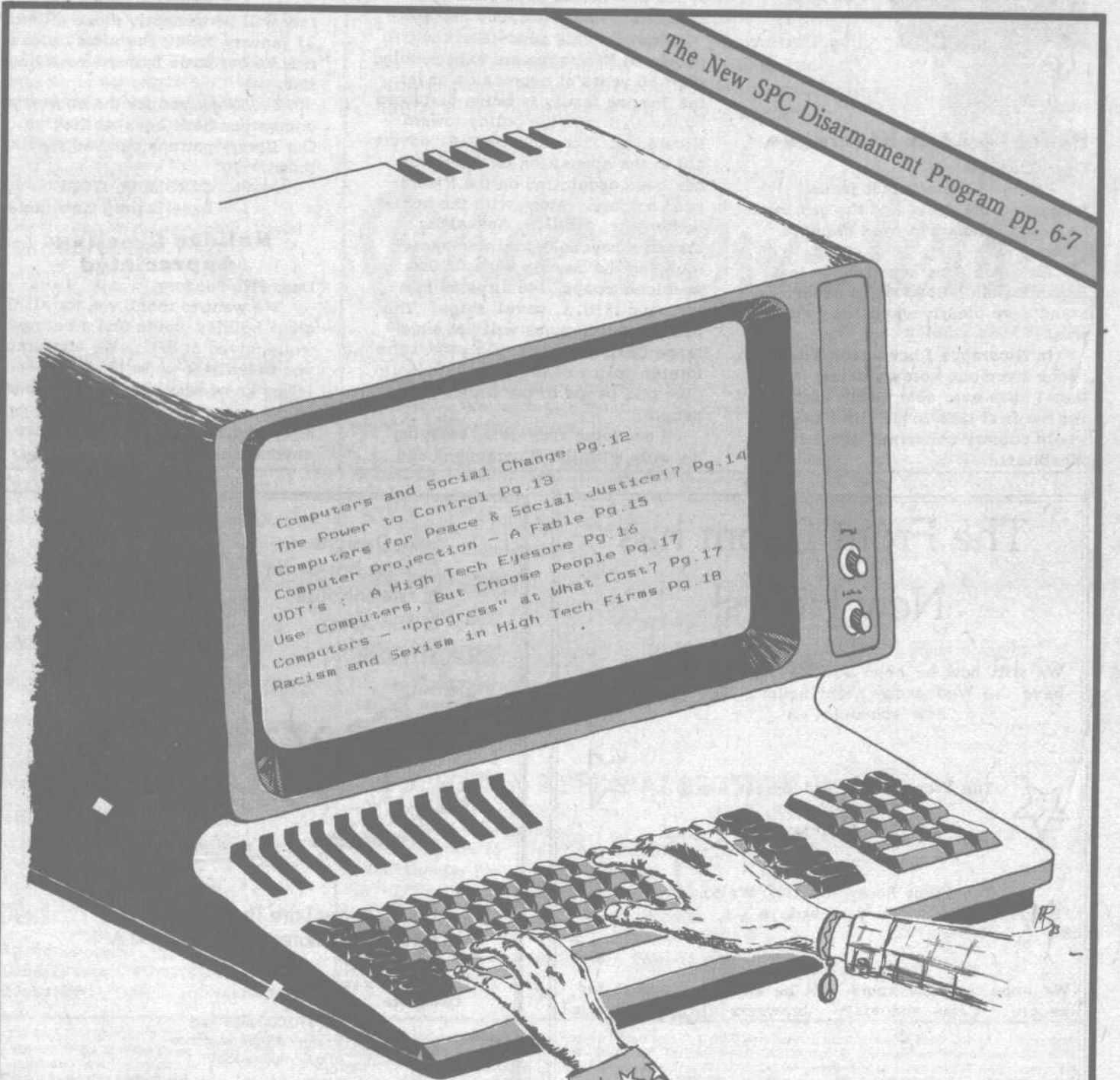


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FREE SPEECH!

Before 1979, the infant infant mortality rate meant that 120 out of 1000 children died before their first birthday Today, because there has been increased medical attention for all of the inhabitants of the country, 90 out of 1,000 die. And since 1979, 9,000 new homes have been constructed to house 125,000 people.

However this peace that the people of Nicaragua are experiencing after 50 years of oppression under the Somoza family is being disturbed by the U.S. foreign policy toward Nicaragua. Through the U.S. covert aid to the opposition forces a war has been escalating on the Nicaraguan borders. Along with the border border war, the U.S. has also staged a psychological war by surrounding the country with 20,000 American troops, 140 airplane bombers and 15 U.S. naval ships. The people of Nicaragua will not experience Christ's peace this year. The foreign policy of the U.S. refuses to give this peace to the Nicaraguan people.

I am doing very well, enjoying my work with the Nicaraguans and

learning so much from the people. We work and pray every day for the peace that the Nicaraguans have been waiting for for a long time.

Paz, BARB GINTER

Peace Lived in Nicaragua

Dear friends,

Peace is the gift that Jesus brought to the world and the gift that he would want us to pass along to others.

Living in Nicaragua for the last 8 months has helped me to understand more clearly what that peace was.

In Nicaragua I have seen this peace lived out more evidently than I have ever seen in my lifetime. For the first time in my life I see a whole country concerned about its inhabitants.

Thanks from Hancock AFB

To: Syracuse Peace Council

1. The Hancock Field Base Library will permanently close effective 31 January 1984. Therefore, please remove our name from your mailing list.

2. Thank you for the courtesy copies you have been mailing us. Our library patrons enjoyed reading them.

CAROLE H. COTE Base Library Technician

Holiday Greetings Appreciated

Dear PNL Readers,

We want to thank you for all the great holiday cards and greetings we received at SPC. We encourage you to write to us in 1984. Please let us know what you'd like to see in the upcoming Peace Newsletters. You are more important to us than anyone else.

The Front Room has New Hours!

We will now be open Saturdays, but will no longer have the Wednesday night hours. So, here's the new schedule...



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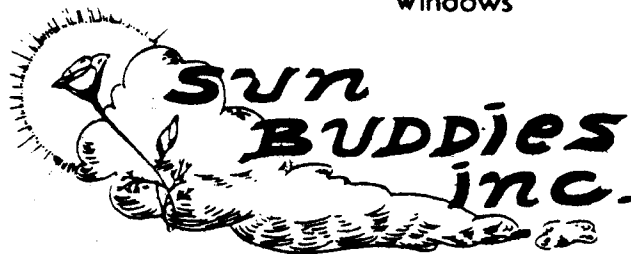


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In This Issue

Welcome to the first PNL of 1984--which does NOT contain an article on George Orwell.

Instead, you'll find plenty of news about what's happened since the December Issue, like the Ten Days of Action, an update on the Griffiss Plowshare activists, sanctuary at May Memorial, Dennis Banks' activities, and local war tax resistance.

News about the Disarmament Program is appropriately accompanied by a book review about new directions for the general disarmament movement.

And, of course, the long-awaited computer discussion makes up a major portion of this PNL. Along with the many topics raised you'll find a fable.

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"There are moments when things go well and one feels encouraged. There are difficult moments and one feels overwhelmed. But it's senseless to speak of optimism or pessimism. The only important thing is to know that if one works well in a potato field, the potatoes will grow. If one works well among people they will grow—that's reality. The rest is smoke. It's important to know that words don't move mountains. Work, exacting work, moves mountains."



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Marco Burkli-Vils cover drawing captures the clean lines of the computer - We hope this month's PNL captures as many of the lines of debate surrounding them!!!

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News from The SPC House

This Peace Newsletter may not look different to you, but it has the distinction of being the first PNL produced in the *Improved Layout Room*. Thanks to the efforts of Erwin Reiner and Maura McNulty, the layout room has a new floor! Gone are the days of...

- the layout room being a major fire hazard (the fire department will rejoice)
- feeling unnerved as the leg of the chair you've just sat on plops through a hole in the floor
- Karen Beetle getting splinters in her fingers while dragging some of the debris out of the cracks (the debris often included missing headlines and graphics)

As Dik Cool says, the new floor "makes you want to dance!"

Another exciting change is that The Front Room Bookstore will be open on Saturdays from 10-2 instead of Wednesday nights. Doesn't it make sense for TFR to be open Saturdays? We thought so too and finally decided to do something about it.

December was frantic and fun and vacations were of course wonderful. We're all back now and working hard.

-Carol Baum

SPC Statement of Purpose

The Syracuse Peace Council (SPC), founded in 1936, is an antiwar/social justice organization. It is community-based, autonomous and funded by the contributions of its supporters.

SPC educates, agitates and organizes for a world where war, violence and exploitation in any form will no longer exist. It challenges the existing unjust power relationships among nations, among people and between ourselves and the environment. As members, we work to replace inequality, hierarchy, domination and powerlessness with mutual respect, personal empowerment, cooperation and a sense of community.

Present social injustices cannot be understood in isolation from each other nor can they be overcome without recognizing their economic and militaristic roots. SPC stresses a strategy that makes these connections clear. We initiate and support activities that help build this sense of community and help tear down the walls of oppression. A fundamental basis for peace and justice is an economic system that places human need above monetary profit. We establish relationships among people based on cooperation rather than competition or the threat of destruction.

Our political values and personal lives shape and reflect each other. In both we are committed to nonviolent means of conflict resolution and to a process of decision-making that responds to the needs of all.

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Potluck Coordinator Still Needed

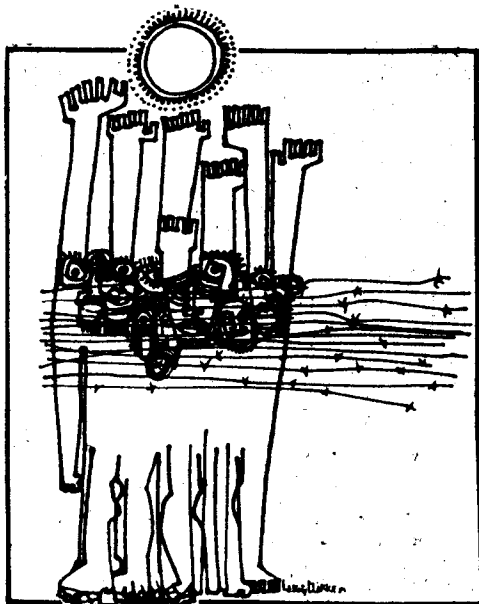
An organization like SPC thrives on willing volunteers. But when people do not come forward to help, projects do not get accomplished. Our much-loved SPC Potluck series may not be able to continue unless we find someone to help the Potluck committee. Adele Baruch is our new volunteer; she joins Marge Rusk, long time Potluck worker. Still, we need a third coordinator. Please look at your 1984 commitments and consider helping this vital project. Thanks.

Plowshare 1983 - How It Was

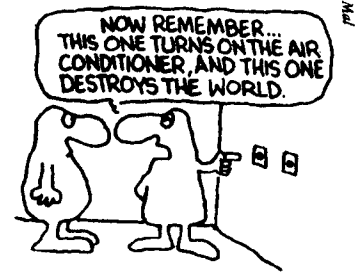
Last December 10th and 11th brought the 13th annual Plowshare Craftsair to the Plymouth Church for all to enjoy. As one of the most consistent fundraisers and good-time events in the Peace Council yearly calendar, it once again fulfilled both roles. Though attendance was down slightly from previous years, the spirit remained high as many wandered the fair searching for crafts while live music echoed throughout the church. Face-painting, potters, crafters of wood and leather were among the scores of exhibits of craftspeople from all over Central New York. As a fundraiser it netted SPC close to \$2,000. As a celebration of the winter's holiday seasons, it brought many out to share laughter and gifts.

SPC & Computers - How Its Going

At the SPC computer evaluation meeting on January 17th, agreement was reached to continue using home computers to store and update our mailing list. The list has been on computer for about six months. It has saved much time and has greatly increased the accuracy of the list. Concern had been expressed about use of staff time, dependence and access once the list was computerized, and the centralization of skills in two or three people. In addition, there was concern about the health hazards of video display terminals. The exposure of SPC workers is so low (3 to 4 hours per month) that there seemed little danger. We agreed that any further use of the computer would be decided on a case by case basis. The meeting also spent discussion time on the role of computers and high tech in society.



Leroy Clarken Workforce/VSC



Changes 1984

Two Staff Openings This Year

Gary Weinstein, the Program & Evaluation staffperson, and Karen Beetle, the PNL staffperson, both plan to leave staff this year. Their positions will open up on approximately July 1 and August 1 respectively. This will make for big changes for the SPC office and we'd like the transitions to go as smoothly as possible. We're therefore starting the staff search immediately. If you are interested in either position, know someone who is, or would like to help the search, please contact the SPC office very soon.

Opening with the SPC Press

Maura McNulty is our lone Press worker and is looking for a working partner. The Press position trains and offers experience in all aspects of offset printing - a valuable skill and trade! The position is open immediately and pays up to \$80./week. Inquire by contacting Maura here at the Press.

Salary Increases & the New Fund Raising Committee

We begin 1984 with a new commitment to raising Peace Council staff salaries to \$80./week. The October '83 Council meeting discussion on staff salary concluded that we must raise salary not only this year, but make a longer term effort to raise salaries over the next few years to at least minimum wage. While this is good news to many, everyone should realize the burden this places on our budget and on the Organization & Maintenance committee to raise income. We're looking to all of you to help by raising your pledges or your contributions. As important though, are the new projects in 1984 that will raise money while they educate, agitate and organize (see pages 6-7).

Another exciting opportunity to aid this effort to make SPC more financially stable is to join our new fundraising committee. This autonomous committee, overseen by OM, will work on creative ways to raise new funds for SPC in 1984.

Central America Committee

The SPC Central America committee's work is moving forward. An initial project was a joint SPC - FOCUS mailing of fact sheets, action alert and a contingency plan for a march and demonstration in case of an escalation of U.S. military involvement in the region. Please stay on top of this volatile situation and help us prevent another Viet Nam.

Also planned is a speaking engagement by Magdo Enriques, a founder of the Nicaraguan Association of Women (AMLA)

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The SPC Disarmament Project—1984

Announcing a major SPC program initiative for 1984 focused on peace

Overview of Priorities

1984--it has the potential for being a real watershed year for the peace and social justice movement. Will the arms race continue spiraling beyond rational control, producing more exotic weaponry (lasers in space, "little" nuclear weapons, the MX), at an ever-increasing cost to our nation's wellbeing? Will there be a worsening of the dangerous tension and ill will in U.S.-Soviet relations? Or will the voice of the people prevail? Polls show most U.S. people favor reductions in military spending, and they support genuine efforts toward detente.

Yet it isn't enough simply to wish for peace, simply to desire a nuclear freeze and then a process of reversal to begin between the USSR and the United States. If we don't make our priorities felt, forcefully and compellingly, in this election year, we can expect four more years of the same—or worse.

Knowing that 1984 would be a critically important year for the peace movement, a group of Peace Council activists began meeting in the early fall of 1983 to shape SPC's program priorities for the coming year. After many meetings and discussions, and after the endorsement of the late October Council Meeting, we are ready to begin. But we need your active involvement in whatever way you can contribute (see box, next page) to make our collective voice heard—and heeded. As you read through the priorities we have chosen to focus our organizing energies on in the coming months, please consider joining us, getting involved—now. SPC's 1984 agenda for disarmament will not happen without the energy, imagination, dedication and commitment of many, many people. We welcome new activists and old activists alike—anyone who ever considered getting involved or reinvolved; there couldn't be a better time than right now.

The Military Budget vs. Real Security Needs

In January 1984, the Reagan Administration asked for somewhere near \$330 billion in military spending for fiscal year 1985 (Oct. 1, 1984 to Oct. 1, 1985). This is a 17% increase over the previous year above inflation! Expected public outcry may lower the figure to "only" \$315 billion. Congress may pass even less sometime in May. The 1983 military budget request was reduced from a 10% increase (above inflation) to 4% through lobbying, protest and pressure from opposition. Whatever the case, we are talking about billions and billions too much!

The 1985 military budget illustrates Reagan's continuing commitment to break the national bank while financing the "rearming of America." Spending for human and social needs in the 1985 budget will rise only an average of 3% while some programs will actually be cut again. It's more Reaganomics—billions for weapons and cuts in jobs, health care, education, transportation, and so on.

Every billion dollars spent on the military creates only 25,000 jobs while that same billion spent in services would create from 43,000 to 123,000 jobs instead. The nationwide unemployment and federal deficits we face are directly caused by the astronomical military spending of recent years. Because minorities are the first to lose their jobs when unemployment goes up, that one billion spent on the military throws 1,300 Blacks out of work. Black Americans continue to live in a depression, with nearly 50% unemployment, while the U.S. builds more weapons each year than were built in all of World War II.

In 1984 the SPC disarmament project will cooperate with the national Jobs with Peace campaign in working for a reduction in mili-

tary spending and a reordering of our national priorities. Jobs with Peace has the support of hundreds of unions, churches, social service and peace and social justice groups as well as city and town councils across the country. It believes we can safely make significant reductions in military spending so that needed funding may be channeled into socially useful programs—education, health care, job training, child care programs, and the like.

In Syracuse, we will continue the Jobs with Peace work begun a year ago by a coalition of local organizations that included SPC. Once again we hope to work closely with labor, church, social service, and other community groups in pressing for a common agenda—during April Jobs with Peace Week and throughout the remainder of the year.

Reversing the Arms Race/ Opposing Specific Weapons Systems

Even though many Americans have gone on record in favor of a nuclear weapons freeze, the weapons keep on coming. In 1982 and 1983, the Pentagon received every major weapons system it requested. Included in the 1983 budget is continuation funding for all of the nuclear weapons Congress approved before—the B-1 bomber, more neutron bombs, more Trident submarines, the Stealth bomber, sea- and ground-launched cruise missiles, "Midgetman" missiles, Pershing missiles, the MX.

Over the next six years, about 22% of all military spending is marked for nuclear weapons. Spending on nuclear weapons has more than doubled in the years of Ronald Reagan's presidency; in fact, spend-

ing on nuclear weaponry is going up faster than the overall defense budget. Between fiscal years 1983 and 1984, funding for nuclear weapons increased 25%. And once the Pentagon comes to Congress seeking appropriations for a particular weapons system, Congress almost never sends it away empty-handed.

Clearly, we the people will have to push very hard before Congress will take action toward instituting a nuclear weapons freeze, much less undertaking a genuine reduction in the U.S. stock of nuclear weapons.

SPC's new disarmament project will track the progress of specific weapons appropriations in Congress, and keep Peace Council members regularly informed. A major objective of our work in 1984 will be to strengthen the call for meaningful progress on disarmament—and keep up the pressure for as long as it's necessary to bring about real change.

The Elections—Show 'Em the Door in '84

Many of us working to end the nuclear and conventional arms race sin-

cerely wonder whether we would survive four more years of a Reagan presidency. Tragically, Congress has been little if any safeguard against the frightening Reagan military buildup. Hopefully, in 1984 we will be able to cast our ballots for survival and not a long dark tunnel of continued militarism, social decay and the threat of war.

In Central New York we are "represented" by Rep. George Wortley. His voting record is nearly 100% wrong on military spending and disarmament issues. Since 1980 Wortley has voted for virtually all military spending increases and social service program cuts, the MX, Trident II, Pershing II and cruise missiles, binary chemical weapons production and the draft. In addition, he has voted against the Nuclear Freeze, U.S. troop reductions overseas, the Congressional Black Caucus' alternative federal budget and numerous other progressive Congressional measures. The Upstate New York Nuclear Weapons Freeze campaign feels he is the most important Congressman in New York State to defeat.

The SPC Disarmament Project '84

will pay close attention to the 1984 elections. It will carefully watch how disarmament issues are handled, making sure the public is informed, not deceived. We will be publishing information on candidate's views regarding disarmament and peace issues. Reagan and Wortley must be defeated!

What about the Russians?

Just what does the "Soviet threat" consist of? How realistic is the fearsome picture painted by U.S. policy-makers? How does our military force match up to theirs? What would really happen if there was a nuclear weapons freeze? What does real national security for the U.S. require?

What are the Soviet people thinking? What is their history? How do they feel about war and peace? What are the prospects for genuine peace between our peoples?

These are important questions on the minds of many MAericans. We will be searching for, and communicating some honest and informed answers.

-Lisa Johns, Bob Staley-Mays & Gary Weinstein

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED
in SPC's new disarmament project

There are many ways you can aid the work of SPC's disarmament project. Here are some of them:

- Join the disarmament working committee
- Help with specific project work (research; tracking legislation; article writing; staffing a public table; media work; office work; much more...)
- Be part of the new SPC phone & letter-writing response tree
- Subscribe to the **Peace Newsletter** (\$8/yr): stay up to date on disarmament issues and SPC activities
- Support the Peace Council's disarmament work with a financial contribution or a regular pledge

If you'd like to join us, or if you'd like additional information, contact Gary Weinstein at the Peace Council.

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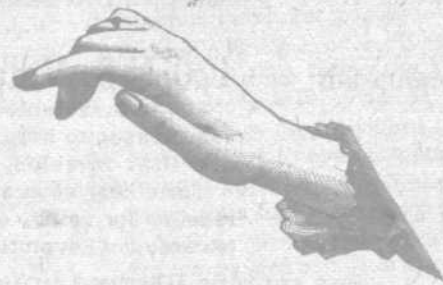
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The Front Room Bookstores

Syracuse Peace Council

and a member of the ruling Council of State. She will speak at the Brighton Family Center, at 100 Edmund Avenue (off Newell) at 7:30 on Tuesday, February 7th. Also planned for that week is a showing of the new film "Nigaragua: Report from the Front" on the CIA's war against that country.

The ambassadors from El Salvador and Honduras will be speaking at Cazenovia College this month, on Feb. 6th and 27th respectively. It will be at 8:30pm in the gym and people should try to attend. The ambassador from Nicaragua spoke there on January 16th and the series will end with a presentation by Rep. George Wortley on March 16th. To help with work on the region contact the SPC office soon.

PNL Distributers Needed - It's Easy.

You're driving around town on errands... you're visiting a friend... you're going out to eat... take a stack of PNLs along! Its that easy. We especially need a distributor for our well-established Westcott route (we know there are plenty of you out there). Help in Baldwinsville, the South side of Syracuse and the Salt Springs area would also be appreciated.

Burn Out Prevention Workshops for Peace Activists

Are you a victim of Activist Burnout?? Might you be someday? Kath Buffington and Gerry Edwards are offering a workshop on burnout prevention for activists. They have given burnout prevention workshops together for several years to a variety of groups. It runs from Friday February 24th at 9pm to Saturday the 25th at 9pm at Kath's house, and costs a mere \$5 (includes food and materials).

People are welcome to come early or stay over Saturday night. Bring your skis, sleds or skates. And if you hes-

itate to come because you have three meetings a week, this course is for you!

To register, send your name and \$5 to Kath Buffington, RD 1, Box 192, Savannah, NY 13146. For more information call Kath at 475-4822 or Per at 472-5478.

Ring, Ring, The SPC Phonathon

Thats right, the long awaited SPC phonathon will be held on February 13th through the 16th. We will be calling all our members within the local calling area in the early evening to ask for there support by pledging to the Peace Council.



THE SYRACUSE PEACE COUNCIL'S

MONDAY POTLUCK

OPEN TO ALL AT NO ADMISSION CHARGE FOR COMRADERIE, DINNER & DISCUSSION

•DINNER at 6pm (bring a dish or beverage to share) •DISCUSSION from 7-9pm

February 27th

There will no Potluck on this evening. We are sorry to be starting the Potluck series so late this year. We are still short-handed on the Potluck committee (see note on Peace Council Page; page 5).

We are encouraging people to attend the talk by the Ambassador from Honduras at Cazanovia College on this evening starting at 8:30pm (see mention above under SPC Central America committee).

March 5th

120 U.S. Volunteers Aid Nicaraguan Harvest

120 U.S. volunteers recently went to Nicaragua during the coffee harvest season to help with the harvest. With the ever-present possibility of a U.S. invasion, the trip required a special courage and dedication.

Come hear several volunteers discuss their experiences and their reasons for going, as well as what they feel the future holds for the Nicaraguan Revolution. A very special evening...

THE FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE 821 Euclid (near the corner of Westcott, across from ECOH)
FOR INFORMATION/INPUT ON POTLUCK DISCUSSIONS CALL SPC AT (315) 472-5478

The Soviet Union: Country of Contrasts

by Helen Anderson

In August 1983, a group of 35 social workers from all over the United States visited the U.S.S.R. as guests of the Soviet Central Council of Trade Unions. We met and talked with social security administrators in an attempt to see for ourselves how social services operated in a planned economy.

In our 4-week trip to 5 major cities in 4 republics, we discovered that there are no Soviet counterparts to an American social worker. "The Trade Union supplies and meets all the needs of the worker and his family", claimed the social security administrator. We therefore did not meet our counterparts but the opportunity to see much of the Soviet Union was exciting, enlightening and educational. It was truly an enriching experience.

As Americans we were treated with great hospitality and afforded much freedom to photograph with few restrictions and with no restrictions on meeting and talking to citizens wherever we visited. We were not obliged to go to the planned trips or activities in each city.

We did visit day-care centers, an enterprise in which the blind made up about 70% of the employees, a school for the mentally retarded, hospitals, polyclinics for preventive medicine, workers holiday hotels, sanitariums for the elderly and factories including a TV assembly plant, shoe factory, carpet factory, flower collective and a trip to the oil rigs off Baku. In addition, we visited the highest public officials in each republic.

Contradictions Abound

In a few words what we saw was a land of large contrasts, in scenery, people, philosophy and action. A land where there appears to be limited freedom but unlimited love for "Mother Russia", family and peace. It is a land where officials share with their pride in full employment, decent salaries and full benefits, a concern for high absenteeism, increasingly high alcoholism, and a

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rise in poor workmanship.

Transportation is inexpensive, tram, subway and even internal plane fare is very reasonable, but citizens are limited by internal visas. The U.S.S.R. has professed state ownership, yet is now experimenting with private enterprise. Private car owners can hire out as taxis and farmers can bring their produce into regional town markets and both keep most of the profits. They are doing this they say because it seems some people need an incentive, money recognition, in order to produce quality goods and services.

It is a nation that so controls their peoples' thinking, action, and lives, yet when asked why they manufacture cigarettes while they actively campaign against smoking because it is "injurious to your health" it was replied after much deliberation "Because the people want to smoke". How much like us.

The people say they are afraid of Americans (because we are too aggressive) but they like the Americans they meet. These people love "Mother Russia" but would like to travel abroad.

There appears to be a class consciousness in this classless society. Party members, engineers, scientists are treated with more equality

than doctors, teachers or other workers. The party stresses equality of sexes, yet we observed and listened to sexist talk everywhere. In the U.S.S.R. we saw mostly women doing street heavy work. The "babushkas" laying track, sweeping streets, scrubbing walls and floors in the subway, and mixing cement. About 90% of the physicians we saw were women, but with the exception of one, all department heads were men.

The Peoples' Message

The major feeling that I came back with is that in this land of contrast the people want peace. They remember and honor the war dead, all 20 million of them, on all special occasions. But more impressive, they remember war, bombings, starvation, separation, pain and death. They suffered and will never forget it. The people talk and want peace.

In one of our visits to an Armenian family we spent an entire evening eating, drinking, talking and sharing our dreams, hopes and aspirations all centered on peace. I remember we started dinner with grace and then four grandchildren sang Jingle Bells in English. We concluded with hugs, kisses, a new understanding of family life and sang "Auld Lang Syne" in English.

In Georgia, walking down the main street at night we were approached by 2 soldiers on street patrol who, when they discovered we were Americans talked for 1/2 hour about family, travel, our impressions of the U.S.S.R. and their ideas of America. They were proud they were Georgian first and then Soviets, and we concluded our conversation with a wish for peace. As a climax one gave me a pink rose-- as both said, "MIR, MIR, MIR" (PEACE).

These are reminiscences of a journey I will never forget. I brought back about 400 slides, tape recordings and a notebook of notes, U.S.S.R. propaganda booklets, copies of Moscow News, and books and pamphlets of many kinds. But my most memorable impression is a deep feeling that people-to-people there is a crying need for dialogue and a fervent desire for peace.

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Book Review -

Beyond Survival: New Directions for the Disarmament Movement

edited by Michael Albert and David Dellinger South End Press 1983 \$8.00

by Orin Dominico

The New Year is a traditional time for personal renewal. Periodic self-evaluation, reassessment of goals and strategies and rededication to purpose is important to communities and movements as well as to individuals. The disarmament movement is currently at a critical juncture that perhaps calls for its going through such a process.

We have succeeded in capturing peoples' attention. A growing concern over the rapidly increasing likelihood of nuclear confrontation can be witnessed everywhere, in the smallest hamlets and in the most conservative quarters. The question we must now ask ourselves is how can we turn this concern to activism, an activism that will have a chance of winning this struggle for survival? Beyond Survival should prove to be a very important resource for those who seek an answer to this question.

In their introduction, the editors state that the disarmament movement is faced with a "perplexing problem":

It must broaden and deepen at the same time, two tasks that appear contradictory. To succeed it must broaden its active constituency to include people who have traditionally viewed unconventional ideas and activist movements with suspicion if not hostility. But it must also deepen its critique of a society that is spiritually and politically capable of threatening to use weapons that can destroy the human race.

This collection of essays offers an answer to this problem. Its thesis is that these seemingly contradictory purposes are in fact not contradictory at all but rather, like the old song about love and marriage, "you can't have one without the other". Beyond Survival convincingly rejects the popular notion that the disarmament movement must maintain a narrow

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focus on the arms race in order to attract the broadest possible support. To build a strong coalition, one that is capable of bringing about the necessary social changes to bring about real disarmament, the movement must "enrich its analysis of the arms race" and address the related issues of sexism, racism, third world intervention and economic injustice. For middle-class whites who have dominated the peace movement it is easy to regard the nuclear peril as an overriding first concern. Oppressed minorities, the unemployed, and subjugated third world peoples have other primary concerns. If we want to gain their necessary support in the struggle for survival then we must not only be willing to listen to them but to support them in their immediate survival issues as well. The fine essays in this book can help us move our efforts in this direction. I will herein mention those pieces that were of particular importance to me while assuring the reader that all of the essays are useful in contributing to a more full understanding of the arms race.

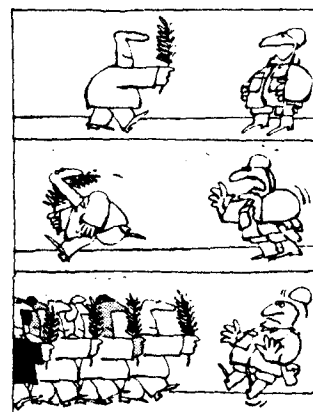
In the first piece "The Bread is Rising" Dave Dellinger draws from his forty plus years of experience as a social change activist to provide a stirring "state of the movement" message. He sounds the opening call for a broader movement for change marked by a solidarity that "transcends our differences in views and nomenclature".

In "Lessons From the Sixties", co-editor Michael Albert offers a look at the strengths and weaknesses of the New Left during the sixties and early seventies in hopes that we can learn from our past mistakes. Albert stresses the need for analysis, strategy and vision in our movement. The essays which follow provide much of the needed analysis.

Leslie Cagan's "Feminism and Militarism" looks at the "feminist perspectives that the disarmament movement needs to take up and how the movement addresses the concerns surfaced by feminism". She makes a

strong case for feminist process being able to serve the disarmament movement well.

In "Intervention and Nuclear War" Noam Chomsky effectively argues that the disarmament movement must have an anti-interventionist emphasis if it hopes to be successful. Chomsky reveals the dangers in allowing a conventional weapons buildup to take place in lieu of a nuclear arms race and provides the clearest analysis of the economic and political forces that drive the arms race that I have yet encountered.



The "Afterward" by the editors suggests ways in which the analyses of the forces "that have produced and now sustain the nuclear threat" contained in Beyond Survival can be put to use in the "day to day workings of groups and organizations" which make up our movement. They discuss the need for "imaginative efforts... not only to reach out to new constituencies" and to address fatalistic nuclear despair, but also the need, "despite wide-ranging differences, to achieve internal solidarity that can inspire others".

I have here barely scratched the surface of the useful experience and knowledge contained in this volume. I believe it is essential reading for all of us engaged in the spiritual and political struggle for the victory of life over death as "step by step we come to realize that in order to win the struggle for survival we must aim at much more than survival".

Computers and Social Change

by Michael Messina

Imagine this scene:

Your food co-op finance committee is meeting to review budget and income projections for the next year. Expenses have gone up recently due to a rent increase and a raise for the staffperson. The figures for the first quarter look bad, and the co-op will lose money for the next five months. In addition, inventory figures show a gradual decline.

"What if we had that membership drive the board's been talking about" says Anna, the treasurer. "It would cost only about \$200 for lots of flyers and a small newspaper ad, and we could probably bring in another 25 or 30 households by the end of a month. We'll distribute the flyers in the lower income and public housing areas and combine outreach with education on the cooperative movement."

"Let's see what the results of that would look like," says Pat, who turns to the microcomputer on the desk. After Pat adds the \$200 to expenses and \$25 households to the membership, the group hold their breath as he pushed the "recalculate" key. The computer subtracts the \$200 from gross income and figures the dues and shares payments from 25 households, adding that sum. It also calculates the increase in sales from the new members and adds this to each month, making seasonal adjustments. The income increases are automatically carried into the food purchases column. Operating costs are incrementally increased. The new figures show a break even in the second month and a significant surplus for inventory expansion. The total figuring, done in a few seconds, would have taken hours otherwise, even with a pocket calculator.

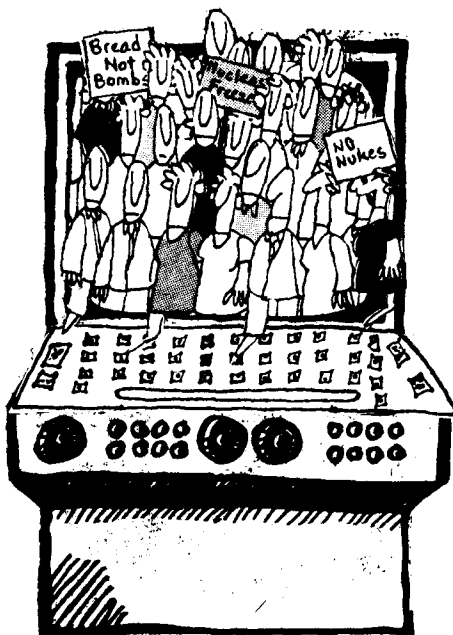
Some think of computers as monsters that screw up our electric bill or help somebody keep tabs on us. Some large, centralized computers may continue to fulfill those functions, but developments of the last few years have changed the very nature of computers and offer some

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real opportunities for social change activists.

An Appropriate Technology

Small is beautiful. New smaller computers can enable social change organizations and activists to handle information and communication jobs that only large corporations and the government could handle previously. For several hundred or several thousand dollars, an individual or group can use a "micro" to plan budgets, hold, sort, and update membership and fundraising lists; do the book-keeping; write and copy letters; retrieve information from larger computers; and correspond with many others via computer networks. Every



association of more than a handful of people will be using computers shortly to help them carry out their objectives. If progressives refuse to utilize them because of technology paranoia, we'll be left behind.

If the pen is mightier than the sword, the microcomputer is mightier than the missile. In a technological age we need to make use of technologies that can help us wage peace while maintaining a human scale. A peace and social justice agenda depends on communication and education, important kinds of which can be aided by computers.

Education

The possibilities of a peaceful world are enhanced by having a well-educated public. Far from being a means of programming children, microcomputers open up a new world of individualized instruction and will revolutionize education. Youngsters will be able to work at their own pace solving problems in math or logic, science, English and foreign languages, simulations and programming. Not only are such educational uses self-pacing, but the children can select the simulations they find most interesting.

Peace Games

A new computer game currently on the market, "In Search of the Most Amazing Thing," advertises, "Finally, aliens your kids can reason with instead of destroy." I haven't seen this game, and their ideas of reasoning may be different from mine, but the possibilities are intriguing. Computer simulations already available teach one to solve ecological and land management problems.

Instead of seeking treasures and killing dragons in underground caverns, computers could be analyzing conflicts and searching for win-win solutions in human situations. They could bring peacemaking concepts to many people who might not otherwise be exposed to them.

Military Contracts

While some computer companies have military contracts, this should not prevent us from using computers. Do we do without cars because Ford, GM and Chrysler have military contracts? How effective would we be if we couldn't get around? "Political jiu-jitsu" means using your opponents' own resources against them.

The new computers should be approached with an eye to their limitations as well as their benefits. But we should not reject potentials for progress that come from unexpected sources. Knee-jerk fear of the new is not appropriate for people who advocate change. Let's consider the many positive uses to which microcomputers can be put if we embrace and excel in their use, rather than being left behind by a world that outgrows us.



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An Invitation to Consider Military Phone Tax Resistance

from the Syracuse Peace Council, Upstate Resistance, and the Military Tax Resistance Support Group.

Here are three copies of a form designed to be sent in with your monthly phone bill. For more information on phone tax resistance and possible consequences, see PEACES, pg. 21, in the Peace Newsletter (Feb. 1984). More forms are available from SPC and the Military Tax Resistance Support Group.

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I would like my name added to a list of Upstaters who are resisting phone taxes (to be used for support and publicity).

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We are very pleased to have no less than six Syracuse area premieres (indicated by *) in our Spring schedule. All have received widespread critical acclaim. **IN OUR HANDS** is the inspiring story of the largest peace demonstration in U.S. history. **SAY AMEN, SOMEBODY** is a pure musical experience with black gospel singers. **SISTERS** is another intense work from Margarethe von Trotta. **AISINO AND THE CONDOR** is a passionate allegory from post-revolutionary Nicaragua. **YOL**, from Turkey via the underground, shared the Cannes grand prize with **MISSING THE WHITE ROSE** is a moving story of German resistance to the Nazis. Filmgoers are again reminded that we are screening in Kittredge Aud. so seating is limited. Please come early to assure yourself a seat.

HAROLD AND MAUDE

Friday, Jan. 20 7, 9, 11

This "joyous" (*Judith Crist*) film about an unlikely but beautiful relationship between a young man (Bud Cort) and an old woman (Ruth Gordon) is an NVS favorite and a cult classic. Music by Cat Stevens. (Hal Ashby, 1972, 92 min.)

THE MAGNIFICENT AMBERSONS

Friday, Jan. 27 7:30, 9:30

Orson Welles's second film masterpiece ("Citizen Kane" was the first) in as many tries is the story of a wealthy New England family's decadent decline. Screenplay by Welles from the novel by Booth Tarkington. With Joseph Cotten, Anne Baxter. "If Flaubert re-read *Don Quixote* each year, why can't we see *The Magnificent Ambersons* whenever possible?" Orson Welles is without doubt one of the ten greatest filmmakers in the world. —*Francois Truffaut* (Orson Welles, 1942, 88 min.)

SMALL CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Friday, Feb. 3 7, 9, 11

One of 1980's best films tells the story of three students affected by the college radicalism and sexual revolution of the Sixties. The sensationalized ending mars the film a bit. Thoughtful, reflective, and honest. (*New Times*) With Brad Davis, Karen Allen, Jameson Parker. (Rob Cohen, 1980, 113 min.)

MALCOLM X

Friday, Feb. 10 7:30, 9:30 Kitt. \$2

Sat. at Beauchamp Library

(Cor. Colvin & Salina) 2 p.m. Free

Based on his best selling autobiography (done with Alex Haley) and narrated by James Earl Jones, this film recreates the story of a great black leader. A brilliantly constructed documentary. It stands as a vital record of a man of our time. —*Judith Crist* (Marvin Worth and Arnold Perl producers, 1972, 92 min.) A Black History Month film.

IN OUR HANDS*

Thursday, Feb. 16 7:30, 9:30 Kittredge

Friday, Feb. 17 7:30, 9:30 Kittredge

Here is the hopeful, celebratory story of the largest peace demonstration in U.S. history — June 12, 1982, in New York City. Forty volunteer film crews produced 60 hours of footage which has been skillfully edited into what is probably the greatest participatory film ever produced. Performers include: James Taylor, Holly Near, Rita Marley, Pete Seeger, Speakers, Helen Caldicott, Ben Spock and others.

A tribute to a historic event... a celebration... remarkably poignant. —*NY Times*. (Produced by Robert Richter and Stan Warnow, 1983, 90 min.) It will make you feel

peace is possible! Newhouse faculty member Bob Nickson, one of the film's production coordinators, will speak after each of the four showings.

SAY AMEN, SOMEBODY*

Friday, Feb. 24 7:30, 9:30 Kittredge \$2

Saturday - Beauchamp Library, 2 pm, Free

Monday (27th) - Mundy Library, 3 pm, Free

A joyful documentary combines the story of gospel music with great performances by the Barrett Sisters, the O'Neal Twins, Zella Jackson Price, and Mother Willie Mae Ford to name just a few. The men and women in *Say Amen, Somebody*, a thrilling documentary about black gospel singers, give so much of themselves when they perform that they seem enraptured, even transfigured right before our eyes. —*David Denby*, *NEW YORK MAGAZINE* (George T. Nierenberg, 1983, 100 min.) A Black History Month film.

The Community Folk Art Gallery is holding a film series on works by black filmmakers beginning Wednesday, February 15 through March 29, culminating with a symposium. For more information 424-8487.

SISTERS OR THE BALANCE OF HAPPINESS*

Friday, March 2 7:30, 9:30

The conflict between two sisters, a pragmatic career woman, and a sensitive, nonconformist is the focus of this complex, psychological drama. Von Trotta considers this the middle part of a three-part film trilogy. NVS has previously shown the first, *SECOND AWAKENING OF CHRISTA KLAGES* and the third, *MARIANNE AND JULIANE* (Margarethe von Trotta, 1981, 95 min., German with subtitles). Cosponsor: S.U. Women's Center, International Women's Day is March 8.

RAMPARTS OF CLAY

Friday, March 9 7:30, 9:30 Kittredge

Saturday - Beauchamp Library, 2 pm, Free

Directed by Jean-Louis Bertucelli. A young woman leads a struggle against the exploitation of her village. Despite the film's overwhelming beauty it was banned in the countries of its origin, Tunisia and Algeria, because of the political message. "One of the most sophisticated protest films ever made. Like *The Battle of Algiers*, it is a re-creation of an actual incident, recalled in a spirit of quiet fury." *TIME MAGAZINE* (Jean-Louis Bertucelli, 1970, 85 min., Arabic with subtitles) Cosponsor: S.U. Women's Center.

ALSINO AND THE CONDOR*

Friday, March 23 7:30, 9:30 Kittredge \$2

Saturday - Beauchamp Library, 2 pm, Free

Monday (26th) - Mundy Library, 3 pm, Free

An allegorical tale of a Latin American revolution told through the eyes of a young boy and his decision to join the guerrillas. This Nicaraguan-Costa Rican-Cuban-Mexican co-production won an Oscar nomination for Best Foreign film. *Aisino* is the film that Littin's ("The Promised Land") supporters have been waiting for - a work of maturity by a filmmaker with a unique style and an intense, socially rooted passion. —*Pat Aufderheide*, *IN THESE TIMES*. With Dean Stockwell, Alan Esquivel. (Miguel Littin, 1982, 89 min., Spanish with subtitles)

INSIDE MOVES

Friday, March 30 7:30, 9:30 Kittredge (not accessible) \$2

Monday, April 2, 7 pm. ECOH (cor. Euclid & Westcott), wheelchair accessible, Free.

A powerfully intimate and inspirational drama about fighting back, about enduring mental and physical pain, about the positive thinking of the physically handicapped. Director Richard Donner has taken the Todd Walton novel and its message of the hope and triumph of dreams over reality vividly yet humorously to the big screen. Diana Scarwid nominated for an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress. "... smooth ensemble acting and excellent performances." —*NY Times* (Richard Donner, 113 min.)

YOL*

Thursday, April 5 7:30, 9:30

Friday, April 6 7:30, 9:30

This epic Turkish drama is the universal story of three families search for freedom. Even though the credits officially recognize him only as scriptwriter, this is the work of Turkey's leading filmmaker, Yilmaz Guney; it was made under his supervision while he was serving 18 years in a labor camp. Eventually both he and his negatives were smuggled out of Turkey. *YOL* won the Grand Prize at Cannes. Given the conditions this is a remarkably polished and extremely complex work. (Serif Goren, 1982, 111 min., Turkish with subtitles)

UNDER FIRE

Thursday, April 12 7:30, 9:30

Friday, April 13 7:30, 9:30

Two members of the jaded international press corps, a reporter (Joanna Cassidy) and a photographer (Nick Nolte) are caught up in the Nicaraguan Revolution of 1979. Gene Hackman plays their boss, a good-hearted cynic. Eventually the two find themselves participants and supporters of the revolution rather than "objective" journalists. This is an insightful, accomplished and sympathetic treatment of the Nicaraguan people and their Revolution. It is also a highly entertaining movie. (Roger Spottiswoode, 1983, England, 100 min.) Cosponsor - UU Cinema

THE WHITE ROSE*

Tuesday, April 17 7, 9 Gifford \$2

Wednesday, 18th 7, 9 Gifford \$2

Friday, 20th 7:30, 9:30 Kittredge \$2

Five students and their professor at the University of Munich formed a resistance movement against the Nazis that existed between June 1942 and February 1943. The tension mounts in this semi-documentary as the efforts of "The White Rose" protestors move from leafletting to arousing the campus to revolt. "Stirring. The White Rose has honesty, urgency and emotional power." Janet Maslin, *NEW YORK TIMES*. Quite simply the finest German movie since *Das Boot*. —*Richard Freedman*, *Newhouse Newspapers* (Michael Verhoeven, 1983, 112 min., German with subtitles) Cosponsor - UU Cinema

GRAPES OF WRATH

Friday, April 27 7, 9:30

Based on John Steinbeck's great novel, this is the story of the Joad family, farmers in the Southwest, who are thrown off their family farm during the horrible droughts of the 1930s (dust bowl era). Their farm is then gobbled up by a large corporation - as insidious economic trend that continues through the present. The Joad family, like thousands of others, sets off for California and the "good life," only to find the same kind of exploitation there. With Henry Fonda, Jane Darwell, John Carradine. (John Ford, 1940, 129 min.)

NVS Films is sponsored by the Program in Nonviolent Conflict and Change at Syracuse University, 423-3870. NVS Films thanks the Syracuse Peace Council for its assistance.

An Introduction-

The rise of a new age of technology "out there" sparks the movement's own debates; SPC does not remain untouched. For this special section in the *Peace Newsletter*, we have tried to look at computer technology from several angles bringing our own perceptions and experiences to the discussion. Health effects, interpersonal relations, concepts of progress, community, government repression, the value of efficiency, appropriate technology, fantasies of the future, all weave in and out of the articles. The discussion will continue. Your letters, article suggestions, ideas are welcome. We want to hear from you!

The Power to Control — Computers and Government Files

by Mark Hansel

The development of computerized files in government bureaucracies significantly concentrates the power to control individuals. Following an historic policy of maximizing efficiency, increasingly broader segments of society have been reduced to this scientific management. Enlarging the types and amounts of information about individuals rapidly available to bureaucrats has been intrinsic to this reduction.

This process is evident in criminal justice. Here the momentum to computerize criminal records gained a tremendous boost from the rapid rise of crime beginning in the early 60's and the resultant "war on crime" declared by President Johnson. His "President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice" criticized the uncoordinated, even chaotic, state of criminal justice administration. Its reports recommended, among other things, the development of mechanisms to coordinate criminal justice agencies, within and between the states. A central recommendation was computerized record keeping.

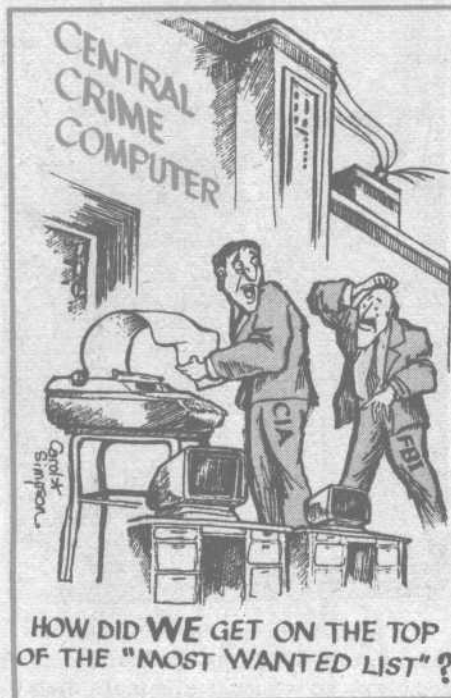
In 1968, only ten states had computerized state-level criminal justice information systems. Today, all states do, largely due to federal funding, between 1964 and 1974, of a national policymaking group and a six state demonstration project. More important, these systems are compatible; it is technologically possible to send the contents of files from one state to another virtually instantaneously.

Since 1974, these systems have been linked through the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) within the FBI. The central data base of the NCIC is the Computerized Criminal History (CCH). By January, 1978, the NCIC was pro-

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cessing over 1/2 million "transactions" per day.

The CCH contains a record of all contacts an individual has with the criminal justice system (actually reported to the FBI). These contacts extend from arrest through punishment.



The validity of arrest records has been severely criticized; and arrest, however trivial, can be recorded in the CCH. This information has been used for many non criminal purposes, such as security clearances, bombing clearances and employment screening.

In addition to these data, educational institutions at all levels, the Consumer Credit Bureau, insurance firms, the Census Bureau, the Social Security Administration, all branches of the military, social welfare organizations, juvenile courts and mental hospitals maintain files containing much personal information. Many of these files are indexed by social security

numbers (or contain the SSN). This makes it easy to merge them. Even if we assume that the security of a computer system is sufficient to prevent access to restricted information, a decision to make merger possible could be implemented very rapidly (probably overnight).

While we may view this dossier society with alarm, we must recognize the tremendous pressure to produce dossiers whenever efficiency becomes a dominant value. As Foucault's analysis of the penitentiary (*Discipline and Punishment*) illustrates, schooling, medical treatment, manufacturing, warfare and punishment were all reduced to very similar forms shortly prior to the 19th century. That form emphasized efficient surveillance and control of the individual. It entailed the analysis of tasks into small stages (e.g., time/motion analysis) and systematic training of individuals to pursue these tiny steps. The meaningfulness of the entire enterprise was to be considered only at the level of efficiency assessment. The feelings of individuals marching, learning, being healed, building bridges or being punished were not relevant.

While Foucault ignores the willing participation of citizens in their own social control (workers after all do still choose to do demeaning work, still send their children to school with pride and still use hospitals), his point is important and simple: historically the governance of western institutions has moved towards increasingly greater and more extensive managerial control. Extensive information consolidation about individuals is a logical extension of prior developments. More generally, wherever efficiency becomes a central value, pressures to elaborate and centralize control become strong. And the political left is not immune from these pressures.

Computers for Peace and Social Justice?!?!

by John Brué

How could that possibly be? Aren't computers being used to guide Cruise missiles, replace human workers, and assist in the diagnosis of illness? Oops, how did that last question get into that sentence? But we know that children waste enormous amounts of time and money playing video arcade games, watching TV and being challenged by developing new ways to understand old problems.

Oops, again.

However, we know the FBI keeps huge data bases on citizens, thus making it possible to invade their privacy, and we learn about this by reading publications from liberal organizations that keep their mailing lists on computers!

Now wait a minute. How are we going to maintain our indignation about computers if we keep getting these mixed signals? Maybe we just have to look at the situation more carefully, and try to control it rather than try to eliminate it.

Computers have been around for centuries, if one counts the abacus as a computer. But digital computers, and in particular small personal computers, are much more recent. Really, it's just within the last seven or eight years that the most obvious changes have occurred. The small microcomputer that many people have in their homes has more computing power than the first electronic computer had that filled an entire room not too many years ago. And the truth is, it is the lack of rapid enough advance in computers and automation that has cost many workers their jobs. While the auto workers are being thrown out of work by foreign imports, it is well to look a little deeper to establish why that is happening. Part of the reason may well be some unfair subsidy by Japan, but undoubtedly another major reason is that US production

John, a long-time SPC member, is excited by exploring new technologies.

techniques are antiquated, compared with the automated factories of Europe and Japan. Fear of automation, and robots taking over, cause people to fight change; it is also the case that if automated factories had developed more rapidly, US workers would have been able to keep their jobs.



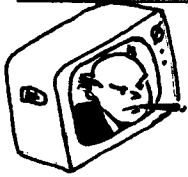
But computers are just another extension of the military-industrial complex, so we must eliminate them!

The military-industrial complex also uses cars, airplanes, air-conditioners, etc, and we don't want to eliminate all of those things, too. Besides that, many small businesses use high technology material, and much of this is the life blood of our country. I have worked with a small company that is making real strides in data gathering and processing for cardiac research. I couldn't conceive that anyone would want to dismantle that company!

However, the computer does indeed cause disruption of the lives of people. Jobs that had existed prior to computers have been eliminated, or perhaps reduced in challenge.

Word processors tend to eliminate a lot of the work that a typist used to do, and perhaps even make the remaining part of the work less rewarding. This is distressing, to be sure. The change is so rapid that people do not have time to adjust to a new situation, and understand it, before it impinges on their lives. But computers also create many exciting jobs and give new meaning and understanding to those people who are able to incorporate them. The amount of paper work that is generated by the computers around the world amounts to the equivalent of some 12 trillion office workers. That's a number of people that is thousands of times larger than the entire population of the world! It isn't all garbage that is generated. The world of communication has been enlarged because of computers, and we are able to do more things, more rapidly, and with fewer mistakes, than ever before. The modern office can keep records on tap that can and do help people to straighten out their affairs very efficiently. But the way in which office jobs are organized must be adjusted to properly consider the effects upon all the people, not only the customer but also the supplier of services. The modern automated factory must not only eliminate hazardous and boring jobs that used to be performed by people, but also must raise the technological level of the people that are employed.

To me, computers and automation (robots) are but another challenge to us. We must find ways to use the new technology for the benefit of humankind. But always, this is accomplished, not by attempting to stop the growth of new things, but by channeling growth into meaningful directions. Sometimes this might mean trying to stop certain activities -- human cloning? -- because both society and technology are not prepared to handle all the serious ramifications. But in the case of computers, let's not try to stop them; rather join it enough to supply good ideas and humanistic growth.



Computer Projection — A Fable

The controlling interests sent their great computers like scouts into the future and asked them, "What will be?"

Like all owned oracles and paid prophets the computers answered only the question asked. They said, "Your system will die speedily and you will die with it."

Then said the controlling interests, (forgetting to ask the second question, or religiously refusing to admit that there WAS a second question) "Let's have a party! Today let us pillage and starve the people as never before. We will devour the beauty and viability of the earth and poison water, land and air. Let us eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die. And when we die, everyone dies, in a nuclear war."

The almost powerless meanwhile were beginning to ask their little computers, and the computers within their heads, and history, "Can we kill the controlling interests, and take back what they have taken from us, and live happily ever after?"

All sources responded practically, "They can kill you first. They are at present hopeless people who hate you because they must rob you beyond tolerance in order to make points in their sick game. You must all live together or you shall all die together."

Then some irritating and sensible dissidents from the temporarily powerful and from the awaking powerless came together to ask the second question: "What must we do in order to survive?" They asked their computers,

and the computers in their heads, and books, and history and a man from Nazareth, and a man from India.

The answer came back: "You must together manufacture for EVERYONE a believable and practical reason for hope."

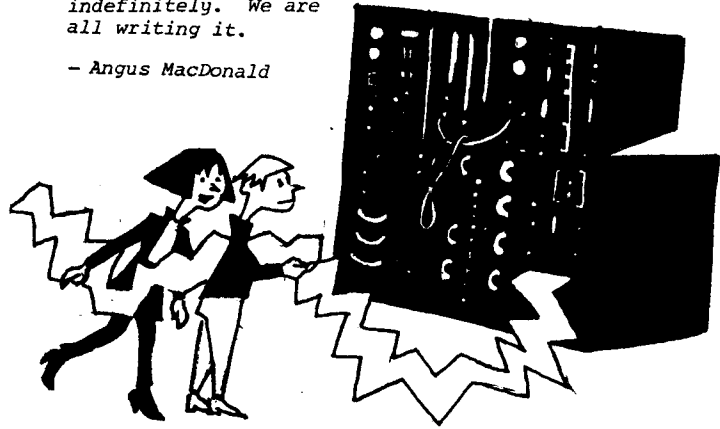
"You must separate your egos from war, dogma, profit and self-righteousness so that you may work together, laughing (and sometimes cursing) and play together in the sun."


"And what you do must be based on love for each other, and for all the other dwellers upon the earth, and for the lovely and hospitable earth itself."

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This story has no ending. I hope it is "to be continued" indefinitely. We are all writing it.

- Angus MacDonald





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Video Display Terminals: A High-Tech Eyesore

Well designed equipment is only the first step in assuring a safe, healthy, and productive work environment. The implementation of automation in the workplace is of equal, if not greater, importance. The new technology should relieve office workers of repetitive work, upgrade skills, and increase promotional opportunities. 9to5 and District 925 recommend the following for ensuring the health and safety of Video Display Terminal (VDT) operators:

To employers-

*Equipment should be adjustable to the worker, not vice versa. The angle of the keyboard to the screen should be easily adjustable. Both the brightness of the letters and the contrast between the letters and the screen should be adjustable as well.

*Display screens with glare-reducing glass are preferable. Printers should be as quiet as possible and not placed near the operator. Optional antiglare shields and noise covers should be provided for all operators.

*Comfortable, adjustable chairs are essential for VDT operators.

*Frequent rest breaks are essential for operators of VDTs

*Regular employer-paid eye exams should be provided for all operators, and employers should pay for glasses if needed for VDT work.

*Office workers should be informed of plans to introduce automation before decisions are made. Employees should be involved in making decisions about the applications of the equipment and the systems introduced.



*Women who choose to become pregnant should be given the choice to transfer to non-VDT work at no loss in pay.


*Preventive maintenance checks should be provided for all equipment at 6-month intervals, and workers should have access to maintenance logs.

*The VDT work environment should be redesigned to prevent crowding and noise and to provide proper lighting adequate work space, comfortable furnishings and good air quality.

To VDT operator-

*If you work in an office where you cannot individually control factors relating to your health and safety, and if your employer is unaware of, or insensitive to VDT hazards, then it is time that you and your fellow VDT operators unionize. Contact District 925 at 446-4495, or 3060 Erie Blvd. East, Syracuse, NY. 13201. With a union you can have a say in designing your job, work pace, work environment, and introduction of new equipment.

-Regina Canuso



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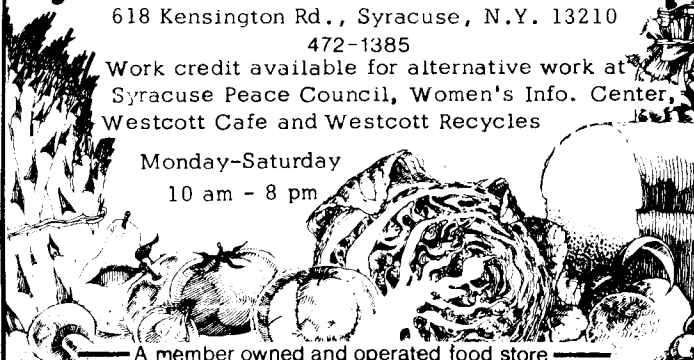
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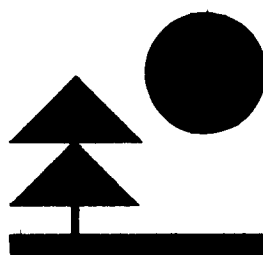
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Use Computers, But Choose People

I no longer worry about turning into a computer freak who sits in a closet all day playing with a machine and doesn't know how to relate to people. I no longer use computers. Still, I feel a need to consider what we do to our images, to ourselves and our relationships with each other by using computers.

We err by accepting computers unquestioningly and by rejecting them fearfully. People are behind what computers do, and remembering that is the best way to keep things in perspective.

To say that "a computer is infallible" is a fallacy. The people behind the computer's performance are fallible like any of us. But "the computer made a mistake" is also a fallacy. Program designers make the mistakes. They forget to put in steps to handle all cases. They attempt to program processes that they don't understand well enough - or perhaps that are beyond comprehension. If we ignore the person behind the program, no one is made responsible for errors and injustices.

People can care, love, and create beautiful and meaningful works, appreciate beauty and understand meaning; people can do much more than they can program. We may assume that a computer can be made to do a given task as well as or better than a person. But for some tasks, this is to ignore the wonder and the importance of human feelings - like caring.

For example - the relationship between a patient and a psychotherapist would seem to be one calling especially for personal caring. Yet some psychotherapists and computer experts developed visions of therapy by computer after seeing a program, "Eliza", mimic a Rogerian psychotherapist. The program's creator, Joseph Weizen-

baum of M.I.T., was very dismayed. He only meant for it to test some idea about computer analysis of natural language and never intended any ideas about machine therapy.

Computer "therapy" deprives a needing person of a helping human contact. Yet computers can also bring people together--to cite one example, making communication easier for handicapped people. The friend of a man with cerebral palsy designed a special computer for him that changed his life. A pointer attached to his head allowed him to pick out sounds and words from a keyboard, which were then "spoken" by a speech synthesizer. Being able to talk to people meant that he could finally have personal relationships; people were able and willing to communicate with him and discovered a real person behind the physical problem.

We can explore applications to help people get along. We should take care that more mundane uses are really to the benefit of all concerned. Anyone using computers has a responsibility to know what he or she is doing and and to keep people uppermost in his or her mind. This should be a part of education in the use of computers: we get to choose. And we must choose well.

~ Mary Mihalyi



Computers - "Progress" at What Cost ?

Throughout our society computers are being hailed as a technological advance destined to change our lives. We all recognize that computers can be used for both positive and negative purposes. The Peace Council can put our mailing list on a computer and save volunteer time. Selective Service can use computerized IRS and driver's license records to track down suspected non-registrants. But are there certain values (or dangers) inherent in the use of computers? I see this as one of the key issues in evaluating our use of computers!

Computers are a tool used to accomplish various tasks. Other tools can and have been used to perform much of the "work" now done computers. Perhaps the main benefit attributed to computers is efficiency. They can perform both simple and complex tasks much faster than people can do them. Efficiency can be important but it is only one factor in our work. Human working conditions, a feeling of community, and accessible technology are others that are equally important. For example, is it better to have someone spend several hours with a computer as it prints out labels, or a group of people sorting labels around a table?

My experience with computers is not extensive, so my feelings are partly intuitive. But it seems to me that computers foster a certain mindset. Problems and solu-

tions are seen in technical rather than human terms. Rather than increasing our ability to respond to other people (subjective beings), we learn to expect "programmed" responses from machines. Can we help but apply what we learn about relating to machines to our relationships with other people?

Certainly the changes necessary for us to reverse the growing use of computers are tremendous. But as peace activists who recognize the deeply rooted nature of violence in our society, we are already calling for drastic changes in our daily lives. Above all, we must assert our own definitions of progress and decide how computers fit into this. Does progress mean technological innovation, or an improvement in the quality of our interactions with other people and life on Earth?

When I talk with people about computers I feel that they're saying, "Computers are here to stay so we might as well take advantage of them." As peace-seeking people I feel that we have a right and responsibility not to blindly accept but to carefully evaluate the social costs of these new technologies. We should no more unquestioningly accept computers and the values they reflect than we do the inevitability of war and injustice.

~ Andy Mager

Racism & Sexism Prevalent in High Tech Firms

Corporations and politicians alike feed us "high technology propaganda". Many leading Democrats, including Senator Paul Tsongas and Presidential aspirant Gary Hart, claim that expansion of high technological firms would resolve many of America's long-term economic problems. But let's look at reality.

Racial and sexual segregation already characterizes high tech manufacture. Whites comprise over 96 percent of all professional and managerial positions in high tech-related firms, such as insurance, computers, and banking. Women and nonwhites total over 90 percent of the low-level workers in these companies. Despite industry claims that high tech could increase demand for skilled workers, most political economists predict that high tech will create only 900,000 new jobs over the next ten years. The vast majority of these will be clericals and operatives. Minorities now entering the field won't benefit materially.

High technology yearly eliminates thousands of jobs which were the sectors of Blacks, Hispanics and women. Several hundred thousand black women are currently employed as bank tellers, keypunch operators, etc. Employment in these vocations will drop by at least one-fifth during the next ten to fifteen years due to computer use. Two disturbing illustrations of this dynamic can be cited. One major New York bank recently issued a statement telling depositors below a certain amount that they would transact normal business via a bank card machine rather than seeing a teller. This meant the number of tellers could be reduced. Since 1970, the number of telephone operators has been cut 30 percent, also because of computer use. Corporate technology promises to continue this trend.

American banks subsidize the high tech explosion abroad, which undermines U.S. jobs. Between 1960 and 1983, for instance, the sale of foreign made steel in the U.S. expanded from 4 percent to 23 percent. Why? The pension funds of U.S. Steel and Bethlehem Steel had, as of the late 1970s, a total of \$133 million invested in the stock of ten major banks. Using these same deposits, plus those of other American workers, these banks

loaned Japanese steel companies more than 1.165 billion dollars. Japanese steel firms have taken U.S. workers' capital to develop high tech steel production, which displaces those steel workers!

Aggressive export of high tech oriented production facilities by U.S.-based multinationals, and suppression of foreign workers' wages, has sent hundreds of thousands of Americans to unemployment lines. No wonder the percentage of foreign made electrical components in the past twenty-three years has soared from 1 to 26; of consumer electronics, 6 to 95; and of calculators, 5 to 45 percent.



High technology could serve the interests of labor, rather than the destructive prerogatives of the banks and corporations. Technological advances must serve the public policy goal of a full employment economy at home, and more effective affirmative action for Blacks Latinos and women.

-Manning Marable

Preparation in Nonviolence

Have you participated in Civil Disobedience? Do you want to take one step more? Consider learning nonviolent facilitation skills.

The Syracuse Peace Council is organizing nonviolence workshops on Saturday Feb. 11 from 10:30-3:30 at AFSC 821 Euclid. It is intended for those of you who already know the basics of nonviolence. Workshops will be offered to develop skills in mediation, conflict resolution, facilitation, preparing agendas, group process, and working out problems that come up in consensus.

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We Stand Firm: 10 Days of Actions Against the Deployment

With energy renewed from the International Days of Protest in October, affinity groups in Upstate New York gathered again to protest the already begun Euromissile deployment. Our actions were in solidarity with our European sisters and brothers and with the resistance witness by the Griffiss Plowshare Seven.

The December 3-12 actions occurred both at Griffiss Air Force Base (GAFB) and Seneca Army Depot (SEAD). Legal and non-legal actions took place. Leaflets were handed out at both military installations by Syracuse, Geneva and Ithaca affinity groups. Eleven people from an Ithaca affinity group entered GAFB to leaflet in a resident area. Others joined them and sixteen people were apprehended.

Public vigils at each facility were well attended with over 130 people at the Finger Lakes Peace Alliance vigil at SEAD on Dec. 11. The Women's Encampment held two vigils at SEAD. The Ithaca women's affinity group walked around the the entire depot and returned the following Saturday to blockade the air strip.

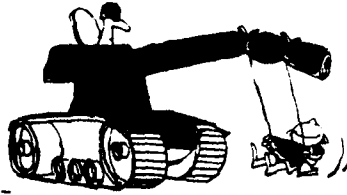
Affinity groups chose many ways of entering SEAD. The International Peace Keeping Force, of Geneva, entered the air traffic control tower two separate times.

Spinsters Opposed to Nuclear Genocide took down some 15 yards of SEAD fence near the "Q" zone and left undetected. Two women from Rochester walked through the main gate with ornaments and signs to convert SEAD into a travel bureau.

On December 12th, the fourth anniversary of the NATO decision to deploy Cruise and Pershing II missiles, SEAD was the focus of several actions. Seven people from "Help Wanted" out of Buffalo, attempted to blockade the airstrip. A simultaneous witness at Congressman Kemp's office protested his support of the deployment. An affinity group with people from Oswego, Geneva, Washington DC, Romulus and Rochester blockaded the airstrip at two separate times.

In addition, three women from the Women's Intervention to Stop the Holocaust tampered with a lock and threw red paint on the military security center in Geneva.

Lee Ann Irwin



At an evaluation meeting in January plans were made to continue the affinity group network. Does your affinity group want to join the network? For more information contact: Karen Beetle 315-472-5478.

Silkwood Seven at Seneca

On Dec. 3rd the Syracuse Women's Affinity Group took part in a non-violent civil disobedience action at Seneca Army Depot. Seven women entered the depot carrying signs "We Are Missile-Stopping Women!", and sat on the airstrip.

All seven women used the name Karen Silkwood. Two were released with "ban and bar" letters. The other five were detained for the weekend and brought to the Rochester Federal Court Monday morning. During an arraignment and trial (Jan 23) the court found four women guilty, and dropped charges on the fifth. A donation of food valued at \$100 was offered to the Rochester Catholic Worker as payment of two fines.

A similar action took place the same weekend at a military installation in Australia where over 300 women did civil disobedience and used the name Karen Silkwood.

Patchwork at Seneca

-Janet Schneider

On the last day of Ten Days of Actions the Patchwork affinity group from Syracuse went into the Seneca Army Depot to protest NATO's decision four years earlier to deploy Cruise and Pershing II missiles.

With signs on our backs which told that we were an "International Peace Making Force" we entered the depot. Singing, we walked to the airstrip. There we put toys with messages from children.

With a folkdance from Greece we blocked the runway. The folkdance also made the nervous military police more relaxed and it gave us some contact with them before the arrest.

After we got arrested and handcuffed we were transported to a detention center inside the depot.

All six in our affinity group got "ban and bar" letters and were released later the same day.

- Per Henngren

Resisting Frivolous Fines

Frivolous war tax resisters have discovered this word to mean income tax returns to which the government objects at a cost of \$500.

Locally we know two instances of "frivolous" penalties. Diane and Peter Swords claimed a refund of 40% of their taxes (already withheld) by taking a "war tax deduction". They received the refund in June and sent it to the Conscience and Military Tax Campaign. In December they received an IRS form assessing a \$500 penalty for filing a "frivolous income tax return". To contest the penalty, 15% of it had to be paid within thirty days and a claim filed for abatement of penalty. The Swords paid the 15% under protest at the Federal Building on January 3rd, accompanied by about 25 supporters. They donated an equal amount to the American Friends Service Committee.

Now they await denial of abatement. Upon receipt of that denial they have thirty days to bring suit in U.S. District Court.

Kath Buffington had filed for a refund of her already withheld taxes based on a "war tax credit" but did not receive it. She received notice of her \$500 "frivolous" penalty in late December. Since then she was taxed an additional unexplained amount. She will not pay and will continue her protest this year.

-Diane Swords

Griffiss Plowshares Freed

The Griffiss Plowshares defendants had a hearing in Syracuse on Dec. 14. They responded to court's earlier unwillingness to release them with several arguments.

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First, they pointed out that the court recognized the Air Force's indictment but ignored the defendant's indictment, which found Ronald Reagan et al guilty of war crimes. Secondly, they proved that by waiting to be arrested inside of Griffiss for two hours, they were obviously taking responsibility for their act, expecting a trial, and could be counted on to appear in court. Finally, Dean Hammer mentioned that bail is not meant to be a punishment but rather a form of assurance that defendants will show up in court. The judge decided to release the defendants without bail with the understanding that they would return for trial.

The next hearing is unscheduled as of now and will probably be in early March. The seven are home with their families, and have been meeting regularly to prepare for trial. For further information, contact Mary Loehr, at (607)257-1852. *-Mary Loehr*

Trials and Tribulations

- On December 9th, Karen Beetle was found guilty by the Rome City Court for her participation in a blockade of Griffiss following the deployment of the first Cruise Missiles in England. She was fined, refused to pay the fine, and was resented to three days in jail. She was released after 1 1/2 hours.
- Carol McKenzie, Kim Blacklock, & Johanna Benschop of the Women's Encampment were arrested for throwing paint on the military recruiters office in Geneva in early Dec. They were found guilty, sentenced to a fine and restitution. They refused to pay, and were given the maximum sentence. 89 DAYS. Send letters of support to: Ontario County Jail, 74 Ontario St. Canandaigua, NY 14424. For updates or more info call: (607) 869-5825.

-Karen Beetle

New York -- The Sacrifice State

In February, 1984, a series of hearing will take place around New York state to determine how "low-level" radioactive waste will be handled in New York and the surrounding states. The West Valley dump, about 170 miles southwest of Syracuse, could easily become the "sacrifice site" to receive all the waste from an eleven-state area. The West Valley dump closed in 1975 when radioactive water broke through the trench caps and spilled into surrounding streams that drain into Lake Erie, the drinking water for millions of people in the US and Canada. Plutonium at West Valley has moved at least 60 feet from one of the burial holes. The former operator, Nuclear Fuel Services/Getty Oil Company, said it would move, at most, 3 inches in that amount of time.

Lots of Power, NO Accountability

In 1980, a federal law was passed requiring each state to care for its own nuclear waste by 1986. Groups of states could join to form a regional agreement (or compact) and site regional dumps. Eleven states could join the Northeast Compact. Numerous unresolved questions have led many in the northeast to oppose it and offer alternate proposals. Some of the problems:

- *A group of gubernatorial appointees would form a Commission to assure a dump for the region. This Commission would be an unelected, unaccountable interstate body.

- *The Commission could supersede local and state laws.
- *The Commission can accept donations from private corporations.
- *There is no clear public participation program and no procedures for Commission decision-making.
- *The state which accepts the dump has sole legal and financial responsibilities.
- *No environmental impact statement is required for Commission action.

Witnesses needed, no exp. nec.

People (like you!) are needed to testify in Syracuse on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1984, 2-5 pm or 7-9 pm at the Onondaga County Legislature Building, Room 407, Montgomery Street. Background information and coaching(!) is available from Kath Buffington, AFSC, 821 Euclid Avenue, Syracuse, 13210, 315-475-4822 or Diane D'Arrigo, Sierra Club Radioactive Waste Campaign, 78 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, 14201, 716-884-1000. If you can't testify, write a letter and Kath or Diane will submit it. Petitions and sample resolutions are also available.

A draft or summary of the draft study on low-level waste in NYS can be obtained from Jack Spath, NYSERDA, 2 Rockefeller Plaza, Albany, 12223, 518-465-6251. He will also accept pre-registration from witnesses for the February 16th hearing. Other dates are scheduled for Albany, New York City, Mineola, and Buffalo.

-compiled by Kath Buffington

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Olympic Games. Dennis is involved in promoting sports at the Onondaga Nation and is preparing for the summer Olympics in L.A. A campaign is just beginning to enable the Six Nations to compete with sovereign status. Donald Swamp, an Onondagan, will run for the Six Nations - not for the U.S. - and may compete with record miler Sebastian Coe before the Olympics.

Jim Thorpe Memorial Games. Work has begun to establish an "Indian Olympics" on or near the site and time of the Olympics this summer. The Thorpe Games will enable Native People to compete fairly outside the U.S. dominated Olympics and draw attention to the long struggle to return the Jim Thorpe Olympic Medals to his family. More information will be available. Contact the Dennis Banks Support Committee at 476-6103 and/or come to the Floyd Westerman Benefit Concert on February 11. Details on calendar.

'hone Tax Equals War Tax

Phone tax resistance is a clear, low-risk way to make a statement against paying for war.

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The IRS can take unpaid taxes from bank accounts, wages, or property seizure, but must notify the

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resister first. The resister can pay at any point. In fact, collection has been extremely rare since the Viet Nam war.

Women's Peace Presence to Stop Project Elf

The spirit of the Women's Encampment for a Future of Peace and Justice continues in the midwest with Women's Peace Presence to Stop Project Elf. Project Elf is the Navy's first strike one-way transmitter for the Trident submarines. The Encampment will open May 28, 1984 in Northern Wisconsin near the Elf site. Support is needed. For more information, write to WPPSPE, 731 State St. Madison, WI 53703, (608) 257-7562.

May Memorial Votes for Sanctuary

In December of 1983 May Memorial Unitarian-Universalist Society (MMUS) voted to become a part of a nationwide network to provide safe asylum for El Salvadoran refugees fleeing the violence in their homeland. This symbolic sanctuary speaks to a number of purposes: 1. to educate the community about the plight of the refugees; 2. to provide safe haven for refugees; 3. to work toward a reclassification of the status of the refugees under Immigration and Naturalization Service law; 4. to challenge and change some aspects of US policy in Central America.

This action by the MMUS Congregation followed a four month period of intensive study of the issues and problems in El Salvador. FOCUS, who initially contacted MMUS requesting support for this project, provided speakers and films for this educational process. Discussion groups and two formal Congregational hearings explored the possible consequences of this action which may be a form of civil disobedience. The Sanctuary committee provided fact sheets on the issues, coordinated educational events and made a strong effort to create an atmosphere where pros and cons could be discussed without censure.

MMUS is now looking to the wider Syracuse community for endorsement of this action. It is hoped that a refugee will be here in early Spring and a broad base of ecumenical and community support will insure his/her safety as well as providing increased public awareness. This support can take the form of other Churches declaring Sanctuary, or Churches, organizations and individuals within or outside of the religious community endorsing the project, and/or supporting it materially. For more information, please contact Pam Walker, FOCUS Sanctuary Committee, (479-5648) or Ann Tiffany, MMUS

"This Card ... Isn't a Card"

Men who registered for the draft this fall are being issued wallet sized "registration acknowledgement forms" designed to replace the form letters previously used as proof of registration.

Spokeswoman Joan Lamb explains for Selective Service: "This card is not really a card, because it is not as thick as a card. It is a slip of paper they can carry with them voluntarily. It is a handy little thing we designed for their convenience."



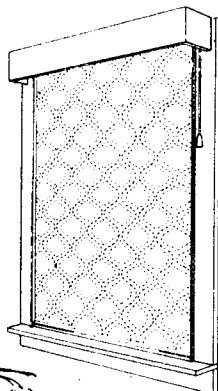
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Artists & photographers are invited to submit work or proposals to Syracuse Cultural Workers Project for consideration in our 1985 calendar, posters or postcards. Send to Box 6367, Syracuse, NY 13217 or call Dik at (315)474-1132.

Food needed (money too) by Dennis Banks, family and friends at the Onondaga Nation. Food may be taken to the Church Center, 3049 E. Genesee St., Syr, 13224 and given to Dorothy Campbell-Hiney, 446-7185.

Housemate wanted to share large house in Westcott area with 2 adults and one child. Fireplace, washer&dryer, on busline. Quiet nonsmoker preferred. \$150/mo. includes utilities. Call Linda or Dik at 474-1132 anytime.

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Money is still needed to help support our European intern, Per Herengren. Contact Allen at SPC, 472-5478 if you can help in any way.

Yoga classes, Womens Information Center every Tuesday night at 7:00 p. m. .

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Do you have a space heater you could loan The Front Room Too Bookstore for the winter? It's unheated and cold. Thanks, Carol 472-5478.

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Three Mile Island Mail Art Exhibition : Send your postcard art (3x5 to 8x10) to the 4th annual TMI art exhibit. This years theme not only considers the TMI nuclear Reactor Incident but deals with all aspects of the nuclear question. Work to be displayed March8-23 at Gettysburg College, Penn. Send entries to Art Dept. Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA 17325. Deadline Feb. 29. Further Information available: Prof. James D. Agard (717) 334-3131, ext. 203.

We are seeking banners from Peace, Nuclear and Social Justice demonstrations for a show in NY city, then traveling country wide. Banners of design merit (if in doubt let us decide). Send dimensions & color slide/photo by March 1 to Banners, Westbury Peace Center, 550 Post Ave., Westbury, NY 11590.

Singing for our Lives a collection of songs about peace and social change is available for all interested peacemakers. Order copies from Guelph Action for Peace, box 144, Guelph, Ontario, Canada, N1H 6G6. \$6.50 plus \$1.75 postage. Bulk rates available.

The Lisle Fellowship in cooperation with the Gandhi Peace Foundation is sponsoring a transnational/intercultural peace project to be held in India June 14-25, 1984.

The theme of the program is "Alternatives to Violence: Education for Social Change." Share in cooperative living, dialogue & spiritual discipline, training & experience in nonviolent action. Write to Rev. Carl Kline, United Ministries, 802 11th Ave. Brookings, South Dakota 57006, for more information.

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RECON's winter issue includes: Battleship Base for NY city, Air Force Space Command, Nuclear Warhead Production, Cost of Carrier Battlegroup Doubles and much more. Send \$10 /year (4issues) to RECON, PO box 14602, Philadelphia, PA 19134.

Georgia Center for Continuing Education announces their forthcoming conference on "Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution" to be held Sept. 20-23 at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri. For more information contact Edward S. Weeks at Georgia Center for Continuing Educ. University of Georgia-Athens 30602.


The Peace Museum, Chicago, is organizing a special exhibition entitled "5000 Buttons for Peace", concentrating on the history of the U. S. peace movement. Button collectors are encouraged to donate peace buttons for permanent collection at museum and for consideration as exhibit items in the show, scheduled for May, 1984. Your contributions would be most helpful, send to The Peace Museum, 364 W. Erie st., Chicago, IL, 60610.



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 JOURNEYS - Holly Near (includes color photos and stories) (7.)
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a woman is bleeding and I see her
bleeding from the mouth, the womb, the breasts
in a fountain of dark blood of dismal
daily tedious sorrow quite palatable
to the taste of the mighty and taken for granted
that the bread of domesticity be baked
of our flesh, that the hearth be built
of our bones of animals kept for meat and milk,
that we open and lie under and weep.
I want to say over the names of my mothers
like the stones of a path I am climbing
rock by slippery rock into the mists.
Never even at knife point have I wanted
or been willing to be or become a man
I want only to be myself and free.

excerpt from "The moon is always female" - MARGE PIERCY



Stone Walls

do not a Prison Make

The following are excerpts from a letter written by a member of the Griffiss Plowshares Seven, December 2, 1983 in the Syracuse Public Safety Building.

On the news last night I was so encouraged to hear of the next ten days of protest at both Seneca and Griffiss and all those constant acts of hope and faith.

Our Lord instructs us time and time again to not be afraid, to love our enemies, to do the works of mercy, and we continue to spend billions on things that kill. Our best resources, spoiling the environment, the world, our souls, "Love American Style," selling weapons.

FREE SPEECH!

Dan Berrigan calls these weapons non-property—hammers of hell.

They truly are.

Going to Griffiss was something I could not avoid doing, seeing time and time again my friends going off to jail, feeling an urgency hard to explain, bringing God's light into the darkness.

The Greenham Common was another place I was blessed with visiting in England. These women have been living in the mud for three years (it rains almost all the time), a constant reminder to those on the base. There are 106 U.S. military bases in the small country of Great Britain. The women's non-violence puts mine to shame and their sense of humor was inspiring.

Please excuse the poor writing. We sit on cement floors as that's all we have, but I'm very grateful to be here I am humbled by all the good folks in this area and the tremendous support and prayers. Going to Griffiss was the most sane act I could do at this point.

- Kathleen Rumpf

Unconscious Inspiration

Denver, CO

Thanks Peace Council members for exposing me to your infectious, spirited and fighting philosophy of direct nonviolent action for peace and justice. After moving from Syracuse to Denver, Colorado last year, I was at first anxious to see how I would connect with the movement people out here. As I burrowed my way into peace and justice groups out here, I became aware of the not too conscious learning that had been going on within me during my years in Syracuse and my contact with the people who make up the Peace Council.

Many of us living and working outside the gates of the death factory of the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant have been closely following the events of the Seneca Army Depot encampment, the demonstrations and the recent arrests. Your work strengthens our resolve to fight on. As most of you know, some 18,000 people with a sane view of the future joined hands on October 15th and encircled the Rocky Flats death factory and sang "We Shall Overcome."

-ROB McANDREWS

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This month's PNL commemorates Int'l Women's Week (March 8-15) by grappling with issues of violence against women. Included are features on the Rape Crisis Center of Syracuse and the Dorothy Day and Vera Houses, which provide counsel and shelter to women. Also, a St. Louis-based organization of men, RAV"N, vows "Nevermore" to violence against women. Women's age-old struggle against patriarchy is remembered by late Fayetteville suffragette Matilda Joslyn Gage and reflected upon in an interview with feminist poet laureate Marge Piercy. Also in this issue are reports on the Salvadoran Ambassador's icy reception in Cazenovia and the warm compassion of peace workers in Nicaragua.

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March 1984 PNL 505

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February has seemed extraordinarily busy for everyone in the house - but we've had lots of help from a whole spate of volunteers, who are welcomed with open arms and loads of things to do. Other visitors have also made us feel lucky—like former staffers William and Liam, who happened to arrive simultaneously the other day.

Speaking of volunteers, the press, on a first-time-ever basis, has not just one, but two people helping out!! And as of June there will be a new full time partner as well. Jeffrey Schwartz, a former SPC intern, will be returning to be our second printer.

He'll find at least one big difference, because (we're sorry to say), Liccionese, the corner grocery which has supplied countless SPC meals over the years, has changed hands, so we won't be chatting with Mark and Josie any longer. We'll miss them, but look forward to friendly relations with the new owners. And, like everyone else, we're looking forward to Spring!!!

-Maura McNulty

SPC Statement of Purpose

The Syracuse Peace Council (SPC), founded in 1936, is an antiwar/social justice organization. It is community-based, autonomous and funded by the contributions of its supporters.

SPC educates, agitates and organizes for a world where war, violence and exploitation in any form will no longer exist. It challenges the existing unjust power relationships among nations, among people and between ourselves and the environment. As members, we work to replace inequality, hierarchy, domination and powerlessness with mutual respect, personal empowerment, cooperation and a sense of community.

Present social injustices cannot be understood in isolation from each other nor can they be overcome without recognizing their economic and militaristic roots. SPC stresses a strategy that makes these connections clear. We initiate and support activities that help build this sense of community and help tear down the walls of oppression. A fundamental basis for peace and justice is an economic system that places human need above monetary profit. We establish relationships among people based on cooperation rather than competition or the threat of destruction.

Our political values and personal lives shape and reflect each other. In both we are committed to nonviolent means of conflict resolution and to a process of decision-making that responds to the needs of all.

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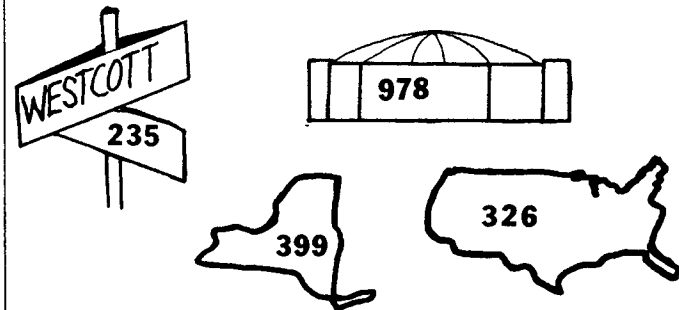
News

Our Peace Newsletter—where it goes.

We thought you'd be interested in just where our Peace Newsletter goes each month. Well, it goes out to three main geographic areas—the U.S., New York State & Syracuse. Two other areas of special interest are the 13210 zip code (endearingly known as the "Westcott Nation") and the rest of the world.

In February 1984 we mailed out 1,703 PNL's. 326 went throughout the U.S., 399 went throughout New York State. 978 went out to people in Syracuse while 235 of that 978 were within the 13210 area.

In addition we sent out 30 or so internationally to Canada, Mexico, Europe, Philippines and elsewhere. It reminds one of the principle "Think Globally—Act Locally".



Help Support SPC's Intern !

The Peace Council still needs money to support Per Herngren, our intern from Sweden. Through donations and fundraising we've managed to raise the money for his first half year here. Now we need a big push to attain funds for his second half. Our intern program has been very successful over the last few years. It has brought us people we have known and loved. Please consider making a contribution to keep our exchange going.

SPC Garage Sale Needs Items

The SPC annual Garage Sale will be in early May and we would like your donations to make it a success. Hopefully some of the early spring weather will start your spring cleaning earlier. This is one of SPC's best fundraisers, so please donate by calling Allen at the Peace Council office soon. We will pick things up for you if you need.

Need to rent a Sound System ?

The fixed and improved SPC sound system is now available for use. The system includes an eight channel amp, two big speaker columns, microphone plus stand and extension cords. It can be rented for a small fee - the money goes to SPC ! Corrine and Peter Jorgensen have volunteered to keep the equipment in shape and can be contacted at 476-5205. They will make arrangements.

SPC Potlucks Start Again

Get ready. The SPC Monday night potluck dinner and discussion series starts up again this month with a full slate. The selection is particularly exciting (see page 6). We thank both Marge Rusk and Adele Baruch for keeping it going. They still need help. Interested? Call us at the SPC office. See you March 5th ! !

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Special Film Previews March 1.

On March 1st, the SPC Film Committee will preview two films for possible purchase by the Peace Council. One is called What About the Russians? The other is called In Our Defense. Both deal head-on with issues on the nuclear arms race. Ironically, SPC does not own a current film on the topic. Therefore we will most likely buy one or both of them should we like them. *We want your opinion on them.* So please come to the Petit Library on Harvard Pl. at 7pm on March 1st.

Two Staff Openings

There are two job openings at SPC this spring/summer. One is the Program & Evaluation staff position. The other is the Peace Newsletter coordinator position. The jobs begin July 1 and August 1 respectively. Send for application materials soon. The deadline is May 1.



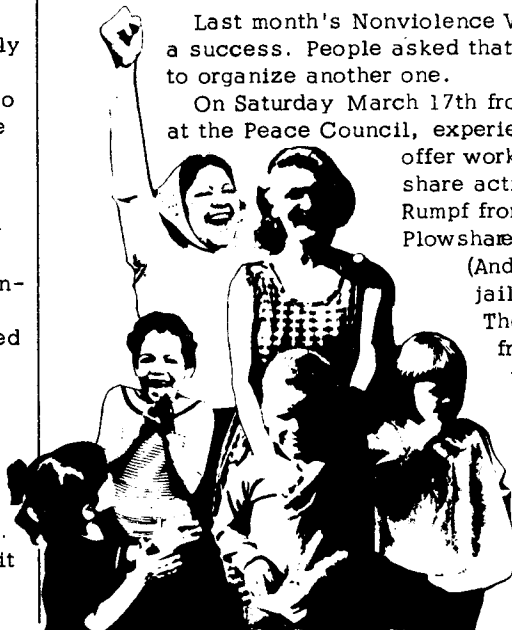
Please Respond to the FBI Opinion Letter

By now, you may have received a letter from the Program and Evaluation Committee asking you your opinion on SPC's dealing with the FBI. If you did not receive a letter but want to let us know what you think, please get us your thoughts by March 16th. If you received the letter, please take seriously the date, March 16th for returning it. We very much need your opinion.

Non-violence Workshops Continue

Last month's Nonviolence Workshops were a success. People asked that the Peace Council to organize another one.

On Saturday March 17th from 10:30am to 2:00pm at the Peace Council, experienced people will offer workshops on Plowshare actions. (Kathleen Rumpf from the Griffiss Plowshare), trial strategy (Andy Mager), and jail time (Dik Cool). The workshops are free. Bring a lunch to share. For more information call 472-5478.



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THE SYRACUSE PEACE COUNCIL'S MONDAY POTLUCK

OPEN TO ALL AT NO ADMISSION CHARGE FOR COMRADERIE, DINNER & DISCUSSION

•DINNER at 6pm (bring a dish or beverage to share) •DISCUSSION from 7-9pm

- March 5th **120 U.S. Volunteers Aid Nicaraguan Harvest**
120 U.S. volunteers recently went to Nicaragua during the coffee harvest season to help with the harvest. With the ever-present possibility of a U.S. invasion, the trip required a special courage and dedication. Come hear several volunteers discuss their experiences and their reasons for going, as well as what they feel the future holds for the Nicaraguan Revolution. A very special evening...
- March 12th **An Historical Perspective on The Mid East Conflict.**
The SPC Mid East Study Group presents a filmstrip presentation of the 20th century roots of the Middle East conflict. Discussion and audience participation to follow. A good chance to find out about the progress of the study group and also a chance to consider joining !!
- March 19th **The "Viet Nam Syndrome"**
The rewriting of the Viet Nam war, in the media and the schools, is the latest instance of distorting history for ideological purposes. Bill Griffen and John Marciano, authors of a study on textbook distortions will examine the emerging "official" history of that war through the lens of the PBS Viet Nam series, the Time-Life publications on the war and the Reagan Administration. Special attention will be paid to Central America and U.S. foreign policy.
- March 26th **Alternatives to Private Land Ownership**
We will discuss alternatives to private property such as Land Trusts and Land Cooperatives. Members participating in existing land use organizations will discuss the history of alternative land use & the evolution of their community. We will also discuss economically sensible & environmentally sound ways in which people can participate in "kindly use" of the land.

THE FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE 821 Euclid (near the corner of Westcott, across from ECOH)
FOR INFORMATION/INPUT ON POTLUCK DISCUSSIONS CALL SPC AT (315) 472-5478

PNL Layout Workshop

Burnishing, PMTs, registration marks, camera-ready copy, blue pencils—are all part of Peace Newsletter production. Join us for this layout workshop and learn what it's all about. The workshop will be offered on March 21st, Wednesday, at 7:30pm at SPC.

High School Student Activist forming group

My name is Erica Lyon. I am in ninth grade at Nottingham High School. I recently moved to Syracuse and since then have confronted the issue of nuclear arms many times. I believe that we, together could have some influence on this issue. I have been collecting signa-

tures on a petition at school.

I am sure that some of you are interested in raising these issues in your school; if you are please come to a meeting at 423 Shuart Ave (off Teall ave.) in Syracuse at 7:30 pm, Thursday, March 8. Feel free to contact me at 476-5205.

Open House for Volunteers

On March 13th, SPC will hold an open house potluck at 924 Burnet. It will start at 6pm. We hope many of the people who volunteer at the office, those who have been active for years, and especially those supporters who have recently been working with us will come. It will be a great chance to meet informally with office staff and talk about things that we don't get around to during the working day. Bring a dish to pass, save the date, bring a friend. ♣

The SPC Disarmament Project 1984

Military Spending 1984-1985

A Look at Reagan's Juggernaut

jug-ger-naut n.: a massive, inexorable force or object that crushes whatever is in its path.

The Political Economy of Military Spending

Look out. Here comes the fourth year of Reagan's five year "re-arm America" military juggernaut. At \$313 billion (give or take \$10 billion after Congressional haggling), the fiscal 1985 budget proposal is a 13% increase over last year beyond inflation and continues to crush everything in its path.

The 1985 increases are highest in three areas: first, in new strategic nuclear weapons (up from \$13.3 billion in 1980 to \$40.3 in 1985); second, expansion of the Navy (from \$6.6 billion in 1980 to \$13.1 billion in 1985); and third, overall "modernization" of entire arrays of new weapons which cost more every year.

Of particular concern as well is continued spending for the U.S. war in Central America. Figures for specific countries are not yet out, but the Administration is seeking from \$2 to \$2.6 billion in total "aid" to the region. Military aid alone to El Salvador will quadruple from \$65 million to almost \$260 million.

These staggering millions and billions are confusing. What is clear is that under Reagan, the federal government is becoming almost entirely a military apparatus. A "reality check" shows that military spending just ten years ago, in 1974, was \$85.6 billion. And we thought that was alarming!

Yet this year's total increase alone, \$48 billion, is more than half of that 1974 total. One has to wonder whether there are reasons aside from "national security" for the government having become such a gigantic arms merchant and agency of corporate welfare for the aerospace conglomerates.

Two of the worst aspects of military spending are 1) it is a "cost-plus" system, and 2) it is wrecking the rest of the economy in a hidden, deceitful and delayed fashion.

"Cost-plus" means profit is guar-

anteed. You've heard about the phenomenal Pentagon waste (eg., \$9,606 being spent for a 12¢ allen wrench; \$435 for a common claw hammer).

As Seymour Melman of SANE points out, "Ordinary civilian industrial enterprises strive to minimize production costs of its manufactured goods... to maximize profits. But in military-serving enterprise, the accepted requirement of profit performance is maximization of costs." The parallel with nuclear power economics is close. Imagine the federal government proposing to build one hundred Nine Mile 2 plants next year, each with unlimited cost overruns.

What sorts of economic damage are we in store for after years of hundred billion dollar military spending?

The U.S. government has a budget just like everyone else. Money spent must equal money brought in for it to be balanced. For example, New York State must balance its budget by law.

But not the U.S. government. When they spend more than they've taken in, it creates a deficit, as they have nearly every year for 200 years. But in 1982, Reagan's spending doubled the national debt. In 1983 it nearly doubled again. And guess where it is going... to nuclear and conventional weapons, but paid for by hundreds of billions of dollars that don't exist.

In 1985, the federal government will have to borrow about \$274 billion just to balance its books. But that is more than half (56%) of all the money available in the country for lending. What happens? Interest rates will be forced up to limit who gets the remaining 44%. The government then, (having to pay interest itself on the money it borrowed), will have to pay those same high interest rates. This is where the real deceit of the Reagan Administration's entire program is revealed.

As the *N.Y. Times* of Feb 5th pointed out, "The increase in interest payments on the federal debt since Reagan took office exceeds all the savings his Administration has achieved in health, education, welfare and social service programs... For the four year period from 1982 to 1985, the Congressional Budget Office estimated the cumulative total savings in social welfare programs at \$110 billion. That is less than the \$124 billion increase in spending on interest payments required over the same four year period."

In other words, there have been no budget "cuts" under Reagan, but *budget shifts*. Reagan decries "runaway federal spending", yet it has never been higher. The billions robbed from social and human needs have been transferred to the military along with billions that do not yet exist.

Human Needs a Continuing Victim

As we've said, the fiscal 1985 budget signals the federal government's continued flight from responsibility for human/social welfare spending in favor of gargantuan subsidies and assistance to the military. Overall, Reagan proposes reductions of \$9.2 billion in social programs in 1985. This would further decimate programs in job training, unemployment insurance, Medicaid, low income housing, worker's compensation, food stamps, Aid to Families with Dependent Children and so on. Total spending for these programs would be approximate-



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ly \$67 billion; not much more than the increase alone in military spending!

As in previous years, the cuts are more severe to programs serving the poor than the non-poor (eg. Medicare, Social Security, veteran's benefits, Civil Service pensions, etc.)

The Children's Defense Fund (CDF) has compiled figures that are alarming. They suggest that previous cuts from years 1981 to present are just now beginning to show their effects. For example, in one Baltimore neighborhood infant mortality stood at a rate of 59.5 per thousand. This exceeds the rate for countries like Costa Rica, Panama, Guyana, Trinidad, Tobago.

The journal Christianity and Crisis, commenting on CDF's findings observed, "Our lopsided economy is building economic deficits into the future; worse, it is building human deficits."

A January '84 Harris survey revealed that citizens are opposed by overwhelming margins to further cuts in key domestic social programs. For example, by 70-19%, a majority would cut military spending before reducing Medicaid benefits. The Harris poll gave respondents choices among several specific federal programs, including health care, aid to cities, education, and social security. In every category, the overwhelming preference of people was to reduce military spending instead.

Local Reaction

Local response from community organizations, labor unions, and Black churches to Reagan's transfers from social services to military spending has been very critical.

According to Marshall Blake of the Service Employees International Union, "The Reagan Budget serves

the interest of the rich as it promotes internal class conflict between the unemployed and the employed. Such conflict enhances profit by reducing the wages of working people."

Rev. Earl Cheek of the People's African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church said, "The budget cuts will not only affect poor blacks, but the total community as it tries to keep up with inflation. Somehow, Washington has forgotten that communities are interwoven with poor and middle class. The budget cuts affect everyone except the rich."

John Mungovan of P.E.A.C.E. commented that "the biggest problem with the budget is no longer the cuts, but with the impact of military spend-

ing on the deficit. There is no upsurge in the economy. People have been unemployed so long that they are no longer counted. Heavy military spending has no trickle down effect. There are 20,000 people that we (P.E.A.C.E.) are going to feed in Syracuse in the next few days. All are eligible for Medicaid, SSI, food stamps, etc. But they just are not counted anymore. People turn to other things when they've been unemployed too long. All this is happening, even though the Administration is getting strong signals from Congress that no more budgets cuts are acceptable." ❁

-Gary Weinstein, Bob Staley-Mays,
Lisa Johns

Fighting Back: What You Can Do

Early Reaction to the Reagan 1985 military budget is critical, even though crucial votes don't come till May. Members of Congress are gauging the public response now, and what they hear will affect how they act on the budget over the next few weeks of intense inside bargaining.

A Letter now is much more important than one later.

Express your outrage. Demand reductions in the 1985 military budget. Stress the lack of fairness, Pentagon waste, the irresponsibility of the Federal deficit.

Write These Senators Today!

Daniel Patrick Moynihan
(Senate Budget Committee)
464 Senate Russell Office Building

Alphonse D'Amato
(Appropriations Committee)
520 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington D.C. 20510

Write to George Wortley, C.N.Y Representative in the House: Rm 428 Cannon House Office Bldg. Washington D.C. 20515


Demand he vote down the MX, Reagan's Satellite Weapons Programs and increases in the Military Budget.

Get two friends to write letters also. Senators and Representatives count & track every single letter. Take blank envelopes and paper to a meeting, church, work. Get everyone to quickly write a letter also.

Call or visit SPC for resources on the budget battle.

JOIN the SPC DISARMAMENT PROJECT '84. Our next meeting will be:

March 21st 1984 Wednesday
7:30 pm
1115 East Genesee St.



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DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 3 to 5pm

At the Westcott Cafe, 550 Westcott Street



20th Century Historical Roots of the Middle-East Crisis

by Peter Scheibe
and Margaret Palmieri

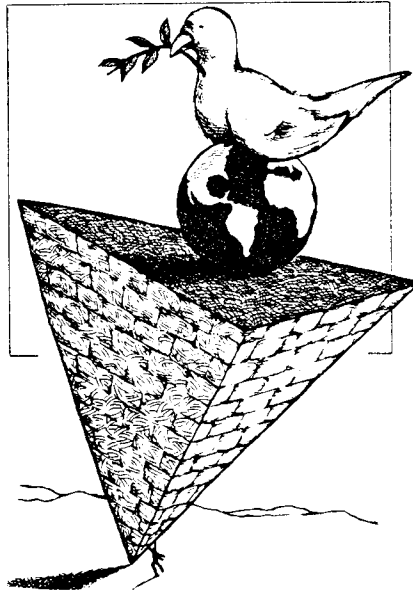
The Middle East Study Group is presenting this brief timeline to help give a historical perspective to the seemingly intractable crises in the Middle East.

The 1890's saw the intellectual flowering of European Zionism with the publication of Herzl's The Jewish State and the first International Zionist Congress in 1897. There had been small scale immigration to Palestine in the late 19th century but the failed Russian revolution of 1905 saw the beginning of larger scale emigration from Russia. This influx must be seen against the backdrop of the rise of Arab nationalism which led to an Arab opposition to colonization. The Ottoman government in Istanbul opposed the immigration and no European government wished to offend. A relative status quo developed in the area.

World War I changed the status quo. Both England and Germany preferred the support of the Jewish minorities within their countries. While Berlin was the center of the Zionist movement, it feared offending its Ottoman allies and did not support Jewish claims in the Middle East. England, however, did speak out and in 1918 issued the Balfour Declaration which supported "a national home for the Jewish people" in Palestine. The declaration, however, made no mention of borders or what constituted a "national home". The vague Balfour Declaration became a cornerstone of future dispute.

1920 saw the victorious allies carve up the Middle East into Mandate areas with Palestine under British control. The Palestinian Arabs felt the British mandate was little more than a smokescreen behind which a Jewish state would be established. A small revolt followed with heavy casualties. In 1922 the League of Nations charged England with carrying out the Balfour Declaration. At the same time, the English attempted

to placate the Arabs with the Churchill Memorandum of 1922, which set strict immigration quotas for Jews that would have powerful effects in the 1930's. These contradictory policies continued to set up future violence.



Arab-Jewish relations continued to deteriorate with frequent violent clashes, notably the bloody "Wailing Wall Incident" in 1929. The early 1930's saw a tremendous increase in emigration from Europe, straining the British-set quotas and infuriating the Arabs. The 1936 Arab strike and revolt paralyzed Palestine for months and led to the 1937 Peel Commission which recommended partition into Arab and Jewish areas. Arabs opposed the plan. Concerned with the coming war in Europe and the need for Arab support England reversed the Peel Commission in 1939 with the Palestine White Paper which guaranteed Palestinian independence in 10 years.

During the war years the Arabs in Palestine remained neutral and the Jews increased terrorist acts against the English. In 1947 England announced its intention to withdraw from the area. A U.N. commission recommended a complicated partition plan rejected by the Arabs. The English ignored the growing violence and arms build-up among the Arabs

and Jews. On May 14, 1948 the English pulled out and the Jewish Agency declared the independent state of Israel. On May 15th five Arab nations invaded Palestine. A U.N. mediated armistice halted the fighting. In 1949 Israel was admitted to the U.N.

Tension remained high in the area following the 1948 war. The 1950's saw major changes in Arab governments with the toppling of the monarchies in Egypt and Iraq and the rise of the Ba'th party in Syria. In July 1956 Nasser nationalized the Suez Canal Company, precipitating the 1956 war. Israel attacked Egypt while Anglo-French forces occupied the Suez Canal. Under a U.N. ceasefire Israeli, French and English forces withdrew. A brief civil war in Lebanon was halted by U.S. marines in 1958. Also in 1958 Syria and Egypt united, forming the United Arab Republic.

In the 1960's dissension dissolved the U.A.R. The PLO was established in 1964 and adopted a charter calling for a Palestinian state and the destruction of Israel. Al-Fatah, headed by Yasir Arafat, launched attacks on Israel from Jordan in 1965, sparking Israeli retaliatory raids. The 1967 Six Day War saw Israel triple its land area and bring one million mostly Palestinian Arabs under Israeli rule. U.N. resolution 242 attempted to steer a middle course, calling for Israeli withdrawal from occupied areas, security guarantees for Israel and a solution to the refugee problem.

Late in 1970 Nasser died. Sadat consolidated power in Egypt and in 1973 Egypt and Syria attacked Israel in the Yom Kippur War. The Arab oil embargo against western supporters of Israel followed. Western governments, scared by the embargo and fearing Russian expansion, attempted to placate all sides in the dispute. Throughout 1975 and 1976 Lebanon was racked by civil war which ended with the Arab League Forces (mostly Syrian) occupying the country. Egyptian and Israeli negotiations in 1978 resulted in the Camp David accords. The other Arab nations rejected the accord and boycotted Egypt.

Peter and Margaret are members of the SPC Middle East Study Group.



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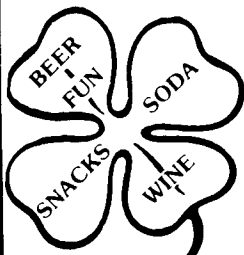
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NEW YORK STATE GAY/LESBIAN CONFERENCE

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



P.O. Box 92
Syracuse, NY 13201
(315) 422-5732

NVS Films

474-1132 423-3870

*Indicates Syracuse Premiere

SISTERS*

Friday, March 2 7, 9

The conflict between two sisters, a pragmatic career woman, and a sensitive, non-conformist is the focus of this complex, psychological drama. Von Trotta considers this the middle part of a three-part film trilogy. NVS has previously shown the first, *SECOND AWAKENING OF CHRISTA KLAGES* and the third, *MARIANNE AND JULIANE*. (Margarethe von Trotta, 1981, 95 min., German with subtitles). Cosponsor: S.U. Women's Center. International Women's Day is March 8.

RAMPARTS OF CLAY

Friday, March 9 7:30, 9:30 Kittredge

Saturday - Beauchamp Library, 2 pm, Free

Directed by Jean-Louis Bertucelli. A young woman leads a struggle against the exploitation of her village. Despite the films overwhelming beauty it was banned in the countries of its origin, Tunisia and Algeria, because of the political message. "One of the most sophisticated protest films ever made. Like *The Battle of Algiers*, it is a re-creation of an actual incident, recalled in a spirit of quiet fury." *TIME MAGAZINE* (Jean-Louis Bertucelli, 1970, 85 min., Arabic with subtitles) Cosponsor: S.U. Women's Center.

ALSINO AND THE CONDOR*

Friday, March 23 7:30, 9:30 Kittredge \$2

Saturday - Beauchamp Library, 2 pm, Free

Monday (26th) - Mundy Library, 3 pm, Free

An allegorical tale of a Latin American revolution told through the eyes of a young boy and his decision to join the guerrillas. This Nicaraguan-Costa Rican-Cuban-Mexican co-production won an Oscar nomination for Best Foreign film. Dean Stockwell, Alan Esquivel. (Miguel Littin, 1982, 89 min., Spanish with subtitles)

INSIDE MOVES

Friday, March 30 7:30, 9:30 Kittredge (not accessible) \$2

Monday, April 2, 7 pm, ECOH (cor. Euclid & Westcott), wheelchair accessible, Free.

A powerfully intimate and inspirational drama about fighting back, about enduring mental and physical pain, about the positive thinking of the physically handicapped. Director Richard Donner has taken the Todd Walton novel and its message of the hope and triumph of dreams over reality vividly yet humorously to the big screen. Diana Scarwid nominated for an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress. "... smooth ensemble acting and excellent performances." —*NY Times* (Richard Donner, 113 min.)

NVS Films — Every Friday Kittredge
\$2.00

Kittredge is in H.B. Crouse Hall,
Syracuse University, beneath Gifford Aud.

"There is a Word Sweeter than Mother, Home or Heaven That Word is Liberty."

by Bob Staley - Mays

Matilda Joslyn Gage of Fayetteville, New York was one of the first of hundreds of women who tried to break the law by voting. Women were, in her words, "no longer bound to obey laws in whose making we have had no voice." When Anthony was arrested, Gage came to her assistance. Lecturing throughout Ontario County where the trial was to be held, Matilda Joslyn Gage's sixteen speeches were able to bring the case before the people, gather support, and alert potential jurors to the political nature of the trial. The title of her talk was "The United States on trial, not Susan B. Anthony."

During the National Centennial celebration in Philadelphia in 1876, Matilda Joslyn Gage orchestrated a dramatic and effective disruption of the official ceremonies. In that year, Gage was president of the National Woman Suffrage Association (NWSA). Her call to its convention, held in May in New York City, said, "Men alone of this country live in a republic, the women enter the second hundred years of national life as political slaves." And she hung her motto in NWSA headquarters "Rebellion is the justice of slaves."

The NWSA had decided to set up headquarters in Philadelphia during the critical summer months of the Centennial campaign. Having been denied space near the Centennial site, time on the official program for the Fourth of July, and seats at the place where four thousand people were to gather to hear the Declaration of Independence read, the women developed a plan to make their grievances known. Finally securing five seats in the press section, Matilda Joslyn Gage, Susan B. Anthony, and three colleagues waited until the reading began. Then, they rose and started toward the Vice-President, Thomas W. Ferry. Startled spectators, foreign guests, military

Bob has been interested in women's history since serving on the board of the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Foundation in Seneca Falls.

officers, and guards made way for them. An equally startled Vice-President accepted from their hands the document which they had prepared called the "Declaration of the Rights of Women," which then became a part of the day's proceedings. Their historic deed accomplished, the five women turned and walked back up the platform, scattering printed copies of their document as they went, while the Centennial Commissioner screamed, "Order, order!"

The close working relationship between Susan B. Anthony and Matilda Joslyn Gage did not survive the struggle of practical politics. Susan B. Anthony desired closer ties in the Suffrage cause between the NWSA and the Women's Christian



1826 - 1898

Temperance Union, which was much larger, powerful, and more influential, but had markedly conservative political tendencies. Matilda Joslyn Gage was convinced of the Church's profound role in the oppression of women and feared the W.C.T.U.'s plan to make prayers mandatory in the public schools and to change the Constitution to have Christ recognized as "the author and head of government."

Gage formed a separate radical organization called the Women's National Liberal Union which

embraced a range of progressive activists at a time when the country was entering a period of great conservatism. In 1893, she published her book, Woman, Church and State. She paid dearly for her courage. She lost the friendship of most of the women she had worked with for the last forty years.

Gage was the first American feminist to articulate the theory of pre-historic matriarchal societies, which she believed were egalitarian, woman-centered, and worshipped a female deity. She was also the first to document the persecution of witches, and analyze it as an attempt by the patriarchy to destroy female culture.

Gage presented a copy of her book to the Fayetteville School Board. They sent the book off to Anthony Comstock, secretary of the New York Society for the Suppression of Vice, asking for his opinion of it. Comstock replied, "If I found a person putting that book indiscriminately before children, I would institute a criminal proceeding against them for doing it." The school board returned the copy of Woman, Church and State. When asked her opinion of Comstock, Gage replied, "Buddha declared the only sin to be ignorance. If this is true, Comstock is a great sinner."

Matilda Joslyn Gage realized her lonely position as the attack from church people mounted. She wrote, "The thick of the fight has just begun; the hottest part of the warfare is not yet come; and those who enter it must be willing to give up mother, father, and comforts for its sake. Neither shall we who carry on the fight reap the great reward. We are battling for the good of those who shall come after us; they, not ourselves, shall enter into the harvest."

On March 25, Reverend Katherine Russell will preach on Matilda Joslyn Gage at the morning worship service at First Universalist Church on Waring Road in DeWitt.

Thanks to Sally Roesch Wagner for source material in this article.

An Interview with Marge Piercy —

Feminism, Cultural Work, & Survival

Marge Piercy is a poet, fiction writer and feminist. She organized with Students for a Democratic Society during the 1960s. During the 1970s she became very active in the resurgence of the women's movement. She has written 8 novels, 8 books of poetry and one play. (Her work is available at the Front Room Bookstore.)

The women who interviewed her and who edited the interview include Karen Beetle, Pat Finley, Katie Froelich, Marcie Van Dyke and Jean Wittman.

The Importance of Cultural Work

PNL: What do you feel is the role of the cultural worker in doing political work?

MP: One of the great advantages of being in the women's movement over my previous experience in the New Left is that the women's movement understands how important cultural work is. Without cultural work you have no chance of changing consciousness. Culture is an important part of how we perceive our identity and how we perceive ourselves. What you can't imagine, you can't work towards. If all you can see is more of something that is already there—if you're looking at mental patients, you ask for better electro-shock or more drugs—you ask for more of what exists or less of it. But you can't imagine something else until imagination enters the picture which is one of the liberating effects of the arts—to liberate the imagination.

PNL: When you confront and write about painful social issues, what keeps you going so that you can also write about the positive, about what might be possible?

MP: I think that in any kind of political activity you have to be in touch with your own feelings, your own anger, your own imagination, your own needs, your own pleasures. You have to live as if you liked yourself. You have to work on the issues that move you. When you do that, you become stronger and are less apt to burn-out. People often burn out when they're dragooned into



MP: I do take a long view. I see the options that were open to my grandmother. I think about the options open to me and I think about the options open to young women coming up now. I see enormous differences simply in how much survival weighed upon my grandmother and my mother—just surviving—how few choices of ways of getting enough to eat and a place to live—how few options were open to them.

Doing Everything

PNL: How do you think we can reach the kind of society in Woman On The Edge of Time? What are your ideas about strategy?

MP: It's by doing everything. There are a huge number of issues that all have to be dealt with. Basically you pick out the issues that most impinge upon you to put the force of your life behind. There are various types of organizing. The main thing is always to keep the larger picture and to remain in touch with other people through networking so you don't end up fighting each other.

You may choose to work inside the major organizations of the society—inside schools, major work institutions, or hospitals. You may choose to create alternate or counter institutions which represent a different way of doing the basic things society has to do. If you don't have the alternate institutions, again, it's the use of imagination, you don't see the kinds of ways that health care can be delivered aside from the ways you standardly experience in an emergency room. Whether it's education, health care or whatever, if both don't exist, they are both nonsense. If you don't respect the person doing the other kind of organizing, you don't understand the whole picture.

You have to work out your own

working on issues which mean more to other people than to them. When burn-out happens, you can't be ashamed of it. It happens to everybody from time to time. People need to put themselves back together sometimes. People all live in cycles and we have to accept our cycles. There are times when you have more to give to other people, and times when you have less. And that is something we have to accept about each other and wait, wait for people to come back, invite them to come back again when they are stronger, when they have more energy.

You have to live in the long run. You have to have a view of politics which understands that many of these issues have been dealt with for 200 years and we're in a Hundred Years War at least to change things. If we aren't all destroyed, we shall go on trying to change them. It's not going to happen instantly. It isn't enough to go to two meetings. You have to live with your politics integrated into your life in a way that you can have satisfaction. Feed yourself. Relax. If you burn yourself out very fast, you've done no good finally. It's a long haul.

PNL: What do you find specifically hopeful about some of the things you see taking place now?

politics with your own group but you have to be able to do networking and coalition politics without giving up your issues or compromising, but rather finding those points where you can put together a coalition.

PNL: A lot of emotions are looked at in "Living in the Open" (a poem)--jealousy, possessiveness. Do you think that working through these emotions has been helpful to social change work?

MP: Yes, I think it has because one thing you observe over time is how very often what destroys collectives and political groups is not true political disagreement but failure to communicate inside the group as well as a failure to communicate to the larger society. Very frequently it's unresolved things that get in the way. You could go too much the other way, become a total process freak and spend all of your time working out the process and never get anything done. There's a balance somewhere in there. A retreat, once in a while, is a good idea; but if all people do is deal with tones of voice so that nothing ever issues forth and you wonder what the purpose of the whole thing is, perhaps you've gone too far that way. It's a balance.

The Language of Poetry

PNL: Your poems are very accessible. Is that accessibility part of your style or part of your concept of what feminist poetry is about?

MP: There's basically always a cyclical thing going on in poetry between writers who wish poetry to be written in a refined, intensified form of the language of daily life and writers who believe that the proper language of art is an extremely artificial one, that the more artificial it is the more artful and therefore the better. My own aesthetic is one that believes that the most powerful art is that which conceals its own artfulness and sounds much like the language of daily life even though it is not anything like it in truth. In fact, the language of daily life rambles, wanders, splashes all over the place, doubles back, triples back. I also believe you can have an enormous amount of complexity in the imagery (and I frequently do) if there's an emotional coherence. The people hearing the poem, even if they don't follow all of the details or think consciously about all of the

images, nonetheless will receive that emotional coherence and thus experience the poem sensually. I also work extremely hard on the sound values of the poems. I believe poetry communicates on many different levels. The intellectual level is only one of the levels on which a poem works. It communicates and moves you on a level of rhythms, basically, right to your mammalian brain. It's just as supple, subtle, and important to you as the intellectual communication.

PNL: In your picture of life underground in Vida was there a message or suggestion for future strategies?

MP: Very frequently people have no choice. People went underground before the American revolution; also during the Palmer Raids. A large part of the Communist Party had to go underground during the 50's. I don't think it should be romanticized which I think did happen in the late 60's, early 70's. It's wise to have clear ideas about what you can and cannot accomplish in such a situation. That I think is part of what I was exploring. Vida also explores that fact that in some ways a woman is extremely marginal and that all women are marginal in this society.

Feed Yourself, Heal Yourself

PNL: At some point you made a move from living in an urban area to a rural place. Did that have an effect on your writing?

It's all tremendously healing when you live in a place you love, wherever it is. It's tremendously healing to get something back. Even if it's an apartment that you live in, I think it's worth it even if you don't do anything else for a week. I always try to make where I am as comfortable as I can as fast as I can because then you're not fighting all the

time. You have to learn not to fight on all fronts. Some place you've got to be able to come together. There are so many battles you have to fight that you have no choice about so it's nice if you can come home to something less than a fight, something more than hostility, something warm whether alone or with other people, whether with a dog or with a cat or a gerbil, with something.

Feminism Puts it All Together

PNL: Can you talk about the tension between mass political work and work in women's groups that we see come out in Vida--where women often feel, or are, put down for not doing "real" political work?

MP: I don't really understand that because most people are women; we're the majority. It is simply a built-in sexism which enables anybody to say that women's issues are not important. Our issues are the most important issues. I think feminism is the most important ideology right now. It's the only one which speaks to a whole range of issues I believe in. I'm influenced by Marxism, by anarchism, but my political home is feminism. Feminism is the most relevant political ideology. It's the only one which puts it all together and doesn't speak only to men, only to certain people, but includes the whole shebang--not only female beings, but male beings and frogs and coyotes and horses and birds and this earth as she rolls. We all make up one being and I think that only feminism has that dimension that puts it all together--all the way from what goes on at birth to what goes on when we die--how we give back our bodies, how we live, all of us together. Far from it's being a secondary issue, it's the only thing that speaks to survival, finally--to all of us surviving. ♀



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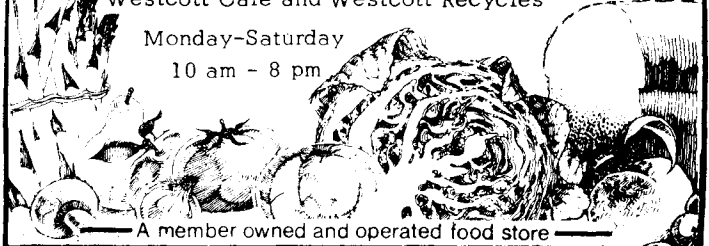
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An Introduction—

March 8 marks the beginning of International Women's Week—a time when women around the world gather in solidarity to celebrate our victories and our strengths. It is also a time to remember those issues against which we struggle. Violence against women is one of the most important of these issues.

This month the PNL includes three articles about different programs seeking to deal with these problems.

This struggle to end violence against women continues daily in our homes, in our workplaces, and in the streets. Women are organizing to "take back the night" and in so doing we are reclaiming control of our bodies, our minds, and our lives.



Women's Shelters: Safety for the Abused & Homeless

Two shelters for women in Syracuse, Dorothy Day House and Vera House, serve women and children who are homeless for a variety of reasons. Both estimate that approximately 65% of their guests are physically abused. A study by the National Institute of Mental Health estimated that 60% of married women are subject to violence at some time in their married lives. 20% of these are beaten regularly and 10% admitted to frequent extreme abuse. Abused women seek out the safety provided by the anonymity of the shelters' locations and unlisted phone numbers. Many women blame themselves for the abuse, fear the prospect of raising and supporting a family alone, or believe the man will change. Some return to the abusive situation.

Women recently released from institutions without follow-up make up 1/4 to 1/3 of the nation's homeless. Cuts in disability pay caused 185,000 people to lose assistance last year.

Runaway youths and women homeless due to evictions, unemployment, and lack of resources are also guests at the shelters.

At the shelters women and children find a comfortable home environment, food, a bed and supportive caring staff.

Dorothy Day House, founded by the Catholic Worker Movement, has 12 beds and 4 cribs. This shelter takes no government or corporate funding and thus is free from Federal and State restrictions, and from complicity in governmental injustices. Dorothy Day House is sustained solely through donations of money and goods by individuals and groups. The house

is maintained by volunteers, and four staff members who receive a minimal stipend. The average stay is eight days.

Vera House has space for 2 families and 6 single women, and works especially with battered women. The average stay is longer, approximately 30 days. Women are asked to contribute what they can afford to maintain the shelter. This allows them to claim Vera House as a legal address if applying for public assistance, thus avoiding a common catch-22 for the homeless person: one cannot receive assistance without a residence, and cannot attain a residence without money.

In March, Vera House will expand to accommodate 7 families and 6 single women. This expansion is welcomed by both shelters. For last year, both shelters turned away more women than ever before. Dorothy Day House sheltered 330 women and 145 children and turned away 239. Vera House sheltered 225 women and children and turned away 423.

This increase in domestic violence and homelessness remains unacknowledged by our current administration. 2.5 million people a year lose their homes due to eviction and higher rent. On a recent "Good Morning America" program, our president said, "What we have found... is the people who are sleeping on the grates, the homeless who are homeless, you might say, by choice."

Our government must be made aware that the plight of the homeless, impoverished and abused is often the result of inadequacies in govern-



ment policies, cuts in social services, and red tape in government assistance programs. Often these programs place the recipient in a no-win situation where they aren't given a sufficient shelter allowance, and are penalized for moving, getting a job, or living with another person receiving assistance.

There is a crucial need for more shelters, more services for battered women and for men who are the abusers, and for more legal and police protection for women.

Most of all, the public must be made aware of the severity and frequency of domestic abuse and homelessness. As Claire Carmony of a shelter in Birmingham put it, "Let us do away with the clenched fist and clenched mind that heap contempt upon our poor. We must recognize that the homeless are our domestic refugees."

—Jennifer Blood is on staff at Dorothy Day House

Rape is Violence Against Women



Picasso: Women in Anguish.

The Rape Crisis Center of Syracuse, Inc. (RCC) has been in existence since November, 1974 and has provided services to 3,526 individuals during this time. The Center was started by a small group of women volunteers and has grown to include a paid staff of nine and 50 volunteers.

The goal of RCC is to eliminate rape from society. We work toward this goal in two ways; first, through

the provisions of supportive rape victim services to reduce the rape trauma, to develop a humanistic approach within institutional systems, and to remove the onus of responsibility from the victim. The second process is social change via community education, to dispel the myths and attitudes that perpetuate and condone rape.

The Center provides services to female and male victims of rape, sexual assault, incest or sodomy - whether they choose to report it to the police or not. All victims services are free and confidential. These services include:

- a 24-hour telephone hotline for information and crisis counseling
- support and counseling for victims, their families and friends
- Peer Support groups for mothers of incest victims and child sexual assault victims from 7-12 years old
- advocacy through medical and legal systems if the victim decides to report the crime.

We also provide education to the

public on the dangers of rape as well as on preventive measures and precautions. These programs include:

- Assault Awareness and Avoidance for Elementary School children
- Stop Rape Outreach to teenagers
- Corporate C.A.R.E. for businesses
- general presentations
- in-services to local professionals.

The RCC is funded by the Syracuse/Onondaga County Youth Bureau, the United Way of Central New York (an authorized agency of Onondaga County), the Victim Witness Assistance Program, the New York State Department of Health, and the Onondaga County Department of Social Services.

The Center is available 24-hours a day, 7 days a week. Our phone number is 422-7273. RAPE is a four letter word--but so is HELP and CARE, and we do!

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Men Working to End Violence Against Women

Programs coordinated by men to counsel men who batter and rape, are being established in communities across the country. These programs work closely with shelters and rape crisis centers, with women who are working against this violence. The following information was provided by RAVEN, men working to end violence against women, P.O. Box 24159 St. Louis, MO, 63130. RAVEN first provided services in September, 1978. Since that time, 500 men have come to RAVEN seeking counseling, support suggestions--beginning the process of change.

RAVEN began in November 1977 as a group of six men who met at the 4th National Conference on Men as Masculinity in St. Louis.

We began our work as a study group. For the first eight months we shared experiences of violence from our own past, either in our families, between our parents, or in our own relationships with women. We read materials such as Del Martin's Battered Wives and Susan Brownmiller's Against Our Will. Our first crisis intervention training was provided by the Women's Self Help Center. This experience helped us understand that safe shelter for women could only be half of a solution to the problem; the violence of men had to be confronted generally and a way had to be devised to help individual men end their violence.

Our first difficult problem was identifying who we would be serving and what their relationship would be to us. We asked: Were men who batter or rape "insane"? Were they the "enemy"? Were they the real problem? And, were they, most of all, different from any of

us? How could we provide a compassionate and changeful environment for men whose violence basically made us very angry?

It is clear from the literature on men who batter or rape that there are no distinctive characteristics which set the rapist or the woman abuser apart from other men. The one exception is the tendency to act out inner feelings of insecurity, fear and power in a violent way. RAVEN has grown to believe that the fineness of the line which separates "them" from "us" negates the distinction. Most people in our culture are products of a gender-role stereotyped upbringing within a male-defined and focused social structure. This male value referenced education teaches and reproduces the oppression of women from one generation to the next. Among the forms of this oppression, Raven has chosen to focus its attention on one serious manifesta-

use of women's sexuality in advertising, on to women beating and sexual assault. RAVEN decided to establish a counseling resource and support service for men. The individual telephone contact with a peer counselor would be supplemented by individual and group counseling based upon a philosophy of self-help. This philosophy insists that the man is responsible for his own growth and that much of the personal solution comes from the realization of one's commonality with other men, whether or not they have physically abused women.

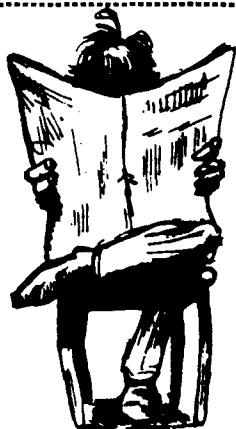
This is the point where we differ from the classical approach to therapy, which would consider the man deviant, identify his behavior as individually-motivated and attempt an individual solution. Violence against women is an institution among men, only to appear as individually-motivated behavior. The individual man is not solely responsible for his beliefs, nor is he insane. Men learn to be

men, and to believe as men. We are trained to either internalize strong emotions or to express them in a boisterous or aggressive way, and to transform painful emotions into anger. The expectations that our home lives must be a perfect refuge from the horrors of public life leads men to blame women and children for all of their fears and inse-



curities. This legacy must be struggled against by men, in community with women, who, by insisting on changes in their relationships with men, have led the rebellion.

tion: the tolerance in our culture, in men specifically, to the objectification of women, from "girl-watching," streetside whistles and expecting sexual favors on a date through the



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Volunteers Find Hope on Nicaraguan Farms

by Carolyn Mow
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In January, 20 people from Ithaca, Cortland, and Albany joined hundreds of Europeans and North Americans in responding to a call for international volunteers issued by church and labor organizations in Nicaragua. A total of almost 600 people from the U.S. participated in volunteer work brigades between December and February. We were part of a group of 120 men and women from all over the U.S. who met in Miami on January 2nd. The group was surprisingly diverse, with an age range from 18 to 67, and occupations including cooks, mechanics, professors, nurses, and even a stockbroker. We came not only as Latin American solidarity activists but also as people involved in antinuclear, feminist, and labor union work.

Although most volunteers worked in the coffee and cotton harvests, our group was sent to work in the southern region of Rio San Juan, designated as Special Zone III because of its lack of development. Even though this was not what we were expecting, many of us felt lucky to have an opportunity to visit this isolated, jungle region and see an area that has been one of the last to be affected by the revolution. After a warm welcoming ceremony in San Carlos, the main city of the region, we divided up to go to four workplaces: a rice farm, two cattle ranches, and an experimental vegetable

Carolyn and Ann returned from Nicaragua with suntans, sore backs, and a sense of solidarity.

farm.

Sharing the daily lives of Nicaraguan workers was quite a change for most of us; we ate rice and beans at every meal, washed our clothes in the river, and worked at labor-intensive tasks such as separating stones and husks from large piles of rice and carrying logs through the jungle on our shoulders. We even found ourselves involved in the unlikely project of digging bomb shelters for a school and a health center. The Nicaraguans are not panicking, but are preparing for the very real possibility of major attacks. Since the planes and bombs would likely be furnished courtesy of the U.S. government, we felt that the least we could do was help build places for people to hide.

Some of us saw Nicaraguan-style democracy in action when we attended a lively meeting between the rural workers' union and the administration of the state farm we worked on. Union leaders explained that they could not participate in management tasks as much as they were expected to because they lacked the skills to keep books independently. Various conflicts arose. Some workers wanted a salary increase to compensate for the high prices of many consumer goods (caused by the unofficial economic embargo of the U.S.) Others disagreed, preferring more extensive rationing of available goods and more social benefits.

The severe effects of the economic embargo were stressed to us repeatedly. At the rice farm we saw harvesters that could not be used for lack of parts made by U.S. companies and a half-finished processing facility awaiting U.S.-made motors.

The effects of the military attacks were even more painful to see. We were close enough to the Costa Rican border to meet people whose towns had been attacked, and to hear of kidnappings and murders, especially of agrarian reform technicians, teachers, and health workers. One of the saddest aspects of the war is the proportion of Nicaragua's scarce human and economic resources being used in defense. Many of the soldiers we met had left the much-needed tasks of teaching, construction and engineering to volunteer to go to the border area because they felt so strongly that the survival of the revolution was their first priority.

One thing that became very clear to us was that an invasion of Nicaragua would be no easy prospect, even if it were backed by the resources of the U.S. military. Hundreds of thousands of Nicaraguans are armed and feel strongly enough about the gains the revolution has brought them to die defending it. An invasion would be a bloodbath.

The Nicaraguans want to live in peace. An almost universal request of the people we met was that we explain the truth about what is happening in Nicaragua to the people in the U.S. Nicaraguans distinguish between the people and the government of the U.S. and accepted us as people who shared their aspirations for peace. We feel more angry than ever that the U.S. government is supporting the attacks against Nicaragua, and more determined than ever to stop it. We also feel more hopeful, inspired by the strength, confidence and vision of the Nicaraguan people. ☸

Witness for Peace in Nicaragua

"Were they fighting down there? And did you stop it?" With these words, one of my five-year-old parishioners welcomed me back from our January 24 to February 1 Witness for Peace trip to Nicaragua. She had clearly perceived our purposes: to understand this "secret war" funded with our tax dollars, and to put our bodies on the line for peace.

We were six Christians from the Chicago area of varied political and denominational affiliations. Our journey was sponsored by "Witness for Peace," an ecumenical action group begun last fall in response to growing concern over increased U.S. interventionism in Central America. Groups like ours will continue to witness at the Nicaraguan border through December, 1984, placing themselves in the position Nicaraguan villagers live in daily - a little David facing the Goliath of American military might. All groups receive nonviolence preparation before leaving.

Were we in danger? I didn't feel fear. Yet almost everyone we talked to had lost a family member. The motto of the "bestias" (beasts, as the U.S. -backed counterrevolutionaries are called) is "We can't win, but we can kill."

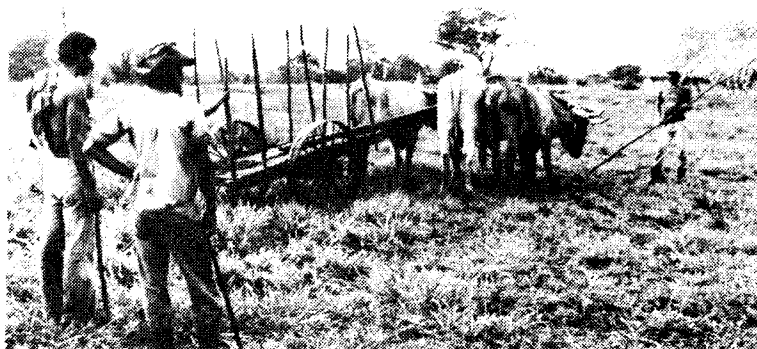


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On arrival in Managua, we met press officials and a representative of the Miskito Indians. Later, we met Msgr. Bismark Carballo of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese; and the American Ambassador Anthony Quainton. These were informative encounters. But they were our agenda and that of the American press. To address the agenda of the Nicaraguan people, we traveled to Ocotal, a small city ten miles from the war-torn Honduran border.

"Were they fighting there?" Yes - they are fighting for their lives and for a new society. Fighting not primarily with military arms, but with the literacy campaign, with thorough community organizing and participatory neighborhood government, with new human services and health care, and with a responsive Church.

Our first visit in Ocotal was at a Day Care Center built since November and about to admit its first small charges. The nurse, Gloria, gave us the tour: nurseries, kitchens, dining areas, playground, bomb shelter, nap rooms. Furniture was

hand-made by local craftspeople who were previously unemployed. Everything was clean, solid and painted with bright murals by local artists. I asked Gloria how they could find energy to build while living under the threat of a U.S. invasion. She replied, "But don't you see? This is how we're going to defeat Reagan."

That night we attended a meeting of the local CDS (Committee for the Defense of Sandinismo). This community organization exists as the local governing body as well as for defense. People gather regularly, barrio by barrio to implement the "process" of the revolution to solve their problems. Enrique, from the agrarian reform movement, expressed a major concern: "The most important problem right now is the aggression of the contras, how it is disrupting the coffee harvest. This is very sad. Coffee represents 33% of our gross national product."

Our group decided to help concretely by picking coffee on the Honduran border - although 30 campesinos had been abducted nearby the week before.

I think now about what Gloria the nurse asked us: "What are you going to do when you get home to save our lives?" She was sure that if the American people knew what was really going on in Nicaragua, the "secret war" would be stopped. She believes America can function as democratically as the new Nicaragua does. Her faith is an inspiration to me.

- Marty Swords is a minister from Chicago, and a friend of SPC.

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Next Meeting

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Local Actions Draw Attention

An Ad Hoc organizing committee, including many members of FOCUS, Syracuse Peace Council, and People for Peace and Justice responded to the presence of Salvadoran ambassador in our community. He was greeted at the airport press conference with a banner explaining our position: "THE GOVERNMENT IS THE DEATH SQUADS" Ron Shuffler and Gary Weinstein asked questions exposing the policies of the El Salvadoran government, and the collaboration of the U.S. government in numerous atrocities.

That evening ambassador Ernesto Rivas-Gallont spoke at Cazenovia College, and was again faced with a well-planned demonstration of our dissent. Persons entering the building were greeted with a leaflet about U.S. intervention in Central America. When the college president introduced the speaker two groups of people (on opposite sides of the room) took off their coats revealing peasant costumes and "bloodied" faces. They moved to the center aisles to stand pointing at Rivas-Gallont to express support and recognition of all the Sal-

vadoran people murdered by his government. At the same time two large banners were raised in the back of the room.

The Ambassador began his speech with barely a hint of recognition that anything unusual had just happened, although the media responded promptly. As he spoke, accusing the U.S. press of misrepresenting the political reality of El Salvador, and defending the policies of the U.S. supported regime, an eerie smile often crept over his face. At appropriate moments three demonstrators in the audience raised signs saying "THATS A LIE".

After a 30 minute speech the floor was opened to questions. Demonstrators one after the other went to the microphones to ask questions which challenged the current U.S. supported government. Examples include "Fifty percent of the children of El Salvador die before they reach the age of 5, mostly from hunger-related diseases. Do you see this as one of the reasons the people of your country are trying to topple the government you represent? Why should the people of the U.S. support sending billions

of dollars to your country when many of your wealthy citizens have left the country and taken over a billion dollars with them?

As the evening progressed many who had not come with the Syracuse group were equally confrontational. During the hour long session only a single question did not attempt to draw out the contradictions of Rivas Gallont's position. It was obvious that the vocal majority in attendance -unorganized audience members as well as demonstrators- were in clear opposition to the policies of the Salvadoran government, and the U.S. support of that government. Television and newspaper coverage communicated these feelings to the community and the government.

FURTHER ACTIONS ARE PLANNED

*Write to the newspapers, Congressman Wortley's office, and Cazenovia College. Demand speakers with opposing points of view, and a forum for debate.

*Call Maura McNulty or Allen Smith at SPC (472-5478) to keep informed of new activities

-Carole Resnick

CENTRO Handicaps Disabled People

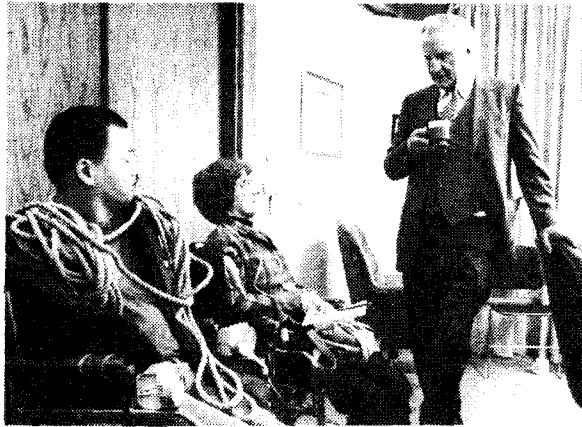
On February 1 the CENTRO board decided to purchase 100 new buses without wheelchair lifts. This went against the recommendation of the county legislature. Disabled rights activists were outraged by the decision

After the vote was taken, several disabled people placed rope over their heads to symbolize its effect on their freedom of movement. The Call-A-Bus system has not been able to serve the needs of all disabled people. Some older and more severely disabled people do need the door-to-door services of Call-A-Bus. However others feel that they have a right to the greater flexibility provided by bus service which is wheelchair accessible (Call-A-Bus reservations must be made in advance and can't be used for transportation to jobs, to name but a few of the problems with the system).

The people opposed to buying the lifts focused on the issues of money and technology—they said that the lifts are expensive and constantly break down. Pro-lift people stated that there are lifts available that can survive Syracuse winters, and that freedom of movement is a basic right.

There are plans for continued work for accessible transportation for disabled people. To lend your support call ARISE at 472-3171.

-Andy Mager
Carol Baum



"Custer Died for Your Sins" Dennis Banks Benefit

Floyd Westerman, an American Indian Movement representative and friend of Dennis Banks, mingled with folks in his friendly way and sang passionately about an emerging indigenous world view—the voice of "100 million Indians" from the Americas. The Thunderbird Sisters joined in a similar vein. Mary Jane Wilson, AIM member and ardent Banks supporter, spoke forcefully about her experience and Dennis' lawyer Joe Heath provided an update on Dennis' legal case.

Many people came from the Onondaga Nation, including Clan Mothers and Chiefs. Leon Shenandoah opened with a prayer in his native tongue. Oren Lyons reminded us of our history, which whites have distorted, and our ancient, sacred responsibilities to the land and each other. A Tululip Indian woman from the Northwest, Janet McCloud, spoke about her 25 year battle to preserve her people's fishing rights. There were drum ceremonies, crafts, refreshments and friendly conversation—a very special occasion. Thanks! We love you all.

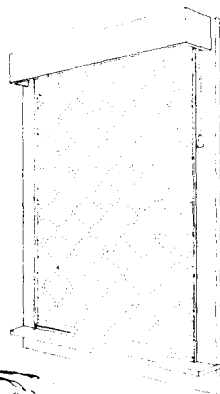
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The Peace Museum, Chicago, is organizing a special exhibition entitled "5000 Buttons for Peace", concentrating on the history of the U.S. peace movement. Button collectors are encouraged to donate peace buttons for permanent collection at museum and for consideration as exhibit items in the show, scheduled for May, 1984. Your contributions would be most helpful, send to The Peace Museum, 364 W. Erie st., Chicago, IL 60610.

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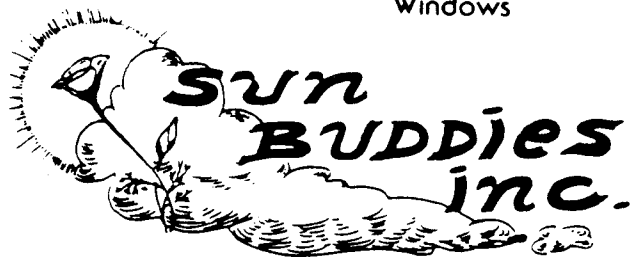
There will be a three-day symposium, "Liberation Theology: Marxist and Christian Perspectives" held at SUNY- Binghamton from March 22-24, 1984. Speakers include James Cone, Otto Madura, Marc Ellis, Orlando Costas, Elizabeth Fox-Genovese, and Dorothy Solle. For more info. or arrangements, call Linda Forcey (607) 699-3863.

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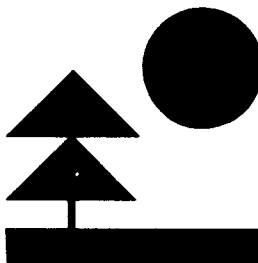
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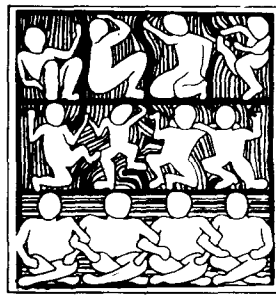
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<p>4 New Env Ass potluck supper 5:30pm mtg: El Salvador 6:30pm, Agnes 637-9576 3/2-3/6 LeMoyné Women's Week Every Sun: Metro Comm Ch 5pm, Grace Epis Ch, 458- 6758</p>	<p>5 SPC Potluck "US Volunteers in Nicara- gua" 6pm Friends Mtg Hse, 472-5478 Physicians for Social Resp 6pm Upstate Med Ctr, 473-5800 Griffis Plowshare Court Date-Vigil 9 am Fed Bldg</p>	<p>6 Nuclear Freeze mtg 7:30 May Mem Ch 479-5658 Every Tues, "Women & the Holocaust 8pm LeMoyné Coll Facul- ty Lounge, free Every Tues Vegetarian dinner, 6-8:30 Westcott Cafe, \$3.50</p>	<p>7 "Women in History" Cissie Fairchilds 12-1pm SU Hendricks Chapel Gay Husbands & Fathers, Church Ctr, 3049 E. Gen "Corporation Taxation & Pub Finance" 4pm SU Hall of Langs Rm 107 NYPiRG, 476-8381 free</p>	<p>8 Int'l Womens Day Gay/Lesb Conf covered dish mtg, 6:30 Ch Ctr People for Animal Rts 7pm, Jane 478-8521 Anarchist Study Grp 7:30, 472-7010 New Env Inst Board mtg 7:30pm, 446-8009</p>	<p>9 Ramparts of Clay NVS Films: 7:30 & 9:30 SU Kittredge Aud, \$2, see p 10 "Improving Health thru Aware- ness of the Possible" Holis- tic Health Ctr \$40 471-4564 Int'l Rock'n'Roll Women's Day Cel. 9pm Paradise, \$3</p>	<p>10 Every Sat: Westcott Recycles glass, alum, 12-4pm 301 Feat St, 472-4157</p> 
<p>11 N-V Conf planning mtg 10:30 472-7010, 100 Trinity Pl Weapons Fac Conv Network mtg 1pm, 100 Trinity Pl Benefit dinner for Kath Buffing- ton's Yugoslavia Conf, \$4-10 Carol 472-5478, 471-3074 Every Sun Mental Patients All mtg, 3pm Plymouth Ch</p>	<p>12 SPC Potluck "Middle East" 6pm Friends Mtg Hse, p. 6 Every Mon: Bodywork classes, 7:30pm East- West Ctr, 1001 Lancas- ter, \$6, 475-7230 SPC Central American Comm. 7:30 407 Ellis 472-5478(Allen)</p>	<p>13 Open House SPC Volunteers Open Hs 6pm, 924 Burnet Ave, 472-5478 potluck Adoptees Liberty Move- ment Ass mtg 7:30 Ch Ctr Sue 472-6083 Childbirth Support & Comm mtg Plymouth Ch 422-7791</p>	<p>14 Workshop CNY NOW mtg, 7:30 Fed Bldg Rm 1117, 446-2128 Every Wed: Gay AA mtg 8pm Grace Epis Ch</p> 	<p>15 NAACP mtg 7:30 116 Fur- man St 471-3891 Metro Community Ch game 6pm Ted 458-6758 Every Th: SU Gay/Lesb Student Ass disc grp 8:30 103 College Pl 2nd floor, 423-3599</p>	<p>16 Wortley Speaks Wortley at Cazenovia Coll 8:30pm, 472-5478 Wholistic Living lectures East-West Ctr \$4 475-7230</p>	<p>17 Adrienne Torf and June Jordan concert see ad p. 10 3/17-3/18 Reg Women's En- camp mtg Rochester, 607- 869-5825 Every Sat Front Room Book- store open 10-2 472-5478 Every Sat Cambridge Forum public affairs 11:30am WRVO</p>
<p>18 3/18-3/25 Cent Am Week, 472-5478 Every Sun Gay AA mtg 7:30 Grace Ep Ch If listed grps change their reg mtg time, please call calendar person</p>	<p>19 SPC Potluck "Viet Nam History" 6pm Friends Mtg Hse Every Mon Contra Dance 8pm Grace Ep Ch \$1.50</p>	<p>20 Gr Syr NOW mtg 8pm May Mem Ch 446-2754 Every Tues SU Gay/Lesb Student Ass "Social" 9- 12pm 103 College Pl 2nd floor, 423-3599 Every Tues Cooking classes, 5:30pm E-Wctr \$10, 475-7230</p>	<p>21 PNL Layout 7:30pm SPC, 472-5478 Gay Husbands & Fathers mtg, 422-5732 Eds for Soc Resp mtg 7:30 Laubach Lit 673-1 1083</p>	<p>22 "Another TV War: Ameri- ca in CA" Kathleen New- man, 11:40am, 119 Col- lege Pl Every Th: Women's Info Newsletter mtgs 7pm, 478-4636 Every Th: Massage for Women 7:30, 478-5522</p>	<p>23 Alsino and the Condor NVS Films: 7:30 & 9:30 SU 3/22-3/24 Symp on Libera- tion Theology, Binghamton, free, 607-699-3863 Head of Air Force visits Griffis Air Force Base 472-5478</p>	<p>24 Cent Am refugees and Sanctu- ary Workshop, 9:30-4 May Mem Ch, 479-5648 Mem Serv for Archbishop Romero 4:30 May Mem Ch Laura & Legwarmers Dance Party, 9pm ECOH \$3</p>
<p>25 Send April cal items to SPC "calendar" by 3/22 Every Sun & Th yoga classes 7:30 E-W Ctr, \$5/class</p> 	<p>26 SPC Potluck Land Trusts, 6pm Friend Mtg Hse, 472-5478 "To Sing Our Own Song" (film) Friends of Filipino People, 7:30 SU Maxwell Fndrs Rm 445-0698, free "Alsino & the Condor" 3 Mundy Lib, 473-4397</p>	<p>27 3/26 & 3/27 PNL Produc- tion—Join the Fun!! 3/27, 3/28 & 3/29 "Edu- cation Toward Peace & Justice: for Ministers" 685-6377 Caesarean Prevention mtg 7:30, Gail, 428-0933</p>	<p>28 5 Yr Anniv of 3 Mile Is accident "How to Be the Kind of Woman You Want" 12-1 SU Hendricks Strates Lge Every Wed: Natural Heal- ing lectures 8pm E-Wctr \$4, 475-7230</p>	<p>29 "Advanced Tech Today & Orwell's 1984" 7:30 SU Bird Lib, Rm 1916 Every Th in March: "Faith & the New World Order" 7:30, 5 wk class, \$15, 472-6751</p>	<p>30 Inside Moves NVS Films: 7:30 & 9:30 SU Kittredge Aud, \$2 "Say No to NiMo" demo 7pm NiMo Bldg, Syracuse "Work, Women's Movement & Self-Esteem among Never- Married Women" 12:30 SU Bird Lib, Spector Rm</p>	<p>31 </p>

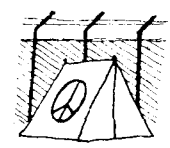
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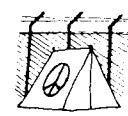
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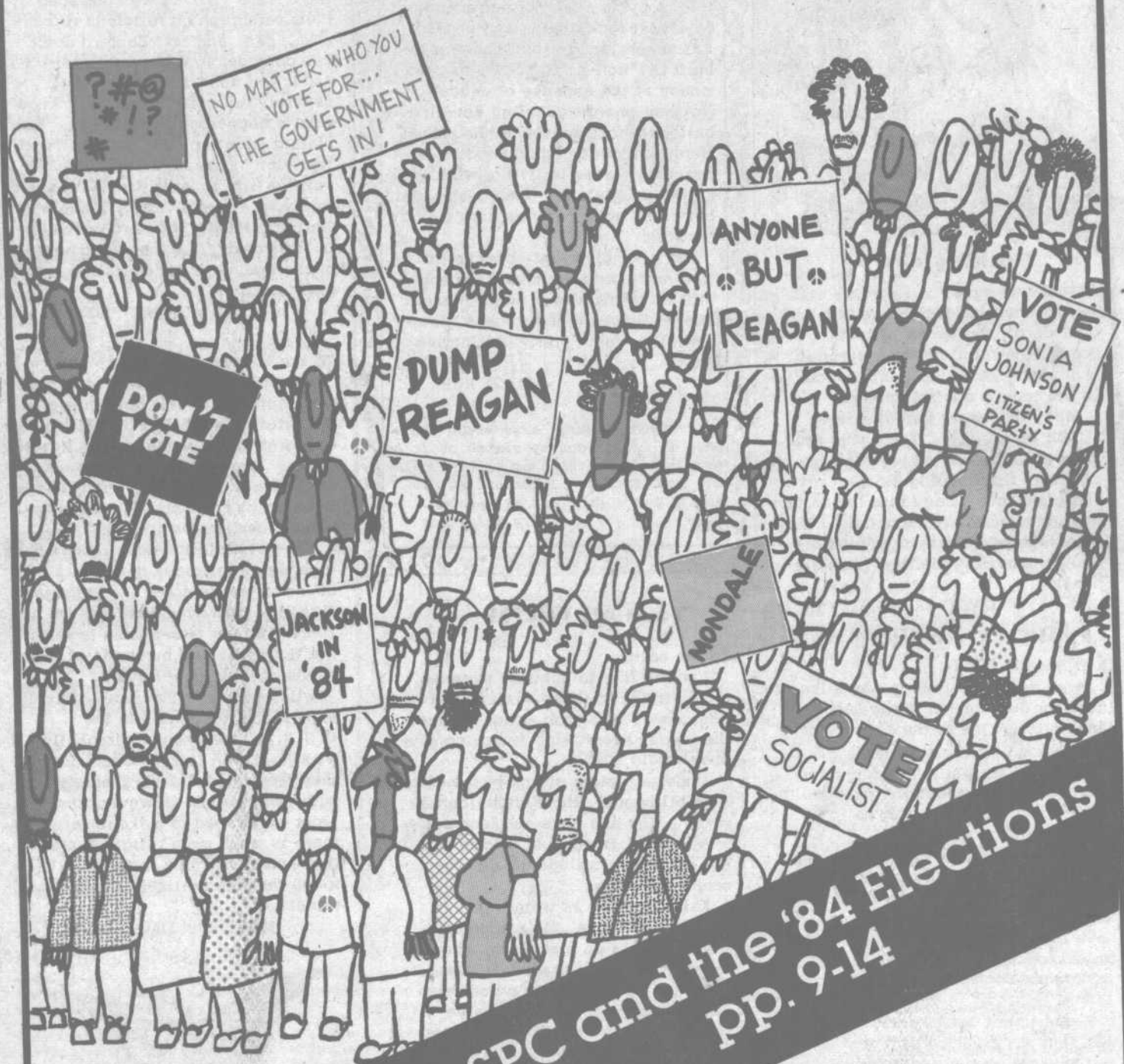
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Nothing new ?

Dear editor,

Sometimes I feel like I'm in a time warp. The cover of last month's newsletter was a surprise. Is it really news that certain acts in life reduce one's freedom?,

Many desperate bargains were struck in the past. There was pain on both sides. Must we continue to herald this wailing as great art? There are today many females on the leading edge of art and music. I'm pleased they are saying a bit more than "women are martyrs, men are beasts."

-DAVID BRIARS

Prolifers' Ad Upsetting

Dear friends,

I was very disturbed to see a Prolifers for Survival ad in the Peace Newsletter. One of the aspects of peacework I find refreshing is the diversity of people that are involved. However, the connections between sexism and militarism can no longer be ignored.

Women must have the right to make choices about their lives and not be controlled by male ideals about their bodies and lives. Just as people have a right to choose not to be destroyed for nuclear madness that is a manifestation of the same mentality.

Peace is not just a world without war, but the creation of a new society that has self-determination for all people--including women.

- UNSIGNED

Not the Dome?!?!

Dear Peace Council People,

On the March Peace Council page, in the first article, that little sketch with "978" on it, the symbol for Syracuse, isn't by any inadvertent ill chance meant to be the Dome, is it? Not the scene of performances by sexist rock groups and imperialist generals; Not that monstrosity built by "non-profit" S.U. to make money at the expense of education; Not that energy-guzzling hot-air balloon whose presence has ruined more than one neighborhood as peaceful places to live or work (you know, people can't even get to their homes by normal routes during Dome events)!

Let's not give that obscene inflation any more free advertisement--tho' I know it wasn't intentional. The outline map of Syracuse, incidentally, has a pretty distinctive shape, too.

-MARGE RUSK

Everything Marge says about the Dome is right, and my sketch of it on page 5 last month in no way indicates any love for it. I thought my disdain for the Dome was well-known.

- Gary Weinstein

Turn off WKFM

To the editor,

I would like to publicly express my gratitude to those women (and I hope, men) who took action against the sexist advertising campaign of a local radio station.

Under a picture of one of the offensive billboards, the Herald-Journal wrote, "the ads have outraged some women." It is not just women who are angry; the billboards should offend all of us.

Karen DeCrow is wrong; this is not a minor issue. In a society where rape is so prevalent, where women cannot walk at night without fear, the use of women's bodies to sell things is not just offensive--it is dangerous as well. It devalues and threatens women at the same time.

Ms. DeCrow says she is "against

defacing property". So am I, and these billboards deface our whole city. We should thank those who covered them up.

-RON SHUFFLER

Repression Unnoticed?

To the editor,

I am writing to respond to Maud and David Easter's article on Russia (Nov. 1983 PNI). I was outraged by their paragraph on religious repression. Ms. and Mr. Easter, don't you consider Judaism a religion? And if you don't think it's being severely repressed, you don't know what's happening in the USSR. Your blatant equation of "churches" with "religion" makes me question your politics and sensibilities, and therefore your entire article. When will Christians learn they are not alone in the world? And that the countries of the world are not Christian entities!

-MORGAN FIRESTAR

To the editor,

We appreciate the valid criticism that Morgan Firestar has made about our article on the U.S.S.R., which appeared in an earlier Peace Newsletter. We are Quakers, but not Christians, and often ourselves feel irritated by the Christian presumptions of writers or speakers.

The Soviet Union does indeed have other large religious groups, in addition to the Baptists and Russian Orthodox with whose leaders we met. There are over two million Jews in the U.S.S.R. and hundreds of thousands of Muslim believers.

Religious institutions certainly do experience repression in the U.S.S.R.. We spoke personally with Jews who talked of restrictions they face, particularly problems with emigration. However, the point we wished to make remains: there is much more religious practice and expression in the U.S.S.R. today than we realized before our travels.

-MAUD and DAVID EASTER



In This Issue

This month's PNL contains part I of a special section on SPC and the 1984 elections. See intro. on page 8 for details and a look at the plans for next month's part II. For that ominous day in April, we have an article on another form of voting -- "Voting Your Conscience on Form 1040." We invite you to consider any of the many ways to resist military tax. The book review on feminism and nonviolence should provoke many interesting discussions. An article on future plans for Eisenhower provides background information on the latest Seneca County controversy.

We've expanded "Reports" this month to keep you up to date on all that's happening.

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News from The SPC House

For the next few months the word "transition" will appear in this space a lot. The Front Room Bookstore is focussing more on its location next door to On the Rise; Jeff Schwartz, a former intern at SPC, will join Maura in the Press in June (yahoo!); Per will be leaving in July; and sometime in July and August two new staffpeople will be replacing Karen and Gary. Whew!

This month was the month of the FBI issue -- whether or not SPC should have a policy on talking to the FBI and if so, what it should be. Every day for several weeks we got letters on the issue from SPC people. It became an issue at the SPC house for a while.

Some fun things happened too. Katie Froelich has joined The Front Room as a part-time worker. Maura and Per spent a few days visiting Laurie and Liam in NYC (Laurie takes off for Europe soon), and Karen just came back from visiting friends in Rhode Island. Those of us remaining celebrated Gary's 30th birthday with balloons, streamers, and a chocolate cake with chocolate cream cheese frosting. And after weeks of a mouse problem in the kitchen, we finally put out a have-a-heart mousetrap, caught four mice, and let them go outside.

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The Syracuse Peace Council (SPC), founded in 1936, is an antiwar/social justice organization. It is community-based, autonomous and funded by the contributions of its supporters.

SPC educates, agitates and organizes for a world where war, violence and exploitation in any form will no longer exist. It challenges the existing unjust power relationships among nations, among people and between ourselves and the environment. As members, we work to replace inequality, hierarchy, domination and powerlessness with mutual respect, personal empowerment, cooperation and a sense of community.

Present social injustices cannot be understood in isolation from each other nor can they be overcome without recognizing their economic and militaristic roots. SPC stresses a strategy that makes these connections clear. We initiate and support activities that help build this sense of community and help tear down the walls of oppression. A fundamental basis for peace and justice is an economic system that places human need above monetary profit. We establish relationships among people based on cooperation rather than competition or the threat of destruction.

Our political values and personal lives shape and reflect each other. In both we are committed to nonviolent means of conflict resolution and to a process of decision-making that responds to the needs of all.

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the peace council page

SPC Birthday Dinner Saturday May 12th

The Peace Council's 48th Annual Birthday Dinner will be held on May 12th. The featured speaker will be Elizabeth McAllister of the Griffiss Plowshare. Several others from the Griffiss Plowshare will also be present at the dinner.

The dinner will be at the Harrison Center, 1342 Lancaster Ave. It will begin at 5:30pm with a reception and dinner will start at 6pm. Cost is \$5 to \$8 on a sliding scale. Children under 12 are \$2.

The dinner program will include music, speaker and the annual Peace Award presentation. This past Fall's dinner food arrangement was so successful we will be repeating it this spring. SPC will provide salad, dessert, beverages while we will be asking numerous Peace Council members to bring a main dish. People who bring a dish may pay less.

Thank you to CALC!

The Peace Council was recently awarded a \$1500 grant from Clergy and Laity Concerned (CALC) to do educational work on disarmament and Central America. SPC has long had good relations with CALC and has received grants in the past. We are grateful for their generous support. The money will be used by the two new committees on Disarmament and Central America in consultation with the Program and Evaluation Committee. Thanks to CALC these projects will be able to start 1984 in great shape.

Council Meeting Sunday April 29th

The first SPC Council meeting of 1984 will be held on April 29th, Sunday, from 2pm to 6pm.

The location: Grace Episcopal Church; 819 Madison, corner of Madison and University.
(Partially wheelchair accessible)

Among the agenda topics will be:

- * SPC Project Reports including the new Disarmament Project and the new Central America committee.
- * Initial discussion of SPC's upcoming 50th anniversary (in January 1986)
- * Others. If you have concerns, let us know.

Please be there. Council meetings are now twice yearly (a change from three times a year). They are a good opportunity to help shape SPC directions.

Thanks for the FBI Letters

We received over 60 responses on the question of How to Deal with the FBI, more than we can ever recall receiving on an issue. The vast majority favored SPC activists not talking with the FBI. As the PNL goes to press, the Program & Evaluation committee has just chosen to decide in favor of a policy of not talking with the FBI. P&E plans to discuss this decision with staff and activists and to publish a fuller explanation in the May PNL.

Two Job Openings with the Peace Council

PROGRAM & EVALUATION STAFFER:

Disarmament organizing plus organizing on a wide range of progressive issues. The P&E staffer is part of the Program & Evaluation steering committee which evaluates and maintains the political priorities of SPC.

Deadline May 1

We need you for the SPC Staff!

PEACE NEWSLETTER STAFFER:

Coordinating production, editing, distributing and all aspects of the Peace Newsletter. The PNL staffer works with a volunteer editorial collective soliciting articles, ads, graphics and working with other volunteers. Time for political activism is also part of the job.

These are two wonderful opportunities to work in the peace movement with one of the nation's oldest anti-war / social justice groups. Call us or write soon. We'll send you an application.

Changes at the Front Room Bookstore

A few weeks ago members of The Front Room Bookstore and On the Rise collectives discussed the possibility of The Front Room Too's remaining at On the Rise's "other" storefront for another year. After much consideration, we decided to do it--and we're excited! It was not an easy decision to make--the space is less than ideal for a bookstore (it's humid, has no storage space, and flour deliveries come right through it). On the other hand, we felt that it was a relatively safe (inexpensive, no lease, with very cooperative, supportive neighbors) way to continue the experiment of an alternative bookstore/SPC presence downtown. In order to really test the viability of Too, we felt that we needed to focus our time, energy, and stock there. For the last six months The Front Room has been the main store and The Front Room Too has been the annex. We are slowly changing that around--so that Too will be the main store and The Front Room the annex. After a year, we'll either move to another downtown location or move everything back to the SPC house. Please stop by either store and tell us what you think.



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Nonviolence Conference April 6-8th

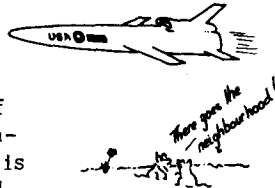
This gathering in Syracuse of Upstate and Canadian activists promises to be an exciting time of sharing, discussing, and strategizing. Space is filling up quickly. Call immediately if you are planning on coming -- Andy Mager 472-7010 or 472-5478.

Garage Sale in June

The SPC Garage Sale will be in early June so be ready for the bargains and mysteries one always finds there. We are in great need of items. As you do your spring cleaning, keep the Peace Council in mind for donations. To arrange pick up, just call Allen at the SPC office.

Coming Griffiss Actions

The idea for a series of events centered in the Rome/Utica area (near Griffiss AFB), in the spring of this year was born out of demonstrations during 1983. Initial planning is underway for a week of cultural and educational events followed by civil disobedience. Our goals include stopping testing and deployment of Cruise and Pershing II missiles and conversion of Griffiss to peaceful use. The dates are May 28 - June 4, 1984.

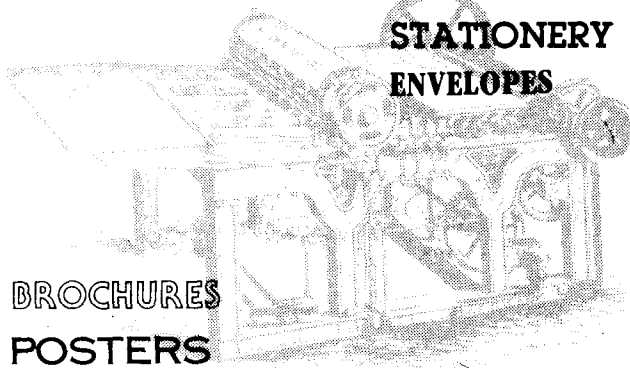


Activities currently being planned include extensive leafletting in the Rome area, week-night forums on issues of militarism, a resource center in Utica, and outreach to Upstate organizations. Affinity groups and individuals in Syracuse are very involved in this work. If you have time and would like to get involved, call Karen at SPC.

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April 2nd

Syracuse area historian and activist, Matilda Joslyn Gage, has only recently been rediscovered. Her book, Woman, Church & State, was republished in 1980 for the first time since its controversial appearance in 1893. Bob Staley Mays has been researching Gage and will share many stories of her life.

April 9th

The issue of rape, why men rape, the psychological effects of rape, legal and medical resources: who uses them and why, and preventions and precautions against rape will all be covered.

April 16th

Artis Lee of AFSC will discuss his recent 6 week trip to Southern Africa and share his insights on developments making headlines in Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The dangerous role of South Africa will also be discussed.

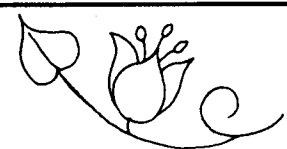
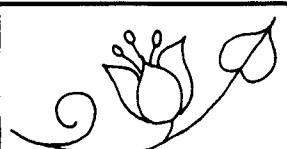
April 23rd

Anyone who ever wanted the chance to meet SPC activists and office workers, this is your chance. If you read the Empire Magazine article on SPC and want to know more about us, please come.

April 30th

For ten years, Eco-Justice has been addressing the issues of hunger, energy, community, good work, environment and peace. The New Environment Assoc., also active for ten years, seeks to reorganize society so that its persistent problems can be solved. A slide/tape presentation and discussion on how these two groups hope to meet the challenges of the 1980's.

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SPC and the '84 Elections

An Introduction

SPC joins countless other peace and justice groups across the country who are discussing the role of the '84 Elections in our work. SPC activists' opinions on this topic vary widely. Some of us are involved in voter registration work or campaign work for or against particular candidates. Some of us are using the elections to raise important and often overlooked issues. Others are continuing with education, outreach, and other non-election-oriented work for peace and change. Both this month and next in the PNL we hope to look at the '84 Elections from

the perspective of people seeking major social change and share the reasons for our varied relationships to the electoral process. In this issue, our authors advocate involvement in voter registration, participation in the Jesse Jackson campaign, organizing focused more on economic realities and less on elections, Wortley's voting record, and SPC's response over the years to elections. Next month we will look at the role of third parties in the '84 Elections, direct action as a principle strategy, PAC's and electoral regulation, and a personal reflection on the elections. What else would you like to see? Let us know.

- Karen Beetle

A brief history

SPC's Focus - Issues not Candidates



A VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE WITH THE SWEETER RADIO VOICE

- SYRACUSE POST STANDARD OCT. 5, 1936

Once again, we find ourselves in the midst of the presidential selection season and in the barrage of polls and primaries, winners and losers, we again ask the inevitable questions: "Where in all this noise are the quiet voices of respect for the Earth and its inhabitants?" "Where are the real people behind the media-made masks?" Is there any room in the whole process for anything but dollars to speak?"

In its 48 years, the Syracuse Peace Council has faced these questions many times and while there has always been a variety of opinion about the extent to which SPC should involve itself in electoral politics, only once has the Peace Council ever worked directly for the election of a candidate. Instead, the Peace Council has consistently emphasized peace related issues and the fact that these issues are not restricted to election time.

The October 1936 Peace Newsletter states "...there is no time when candidates for public office are so sensitive to public opinion as they are in the weeks just preceding a national election." This statement seems to typify the Peace Council's level of participation in elections throughout most of its history - that individuals should make their own decisions about about working for candidates but that SPC as an organization should only make use of the increased sensitivity to issues that exists around elections as one tool for public education.

There is, however, one exception to this philosophy. In 1972, after much debate, the decision was made to actively work for the election of George McGovern. The decision was announced in the August 1972 PNL "The Steering Committee felt that it is very important for peace people to actively work for McGovern." "In its 36 year history, SPC has never before worked for a political candidate... because of the critical importance of this election to the people of Indochina, the unprecedented decision to form a McGovern Committee within the Peace Council was reached."

So in 1984 we are again faced with questions. "Does the repressiveness of Ronald Reagan's administration require that we work for his defeat and someone else's election or do our energies need to be directed toward alternatives to the political selection process as a whole?" As in the past half century, individuals will seek their own answers and when the election is over, the Peace Council will still be educating, agitating and organizing around peace related issues.

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Rainbow Without an End

Jessie Jackson's Challenge to the Status Quo

by Brian Makepeace

We must build a new "rainbow coalition" spanning the lines of color, sex, age, religion, region, and national origin. The old minorities - Blacks, hispanics, women, peace activists, environmentalists, gays, young people, the elderly, small farmers, and business owners, poor people -- if we remain apart, we will continue to be a minority. But if we come together, the old minorities will constitute a new majority.

- Jesse Jackson

The Rainbow Coalition, about which and for which Jesse Jackson speaks, is growing. The major political analysts, however, would have you believe otherwise--and for good reason. They are well aware of the ability of the media to make or break a popular movement overnight. If a movement whose existence challenges the status quo were to be presented by the media as a thriving political force, its appeal and power would be greatly enhanced. Then, what had merely been a challenge to the status quo would balloon into a considerable threat to it.

Thus, the Jackson candidacy is given no legitimacy by the press (except as a Black brokerage movement) and the Rainbow Coalition is told it exists, at best, as a passing fancy and, at worst, as a figment of Jackson's imagination. Neither victory nor even a surprise upset is in the scenario the media has written for the Jackson campaign. When he pulled ahead of John Glenn in the polls and became, for an instant, the exciting alternative to Walter Mondale, the media created Gary Hart. Jackson's candidacy is unacceptable; it stands for change.

America has changed much through its history. Many injustices and inequities have ceased. Opportunities for success have spread. But Ameri-

Brian is a father and artist. He is active locally in Jackson's campaign.

ca is a nation where success has always been synonymous with assimilation, where assimilation has always meant becoming part of and/or supportive of the status quo, and where the status quo has always been White Patriarchy.

Though the social changes of the past have been effected because of an apparent change in the mind-set (or a change in the heart-pence) of the White Patriarchy, the status quo has remained the same. Civil liberties and civil rights may be attained only so long as the power of the Patriarchy is maintained.

But the Rainbow Coalition will change this. Equality and justice are at hand because the election ballot is in hand. The old excluded minorities are awakening and uniting to become the new majority. Each is learning to understand the other and all are working together to dismantle the fences that have kept them locked out. In this way, the power of the people will be realized.

This power will enable sane and humane social, economic, environmental, and defense programs to be implemented. It will enable America to finally present itself to the world as a nation to emulate. It will enable our President to walk as a respected mediator among all nations in the quest for peace and justice for all of the world's citizens. The power of the people will enable Jesse Jackson to be that President.

The media argues that Jesse Jackson does not have the experience to be President. They argue that America only elects Governors or Senators to that job. The Democratic Party bosses argue that they need to put their money on a winner, a success. These arguments entirely miss the point of the Jackson candidacy. His campaign challenges the White Patriarchy which, in the guise of choosing the most qualified candidate, is narrowing the field to previously elected 'experienced' people and 'locking out'

those not beholden to the status quo and those not able or willing to assimilate and sell out.

Jesse Jackson is one of the 'locked out.' When asked by the media what his qualifications for President were, he answered, "I am a US citizen born in the US and I am over 36 years old." (These are the only constitutional requirements.) Jackson is extra-political. He is a Democrat because he votes that way, not because he is paid that way.

Jesse Jackson's qualifications are that he is a leader who, in vocalizing the issues relevant to the poor, the minorities, women, environmentalists, peace groups, etc. is uniting them and empowering them. He is raising the consciousness of the Democratic Party and the nation.

He is idealistic and optimistic because he is a pragmatist. The only way America and the world can survive is for the people to come together in peace to chart a new course. The Rainbow Coalition is the beginning of this.

Many people, whom Jesse Jackson speaks of empowering, do not believe he can be nominated. They must understand that a vote for Hart or Mondale is perceived by those candidates and the media as a vote against the ideals of the Rainbow Coalition and as a vote for the status quo. Voters in New York State have a chance on April 3 to send a clear message to the nation and to Ronald Reagan: There will be no end to this Rainbow!

Of concern to many of us is the controversy surrounding use of the word "Hymie" by Jesse Jackson as reported in The New York Times. Although many of us are aware that he offered an apology to the Jewish people we have not had access to the actual words he used to express it. The full address titled "Binding the Wounds" given at Temple Adeth Yeshurun is available in pamphlet form at SPC.

Our Arms Race Representative

The SPC Disarmament Project 1984

Congressman George Wortley's Military Voting Record; 1980-1984

Introduction

The Disarmament Project '84 has four aspects, one of which is the 1984 Elections. Our theme: "Show 'Em the Door in '84!" In ridding ourselves of dangerous candidates, the place to start is here at home with Republican House Representative George Wortley. As the article below details, his support for President Reagan's arms buildup and the rubber stamp fashion in which he obeys Reagan's policy is astonishing.

The Peace Council's Disarmament Project wants to educate people on the consequences of Rep. Wortley's possible reelection. We in no way endorse any opposition candidate.

The Freeze

The Freeze Resolution is an historic attempt in Congress to halt the nuclear arms race. Rep. Wortley voted against every legitimate freeze measure that came up in the House of Representatives in 1982 & 1983. The Zablocki Resolution, a legitimate freeze resolution stated: "The U.S. and U.S.S.R. should stop the arms race. Specifically they should adopt a mutual and verifiable freeze on the testing, production, and deployment of nuclear weapons and of missiles and new aircraft designed to deliver nuclear weapons." Both conservative Democrats and Republicans in the House took turns trying to manipulate, stall, and even kill this resolution. While Rep. Wortley did not take part in introducing any such legislation he did join nearly every attempt to destroy the Freeze.

In August of 1982 Rep. Wortley voted for the Broomfield Substitute to the Freeze Resolution which called for a freeze only "after the U.S. improved its position relative to the Soviet Union" and called for a "Freeze at equally and sharply reduced levels." This was a very deceptive piece of legislation that unfortunately was adopted by two votes (204-202).

Then, in March 1983, a series of amendments came before the House attempting to defeat the freeze. The Siljander (R-Mi) amendment endorsed

a "Freeze and/or reductions". The and/or language was an attempt by the Reagan administration to twist the Freeze into an endorsement of administration policy. With much hard work by the Freeze, the amendment was defeated by six votes, 209-215. Rep. Wortley remained faithful to the President by voting in favor of this amendment.

Rep. Wortley also voted in favor of the "build down" embodied in the Levitas amendment. Introduced in April 1983, the "build down" attempted to legitimize nuclear weapons modernization. It calls for eliminating 2 nuclear weapons for every new one built. This allows obsolete weapons to be replaced by the new generation of 1st strike weapons. Luckily this amendment was also defeated, 190-229.

Later, in July and November of 1983, there were two amendments by House Democrats to delete \$2.2 billion for construction of 48 new MXs. The first amendment was rejected by a mere 13 votes, 207-220. While the second fell short by only 9 votes, 208-217. The MX is presently the most vulnerable weapons system before the House. There is a good chance it can be defeated this May. Ironically though, Wortley is not even considered a "swing vote".

"I believe that the nuclear freeze considered in the House of Representatives will accomplish none of the things it purports to..."



A Friend of the Arms Race

The MX, which stands for missile experimental, plays a key role in the Reagan Administration's plans for fighting and winning a nuclear war. It is a highly accurate first strike weapon designed to be used first, to destroy the opponents ability to attack. Apparently Rep. Wortley sees sanity in this policy. He voted in favor of the MX missile eight out of nine times since 1981.

With Rep. Wortley's help the House restored \$ 625 million for research and development funds for the MX by a vote of 239-186 in May 1983.

The deployment of U.S. cruise and Pershing II missiles in Europe is, technologically and perhaps psychologically one of the most dangerous escalations of the arms race the world has yet to see. U.S. Pershing II's deployed in West Germany sit five minutes from targets in the USSR. While the cruise, flying at only 100 feet above the ground, makes verification of any treaty almost impossible. In 1982 Rep. Dellums of California introduced two amendments to the defense authorizations bill which tried to stop their deployment. The first, on July 20th, was an amendment to reduce the bill by \$50.

billion and prohibit procurement of Pershing II, Cruise, MX, Trident II, B-1 and nuclear powered aircraft carriers. This amendment was defeated by the overwhelming margin of 55-348. The second, a day later, also tried but failed to delete \$508 million for procurement of Pershing IIs. The vote was 74-311. Rep. Wortley voted against both of these amendments, going on record in favor of additional funding.

A year later, in July of 1983, Rep. Dellums proposed that deployment of Cruise and Pershing II's be delayed for at least one year. This amendment, had it passed, would have given the US and USSR time to ease tensions and continue the Intermediate Nuclear Force talks in Geneva in hopes of negotiating some real reductions in intermediate range nuclear weapons in Europe. As expected, Rep Wortley voted against the amendment and with Reagan's policy to push ahead on the deployment of Euromissiles.

Weapons Galore

Anti Satellite Weapons, or ASATs, are a dreaded new stage in the arms race and were first proposed by Rea-

gan in his now-famous "Star Wars" speech of March 1983. Reagan's claim is that ASATs will make earth-based nuclear weapons obsolete, although Pentagon officials have recently said that this is not at all true.

"A defensive strategy that relies on weapons that can be used against military targets is morally superior to a strategy relying on weapons that can only be used against civilian targets..."

In essence, ASATs are being sold as defensive weapons. We've heard that one before. The first time ASATs came up for House vote was June 14th, 1983. The amendment, which would have deleted \$19.4 million for procurement, made no attempt to define ASATs as either offensive or defensive in nature. Yet Rep. Wortley voted against this amendment and thus in favor of ASATs. This contradicts his own March 7th 1984 statement that "offensive weapons must not be based in space."

Rounding out Rep. Wortley's rubber stamp endorsement of Reagan's stu-

pendous arms buildup are several key votes on military matters between 1981 and 1983.

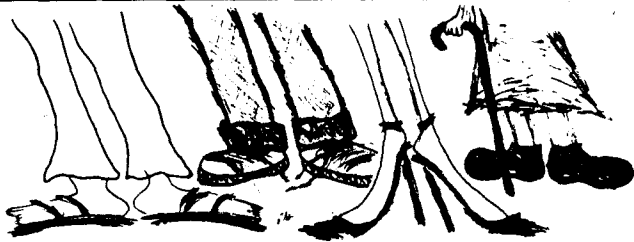
For example, on Sept. 28th 1983 he voted in favor of keeping U.S. Marines in Lebanon for another 18 months; on April 20th, he voted for no further delay in the sale of F-16 fighter planes to Israel; on June 15th, he voted in favor of the B-1 Bomber by voting against an amendment by Rep. Dellums to delete \$6.2 billion in funds.

In 1982, on July 28th, he voted for the Solomon amendment which denies student aid to those who have not registered for the draft; on July 29th he voted against the Schroeder amendment which called for a 50% reduction in U.S. military personnel overseas for a period of four years. On the same day, he voted in favor of funds for the Trident II missile.

In 1981, among other bills, he voted in favor of production of the Neutron Bomb.

During this period, Rep. Wortley voted against 5 key measures that sought significant reductions in military spending.

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by Pat Rector and Van Robinson

A quiet revolution is taking place in Syracuse, and across the country. Its elements are common enough-- folding chairs, card tables, clipboards. But there is uncommon determination in the faces of those who are signing folks up on those buff-colored forms. What is happening is voter registration on an unprecedented scale. This is neither the last minute blitz of the political parties, nor the circumscribed efforts of the League of Women Voters. Instead, in the lobbies of public buildings, on the sidewalks of city streets, at food distribution centers, on college campuses, and at community events, voter registration volunteers are implementing a tough-minded, big-hearted strategy of political change.

This is certainly not the first intensive, citizen-based campaign to register people and turn out voters. In the '60's, Syracuse's voter registration efforts, when focused on people in poor neighborhoods, required a brave lot of activists who sometimes faced harassment, social ostracism, threats, and even physical violence.

The voter registration efforts of the 1980's were initiated principally in the Black community in Syracuse, as a major organizing focus of the Syracuse Black Leadership Congress and the NAACP. The success of these efforts inspired other community-based coalitions, like the Syracuse Political Action Neighborhood Conference (SPANC).

SPANC was formed to coordinate and staff voter registration sites, and to provide technical expertise to those groups and individuals who wanted to learn how it's done. Included among the growing list of SPANC's many organizations are the NAACP, several labor unions, the YWCA, United Campuses for the Prevention of Nuclear War, human service and child care providers, the Nuclear Freeze Campaign, Physicians for Social Responsibility, and others. Although dormant for several months

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in the latter part of 1983, SPANC is enjoying a burst of new energy and commitment as members of Syracuse's own "rainbow" coalition anticipate the November 6th election. SPANC's conveners say that registration is only half the battle; getting out the vote is the other key element.



The statistics on voter turn-out in the 17th ward, thought to be one of the most progressive wards in the city (and includes the Westcott area), had one of the lowest voter turnouts; 23% of those registered in 1981 did not vote, lower than 11 other city wards.

What has been the impact so far of SBLC and SPANC voter registration efforts? In 1983 the number registered was the third highest in history for an off-year election, exceeding as well the number of persons registered here in recent gubernatorial and presidential elections. By February 4, 1984, Democrats had posted substantial gains in Onondaga County, particularly in the city, and Republicans experienced significant losses (Post-Standard, 2/4/84, B-2).

Why Social Activists are Doing Voter Registration

The reasons that bring together this diverse group of volunteers reflect a broad spectrum of concerns. Those involved are seasoned, sophisticated activists who have also marched, prayed, rallied, or organized in other ways. They readily acknowledge that voter registration is not the be-all or end-all of social change efforts, and realize that it constitutes only a small though indispensable part of the effort towards

social justice and peace. These are among the major reasons given: *The 1984 Presidential Election (and the Congressional races) will be a referendum on policies.* The simple fact is that unless people express their sentiments at the ballot box (in addition to all the other ways of expressing their political opinions) those views may not get translated into public policy impacts..

Work in voter registration/get out the vote may simply help us to buy some time...survival time.

Voter registration and a high turnout may help to reverse the policies which create the obscenity of hunger in America, clearly a survival question at the level of the individual.

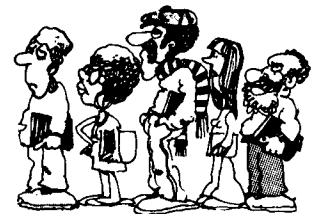
Global survival questions exist as well. The American election of 1984 may be pivotal in the Earth's history, for if the nuclear arms race continues with its present momentum, our species could become extinct (as well as animal and plant life).

Voter registration is an important priority in the Black community and offers a basis for coalition building

Voter registration is a way of showing solidarity and sharing points of common concern. Regardless of the outcome of the '84 election, the unity nurtured now will help us all "dig in for the long haul".

What People Can Do

- Learn to register voters accurately and effectively.
- Adopt a shift (approx. 2 hrs.) on a regular basis.
- Obtain permission for voter registration to happen at a site you think should be staffed.
- Do follow-up phone calling a few days before the voting.
- Volunteer to help with any of the following voter registration support activities: research, typing, mailings, child care.
- Join a group doing voter registration. For more information, call 446-2380.



Elections: The Dark at the End of the Tunnel

by Barbara Kobritz

Electoral politics is not only ineffective, it's dangerous. It blinds us with the illusion that we live in a democracy. Our system is not democratic; it is capitalistic. Electoral politics is the facade behind which capitalism continually expands its power. Real power in America is in the hands of rich white men who run corporations like Exxon and ITT.

Republicans and Democrats alike have one chief aim -- the preservation of capitalism. Republicans would give business free rein to exploit people, land, and resources. The Democrats want to pass enough poverty programs to keep the lid from blowing off the whole thing. Either way we lose and capitalism wins.

There is nothing wrong with elections per se. People ought to be able to choose their own governors. But in this country at this point in history we are perhaps the most politically underdeveloped people in the world. Until that problem is addressed, we will continue to see "horse races" in which image counts more than substance. We will continue to see elections won by selling out to pressure groups and appealing to the lowest common denominator. Anyone who runs a principled campaign under these circumstances will be left in the dust.

The democratic ideals of the American Revolution were an amazing step forward in the history of the world. They have inspired revolutionary thinkers and leaders everywhere for more than two centuries. The reality of America, however, is that of land stolen from native people, labor and lives stolen from African-Americans, and endless resources stolen from less powerful countries, all resulting in the greatest accumulation of wealth the world has ever known. Because there is so much wealth in America it has been easy, up until now, for the ruling class to let us vote, assemble and dissent. The relatively peaceful conditions in this country have been the result, not of democracy, but of sufficient wealth

Barbara is a member of National Organization for an American Revolution.

to keep the vast majority of people pacified.

The era of pacification is ending. Natural resources are running out. Third world nations are no longer willing to roll over and play dead for American corporate interests. At the same time rapid technological advances are intensifying capitalist competition. Under current political conditions we can predict that these challenges to American capitalism will bring about something looking more like fascism than socialism.

Since World War II America has developed what Sidney Lens terms a second government. Foreign policy serves the needs of the Pentagon. Presidents issue executive orders by-passing Congressional or public debate. An elaborate security structure does whatever, in its opinion, serves the interest of national security. The structures of fascism are in place.

Coupled with this is a rapidly growing reactionary backlash, appealing to the heart-felt needs of millions of American people for a sense of order and decency in their lives.

A Different Strategy

Against this backdrop, what should our strategy be?

First, we should not be wasting precious time on electoral campaigns-- particularly at the national level. We have to be very clear on the historical relationship between movements and the electoral process. Movements often begin by operating outside the electoral process, but their work usually ends up pressuring politicians for legislation which seems to address the problems at hand. What these "progressive" programs actually do is confuse, disperse and eventually destroy the movement. The Civil Rights/Black Power movement is one clear example.

Some people say we have to do anything to dump Ronald Reagan before he blows the world up. There is no question that he is capable of that, but the Democrats are just as dangerous. Since Truman, a Democrat, dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon and Carter



have all used nuclear blackmail. Each one has threatened World War III in order to achieve his military and strategic goals.

Secondly we must overcome the sectarianism and self-righteousness to which the Left has been prone for the past two decades. Too often we end up reaching only each other with our message, ignoring or even alienating other people. We need to focus not so much on educating other folks as learning from them. We face an increasing polarization of Left and Right with the vast majority of Americans in the middle. The battle is for the hearts and minds of those in the middle.

Lastly, we must accept the responsibility of finding leadership. We can't elect leaders that will initiate the changes that need to take place. Non-oppressive leadership means finding creative ways to build on people's strengths and challenge their weaknesses. Our task is to build a revolutionary movement among those who have little or nothing left to lose under capitalism.

If the Left won't provide the leadership that will inspire and motivate people to make real change possible the Right will continue to use them. The burden is on us.

Software Hard to Swallow at Eisenhower

In his farewell address, President Eisenhower coined the term "military industrial complex" when he warned of the dangers of military productivity. Now, ironically, the college bearing his name is being considered for that use.

Eisenhower College, located in Seneca Falls, was bought by Rochester Institute of Technology in 1979 and closed down in July 1982. In November of that year, RIT submitted a proposal to the Defense Department to allocate the buildings and property for a military computer software center.

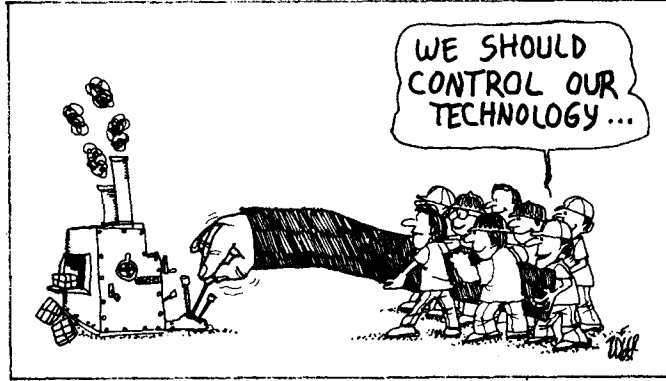
Last February, Assemblyperson Mike Nozzolio and State Senator Bill "Cadillac" Smith introduced a resolution to the state legislature asking Reagan and New York's congressional delegation to help persuade the Defense Department to locate the center at Eisenhower. Governor Cuomo has since come out in favor of the proposal and Representative Frank Horton is already working on the Pentagon.

So far, the resolution has passed the state Senate and officials at the Pentagon claim Eisenhower is among the top three of 16 sites being considered. But the issue is not settled yet. The resolution is currently being reviewed by the Assembly's Committee on Higher Education before being voted on in the Assembly.

According to the Pentagon, the point of the institute is to cut the amount of time needed to get computer software into Defense Department systems.

Rep. Frank Horton boasts of the 250 jobs the center would bring to Seneca Falls. However, only a minority of those jobs would be filled by the area's

unemployed. Most of the job openings would call for highly specialized computer software technicians, many of whom would have to come from outside Seneca Falls--and most likely outside the ranks of the unemployed.



According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor, military facilities such as the one proposed have relatively little to offer to the unemployed. A study conducted by the Bureau claims that every \$1 billion expended for military ordnance generates 11,000 jobs. That same \$1 billion spent for education facilities provides 48,000 jobs.

While a regular two- or four-year college may no longer be financially viable, several constructive suggestions have been proposed, such as a National Peace Academy and a National Women's Center and Educational Institute. Ironically, Representative Horton is a former sponsor of the Peace Academy legislation.

This latest escalation of the arms build-up in New York's own backyard has met with strong resistance from

the American Friends Service Committee, Finger Lakes Peace Alliance, and the Seneca Falls Peace Awareness.

On April 11 at 7:00 p.m., the FLPA will meet in Cox Hall at Hobart-Smith College to discuss the issue. And the Seneca Falls Peace Awareness will meet at 7:30 on April 19 at the First Presbyterian Church in Seneca Falls. The Finger Lakes Peace Alliance is also sponsoring a "Walk for Jobs with Peace" from the Seneca Army Depot (main gate) to the Eisenhower College

Campus. The walk will begin at 10:00 a.m., May 5 at the main gate of the Depot, located on Route 96. It will end at Cayuga State Park with a picnic and speakers on Sunday, May 6. For more information or ride coordination call SPC at 472-5478.

Assemblyperson Mike Nozzolio is sponsoring a luncheon with State Construction Commissioner William Donahue on Thursday, April 29 at the Feed Bag Restaurant in Waterloo. Opponents of the resolution are encouraged to voice their objections at the luncheon.

For further information, please write to Citizens for Appropriate Uses to Save the Site of a Memorial to Eisenhower (CAUSE) at P.O. Box 457, Seneca Falls, New York 13148.

- Randy Gimpel

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Reweaving the Web of Life: Feminism and Nonviolence

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by Jean Wittman

Reweaving the Web of Life provides feminists and pacifists with hope and strength--as well as material for plenty of discussion and argument. It is an anthology of letters, essays, poems, speeches, selections from novels, a song, a fragment from a play, and an interview. The more than 50 contributors do not always agree on what nonviolence means, or what feminism is, let alone how the two combine, yet together their voices cry for radical changes and an end to violence.

The book makes good reading because the writers speak from their experiences and observations, their feelings and thoughts. The book's strength lies in the way it weaves seemingly separate threads of issues surrounding feminism and nonviolence.

Many of the writers, including the two men, believe the patriarchy causes both the violence in our daily lives and war. Barbara Zanotti states that women under the patriarchy suffer violence to their bodies, hearts, spirit, and work. She urges women to name the patriarchy as enemy, refuse to cooperate with it, reclaim their freedom, and "bond with other women and ignite the roaring fire of female friendship."

Meg Bowman doesn't speak of the patriarchy, but she refuses to cooperate with it. In her open letter to the IRS, Meg explains why she resists war taxes. She cannot work Monday through Thursday to earn money for food, shelter, clothing, health care, recreation, and contributions to causes, if on Friday she works to pay "for death, bombs, napalm, for My Lai and overkill."

Catherine Reid speaks of another

way to resist the violence of militarism. She describes a guerrilla theatre action by the Spinsters Affinity Group at the 1980 occupation of the Vermont Nuclear Power Plant. They spun webs of brightly colored yarn. "The woven patterns were symbolic of the interconnectedness of life, the delicate balance of our dependencies with all living things," she writes. "They were a reminder of how abusive a nuclear power plant is in its indiscriminate destruction of these webs."

Other writers concentrate on understanding feminism and pacifism in a primarily spiritual way. When Jo Vellacott looks with her "would-be Quaker eyes" instead of what she calls worldly spectacles, she sees the source and meaning and use of power as a central concept. She says that the people she knows who live truly nonviolently are "in touch with the source of power, call it what you will; the Light, the seed, God, the holy spirit." She finds useful the definition of violence as resourcelessness.

Betsy Wright suggests that we need more moonpower--more receptivity, intuition, and flexibility: "The balanced sun/moonpower response to the shattering (of old values and institutions) is to use the uncertainty creatively, to give birth to new values, new culture, and new, more just relations between people."

Some women explore the connections between the Civil Rights Movement and the Women's Movement. Cynthia Washington, a Black woman, and Sara Evans, a white woman, relate their rather different perspectives about working in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. Both agree young women in the SNCC learned the organizing skills they would later use in the Women's Movement.

Often, differences in priorities and understandings emerge in Re-

weaving. Constantina Salamone explains her disappointment that feminists focus so little on animal oppres-



sion. One woman advocates learning self-defense skills and using them; a second woman believes using physical resistance means using the patriarchy's tools. One writer encourages women to unlearn some of Gandhi's lessons, another to more carefully examine his words.

A couple of the ideas stand out. Sally Miller Gearhart proposes that each culture should affirm a female future, that women reclaim species responsibility, and that the percentage of women be increased until men make up only 10% of the population. In a very different direction, Barbara Reynolds concludes from her activism, marriage, and divorce that we need old-fashioned virtues: "Someone has to 'stay in the kitchen.'"

Most of the contributors are working toward the kind of making that Adrienne Rich mentions in "Natural Resources":
This is what I am: watching the spider rebuild - - "patiently, "they say...

*but I recognize in her
impatience -- my own --*

*the passion to make and make again
where such unmaking reigns*

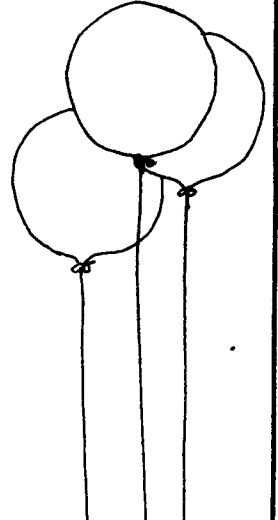
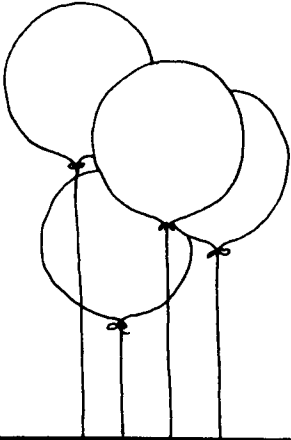
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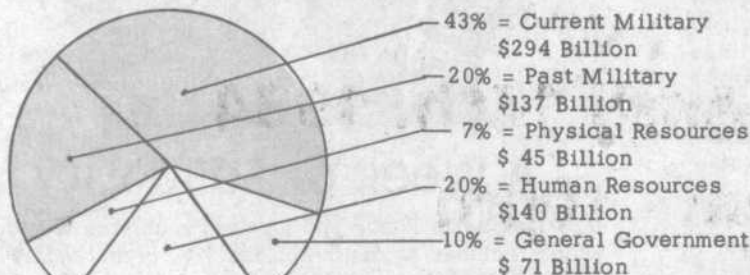
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Americans will vote this November - but we can vote early and in a way Reagan will understand. If we pay our taxes without protest, we share in the burden of death from Grenada to El Salvador to Beirut. How can we let our dollars be conscripted for war when we urge young men to resist the draft? In the face of Reagan's abuse of power the time has come to resist illegitimate authority. Choose your level of action - vote in the ways possible for you.

Resisting war taxes is different for each of us. If you are self-employed then you are responsible for withholding your own taxes - and refusing to pay them is much easier than for someone who is a wage earner with taxes withheld by the employer. Some people don't owe the government anything - they owe you a refund. For some, the only federal tax you can easily resist is the 3% federal phone tax. There is no single "correct" position - do that which is possible for you.

Some possibilities:

- File your return in full and on time but with a note enclosed saying you file under duress, that you deeply oppose the use of your tax funds for conventional or nuclear war. This is a "legal" form of protest.
- File your return a day late. A late return carries the message that citizen resistance to murderous government is increasing. If you also lower your payment by a token amount, it will cost the IRS more to get it from you than the amount you "owe", so they may do nothing.
- A friendly IRS agent recently told a group of military tax resisters that if many people simply refused to pay a small token amount, the whole IRS system could easily break down from overwork.
- File your return correctly but refuse to pay all or some of your federal tax, explaining you cannot in conscience help fund war. The IRS will probably attempt to collect,

plus interest and penalty, from your employer or bank account. You can stop the mounting interest by paying up at whatever point you have to.

- You can also refuse to pay some or all of your Federal income taxes by altering the 1040 form (claiming a "war tax deduction" or "war tax credit") but the IRS has taken the outrageous position that this is a "frivolous" return and may try to levy a \$500. fine. IRS is actually doing this to people, though it seems clearly unconstitutional. So you should talk with someone you trust as a tax counselor before sending a form so altered.

- Begin this April to refuse payment of the 3% federal phone tax. See February 1984 PNL. The paperwork to resisting the federal phone tax is a little more complicated now than formerly, as several separate items on your bill may each have tax added.

- If you work for a peace or social justice organization, help educate those who employ you by asking them not to withhold your federal taxes. Then the matter of your payment is between you and the IRS alone. The Syracuse Military Tax Resistance Support Group, in conjunction with Upstate Resistance, has activities planned from now until tax day:

- Leafletting downtown at noon-hour on week days.
- Leafletting at places of worship as they let out.

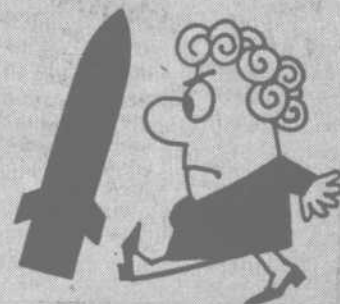
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Truth and Consequences

Friday March 16, brought the Cazenovia College sponsored four-part series on Central America to a close.

The "honorable" George Wortley and State Department representative John L. Martin were not warmly received at Cazenovia College as they attempted to defend U. S. policy in Central America. At the door, Cazenovia College students handed out black armbands. Leaflets were distributed by members of FOCUS, the Peace Council and the People for Peace and Justice. As Wortley began to speak, demonstrators laid a coffin at his feet, below a sign reading, "Your tax dollars at work in El Salvador". Others read "El Salvador - Another Viet Nam;" "These Lies Kill". Wortley also aroused vocal responses, ranging from laughter at his mis-statements to angry retorts to his lies. At times, shouting matches broke out between his supporters and others in the audience.

Both Martin and Wortley placed great faith in the March 25th elections in El Salvador, and denounced the Sandanista government as "communist". Martin launched a similar charge against the government of France and Spain. During the question and answer period which followed the talks (almost all of the questions were unsympathetic to Wortley and Martin's position), several people promised Wortley that we would defeat him in the upcoming elections. For the sake of the people of Central America, it is a promise we had better keep.

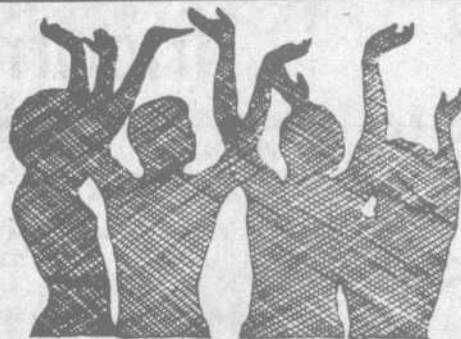
- Blaine Delancey



It's hard to miss the 20 new WKFM billboards located throughout Syracuse and the suburbs. It's hard to believe the image -- a woman dressed in dancing clothes in a full split supported only by two radio speakers, wearing a ripped WKFM t-shirt. The words "All Hit Radio" appear under her crotch. It isn't surprising that these billboards have sparked a resurgence in local "Truth in advertising" activism. According to the Syracuse Herald Journal, 12 of the 20 billboards have been "corrected." Some by crossing out the figure, others also with "Stop Sexism" or "Stop Sexist Ads" written in.

WKFM has already received numerous phone calls complaining about the billboards. The station announced that they would be distributing \$800 worth of free records during the St. Patrick's Day parade in downtown Syracuse to those holding WKFM signs. They were met by four people carrying "Tune out WKFM. They're Sexist." and "Stop WKFM's Sexist Ads" signs. Leaflets, explaining the issues involved, were also passed out to those attending the parade. I expect it won't be long before the offensive billboards are taken down. Meanwhile, give WKFM a call at 695-2165.

- Karen Beetle



A Week of Solidarity

People for Peace and Justice, a university group which includes students and faculty, organized several activities for the nationwide Central America Week (March 18-25).

Activities began with a petition campaign and continued throughout the week with slide shows and guest speakers. Speakers included Professor Kathleen Newman, who addressed U. S. media. Ernesto Vela, former Dean of Arts and Sciences at the University of El Salvador spoke about the repression of education by the military in his country.

- Geoff Rule

On March 24th, the Fourth anniversary of Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero's Death, many local people gathered to address the plight of Central American refugees and to consider one possible response to the tremendous needs of refugees in this country: SANC-TUARY throughout the United States, more than 100 religious communities have declared sanctuary for Salvadoran and Guatemalan refugees. Among them is May Memorial Unitarian Society in Syracuse.

The Day long conference on Sanctuary, held at May Memorial, examined the roots of their exodus and the different responses of the United States Government and the United States people.

Guest speakers, including a Salvadoran priest and a refugee, challenged us to respond humanely to victims of Central America.

- Martha Swan

A Victory in the Courts

On January 24, Federal Judge Leighton in Chicago ruled that the Chicago Board of Education must allow draft counselors from Clergy & Laity Concerned to have equal access with the military in providing information to high school students.



The summery judgement, on 1st and 14th Amendment grounds, may be appealed, but CALC hopes to begin counselling, leafletting and poster in the schools on alternatives to enlistment and war.

Upstate Resistance has begun work on a similar suit here in Syracuse. We will need help both before a court case (if one becomes necessary) and afterwards with working in schools. Write to us c/o SPC for information, or if you're interested in pursuing such a suit in your area.

There have been no new prosecutions in 1984!! David Wayte's case, originating in California, is going to the Supreme Court. US Attorneys around the country seem to be holding back prosecutions awaiting a decision on that case. The only draft resister currently in jail, Ed Hasbrouck, is doing as well as can be expected.

- Andy Mager

Action Embarrasses CIA

On March 13th, 25 Ithaca activists (many of them Cornell Students) sat in the doorway of the career center at Cornell University as the CIA conducted employment interviews. Those present leafletted potential interviewees with information about current CIA activities in Central America, and past CIA destabilization efforts around the world. "In the same manner that the CIA steps on humanity in violation of their human rights, we ask the potential employees of the CIA to step on or over us to reach their goals. We are not blocking passage, merely interposing ourselves between interviewers and interviewees, that this may move them to think about the moral implications of working for the CIA."

The 19 Cornell students were detained and scheduled to meet with the judiciary administrator; this will probably result in a hearing, and may lead to a formal warning or probation. The one non-Cornell student detained was charged in Ithaca City Court with Criminal trespass and was arraigned last week. Other recruitment-awareness actions at Cornell have included a blockade of a wine and cheese reception for General Dynamics, and weekly leafletting of other defense contractors.

- Karen Beetle

Griffiss Plowshares Return to Court

On Monday March 5th the Griffiss Plowshares 7 returned to federal court in Syracuse to present 5 pre-trial motions. Judge Howard Munson denied 2 of the motions, granted part of one, and reserved judgement on two until April 9th. One of the motions which will be decided on the 9th is for a dismissal of the charges against the 7 on grounds that "nuclearism" has been established as a civil religion in this country and is a violation of our First Amendment rights of freedom of religion. This was the first time that such an argument was heard in a U.S. court. We urge you to join us at the Federal Court Building in Syracuse on April 9th at 1:00 pm, for a vigil out front and the hearing at 2:00pm.

Although no definite date has been set for the trial it is expected to begin in mid May. Two of the defendants (Kathleen Rumpf and Jackie Allen) and a support person (Carrie Stearns) have moved to Syracuse to coordinate support work in the Syracuse community. Hospitality is needed for people coming to Syracuse for the trial. If you can help, please contact us at our office — PO Box 199, Syracuse, NY 13201 — or call 315-424-1175.

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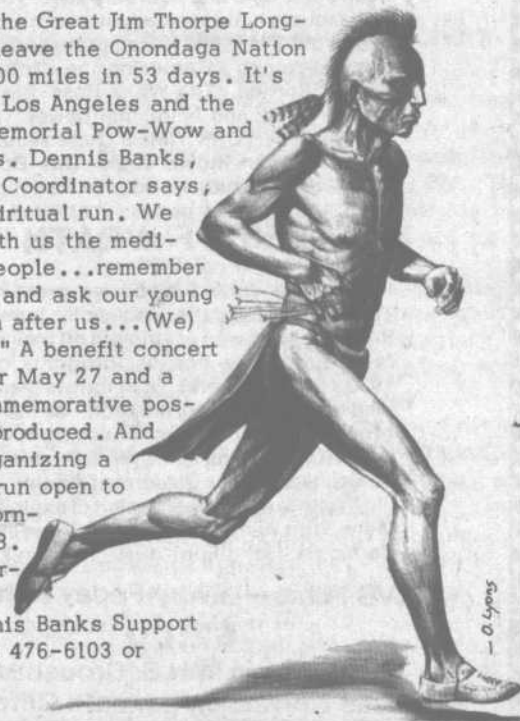
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EXCITEMENT MOUNTING for LONGEST RUN

On May 28, the Great Jim Thorpe Longest Run will leave the Onondaga Nation and cross 3600 miles in 53 days. It's destination: Los Angeles and the Jim Thorpe Memorial Pow-Wow and Native Games. Dennis Banks, National Run Coordinator says, "This is a spiritual run. We will carry with us the medicine of our people...remember our old ways and ask our young to...carry on after us...(We) will not fail." A benefit concert is planned for May 27 and a beautiful commemorative poster is being produced. And Dennis is organizing a 10 kilometer run open to all for the morning of May 28. For more information contact the Dennis Banks Support Committee at 476-6103 or 474-1132.



NVS Films

474-1132 423-3870

YOL

Thursday, April 5 7:30, 9:30
Friday, April 6 7:30, 9:30

This epic Turkish drama is the universal story of three families search for freedom. Even though the credits officially recognize him only as scriptwriter, this is the work of Turkey's leading filmmaker, Yilmaz Guney; it was made under his supervision while he was serving 18 years in a labor camp. Eventually both he and his negatives were smuggled out of Turkey. YOL won the Grand Prize at Cannes. Given the conditions this is a remarkably polished and extremely complex work. (Serif Goren, 1982, 111 min., Turkish with subtitles)

UNDER FIRE

Thursday, April 12 7:30, 9:30
Friday, April 13 7:30, 9:30

Two members of the jaded international press corps, a reporter (Joanna Cassidy) and a photographer (Nick Nolte) are caught up in the Nicaraguan Revolution of 1979. Gene Hackman plays their boss, a good-hearted cynic. Eventually the two find themselves participants and supporters of the revolution rather than "objective" journalists. This is an insightful, accomplished and sympathetic treatment of the Nicaraguan people and their Revolution. It is also a highly entertaining movie. (Roger Spottiswoode, 1983, England, 100 min.) Cosponsor - UU Cinema.

THE WHITE ROSE

Tuesday, April 17 7, 9 Gifford \$2
Wednesday, 18th 7, 9 Gifford \$2
Friday, 20th 7:30, 9:30 Kittredge \$2

Five students and their professor at the University of Munich formed a resistance movement against the Nazis that existed between June 1942 and February 1943. The tension mounts in this semi-documentary as the efforts of "The White Rose" protestors move from leafletting to arousing the campus to revolt. "Stirring. 'The White Rose' has honesty, urgency and emotional power." Janet Maslin, NEW YORK TIMES Quite simply the finest German movie since 'Das Boot.'" -Richard Freedman, Newhouse Newspapers. 1983, 112 min., Cosponsor - UU Cinema.

GRAPES OF WRATH

Friday, April 27 7, 9:30

Based on John Steinbeck's great novel. This is the story of the Joad family, farmers in the Southwest, who are thrown off their family farm during the horrible droughts of the 1930's (dust bowl era). Their farm is then gobbled up by a large corporation - as insidious economic trend that continues through the present. The Joad family, like thousands of others, sets off for California and the "good life," only to find the same kind of exploitation there. With Henry Fonda, Jane Darwell, John Carradine. (John Ford, 1940, 129 min.)

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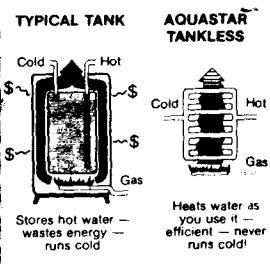
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Tomahawk Cruise Missiles in Japan

A study conducted by the Japanese publication Akahata revealed that more than one half, or 24, of all the 46 U S nuclear-powered submarines that docked at two Japanese ports in 1982-1983 are to be equipped with Tomahawk cruise missiles.

The report also pointed out that many destroyers which are also to be armed with Tomahawks had visited non-military ports in Japan several times in the past three years.

The presence of American nuclear weapons on Japanese territory is clearly in violation of the United States/Japan Mutual Defense Treaty.

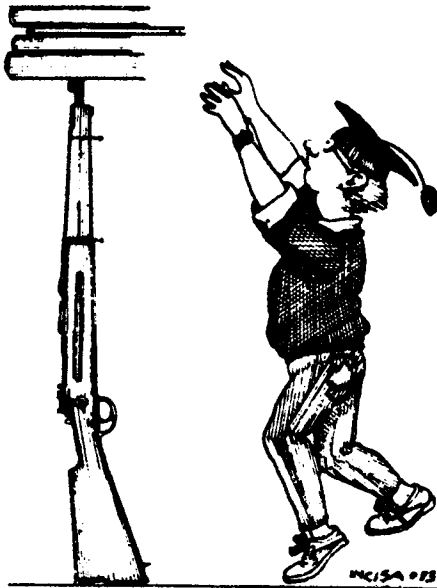
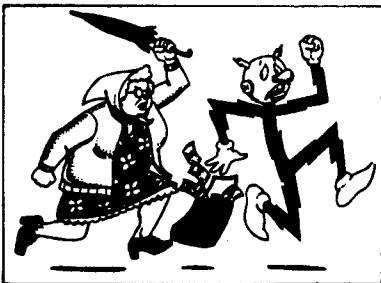
There is little doubt that, once revamped, the U S ships will continue to visit Japanese ports as often in the future as they have in the past. Realizing that, the Japanese have begun to organize.

Several Anti-Tomahawk Centers have sprung up in many of Japan's prefectures (states) in the last few months.

In the past, the U S has freely violated its defense treaty with Japan simply by side-stepping the issue. This time, however, the Japanese seem determined to expel the Tomahawks from their territory.

Pull Plug on NiMo Rates

Despite its \$230,000,000 profit last year, Niagara Mohawk has decided to raise its rates again. In response, a community meeting will be held April 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dunbar Center, located at 1453 South State Street. Bring your neighbors! For more information, call 476-1536 or 472-7573.



Students Reject Military Testing

On February 1, over 2,000 students at James Monroe High School in South Bronx failed to take an aptitude test provided by armed forces recruiters and mandated by the school's principal.

The principal, Albert Vazquez, announced on January 23 that the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery was to be administered on February 1 and that "the (State Education) Commissioner's regulations require this battery."

As a result of the pressure exerted by the Coalition Against Militarism in Public Schools (C.A.M.P.S.), students and faculty, Vazquez announced on the morning of the test that compliance was no longer mandatory.

When the team of 35 "military hall proctors" arrived to administer the test, they were met with what amounted to a spontaneous student boycott. All but 91 of the school's 2,200 students had "voted with their feet" not to take it.

Despite the great expense of taxpayers' money and the loss of an instructional day, a valuable message was sent to those who are convinced that a military presence in the schools will automatically appeal to students and reduce the dropout rate.

Teachers in other schools who become aware of plans to mandate ASVAB testing should immediately contact C.A.M.P.S. at (212) 729-8866.

Urban Land Trusts to Begin

Time of Jubilee, Inc. announces its formation as a private, community housing effort to serve the area of Syracuse. Established as a not-for-profit organization, Time of Jubilee aims to function as an urban land trust.

The land trust encompasses the idea that land should be held in common rather than privately owned. Those who reside on it are entrusted to "stewardship" of the land—use that is non-exploitative in nature.

Time of Jubilee plans to function mainly in an urban context, offering an alternative to the process of neighborhood decline and lack of confidence in certain neighborhoods. It hopes to encourage investment in property as a limited means of meeting housing needs with decent, affordable homes.

In order to meet these goals, the company will purchase or otherwise participate in the acquisition of a house. Sponsors such as neighborhood organizations, churches, or housing coalitions will then assume the responsibility of managing the property—selection of residents, maintaining contact with them, and overseeing upkeep and repairs.

Time of Jubilee is currently looking for investors for the trust fund and potential sponsors. For more information, contact Frank Woolever at 446-1693.

Plowshare 8 Conviction Overturned!!

On September 9, 1980, eight men and women, later to be known as the Plowshare 8, entered G.E. weapons division at King of Prussia, PA. The 8 hammered on nosecones for Mark 12A missiles and poured blood on documents.

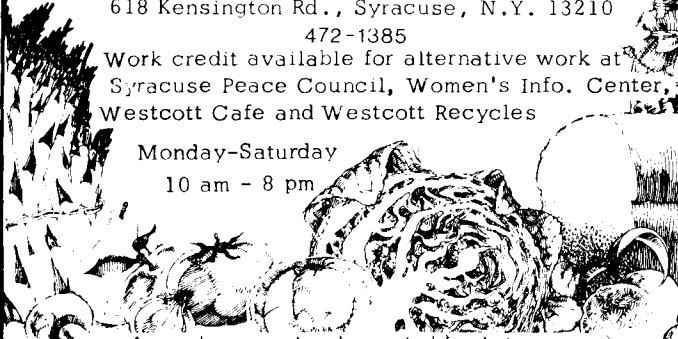
During the last week of February 1981, all eight activists were found guilty on three counts — burglary, criminal mischief, and criminal conspiracy.

In March of this year, the Appellate Court of PA overturned the conviction on the grounds that Judge Salus, who tried the original case, should have allowed the defendants to present a justification defense. The judge stated that there is no more pressing issue that nuclear weapons and human survival. Three years, and five Plowshare actions later, this decision is a real victory and a welcome precedent.

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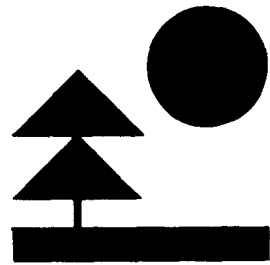
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Artists and photographers are invited to submit work and proposals to Syracuse Cultural Workers Project for consideration in our 1985 calendar, posters or postcards. Send to: Box 6367, Syracuse, New York 13217 or call Dik at (315) 474-1132.

Food needed (money, too) by Dennis Banks, family and friends at the Onondaga Nation. Food may be taken to the Church Center, 3049 E. Genesee St., Syracuse, NY 13224 and given to Dorothy Campbell-Hiney, 446-7185.

SPRING CLEANING? SPC needs your donations for the SPC Garage Sale. Call Allen at 472-5478 to arrange drop-off, pick up, storage.

Workshop on Premenstrual Syndrome (PMS): If you regularly experience various emotional and physical symptoms prior to your menstrual period, you may have PMS. Come to discuss symptoms, causes and lifestyle changes which may help. Monday, April 30, 7-9pm, Women's Info Center. Suggested donation: \$2.00 Info: 478-4636.

SANE WORLD en Español: a new bimonthly publication by SANE dealing with the arms race and military spending. Bulk rates available. For info contact SANE 711 G Street SE, Washington, DC 20003 or call 202/546-7100.

Message group for men forming - call Barb at 478-5522.

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Women's Encampment for a Future of Peace and Justice is now looking for women who are willing to make a work commitment for 1-5 months. Room and board (and possibly pay). Call Elizabeth at 607/869-5825 or write 5440 Route 96, Romulus, NY 14541.

Guide to Films and Slide Shows on El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala and Grenada. 16 pages, \$2/copy plus 50¢ postage. Discounts available for bulk orders. Order from Media Network 208 West 13th St. NY, NY 10011; 212/620-0877.

Parenting for Peace and Justice Network is holding a regional training workshop on May 10-12 at the Gilmory Diocesan Center, Coraopolis, PA. Info: Rev. Bruce Swenson, Christian Associates, 239 Faith Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

Revolution and Intervention in Central America: a Conference on US foreign policy at The New School in NYC on Sat, May 5th, aims to develop linkage between the anti-intervention and peace forces. Info: USOCA 208 W. 13th St. NY, NY 10011; 212/929-5105.

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Women Harvest - Sept. 21-23, Camp Whitman on Seneca Lake. Info: 478-4636.

Prolifers for Survival, a network of women and men supporting alternatives to abortion and nuclear weapons, will hold its 1984 National Conference June 1-3 outside Morehead City, North Carolina. For info: P.S. PO Box 3316, Chapel Hill, NC 27515.

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LASER, a children's peace newsletter, tries for a balance of hopeful and realistic information, reports kids' peace activities around the country; to give a sense of solidarity and community for kids who are isolated due to age or geography. Sub: \$10/10 issues; \$1 for sample. **LASER** 168 Bridge Rd., Florence, MA 01060.

ATTENTION: Funky female bass and electrical guitarists!! The Legwarmers want to meet you! For more information or for bookings, call Laura at 476-3866 or Diana 472-0058.

Peace Cruise down the Volga: see the Soviet Union by cruise ship down the Volga River from June 24 - July 17. All inclusive price: \$2,575 to \$3,145. Contact: Promoting Enduring Peace, PO Box 5103, Woodmont, CT 06460; 203/878-4769.

Karen Mihalyi, Kathy Collins and Susie Gaynes are pleased to announce the formation of KKS PRODUCTIONS (pronounced kiss), a branch of The Syracuse Cultural Workers Project. The two concerts advertised here are examples of the kind of diverse and exciting cultural events we plan to bring to the Central N.Y. community. Plan to attend and bring some friends! We need your support.

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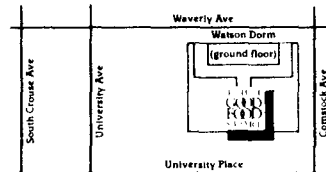
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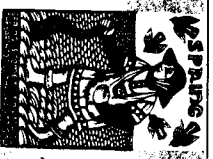
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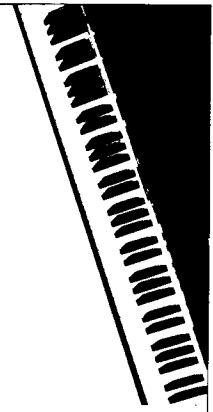


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<p>Non-Violence Conf, 10am-3pm, SU Hall of Langs Please send May cal items in by 4/19 to SPC "calendar" Every Sun, Mon & Th Yoga classes E-W Ctr, 475-7230</p>	<p>Rape, 6pm Friends Mtg Hse, 472-5478, p. 7 NYPFRG Lobby Day in Albany, 476-8381 Griffiths Plowshares court hearing, 2pm Fed Bldg, Syracuse, 424-1175 "Big Brother & Ma Bell" 7:30pm SU Bld, 1916</p>	<p>Guatemalan writer, Arturo Ariza 1:15pm SU Bld Lb, m 1916, free Adoptees Liberty Mvmt 7:30pm Ch Ctr, Sue 472-6083 Childbirth Support & Communication, Plym Ch, 422-7791</p>	<p>4/4, 4/11 & 4/18 Monthly Resp, 9-11am \$15 Planned Parenthood Sonia Johnson noon-1 SU Maxwell, Founders</p>	<p>SPC OM mtg 7pm SPC, 472-5478 Advocates for Choices in Childbirth 7:30pm Plym Ch 428-9922</p>	<p>NVS Films: 7:30&9:30, p20 Non-Violence Conference 4/6-4/8, Plym Ch, 6-10pm "Women's Exps of WWI" SU Bld Lb Shelter rm 12:30pm Women's INFO open hse for women, 8pm Wine & Cheese</p>	<p>9:30pm Plymouth Ch \$2 Non-Violence Conf continues PCBs conf 9:30am-12:30 615 W, Gen, \$5 476-8381 Durst & Bork 8pm Ontario Ctr for Perform Artists formerly (MHMH) Oswego, \$5</p>
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<p>29 SPC Council Mtg see p. 5 or call 472-5478 R-W Ctr annual membership mtg, 6pm 475-7230</p>	<p>30 SPC Potluck Networks in the 80's 6pm Frds Mtg Hse, p. 7 People for Animal Ris 7pm, Linda 475-0062</p>	<p>1 Women's Pol Caucus 7:30 Grace Epis Ch 457-7129, Carol "How Safe are Silver Fillings?" 7:30, ECOH Ev Tues Veg Dinner 6-8:30pm Westcott Cafe</p>	<p>2 Ev Tues, Wed & Fri Macrobiotic Dinner 6pm E-W Ctr, \$6 475-7230 If listed grps change reg mtg times or place, call Corinne 422-1659</p>	<p>3 Ev Thurs Women's INFO newsletter mtg 7pm 478-4636 Ev Thurs Massage Grp for Women 7:30pm, Barb & Deb 478-5522</p>	<p>4 Ev 5/5 & 5/6 "Jobs with Peace Walk, Seneca Army Depot to Eisenhower Coll, see staffer</p>	<p>5 Ev 5/5 & 5/6 "Jobs with Peace Walk, Seneca Army Depot to Eisenhower Coll, see staffer</p>



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Pro-Lifers Reach Out

Dear Friends,

I was very pleased to see a Pro-lifers for Survival ad in the Peace Newsletter. One of the aspects of peacework I find refreshing is the diversity of people that are involved. However, the connections between sexism and militarism can no longer be ignored.

Women must have the right to make choices about their lives and not be controlled by male ideals about their bodies and lives. This includes not being taken in by the abortion industry that is owned, by and large, by men, and controlled by doctors (mostly men), using techniques developed by male-dominated research laboratories that cause violence and trauma to both women and their children. Just as people have a right to choose not to be destroyed by nuclear madness that is a manifestation of the same mentality.

Peace is not just a world without war, but the creation of a new society that has self-determination for all people—including women, and including children who are unwanted or inconvenient because of bad timing, disability or poverty. Peace is a society which cares for and supports all its members, born or unborn, male or female.

As the editor of the Prolifers for Survival newspaper, as well as a member of Feminists for Life, I welcome dialogue about this issue and I thank "Unsigned" for her/his marvellous letter! - PATRICIA NARCISO

Contribution for Solidarity

Dear SPC,

While at an education conference in Oswego we met two peace activists from West Germany. Our friends from abroad, Liselotte and Dietlef Niklaus, were encouraged to hear of our opposition to Pershing 2 & Cruise Missile deployment in Europe. They gave us \$20 to contribute to the Syracuse Peace Council in expression of their solidarity against the arms race madness.

- BILL GRIFFEN & JOHN MARCIANO

Dear editor,

I would like to make a comment on April's letter to the editor, "Prolifers' Ad Upsetting," by unsigned.

I do not see the connection between Prolifers for Survival, and sexism and militarism.

I see an ad from Pro-lifers as an attempt to connect with other groups on a very important issue which as they state is Prolifers for Survival. This statement in itself represents anti-militarism to me.

Militarism is the problem to be dealt with whether it be sexist or not. I myself would not feel any better about being blown up by bombs developed by non-sexists.

If people's intolerance for other people's religious or spiritual beliefs (whether is concerns sexism, reproductive freedom, race, color, or creed) continues to block groups from honest communication, there may no longer be sexism or the need to discuss prolife vs. free choice, as there won't be any one left to discuss these issues.

- MARGARET A. HALLETT
President of Mental Patients Alliance

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This month's PNL contains a special section on Spirituality and Politics. See the introduction on pg. 16 for details. We also conclude Part II of our special section on the '84 elections. Per Hergren, former SPC staffer, writes on the need to vote with our lives. Dave Edelstein presents a case for Third Party political action while Gary Weinstein writes on his political growth since 1980 urging all to use the '84 elections to dump Reagan. Articles on Hart and Mondale explain their positions on key issues.

We are pleased to be reviewing Jack Manno's book on the militarization of space. Also included in this issue is a list of activities for the spring week of actions at Griffiss AFB. An finally a report from P&E on the issue of interaction with the FBI.

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News from The SPC House

April has been an active month at SPC. Carol has been very busy with the Front Room Too, and spends much of her time there, so we don't see her as much as we'd like to at the house. Things are progressing, though.

I've had lots of work to do at the press, and have been able to keep Jeffrey Schwartz, my soon-to-be partner, up with all the printshop news, since we've been in close contact. He'll be up in May to visit and househunt, which we're all looking forward to.

Karen is planning a bike tri to Ithaca; she's been very busy with planning for the Griffiss action. Fortunately, we've had help this month on the PNL from Jim Pfeiffer, who came from Rhode Island for a visit and has been working doggedly all week.

Allen has just returned from a **Socialist** Scholars Conference in New York City. There were 1500 people there, and he tells us it was terrific - especially because he finally saw "Seeing Red" - which he thinks lives up to its most positive reviews. Meanwhile, Gary has been mopping the floors, and now they veritably glow!

Of course, we're all thinking of Per, waiting for the latest word and wishing him the best. And we're expecting May to be a pleasant and productive month.

- Maura McNulty

SPC Statement of Purpose

The Syracuse Peace Council (SPC), founded in 1936, is an antiwar/social justice organization. It is community-based, autonomous and funded by the contributions of its supporters.

SPC educates, agitates and organizes for a world where war, violence and exploitation in any form will no longer exist. It challenges the existing unjust power relationships among nations, among people and between ourselves and the environment. As members, we work to replace inequality, hierarchy, domination and powerlessness with mutual respect, personal empowerment, cooperation and a sense of community.

Present social injustices cannot be understood in isolation from each other nor can they be overcome without recognizing their economic and militaristic roots. SPC stresses a strategy that makes these connections clear. We initiate and support activities that help build this sense of community and help tear down the walls of oppression. A fundamental basis for peace and justice is an economic system that places human need above monetary profit. We establish relationships among people based on cooperation rather than competition or the threat of destruction.

Our political values and personal lives shape and reflect each other. In both we are committed to nonviolent means of conflict resolution and to a process of decision-making that responds to the needs of all.

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Happy Birthday - SPC

The Peace Council's 48th Annual Birthday Dinner will be held on May 12th. The featured speaker will be Elizabeth McAlister of the Griffiss Plowshares, and several others from the group will be present.

The dinner program will include music, speaker, some comedy and the presentation of the annual Peace Award. This will also be Gary and Karen's last dinner as staff people for the Peace Council and we will join in a farewell to them for their years of service to the Peace Council. The Fall dinner's food arrangement was so successful we will be repeating it for the spring. SPC will provide salad, desert, and beverages while we will be asking numerous people to bring a main dish. People who bring a dish may pay less.

The dinner will be at the Harrison Center, 1342 Lancaster Ave. It will begin with a reception at 5:30pm and the dinner will start at 6pm. Costs are \$5 to \$8 on a sliding scale. Children under 12 are \$2 and childcare will be provided during the program.

Community Recycling In Action

The annual Peace Council Garage Sale is approaching fast. It will be held on June 9th at the Euclid Community Open House (ECO) from 10 till 5. This is an important SPC fundraiser along with a day of community recycling. The sale always brings out many unusual items and lots of books, so mark your calendar now for a potpourri of bargains.

To make the sale a success we need lots of items donated. As you do your spring cleaning, consider making a donation to the Peace Council. Just bring them by the SPC house or call Allen to arrange a pick-up.

Leaflet the Seneca Army Depot

Part of our ongoing commitment to opposing and eventually converting the Seneca Army Depot to peaceful uses is to help in the rotation of weekly leafletting at the Depot. The Finger Lakes Peace Alliance, which the Peace Council has been part of for almost three years, has been leafletting workers at the Depot gates weekly for over two years. Every six weeks or so, the Peace Council takes its turn.

It is a memorable experience. In the spring and summer you can spot the famous white deer grazing by the road. Leafletting workers at the storage site of the neutron bomb and Pershing missile is an eerie, eye opening activism you'll long remember. Call the SPC office, we'll get you signed up.

SPC Council Meeting Followup

If you missed the 6th SPC Council meeting on April 29th and want to know what transpired, let us know. We have minutes we can send you. SPC Projects were discussed and evaluated. Finances, staff search and FBI policy were also touched on. Most exciting was initial discussions of plans for SPC's 50th anniversary. You'll want to know what went on.



Detail from
Solidarnosc Poster

Likewise, you may want to know how our major projects are faring and how you can get involved; Central America crisis work, Draft resistance and counter recruitment work, and the Disarmament Project '84. All are flourishing and need your precious time to do even finer work. Contact the Peace Council office to get involved.

Jobs with Peace Town Meeting and Speak Out - May 10th

May 5 - 12 is National Jobs with Peace Week. On Thursday evening, May 10th, at St. Anthony's Church (corner Midland and Colvin), SPC is holding a Jobs with Peace Town Meeting and Speak Out in conjunction with a number of other community and social service groups. It promises to be wide ranging and informational; an excellent opportunity for diverse people opposing Reaganomics and the military buildup to come together.

Support SPC and the entire anti-Reagan movement by coming on that night. Mark the date! See page

News From The Front Room Bookstore

We'd like to thank everyone who helped with and came to our Tax Day Sale and Autograph Party for Jack Manno's book, Arming the Heavens. It was a little confusing that the sale was held at SPC, since we've been focusing on TFR Too (we started promoting the sale before we knew we'd remain at the Walton St. space). We've been busy painting, making the space comfortable, and getting a new phone (425-0112). Immediate plans include building a book case and creating window displays.

We're trying to find a new name for the store that better communicates what we're about. Let your imagination soar and tell us what you come up with!

In May several of us are attending the first meeting of the Northeast Progressive Booksellers Association in Amherst, MA. We're excited about it.

SPC Policy: Don't Talk to the FBI.

The following is the text of the statement drawn up by the Program & Evaluation committee (P&E), reporting their decision on the question of SPC relations with the FBI.

Preface

Six months ago, in the fall of 1983, a debate began within the Peace Council on the wisdom of political tactics which involve talking with the FBI. The debate arose over tactics proposed by Upstate Resistance in their work on Andy Mager's draft resistance case.

Since then, there has been an outpouring of opinion and emotion on the subject. A two-part article debating the merits of total non-cooperation with the FBI versus tactical interaction with them was published in the Nov., 1983 Peace Newsletter. This stimulated a call by many SPC members for a clarification of SPC policy, especially since the article supporting possible interaction was written by Karen Beetle, a current SPC staff member.

In response, the P&E committee determined that it was our responsibility to more formally poll membership opinion on the question of dealings with the FBI, and to clarify SPC policy. Consequently, a letter and a reprint of the PNL debate was sent to about 200 SPC activists in Feb., 1984.

By mid March, 60 letters had been received in return. This volume of response is probably unprecedented in recent SPC history. The sentiment expressed was very nearly unanimous for noncooperation and has provided the basis for the statement of SPC policy which we articulate below.

The process has been extremely difficult and the decision seriously considered. It has required a great deal of SPC time and energy. This is in part due to the intensity of feeling which the FBI issue stimulates. We feel it is also in part due to the relative newness of actually implementing the decision making structure put forward by "Thigmo" in establishing the "new SPC structure" in late 1981.

P&E has attempted to fulfill its charge of "...maintaining the focus of SPC..." and "...acting as a listening body for various perspectives with-

The Program & Evaluation committee has adopted the following policy in regard to SPC's relation to the FBI.

It is the firm policy of the Syracuse Peace Council not to cooperate, interact or in any way volunteer information to the FBI about ourselves or our activities.

This policy applies to all SPC staff, office workers, steering committee members and people participating in SPC projects. It also applies to anyone speaking on behalf of SPC or holding a position of responsibility for the well being and security of SPC.

We also strongly recommend that all individuals who share our goals and values and who consider themselves members of SPC also observe this policy. It is important to know that it is one's legal right not to talk with the FBI.

In the case of emergencies, which will undoubtedly arise, anyone expecting the need to suspend this policy or act in contradiction to it, will be expected to raise the circumstances of that emergency before the staff and steering committees, if at all possible, for full discussion before action is taken.

in SPC..." In addition, the P&E staff person, Gary Weinstein, has attempted to fulfill his charge of being a "coordinator, organizer and interpreter of SPC policy" according to the Thigmo final narrative which outlines SPC structures and responsibility.

P&E hopes this effort will result in strengthening SPC members' security and unity.

Results

Although the ideas communicated were extremely varied, the tally on the specific questions stated was as follows:

- (1) Should we talk with the FBI?
49 No; 7 Yes; 6 Ambiguous
- (2) Should SPC have a policy on this?
26 Yes; 7 No

In addition to the letters received, the overwhelming majority of verbal opinion favored an organizational policy against talking with the FBI.

Current FBI Harrassment

Concern over FBI activities is neither theoretical nor a thing of the past. In Milwaukee, Wisconsin 9 individuals received visits from FBI agents in Dec., '83 and Jan., '84. According to the Milwaukee Sanctuary Coordinating Committee, 4 of these people belong to the local sanctuary group and also to the Central America Solidarity Coalition. The groups chose to deal with the FBI through a lawyer. At this time an agreement has been reached that no more questioning will take place.

This campaign appears to be connected to the US government's-expanding definition of "terrorism", in its attempt to control and contain political opposition. Behind the Milwaukee "witch hunt" is a governmental allegation of a link between CISPES (US Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador) and recent bombings of federal facilities in Washington, D.C. and New York. The local groups are alleged to be transferring large sums of money to national CISPES and/or Central American "terrorist" groups! The FBI attack appears to be generally on solidarity and sanctuary work. The government's aim is to create confusion, cause splits and scare people, as well as to isolate Central America groups from other parts of the progressive movement.

Know Your Rights

You do not have to talk with the FBI. The best policy is to say nothing. Simply, "I don't want to talk to you, I want to speak to my lawyer", is all that is necessary. Similarly, the FBI has no right to enter your home without a search warrant.

One reason that it is so important to stick firmly to your right to say nothing is that anything you say definitely can be used against you. It is a federal crime to lie to an FBI agent. Any person who is contacted by the FBI should immediately inform the Peace Council and any other political organizations with which they are involved.

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May 7th

The Holly Near / Inti Illimani concert will be long remembered as an evening of inspiration and the celebration of struggle. Inti Illimani will be making its first appearance ever in Syracuse. An exiled Chilean folk group, their music rekindles the spirit and soul of the Chilean resistance to fascism and dictatorship. An evening you will not want to miss.

May 14th

Representatives from different socialist groups in Syracuse will discuss the history and strategy of their respective groups. Groups included so far are the Socialist Party, National Organization for an American Revolution, Democratic Socialists of America, the Communist Party, the Democratic Worker's Party. Other groups are urged to attend, as are the many other socialists and activists in the community curious about what the varied national movements are doing.

May 21st

Each year, Marge Rusk, a long time SPC member, takes interested people on a walking tour of Syracuse's varied and fascinating edible plants. Scrumptious! Be on hand for this Syracuse spring tradition. Bring a hungry friend or two.

May 28th

We usually skip our Potluck on the Memorial Day weekend. Get out and enjoy the first three day weekend of the all-too-precious Syracuse spring.

THE FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE 821 Euclid (near the corner of Westcott, across from ECOH)
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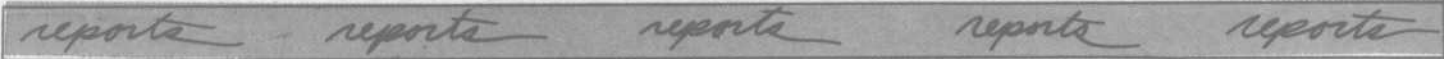
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Another Sword Bites the Dust

At 4:30 on Easter morning 8 peace activists, calling themselves the Pershing Plowshares, cut through the fence of Martin Marietta's Orlando, Florida plant. They entered the Pershing pit area, where completed Pershing kits are stored before being sent to West Germany. There they split into two groups. Per Hergren (SPC's intern from Sweden), Tim Lietzke (Richmond, VA), Patrick O'Neill (Greenville, NC), and Sr. Anne Montgomery (NYC) stayed in the yard and found a missile launcher. They poured their own blood on it, hammered it, and cut the wiring in the hydraulic hoses for the launchers. They also hung a banner saying "Pershings into Plowshares".

The other group, Todd Kaplan (Washington D.C.), Paul Magno Jr. (Washington D.C.), James Perkins (Baltimore, MD), and Christin Schmidt (RI) pried open the door of the Pershing kit building and poured blood on a long table of electronic components of missiles. Then they hammered on 5 or 6 components of an actual Pershing missile kit. They hung a banner, which said in both English and German, "Violence Ends Where Love Begins."

Both groups came back together for a worship service, after having left criminal indictments charging Martin Marietta of crimes against humanity due to its role in producing Pershing IIs. They were discovered at 5:15am, and were held until the police came.

Monday, April 23, was their first appearance in court. Their initial charges are 3 Florida state felonies (burglary, possession of burglary tools, and criminal mischief) and one Florida state misdemeanor (trespassing). Bail has been set at \$100,000 per person. They presented two oral motions, one an order for preservation of evidence, the other to be allowed to meet together (they are representing themselves). Their motions were denied. Their next court appearance is set for May 11.

The Orlando peace community is small, but spirited. The local freeze group, of which former SPC activist Saviz Shafale is a part, will help as much as they can. The support committee for the action can use our support. Send contributions to Pershing Plowshares Support Committee, PO Box 585, Orlando FL 32802.

The Pershing Plowshares are being jailed in separate cells. Per is doing well and says hi. He is in a cell with 10 other men who seem mostly supportive of the action. And he said that the action was wonderful.

They can receive letters. Just be aware that all mail is read first. The address for the men is Orange Co. Jail, Orlando Annex, PO Box 114, Orlando FL 32801. The women's address is Orange Co. Jail, 33rd St. Annex, 2424 33rd St., Orlando FL 32809.

-Carol Baum



Per at the United Nations

Planting Taxes for Peace

Members and friends of the Military Tax Resistance Support Group and Upstate Resistance were not looking forward to the arrival of April 15--the day on which our government forces us to throw aside our consciences and convictions, or risk severe penalties plus interest and even jail, for following them. It is with great anguish and frustration that we pay that portion of our tax (if we choose to pay it) which goes for military purposes--planning destruction rather than affirming life.

Therefore we "took to the streets" handing our leaflets every day downtown during the noon hour for the two weeks prior to April 15. The leaflets simply stated our concern and asked people to join us in resisting the military portion of the tax dollar.

A vigil was held the evening of April 16 from 9:30pm to midnight at the Taft Road Post Office, and more leaflets were distributed. We hope that the seeds we have scattered will take root and grow.

- Elva Seybold



Non-Violence Conference

On April 6-8, over 100 people from Upstate, NY, southern Ontario and beyond gathered to share our work and ideas about non-violent direct action. We came to learn from one another, and to strategize together to make our work more effective.

The conference brought together people with varying levels of experience with direct action. We had hoped that the conference would be much broader than the "peace movement", and draw in people involved in all types of work for social change. This happened only to a slight extent: there were also people active in Central America solidarity work, anti-pornography work, disabled rights and others at the conference.

Workshop topics included: Jail Time, Responses to US Intervention, Confronting Authority, Feminism & Non-Violence, Long Term Direct Action Campaigns & others.

The binational character of the conference was one of its strengths; about 1/3 of the participants were Canadian. We hope that this closer working relationship will continue to build. Discussion has begun for a meeting during the summer for continued networking.

- Andy Mager

A Week of Peace Actions at Griffiss

Schedule of Events

- May 19-27:** Door to door leafletting in Rome
- May 28-31:** Educational forums in Rome and Utica
- June 1:** Gathering at the Unemployment office, Utica
- June 2:** Noon Picnic at Bellamy Park in Rome, 1pm Walk to Mohawk Gate of Griffiss
- June 3:** Non-Violence Preparation Sessions
Inter-Religious Service for Peace (Utica)
- June 4:** Non-Violent Blockade of Griffiss

During 1983 thousands of people in Upstate NY, millions around the country, and 10s of millions around the world demonstrated against and resisted the deployment of Cruise & Pershing II missiles. Much of this work reflected a growing awareness of the role of the arms race in our own regions and communities. For example, in October there were demonstrations at weapons facilities around the world.

Here in Upstate NY, a network of affinity groups was formed after the October Actions at the Seneca Army Depot. Early in 1984 this group decided to begin organizing a campaign focussed on Griffiss Air Force Base for this spring. The Griffiss Action Coalition was formed. (See bottom of page for sponsors list.)

The common statement of purpose for the campaign is:

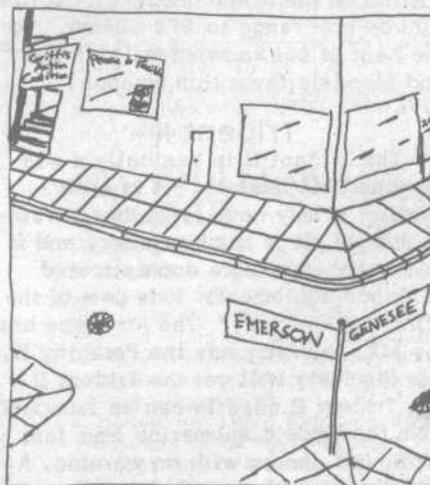
"During this week of events we will express through non-violent action, our outrage at the continuing arms race. We hope to build broad community participation, particularly in the Rome/Utica area, in peace related issues. Through our actions we will continue our resistance to the deployment and testing of Air Launched Cruise missiles, housed at Griffiss Air Force Base. Our goals include:

- * Halt and reverse the deployment of Cruise & Pershing II missiles
- * Fund Human Needs
- * Convert Griffiss to peaceful use

- * Stop US intervention in Central America and elsewhere
- * Promote self-determination at home and abroad
- * Stop Cruise testing & production in Canada."

People-to-People Work

As a result of our past work both at Griffiss and at Seneca we felt it was important to focus alot of energy on educational work. This will take 3 primary forms: the establishment and staffing of a peace resource center in Utica (2011 Genesee St.), extensive distribution of a 4 page tabloid about the arms race, peace conversion and non-violent action in the Rome/Utica area, and educational forums in Utica and Rome.



It's Time to Act!!

- publicize the actions in your area (posters & leaflets are available from the address below)
- come distribute the broadsheets in Rome (May 19-27, call Carolyn Mow, 607-273-5255 for more info)
- help staff the resource center
- come to the June 1 gathering at the unemployment office in Utica, and/or the walk and vigil on June 2
- organize an affinity group in your local area & participate in the June 4 blockade of Griffiss.

CONTACTS:

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Opposing Specific Weapons

The Weapons Keep Coming - What are They? Can We Stop Them?

The weapons keep coming. Under the Reagan administration, there has been an uninterrupted flow of advanced, more deadly weaponry in increasing numbers never before seen. Yet in the final year of the Reagan term, there are signs of fatigue and change in Congress. There are real hopes of defeating the MX, of stemming the Euromissile deployment, of curbing space and chemical weaponry. The first, necessary step is to be informed.

Reagan Administration secret war plans are embodied in the Pentagon Defense Guidance Plan and the President's National Security Document 13. Three ideas stand out: developing the capability to strike military targets, being able to control and fight a prolonged nuclear and conventional war, and having the power to win. This war-fighting doctrine is summed up in SIOP 6 (Single Integrated Operational Plan), to be achieved when the new generation of weapons becomes operational. Components of SIOP 6 are the MX, Trident II, Pershing, Cruise, and B-1 Bomber, each with warheads which have pinpoint accuracy. New technologies to destroy satellites, breakthroughs in anti-submarine warfare and "defense" from ballistic missiles are also included.

The MX

The MX is a 10-warhead land-based missile designed to add higher accuracy and greater destructive power to the U.S.'s intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) force. The MX is even more dangerous than existing ICBMs because it has first strike capacity. The present MX plan calls for deployment of 100 MX missiles in existing Minuteman silos. The best estimate for the cost of the MX program, with the warheads, is \$31.5 billion, or an average cost of over \$300 million per operational missile.

Arms control groups are making a concerted effort this year to defeat any appropriations for the MX missile in the FY 1985 budget. The FY

1985 budget calls for the construction of 40 missiles at a cost of over \$5 Billion. Representative Charles Bennett (D-Fla) and Nicholas Mavroules will offer an amendment to the FY 1985 budget which will delete MX funding for FY 1985 and rescind previous FY 1984 production funding. The vote is expected to come up in May. There is a possibility of defeating the MX. It would be the first Reagan-backed weapons system to be defeated by Congress. Frank Horton, Republican representative from Rochester, is considered an important swing vote. Write to him urging support for the Bennet-Mavroules amendment.

Part of the MX basing plan deal worked out by the Administration last year with Congressional moderates who voted against the MX in 1982 was to develop a more accurate single warhead missile called "Midgetman." The 38 foot long missile will have a range of over 6000 nautical miles. It will have an accuracy of 100 feet. 1,000 will be deployed on 45-ton armored transporters, called "armadillos", which will roam 12,500 square miles of military-owned land. FY 1985 budget expends \$465 million on the Midgetman. Production figures now range to \$70 billion. To the best of our knowledge, both Hart and Mondale favor this weapon.

Trident II

The Trident II is basically a sea-launched MX missile. It is a bit fancier; it may have 14 warheads rather than 10, it is much smaller, and it may carry even more sophisticated guidance equipment. It is part of the "first strike triad." The Air Force has the MX, the Army has the Pershing II, and the Navy will get the Trident II. The Trident II missile can be launched from the Trident submarine from just off Soviet shores with no warning. A Trident submarine holds 24 missiles and 192 warheads. The currently planned program of 20 subs and up to 900 Trident II missiles will cost an estimated \$92 billion.

On 20 subs with 24 missiles, each with 14 warheads, there will be 6720 H-Bombs targetted on Soviet silos and airfields from beneath the sea. There are only 1400 Soviet silos and a handful of airfields. The FY 1985 budget calls for over \$2 billion for one Trident submarine and over \$2.3 billion for Trident II missile construction.

Euromissiles Continued?

The first installment of 464 ground-launched Cruise missiles (GLCMs) and 108 Pershing II missiles destined for five West European countries was declared operational on January 1, despite massive opposition.

FY 1985 budget calls for 120 GLCMs at a total cost of \$797.2 million. The cost of the program has skyrocketed from \$1.9 billion to \$3.6 billion since initiated in 1977. If all missiles are sent to the six European bases, annual operating costs could be over \$1 billion. The total cost of more than 9,000 of three different varieties of cruise missiles will be \$27 billion. FY 1985 budget calls for 180 sea-launched Cruise missiles (SLCMs) at \$670.5 million and \$154.5 million for air-launched Cruise missiles (ALCMs). 1,800 ALCMs have already been procured and ALCMs have been deployed on B-52 bombers since Dec. 1982. They will be placed on the new B-1 bomber as well.

The Cruise Missile has undergone many free-flight tests in the United States, with significant failures which received little public attention. On March 6, 1984 a B-52 "test flight" was held over Cold Lake in Alberta, Canada. The test flight originated from Griffiss Air Force Base and was aimed at what Air Force officials called a "validation" of the route to be used next year when a Cruise missile is fired over the same terrain, considered similar to Soviet territory.

There will be three amendments offered this year to the Defense Authorization Bill (H.R. 5167) to

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Wed. May 23 7,9 pm

Marlon Brando's timeless performance as the charismatic longshoreman who rebels against the control of the docks. Eva Marie Saint, Karl Malden and Rod Steiger in a masterpiece. Winner of eight Academy Awards. (Frank Kazan, 108 min., 1954)

WAR AND PEACE: West Germany's Anti-Nuclear Movement

Wed. May 30 7,9 pm Premiere

This anti-nuclear collage by many of West Germany's leading filmmakers (Volker Schlöndorff, Heinrich Boll, Alexander Kluge, Stefan Aust, Axel Engstfeld) has been called "the most intellectually potent nuclear warning film since *The Atomic Cafe*." (Huberman, Village Voice). This is Germany's answer to *The Day After*. (1982, 110 min., German with subtitles)

Play back on the film.

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— Astronaut Müssel Schweickart

TOOTSIE

Wed. June 6 7,9 pm

Dustin Hoffman stars in this delightful, touching and hilarious blockbuster film as a man of wit, down on his luck actor who can't really change when he changes into a girl and into a popular soap opera actress. The comedy satirical farce produces a poignant portrait of an actor's life and the competition. Hoffman falls prey to a manipulative seducing woman. Jessica Lange won an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress. (Sidney Pollack, 116 min., 1982)

BREAD AND CHOCOLATE

Wed. June 13 7,9 pm

This is a hilarious yet touching story of New York's Italian misfit, working in Sicily and then, and of prospering blends. His life slowly and increasingly degrades until he indignantly refuses to leave. As a result, he is thrown into the economic and social depths. He becomes a sort of "outsider" who is eternally rejected, yet eternally hopeful. It's both a bittersweet comedy and a caustic criticism of two materialistic environments. With Nino Martano. (Inspired entertainment, a comedy with a comedy of alienation). Washington Post (Lanino Brusati, 113 min., 1970) (Italian with subtitles)

SULLIVAN'S TRAVELS

Wed. June 20 7,9 pm

A popular, engaging comedy that explores the efforts of a socially-conscious movie director to determine what kind of films the public wants. With Joe McCrea and Veronica Lake. (Preston Sturges, 90 min., 1941)

ON GOLDEN POND

Wed. June 27 7,9 pm Kittredge

Cinematic history is made in this first pairing of movie greats Katharine Hepburn and Henry Fonda as an elderly couple spending what may be their last summer together. If Hepburn is not having enough difficulties helping Fonda cope with old age and impending death, things become more complicated when their daughter (Jane Fonda) arrives only long enough to revive old antagonisms with her father and drop off her fiance's son. Together, this crotchety old man and abrasive boy resolve the elder's anxieties in some of the cinema's most touching and dramatic scenes. (Mark Rydell, 109 min., 1982)

MONTY PYTHON'S HOLY GRAIL and RONALD REAGAN BLOOPERS

Wed. July 4 (#208) 7,9 pm

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.

"Recklessly funny and sometimes a matter of comic genius, a triumph of errancy and muddle." — Penelope Giliatt, *The New Yorker* (Terry Gilliam and Terry Jones, 90 min., 1975)

Bloopers contains 10 minutes of Reagan dumb moves circa 1940's. After all, he's only human.

MY BRILLIANT CAREER

Wed. July 11 7,9 pm

This film won rave reviews and delighted audiences throughout the world with the inspiring story of a sensitive and spirited young woman at the turn of the century who, despite poverty, isolation and pressure to marry, fulfilled her dream of becoming a writer.

Based on 1867 autobiography of Australian writer Miles Franklin, this is the first feature film of woman director Gillian Armstrong and marks the acting debut of Judy Davis who brings to life an unconventional heroine in an unforgettable fashion.

Exquisitely photographed, lavishly produced, *My Brilliant Career* is a film that celebrates life and creativity, an entertainment to send your spirits soaring. (Gillian Armstrong, 101 min., 1980)

ALAMBRISTA

Wed. July 18 7,9 pm

Written, directed and photographed by Robert M. Young, who made *Short Eyes* and *Rich Kids*, *Alambrista* (The Illegal) is the story of Roberto, a migrant worker.

Crossing the border illegally, Roberto soon discovers that the United States isn't the land of opportunity he thought it was. His world south of the border was far more peaceful and accommodating than anything he will find in California.

Alambrista chronicles his odyssey with humor, beauty, and compassion as he attempts to make it in a world totally incomprehensible to him. In one of the film's most moving scenes, he meets Sharon, a waitress in a luncheonette. Their relationship makes Roberto only too aware of the wife and family he left at home. With Domingo Anbriz.

"*Alambrista* is the fictional documentary at its most powerful." — *Film Comment* (Robert M. Young, 110 min., 1976, Spanish and English)

TENDER MERCIES

Wed. July 25 7,9 pm

Robert Duvall gives the best performance of his distinguished career in this film about a country western singer and song writer who lets alcohol destroy his career, marriage and almost kill him. However, when he gives up alcohol to marry a young, almost destitute Viet Nam widow with a son, he severs his ties to the past and his soul. His ability to express himself through music. Duvall won an Academy Award for Best Actor.

"In its simplicity and strength, *Tender Mercies* has the feel of an American Classic." — Sheila Benson, *Los Angeles Times* (Bruce Beresford, 93 min., 1983)

AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'

Wed. Aug. 1 7,9 pm Kittredge

Ain't Misbehavin' showcases the 20's, 30's and 40's swing music of the great Fats Waller. Nell Carter (star of "Gimme A Break") heads the original Broadway cast performing 29 of Waller's songs including "Honeysuckle Rose," "The Joint is Jumpin'" and "I Can't Give You Anything But Love." Winner of three Tony Awards (including Best Musical), the New York Drama Critics Circle Award and the Drama Desk Award. (Don Mischer, 97 min.)

THE AFRICAN QUEEN

Wed. August 8 7,9 pm

Bogart (his only Oscar winning role) and Hepburn in one of the most charming and entertaining movies ever made. The story, based on C.S. Forester's novel, is set in turbulent German occupied East Africa during WWI. (John Huston, 103 min., 1951)

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delay or halt deployment of cruise and Pershing II missiles in Europe. The first will be an amendment to delay further deployment for one year and will be offered by Rep. Ron Dellums. (D-Cal). The other two amendments will offer to cut the FY 1985 procurement requests for the GLCM and Pershing II missiles. These amendments will also be offered by Ron Dellums.

Consideration of the Defense Authorization bill for FY 1985 will begin on the floor of the House of Representatives as early as the first week in May.

The governments of the Netherlands and Belgium have not yet agreed to deployment. Letters of opposition by U.S. citizens should be sent to the following people:

Meindert Leerling, Hendrik van Rossum, Gert J. Schutte, Dr. B. Vries, and Dr. Ed. H.T. M. Nijpels

Postbus 20018, 2500 ES's-Gravenhage
The Netherlands

Mr. Karel Blanckert, Mr. Emile Wauthy, Mr. A. De Winter, and Mr. Rober Henriën.

Kamer van Volksvertegenwoordigers,
Natieplein 2, 1000 Brussels,
Belgium

Mr. Rober Gijs, Mr. D. Andre, Mr. Herman Vander Poorte, Mr. Jacq. Wathélet, and Mr. J. Wijninekx.

Senaat, Natieplein 2,
100 Brussels, Belgium

The Navy is developing a new advanced cruise missile (ACM). The ACM has increased accuracy. The amount of money budgeted in FY 1985 for the ACM is classified information.

B-1

The original rationale for the B-1 bomber was that it was needed as a "penetrating" bomber to replace the aging B-52s. The Pentagon is now touting the B-1B bomber as a cruise missile launcher and conventional bomber. Congress placed the B-1 bomber production on a "fast track" last year by approving multiyear procurement. Congressional critics charged that the B-1 will exceed the Pentagon's \$28 billion estimate "by billions of dollars." Even the Pentagon admits that the B-1, at a cost of

nearly \$400 million a plane, will serve as America's "penetrating" bomber for only four or five years until the "stealth" bomber is deployed. FY 1985 calls for 34 B-1 bombers at a total cost of \$13.5 billions.

Anti-Satellite Warfare

The new U.S. anti-satellite weapon (ASAT), a miniature vehicle fired from F-15 planes, first tested in January 1984, is starting a frightening new U.S.-Soviet arms competition which threatens critical satellites on both sides.

The ASAT is estimated to cost \$27 billion over the next five years. Full deployment is possible in the year 2000 at a cost of \$95 billion. Many experts believe that these new technologies will never be feasible, and that the ultimate cost could be in the \$200 to \$500 billion range.

A moratorium on testing ASATs is being sought in the House by H.J. Res. 120 sponsored by Joe Moakley (D-Mass) and in the Senate by Sen. Paul Tsongas' (D-Mass) S.J. Res. 129. Both bills await hearings. Urge your Senators and Representatives to support this legislation.

Ballistic Missile Defense

The scientific community has been generally skeptical about the technical feasibility of stopping high-speed, long range (ballistic) missiles. The President has, however, signed National Security Directive Decision #85 entitled, "Eliminating the Threat from Ballistic Missiles" which starts a research effort to develop ballistic missile defense (BMD). Former Secretary of Defense Harold Brown says this "could well become the first trillion-dollar defense system."

Although arms control experts have already warned that the testing of lasers and radars would jeopardize U.S. compliance to the 1972 Anti-Ballistic missile treaty, the Administration's "Star Wars" FY 1985 budget contains \$7 million for these weapons and there is \$175 million more in FY 1985 Dept. of Energy Authorization Bill. Rep. G. Brown (D-Cal) will offer a joint resolution calling on the President not to endanger or abrogate the ABM Treaty without consulting Congress. He is looking for co-sponsors for the bill.

"Power Projection"

Intervention and "power projection" forces are skyrocketing as well under Reagan. These include air and seallift capabilities, overseas military construction, direct military aid to foreign governments and covert operations. According to Reagan officials, the U.S. must be able to intervene militarily in any number of regions around the world--possibly simultaneously.

Cruisers, destroyers, reactivated battleships and new fleets of attack submarines fall under Reagan's drive for a 600 ship navy. A "carrier battle group" as was actively engaged in the Lebanese civil war earlier this year, contains 90 planes, 9 anti-submarine helicopters and a convoy of 14 attack submarines. A battle group costs \$19.3 billion to build and \$1 billion a year to operate.

Planes, helicopters, and land combat forces and overall operating costs fill out the picture. The U.S. air force has more different kinds of planes than one can imagine. On the whole, because of the bonanza that military spending has become since 1980, all branches of the service are well along in completely overhauling their hardware. It is nearly impossible any longer to match a specific weapon with a foreign policy objective.

-Gary Weinstein, Bob Staley-Mays

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Social Research at Seneca - What the Media Missed



Central New Yorkers, long accustomed to answering test market surveys on new products, found themselves answering a different kind of "test market survey" at the Seneca Army Depot last October. Syracuse University students, equipped with clipboards and pens, wandered through the 5000 strong peace rally at Sampson State Park on October 22 and polled members of the crowd on their feelings about nonviolence, nuclear war, and political change. In the two weeks following the rally (and the civil disobedience action on October 24), the students phoned residents in the area to learn their feelings about the protesters, the Depot, and nuclear war.

One of the overall findings of the survey, according to SU Professor Neil Katz who helped direct the project, is that protesters and residents alike don't fit easily into popular stereotypes. "One of our main findings," explained Katz, "is that protesters are more mainstream and the residents are more multi-faceted than we expected."

"I was surprised at how many newcomers there were," reported SU graduate student Brad Bennett. "We had a lot of rookies and a lot of second-timers." Bennett, who designed the protester questionnaire pointed out that 30% of the 116 people surveyed were attending their first peace rally. Nearly two-thirds of the protesters had demonstrated on only one other issue besides nuclear weapons and sometimes that demonstration had taken place years ago. A small but significant group of people appeared

to be former 60's activists getting "reactivated." As one man said, "I came to see what the movement's like now."

If the Seneca survey is any indication, the movement is getting very middle-aged. Half of the protesters were between the ages of 25 and 44 and 23% were over 45.

And the movement is very committed to nonviolence. Seventy percent said they were personally opposed to the use of violence even when used in pursuit of a politically desirable goal.

Unfortunately, this strong commitment to nonviolence was lost on some of the residents living near the Depot. Although 45% felt that the civil disobedience action was peaceful, 31% called it somewhat or mostly violent.

Not surprisingly, some of the residents expressed anger over the actions of the protesters and quite a few lumped the October action in with the Women's Peace Encampment. But despite this, 51% felt that the protesters had a legitimate grievance in opposing the missile deployment. One man who supported deployment said that "people have to act on what they feel and take a moral stand." A woman who opposed deployment emphasized that "even if it irritated people it made them think."

But what surprised the SU researchers most about the findings was an underlying ambivalence the residents expressed about nuclear weapons and the broad

range of opinions they held on the deployment of the Euromissiles.

The Depot was overwhelmingly perceived as having a positive effect on the local economy and yet half the residents said they were concerned about the possibility of an accident involving the transport of nuclear materials to the Depot. Half also said they believed that the Depot's presence made the community a more likely target for a nuclear attack.


Although 38% supported the missile deployment, an equally large group declared themselves neutral and 24% opposed the deployment. Women were more likely to be neutral on deployment than men. Half the men supported deployment compared to 30% of the women. Forty-six percent of the women were neutral compared to 25% of the men. Equal percentages of men and women (24%) were opposed.

Furthermore, 40% of the residents felt that the U.S. had the right number of nuclear weapons but 30% felt we had too many. Only 20% felt we needed more while 10% said they didn't know.

The Seneca survey was designed and carried out by SU Professor Neil Katz, graduate students Brad Bennett, Melissa McCormick and Amy Hubbard of the Program in Nonviolent Conflict and Change.

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Arming the Heavens: The Hidden Military Agenda for Space, 1945 - 1995

by Jack Manno Dodd, Mead & Co. 1984 \$7.95

by Maura McNulty

Jack Manno's book, Arming the Heavens, is part of a new, encouraging trend of writings on space research and militarization, and the impending full scale arms race in space. What is most striking about that trend is that it did not appear earlier, perhaps in the 1950's, when the major elements of Reagan's "Star Wars" strategy were first formulated. This book helps explain why: confusion has always existed about what our space strategy should be and how it should be implemented. He successfully shows how strategies are determined according to technological innovations, and sometimes, in spite of practically insuperable technical obstacles. Manno also refers to the military industrial complex, as well as to interservice rivalries and the Cold War, to explain why the U.S. has shielded its military space plans from the general public.

What I found so striking in this book is its reminder of how genuinely new and different our militarization of space really is. I needed to be reminded that the space race is not just another part of the arms race, but represents a whole new level of warfare. What he makes unforgettable is that space, for the first time, makes a truly global perspective on the earth possible: he calls "the most important resource" of space its "broad overview of the earth." This has enormous implications for the use of power- either to make peace or war. International borders become irrelevant, and weather patterning and improved communications, for example, could be used for the bene-

fit of all nations. At the same time, the possibility of a coordinated, global war looms large in the military imagination, and so it is not really surprising that no sooner had space flight become technically feasible than the military and their industrial supporters joined to capitalize on its military possibilities. Although seeing the earth from space served to augment the international peace movement, Manno says, "it is not the vision of good stewardship that has guided the journey into space."

If we are to stop the space arms race, then we need to investigate the sources of it. Manno points out that the use of space will be a major source of tension and perhaps war in the 21st century. The conflict would be between the poor nations, which favor the internationally cooperative use of space technologies to the benefit of third world and industrial countries alike, and the rich nations, which favor the use of space to military ends. According to Manno, "U.S. space policy for the 1980's and 1990's, as it is currently being fashioned, has these conflicts as much in mind as U.S. - Soviet competition in space." His premise is that if the U.S. remains committed to counterforce military strategies, and the control of third-world resources for its own benefit, then it will need an ever more sophisticated satellite network providing what is known as C³I - command, control, communications and intelligence. This will open up the arms race in space, because it will lead to the kind of offensive/defensive spiral so

typical of the arms race on earth. Ever better C³I requires more and more sophisticated satellites which are also more vulnerable and require improved defensive measures, which inspire offensive measures and so on.

The implication of all this is that, in order to stop the space race, we need to derail counterforce strategies, and radically alter first world-third world relations. Manno suggests that space weapons schemes are especially vulnerable to anti-nuclear lobbying. Since the overall space enterprise is extremely complex, uncertain and exceptionally costly (even as weapons systems go), its individual components are relatively easy to stop, if we initiate our efforts before the momentum of things becomes too great.

The book is important because it provides a dense description of how our military agenda for space evolved. However, he lacks an in-depth analysis of international conflict, which I find crucial in understanding the arms race. While he refers to the military-industrial complex and the



Cold War, and less frequently, to rich nation/poor nation conflicts, one rarely gets a sense of what was really happening between the Soviet Union and the West, or how this conflict is tied to our relations with the third world. Manno ends his book with a number of incisive points on how anti-nuclear activists might best proceed, but without suggestion on how a first world-third world perspective on the arms race should be addressed. Until these problems are crystallized, and movement toward the restructuring of the industrialized economies achieved, space technology will always be oriented toward military use.

Maura works with the SPC Press, and is interested in integrating the solidarity and anti-nuclear movements.

Singing a New Song: Music of Hope and Protest in Chile

by Louise Hoffman

Before the junta murdered folksinger Victor Jara in Santiago's sports stadium in 1973, he managed to smuggle out a song:

*To see myself among so much horror
and so many moments of infinity
in which silence and screams
are the end of my song.
What I see I have never seen
What I have felt and what I feel
Will give birth to the moment . . .*

What Jara gave birth to is Nueva Cancion, or New Song. It was first popularized by critics of social conditions in Chile before Salvadore Allende's election.

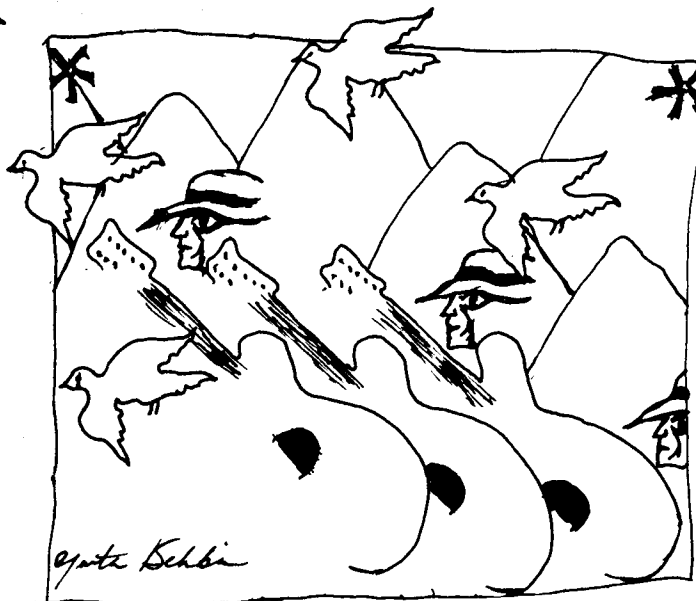
Inti-Illimani, a New Song group who had worked closely with Jara, was touring Europe when the coup occurred. Today, the band lives in exile in Italy, but members still strive to focus international outrage on the terrorist regime of Augusto Pinochet, hoping to create a political climate which would allow them to go home.

New Song started as a rejection of the importation of culture into Latin America. The music turned back to traditional values and used Andean rhythms and instruments to express the social reality of the Chilean people, according to Horacio Alvarez of Inti-Illimani. The music also celebrated the country's beauty, and a hope for the future.

The hope had rested on the election of Allende. In 1969, Jara traveled throughout Chile, giving performances to support his campaign, which marched to the strains of Nueva Cancion. After the election, the music flourished, creating a cultural renaissance fully supported by Allende and his government. In addition to performing in theaters and on television and radio, New Song artists also sang in plazas, factories and schools.

When the military seized power, it rounded up Jara and thousands of

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singer Pete Seeger. Because of his praise of New Song and criticism of the junta's human rights violations, Seeger's recordings are banned in Chile. He sees New Song as an educational tool in the U.S. "Truly, the people here are still vastly ignorant of Latin America, while U.S. businessmen make profits down there and help keep dictators in power.

others who embraced Allende's ideals.

"A gorilla sat on the government, killed the president, expelled important Chileans, shot a large number of people and began a police state," says Inti-Illimani member Jorge Coulon.

But Nueva Cancion survived the exiles and executions. Samuel Chavkin, author of *The Murder of Chile*, writes that songs can stir people indefinitely. "The images they bring to life are inspirational. Even posthumously, Jara is able to reach over the junta and catapult his message of defiance to those chafing under its repression," says Chavkin.

People have been chafing for more than 10 years now, and the music has changed to reflect the agony of growing numbers of the population. Besides folk, hard rock is used and young Chileans have widened the themes to include human rights and the arms race. The country's high unemployment rate makes economics a favorite topic.

But Pinochet holds anything that might be construed as anti-junta to be illegal, so political ideas often enter songs indirectly. "People are careful about what they sing," adds Coulon.

"When someone in Santiago sings 'The tenderness united can never be defeated,' those listening know it means the people," explains folk-

Nueva Cancion festivals are forbidden, but "spontaneous concerts" occur frequently. A large group will come together to sing their distain for the junta's policies, but will disperse before the police arrive to break up the gathering. These "concerts" along with general protests, are becoming more frequent and better attended, in spite of the severe punishment Pinochet has prescribed for the participants.

Suprisingly, New Song can be heard on Chilean television, according to an article in *The New York Times*. But the junta limits the amount of time the music can be broadcast and chooses the songs to be played. Producers who have aired tapes of Inti-Illimani and other exiled singers have been jailed.

The music has been described as essentially humanist, speaking of the hopes of people, the rights to live, love, work and to be free. And now, renewed demands for a return to democratic rule and an end to Pinochet's terrorism have made New Song an important tool for change once again.

It has been linked with similar music in other countries under military rule. Even Jara admitted that his music was not exclusively Chilean. "Any song with courage is Nueva Cancion," he wrote.

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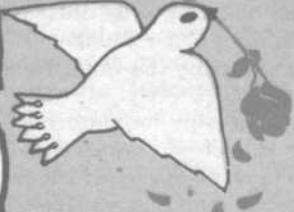
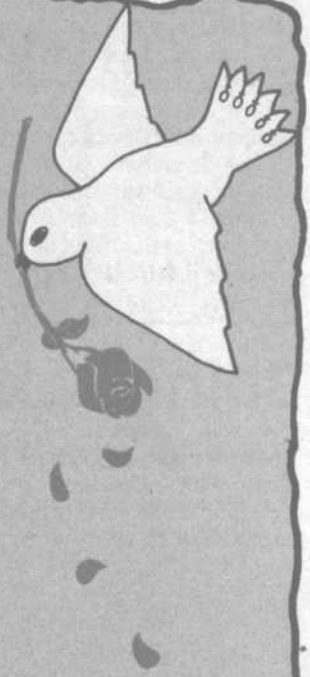
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Spirituality and Politics

An Introduction

Many of us came to understand the need for social change through our spiritual and religious connections. Others of us are discovering a need for a spiritual element in our lives through our work for peace and justice. Some of us are struggling with the relevance of traditional forms of spirituality with our more political work for change. And some of us are finding new (or old) concepts of spirituality that help us to explore the connectedness between different aspects of our lives.

We are reinterpreting traditional celebrations, enac-

ting new rituals, writing theology that speaks to our struggles, and hammering Pershings into Plowshares. Questions about the relationship between spirituality and politics are alive in movements for peace and justice from Syracuse to South Africa, from the Onondaga Nation to Central America.

In this section, authors explore Quakerism and social change, celebrating Pesach in a new context, liberation theology's role in the church and in action in Syracuse. Dennis Banks, Starhawk, and Jun San share thoughts on Native American spirituality, witchcraft, and Buddhism.

Being a Jewish Activist: Thoughts at Pesach

At Pesach (Passover) Jews around the world are telling how the Jews escaped from their slavery in Egypt thousands of years ago. We read the Haggadah (means the "Telling") at the traditional meal, which is called the Seder (which means Order). In the last decade many progressive Jews, often as part of a collective process, have revised the traditional Haggadah. The modern Haggadahs include the history of the Jews up to the present times, telling both of the persecution of Jews and of Jewish resistance. These revised progressive Haggadahs call on Jews to remember their history, and through the remembering call on them to act in accordance with the noblest Jewish traditions.

As Jews:

- We were oppressed, therefore we know what it's like to feel oppression, and it is our duty to end all people's oppression.

- We resisted oppression, from Egyptian times through the time of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising in 1943 through the present, therefore it is our duty to support resistance to persecution, and it is our duty to support resistance to oppressive conditions today.

- We were strangers in the land of Egypt (and in many lands since those times) therefore we know what it feels like to be a stranger, and we must not let others feel like strangers in our land.

- We leave a cup of wine for the Prophet Elijah. For Elijah will return each generation as one of the poorest of the poor, and he will judge the generation by how he is treated upon his return, thereby demanding of us to respect each person as a prophet, for any person we meet may in fact be the Prophet Elijah.

Every people have traditions born

of great wisdom, and each generation interprets its tradition with its own understandings. As a Jew, I wish to share our traditions, as we are understanding them with family and friends. To include the broader community in the sharing, some of us plan to hold a Community Seder at Passover 5745 (1985) in Syracuse.

As I invite you to share in our traditions, I must also ask you to respect our differences. As we all work together in fighting for peace with justice, I must ask you to choose non-sectarian practices at public meetings which include our tradition. At times, those who hold the majority belief overlook that there are differences among us. We can all respect and enjoy our differences.

I ask both Jew and non-Jew to recognize that to be a Zionist and to be a Jew are NOT synonymous. The inverse is also true, that to be anti-Zionist is not to be anti-semitic. I know that the policies of the ruling clique in Israel are not policies which benefit the majority of people in Israel, nor which are in the interests of the majority of Jews in the world, nor which are, more importantly, in the interest of the majority of people on Earth. To shout out against the Israeli government's oppressive policies, and to back those

forces in Israel who demonstrate a struggle against them, follows our tradition.

Within our community, as within the international community, we must combat anti-semitism as we combat all forms of persecution. Those who stand vigilant guard against anti-semitism, have a duty to be equally zealous in combatting the other forms of persecution.

We must not accept derogatory expressions or images of ourselves nor of others. We must never let our individual anger lessen our resolve to fight against all stereotyping. And finally, whoever we are, we must never hide.

As Rabbi Hillel Said:

*If I will not be for myself,
who will be for me?*

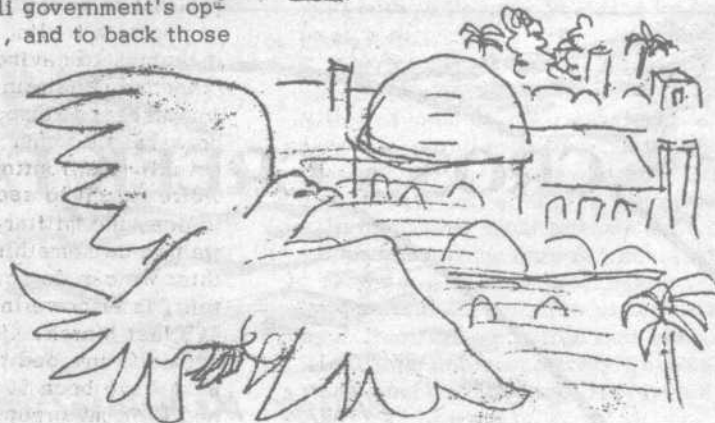
*If I am not for others,
what am I?*

If not now, when?

*We may not live to complete the task,
But neither may we refrain from beginning.*

from the Talmud (the compilation of Jewish Oral Law)

- Elana Levy





An
Interview with Starhawk

"We Are the Turning of the Tide"

PNL - What is important to you about identifying as a witch?

S - I should first explain what witchcraft is: Witchcraft is the pre-Christian tradition of Western Europe. It sees the Earth, the human beings on it and the interconnection of life as what is sacred, the manifestation of spirit. It doesn't see a separation between the world and God, or as we call her, Goddess, the Goddess who is immanent. To me, identifying as a witch is important for several reasons. One is because it's what I am. It's the religion I practice. The prejudices that the word 'witch' brings up have to do with people's fear of women and women who have power, fear that there might be power the state can't get a handle on. I believe there is another kind of power and am committed to working with it, developing it, practicing it.

PNL - In your book, DREAMING THE DARK, you talked about blockading Diablo Canyon and how that gave you more understanding of power-from-within. Will you relate that to what you've been saying?

S - When we use the word power, we usually think of power-over. That kind of power ultimately goes back to violence. There is another kind of power that I call the power that comes from within. That is power from a different source. It's closer to the root of the word which means ability, to be able to do something. The systems of power-over rest on unspoken consent -- you agree to them by not challenging them. If we empower ourselves to challenge them directly then we'll be undermining the base of that power-over. To me that empowerment comes out of a spiritual sense, a sense that what we call spiritual, what we call Goddess of God, what we value is within each of us. We

don't have to derive our authority to act from a source outside of us -- some set of laws or code or leader. We each have our own inner authority and we need to listen to that and act on that authority. I think that's what we do when we take direct action.

PNL - What else about non-violent direct action allows you to express a spiritual perspective more than other kinds of political work?

S - Coming from that view of spirituality that says authority is within means that we have to figure out how we can create structures that allow us to move from within. We are struggling with forms of organization that reflect that sense of coming from within. We organize in affinity groups. Decisions are made from the affinity groups on up rather than from the leaders on down. We don't have a leader; we rotate responsibilities. We connect in ways that look more like networks or webs rather than hierarchical pyramids. In the groups I'm involved with we use consensus decision making -- making decisions where everyone has a voice. It's not just a form of decision making; it means a commitment to listening to people's feelings as well as their thoughts, to having respect for each other, to equalizing participation. One aspect of empowerment is the process; the other is direct action. Actually confronting all those things we're taught to see as fearful: the police, the military, saying, "Hey, we can do something to challenge this; we can do something to change this," is empowering. At Vandenburg AFB last March, 400-500 of us essentially invaded the base. There must have been 50 military patrolling and 13 in my group. The military

were friendly, saying, "Boy, you guys had us running around all afternoon, chasing you over the hills." We thought that if they have to use 50 to stop 13 of us and there are 400 of us roaming around this base, we have disrupted them. It is tremendous power.

PNL - Would you talk about the difference between doing things that make a concrete impact, and the change that comes about on the spiritual plane?

S- That's an interesting and complex question to me. Magic is the technology of changing consciousness, the art of changing consciousness at will. It's come down from witchcraft because the religion practiced a lot of the techniques. One of the principles is that you're directing spiritually and you change things through visualizing and it's not enough to visualize -- you have to direct energy through it. One way to do that is through enacting. In a sense, we could think about the blockade as enacting the change which means that we enact both on a spiritual and on a concrete level. When you stop the military, the power of that act goes beyond the moment to moment effectiveness. I always hear people talking about change happening on the spiritual level; but if they're not willing to take any action, then you have to question how serious they are. For me the spiritual is not split from the material.

*We are the power in everyone
We are the dance of the moon and the sun
We are the hope that will not hide
We are the turning of the tide*

Starhawk was interviewed for the PNL by Karen Beetle, Mary Loehr, and Linda Smith in Albany.

The Great Jim Thorpe Longest Run

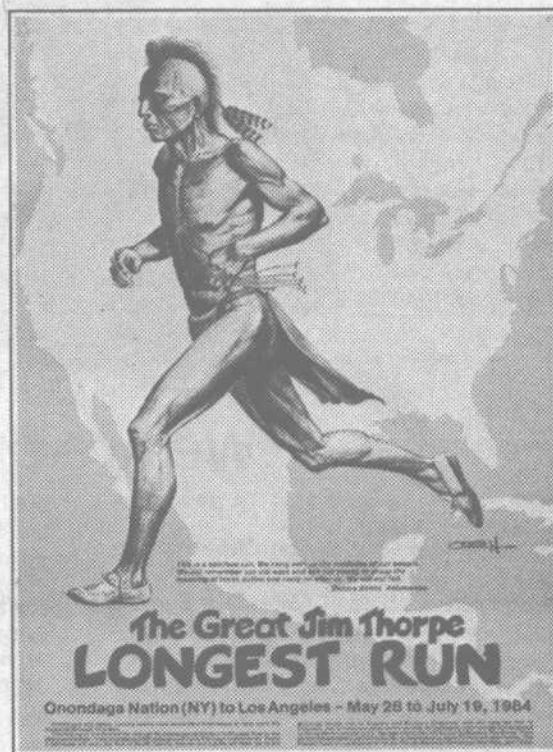
Noon, May 28, 1984 will mark the beginning of an incredible 53 day relay, "The Longest Run", which will cross 14 states, a total of 3600 miles. Dennis Banks, National Run Coordinator and American Indian Movement (AIM) co-founder will run with some 40 athletes, including his 10 year old daughter Tasina, to the boundary of the Onondaga Nation, south of Syracuse, N.Y. (Dennis, now living in sanctuary at the Onondaga Nation, cannot leave without risking arrest by federal officials for "unlawful flight to avoid prosecution", a charge he is now seeking to overturn by petitioning the US Congress to investigate his case.)

The Run will end July 19 in Los Angeles, and begin the Jim Thorpe Memorial Pow-Wow and Native Games (July 19-22) at Whittier Narrows Park near the site of the International Summer Olympics. Native runners who "go all the way" will be considered for the native national running team.

On the morning of May 28, native runners will receive sacred medicine in a special ceremony in the Longhouse of the Six Nations. This medicine will be carried throughout the 3600 mile Longest Run. Jack Thorpe, son of Jim Thorpe, will officially kick off the Longest Run. The event will literally and symbolically unite native people from east to west coasts in celebration of Native American and 1912 Olympic medal winner, Jim Thorpe. The Run and the Native Games will provide a place for native people to compete fairly and to further disclose the kind of racism against Indians which allowed Jim Thorpe to be stripped of his Olympic medals. The medals were returned in 1983, only after a 70-year struggle.

The first leg of the Run will extend from the Onondaga Nation to Chicago, and then to the Wisconsin border. From there, Oneidas and Winnebagos will run to the Minnesota border, meeting the Anishinabe who will carry the medicine to the South Dakota border, where they will meet Dakota and Lakota people who will continue to the Wyoming border. From there the Arapaho and Northern Cheyenne will run and meet the Utes at the Colorado border. At Duchesne, Utah, the Utes will be joined by Ouray Nation people. At Ely, Nevada, they will meet Western Shoshones who will cross Nevada to the California line meeting eight Indian running teams. who will finish at the Native Games.

Other runs will converge with the Longest Run. Two runs, one from NYC and one from Akwesasne, will join at the Onondaga Nation. Runs from Oklahoma, Vancouver, and Big Mountain, Arizona will meet near Los Angeles.



THE LONGEST RUN POSTER

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Stops are planned along the way for rest and special ceremonies including one at a native "survival school" in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area, and another at the now famous Wounded Knee.

T-shirts silk screened with the Longest Run logo (\$8), a poster commemorating the event (\$4), and bumper stickers and buttons (\$1 each), are available at the Front Room Bookstore, and by mail from the Syracuse Cultural Workers Project, Box 6367, Syracuse, N.Y. 13217.

For information call the Dennis Banks Support Committee of SPC at 476-6103 or 474-1132.

Native American Cultural Appreciation Week

The week of Mon. 5/21 - Mon. 5/28 will promote Native People's culture and crafts. A 3 day arts and crafts exposition at the Onondaga Nation creates a direct link for the Native People to the general public and promotes continuity in the creation of Native American Handmade items. This event will be an excellent opportunity for the general public to educate itself to the intricacies of the culture of the Haudenosaunee People.

Monday 5/21 - Friday 5/25: Film festival begins at Westcott Cinema and other locations, TBA, call 474-1132.

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Monday 5/28: 9AM a 10k Run sponsored by the Jim Thorpe Memorial Longest Run Committee from the Firebarn
12 Noon - Longest Run leaves the Onondaga Nation.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT ALL EVENTS. Call the Dennis Banks Support Committee of SPC at 476-6103 or 474-1132

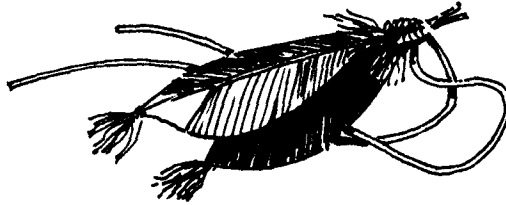
Native Spirituality...some Thoughts by Dennis Banks

This Way of Life which we have chosen to follow is good for our people --- good as it was when the Creator first gave it to us. Why should we change? Should the eagle abandon its young and follow the ways of the crow --- or the hawk? Should the beaver abandon the creeks and streams and live as the raccoon or porcupine? Then what would happen to the young eagles and beavers? They would lose their songs, and no longer be able to sing the songs of their heritage. Also lost would be their Old Ways --- their strength and prayers, and soon they would become weak and die.

So these things which we call prayer, song, habit and practices are like the veins of the maple tree --- without them the sap would cease to run. And this is important to our people.

In the early springtime our people look forward to the ceremony called "When the Sap Runs." At that time we offer tobacco, cedar, sage and prayers of thanksgiving. Our children enjoy this time of year. The

Old Songs are heard again --- the children are happy and make dances. And in this happiness the maple tree shares with us the Strength of Her Heart. It is a good way to live. We intend to keep those Ways alive. It is what some people call Spirituality.



Long before the U. S. government was born our people understood our duty and responsibilities to each other and recognized the rights of all living species. From our ancestors we have learned to respect our neighbors who came often to visit and share game with us. We were taught respect of this earth which provided fruit and good water for our life. Now all that is changing and we feel frightened of the results.

Not afraid, but frightened. This worries us that our understanding with this Earth-Relationship is in serious jeopardy.

This is why we are quarreling with this government. We were given land to care for and they have taken most away from us. How can we fulfill our duties of caring for the land when we no longer have access to it? Our spiritual ways have originated with this Earth. We now act to protect these Ways.

In the beginning the American Indian Movement (AIM) was concerned primarily with defending our people. We must act now to protect the land. We must warn our brothers and sisters of other nations of the dangers ahead; we must warn our neighbors of different colors to be careful of the water --- it is our element of life; to be careful of the air; but above all we must attempt every method to bring us back to the Right Path.

- Nowa Cumig, Anishinabe
Also known as Dennis Banks



Embracing the Indigenous: Healing Not Dividing the Earth

When Europeans reached the Americas, they found a profoundly spiritual people who had a sophisticated, participatory government. Survival, spirituality and government were One, just as these natural people were at-one with the earth and all life. Why didn't Europeans see that they had discovered a model for living which was more than they could have wished for? Like prisoners stumbling into the light of day, their vision was dim, their hearts calloused.

We descendants of Europeans should be very careful! Our world-view remains more like our ancestors than like the traditional people they manipulated and slaughtered. Despite our good intentions or our "progressive" politics, we have bought the underlying values which fuel the exploitive policies of the industrialized nations. We talk about "social change", but our goal is CONTINUATION not CHANGE, for at best, we hope to extend the short-term benefits of our technological world to everyone. How can we be whole if everything we touch is torn, dissected, analyzed, processed and put up for sale? How can we possess spirituality if every waking moment is filled with double-talk, with a constant assault from high-tech paraphernalia? How can we pre-

tend to be civilized if our ways destroy the source of life, our Mother Earth, faster than She can repair Herself? It can't be!

There is another way, a healing path. It is right for us to want to escape our enslavement to technology --- to live more simply, in harmony with the Earth. It is right to want to bear our children naturally, to teach them the Ways of the Circle and to learn from them as well. It is right to want to work, play and give thanks together --- to form our own communities, to care for the land and each other, to create our own spirituality.

We are not alone. The Earth, our brothers and sisters of all colors, our kin of the air, the water and the land cry out. They should be our Teachers. We must listen to our native friends and to our ancient inner selves. We can reclaim our indigenous rights --- our right to live in harmony --- for we were once all indigenous to this planet. Finding the Way may seem scary, but it is a good way, one that offers genuine hope to our unborn.

- Jan Peterson

"Rationality is a curse since it can cause humans to forget the natural order of things."

--Russell Means, Oglala Lakota and AIM co-founder

Spirituality and Politics

An Interview with Jun San- Walking Along a Spiritual Path

Jun Yasuda, a Buddhist monk, returned last month from a two-month trek on foot to Washington, D.C. While there, the 35-year-old woman prayed and periodically fasted in the building of the Justice Department. Hers is a very personal and very spiritual witness.

Japanese by birth, Jun San (as she is respectfully known) spent several years in India where she became part of a small, modern Buddhist order. "My teacher taught just meditation. We pray outside, not inside...we don't have monasteries," says Jun San. "One hour of praying on a street corner is worth 100 hours on the mountain.

"I am not religious person, because religious ways are mistaken. Religious persons become prisoners or become materialists. I am not interested in these things.

Jun Yasuda was interviewed by Michael Grimm, Karen Grimm, Dan Root at the Onondaga Nation on Friday, April 13th.



Jun-san at the Women's Encampment.

"Before I became monk, I was living very materialistically. I was getting money and things easily. People still give me things but now I give them things back." And what Jun San gives them is her personal involvement in Native American struggles and in the peace movement.

"American Indian people have very beautiful tradition and very peaceful philosophy because they always respect plants and nature. This kind of idea of what's important is why we should help them... Modern civilization people are too weak; they find easy ride sitting inside air conditioning, as if without air conditioning they can't survive.

"Some people say peace movement is a political movement, but I think everything comes out of people's spirit...Buddhism teaches first not killing. If you have compassion, don't kill. We just refer to this teaching...I really respect peace movement people because they always think about peace. So I always try to help them. I don't know how much I can help. This [prayer] is not an instant way. It is like flower seed planted in ground and growing. I am planting seed."

While praying, Jun San beats her drum and chants, "Na Mu Myo Ho Ren Ge Kyo." When asked what the chant means, she replied, "If people want to know, they should walk with me."



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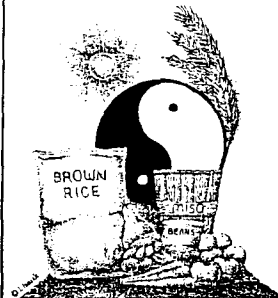
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One Quaker's Perspective -

Invisible Social Change

Friends (Quakers) combine spirituality with social change by trying in each new situation to "answer that of God in everyone." I was active among Friends for twenty years before I was willing to join. Meditation was central to Friends' way of life, but I could not quiet my mind. Friends were active in prison reform, international relations, and Native American concerns, but I was not. So, I concluded, I could not be a Friend. Besides, although I liked Friends in the abstract, I did not like some members of the Meeting.

At a national gathering of Friends in July, 1982, I heard a wise Quaker woman encourage Friends to stop contending with each other and get on with the Lord's business.

"Friends," she said, "We are stuck with each other, so we might as well make the best of it." Her restatement of the old Quaker adage, "Look for that of God in everyone," gave me new insight. I joined the Syracuse Meeting.

After I joined, I discovered my own spiritual style. I meditate by becoming completely absorbed in each task I do. I center myself by doing aerobic exercise. And at Meeting, I worship by snuggling myself into the lap of the Mother Goddess and waiting in Her arms for the Meeting to unfold.

My social change style has also become clearer to me. I have discovered that, in my own way, I am as active as other Friends. I image the future I want and then act in a way which will bring it about. For example, I envisioned a more satisfying



ing marriage, so I sought help from a skilled psychiatrist. My husband, who had seemed difficult to live with, is now a delightful person and exactly right for me. In high school, I enjoyed a close friendship with a woman, so I set out to create several such friendships in my current life. I now have close friends and am part of a group of women committed to helping each other state our wildest dreams outloud and make them come true.

Although the social activism I have described so far deals with people I know personally, I also share Friends' deep concern for the national and international situation. In this larger sphere, I use my abilities to image and create. Marilyn Ferguson's The Aquarian Conspiracy has provided me with a vision of the personal and social transformations taking place in our culture. With her guidance, I can see the relationship between my participation in local activities, e.g., holistic

health or the Freeze, and national and international trends.

Despite my awareness of the changes taking place, I often fear that they will be too little, too late.

Rupert Sheldrake has pro-a theory which gives me hope. It has profound implications for the importance of spirituality and social action. Sheldrake, a British biologist, theorizes that there are non-material (morphogenetic) structures which retain the learning done by members of each species (see New Age Magazine, February, 1984). In The Hundredth Monkey, Keyes provides an example consistent with this

theory. On a Pacific island, one monkey began washing her potatoes before eating them, and other monkeys copied her. When about 100 monkeys had copied her, the practice spread to monkeys on other islands who had had no contact with the original group. According to Sheldrake's theory, the non-material structures had made the concept of washing potatoes available to all members of the species.

Sheldrake's theory implies that one individual's insights or solutions are potentially sufficient to provide the human race with the tools it needs to solve a particular problem. The combination of many individuals solving many different problems may be sufficient to bring out the global transformation which our times require. We are on the right track when we "walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in everyone."

Nancy Riffer is a member of the Syracuse Friends Meeting

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Liberation Theology

God's Spirit in the Midst of Struggle

by James Smucker

Liberation theology is a descriptive term applied to fresh new experiences about the work of God's spirit in the world today. Because this "theologizing" is an expression of contemporary experiences, it is judged by some to be a fragile theological reed, unable to maintain itself against the authentic and authoritarian truth of either the Catholic or Protestant Reformation Church. Others perceive it as building on the past while creating a new theological framework more adequate for speaking to the world as it is today.

There are five major expressions of Christian liberation theological thought: Asian, African, Latin American, Black North American and Feminist. All have unique differences because each reflects a different historical context and perspective. All have the following in common:

A. The expression of God's power and presence is in the struggle to throw off oppression and to secure freedom. It is recognition of the oft repeated Biblical truth that God identifies with the poor and the oppressed.

B. Theology is written out of the struggle for freedom against oppression in the world. We engage the demonic powers of the world (Praxis) and reflect on it in the Biblical context. In this reflection, theology for our day is born.

C. The oppression against which the struggle takes place is often European and North American political entities and European and North American church structures--Protestant and Catholic.

In the cases of Asia, Africa and Latin America, liberation thought interprets the struggle for political freedom and for freedom from the cultural limitations of Protestant and Catholic Western European religious experience. In the cases of North American Black and Feminist Theology, it represents a

theological proclamation of freedom from religious and political dogmas which have oppressed women and Blacks for centuries.

Sixteenth-century Christian experience, both Protestant and Catholic, is Western Europe's history. It knew nothing of modern scientific knowledge; could not comprehend God's many splendored creation; nor perceive the vastness of God's universe. It still assumed the divine rights of rulers; the dominant role of men of property; the proper place for women and children; and an utter disdain for other cultures, other religions, and people of color.



Yet through all of that, the Spirit moved, the on-going process of liberation continued and we have all been influenced for the good. We have benefitted immensely from these histories but liberation thought proclaims we are not bound to it forever. We are, in fact, bound to going about the business of continuing Reformation. The image of God developed by 16th-century Christian leaders was one designed to encourage conformity and it helped provide a rationale for tyranny and war. God is portrayed as a shining light of perfect righteousness and an intense hater of evil, especially in the form of personal sin. Even the coming of the loving and compassionate Jesus did not seriously alter the need to portray an authoritarian God--hater of evil--

dispenser of justice-- and provider of the one and only road to salvation. The vision of a different kind of pluralistic world with redemptive communities of love and forgiveness modeling the way of peace was set aside by leadership interested in maintaining guidelines for a hierarchical and judgemental church. This church reserved the right to interpret the only Biblical and sure road to salvation. It called for harsh punishment to those who deviated--leading to eternal damnation and it set the stage for continuing witch hunts, persecution and heresy trials.

In like manner, governments built their justification for the denial of human rights and for war itself on those religious insights. Violence and hatred in the name of an outraged God were always acceptable. War to maintain the power and authority of Christian governments was obviously to the glory of God. Purity of doctrine was intertwined with the development of societal structures which maintained the superior status of those in power who also claimed divine sanction. Our own nation with its priceless perception of freedom nevertheless sought the support of Christian religion to justify the oppression and disenfranchisement of women, slaves, and Native Americans, discrimination against other religions and cultures, and to affirm the sacredness of capitalism.

Still, it was and is the power of God's Spirit in our midst which helped to change these perceptions. The Judeo/Christian experience of God's love has led to reforms in our relationships and the way we structure society both in religion and government. It has encouraged a sense of diversity and an acceptance of pluralism -- unheard of in the European Reformation experience. It has led to new theological expressions from people whose histories are different from 16th century male Europe. And, it proclaims that the mighty acts of God are in the struggle for peace and justice everywhere. Liberation Theology is a recording of those mighty acts today.

Jim is with the United Church of Christ in Syracuse. He has a long term interest in Liberation theology.

Liberation Theology in Action

On April 8, Plymouth Congregational Church became the second religious congregation in Syracuse (after May Memorial Unitarian Society) and the 111th nationwide to declare sanctuary for Salvadoran refugees. In doing so, Plymouth reaffirmed a religious tradition extending back to Old Testament times and including the actions of the church's founders in aiding runaway slaves in the 1850s.

Proponents argued that sanctuary was needed to aid Salvadorans who had fled from the death squads in their homeland and were in danger of arrest and deportation back to the land they had fled. They also argued that churches, by declaring sanctuary, pointed up the failure of the US government to grant "extended voluntary depar-

ture" status to refugees, and expressed solidarity with churches of El Salvador and other 3rd World nations which have declared their "preferential option for the poor."

Opponents of sanctuary questioned whether the situation in Central America justified such action and noted the risk involved in "harboring an illegal alien."

The vote on sanctuary was held after 3 months of intense information sharing and discussion. This included forums, films and information packets being mailed to all church members (information for and against sanctuary was included). The margin of passage (65 for, 15 against 1 abstain) far exceeded the 2/3s majority required and surprised even active proponents. - John Maddaus

A Biblical Imperative-

Wellspring of Action

I have a sort of fantasy movie in my mind. In the movie Liz McAlister and six of her friends are in Building 101, Griffiss Air Force Base, Rome, N.Y. on Thanksgiving morning, November 24, 1983. Liz is standing shaking with fear, knowing that bullets may stream through the open door at any moment. With one hand she holds a hammer with which she is banging the hell out of a B52 bomber. With the other she is gripping the hand of God so tightly that her knuckles turn white.

But let me give you instead the words and the vision of the Griffiss Plowshares Seven:

"The actions spring from our prayerful reflection on the Biblical mandate out of Isaiah and Micah to "Beat swords into plowshares; spears into pruning hooks." They spring from our shared realization that even as the arms race has been built weapon by weapon, decision by decision, disarmament needs to occur weapon by weapon, decision by decision. Or as one person expressed it, "dent by dent." The

hope that the actions bespeak is less that we destroy a particular weapon and more that, in our effort to be obedient to the Spirit, to life, the Spirit might become more present in our world, empowering more and more of us to act, in whatever way we can, to say a clear "NO!" to such destructive weaponry; to say a clear "NO!" to policies that call for the use of such weaponry."

In another message they said, "We act in obedience to the prophets; we act in obedience to the law of love;" and finally, "We act in Thanksgiving for the Hope."

Only when we ACT; only when we ourselves do SOMETHING, no matter how small, for peace, can we experience hope.

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SPC's Birthday Dinner

Saturday, May 12: Go to the SPC 48th Annual Birthday Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Harrison Center, 1342 Lancaster Ave. Elizabeth McAlister is the featured speaker and other members of the Griffiss Plowshares will be there

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Monday, May 14: Show up at the trial of the Griffiss Seven in Federal Court in Syracuse. Call SPC, 472-5478, for exact time of day.

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- Angus MacDonald



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Oxfam, an international agency funding self-help development projects and disaster relief throughout Asia, Africa and Latin America, has announced its "Tools for Peace Campaign." It is designed to provide concrete action thru which North Americans can voice their desires for peaceful development in Central America. Oxfam's campaign unites health professionals, farmers, teachers, students, women, religious groups, and other agencies in an effort to raise money and gifts for Nicaragua. Hoping to fill an entire ship with much needed farm tools, spareparts, medicine, and supplies, Tools for Peace has set May 21, 1984 as departure date from San Francisco harbor.

Your contribution of agricultural, health and/or educational materials will make a crucial difference to Nicaraguans trying to make a better life for themselves and their country. Contributions for the Tools for Peace Campaign may be sent to: Oxfam America, 115 Broadway, Boston MA. 02116.

Opposition Still Strong at Diablo

As predicted by opponents, Diablo Canyon's low-power testing has been delayed once again. Although the plant was recently granted a license for the testing, despite acknowledged design flaws and potential safety violations, a leaky cooling water pump forced PG&E to halt testing. Local activists predict even further problems with the plant's start-up and promise their opposition will continue through the summer and into the fall. Hundreds have already been arrested for trying to prevent the opening of the plant. To support the actions, write: Diablo Canyon Project, 452 Higuerra St. San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Fight Back Against Rape

Women Against Rape (WAR), local women angered about rape in our community, recently announced their "Know Your Local Rapist" campaign. Designed to supply detailed descrip-

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tions of known rapists, the campaign hopes to establish a new information network to warn women.

If you have knowledge of a rapist, send a full description (including age, height, weight, haircolor and style, distinguishing characteristics) location of the rape, and any other pertinent information to:

Women Against Rape (WAR)
PO Box 8831
Teall Station
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You need not sign your name. For the handbill "We Can Fight Back" and other information, send a SASE.

Brazilian Laws Would Destroy Native Rights

The Indian communities in Brazil are currently undergoing what must be described as a concentrated legislative attack. In the past several months a series of laws have been promulgated by the Federal government which are extremely injurious to the precious few rights Indians have been able to retain before Brazilian law.



These new laws would declare Indian people "Absolutely incapable before the law", a status which deprives Indians of the exercise of civil rights independent of the official Indian Agency, FUNAI; and denies emancipated Indian people any legal protection of their lands. Proposed laws would also open land in the heart of Yanomami Indian land, for cassiterite mining using Indian labor.

Telegrams can be sent to: Excmo. Sr. Joao Batista Figueredo, Pres. da Republica, Palácio do Planalto,

7000 Brasilia DF, Brazil. Donation and letters of support can be sent to Union of Indian Nations, c/o CIMI CADA Postal 10.2382, 70835 Brasilia DF, Brazil.

Women on the Move Run



Women's Info. Center is sponsoring their Fourth Annual Women On the Move Run. The run will be held Saturday, May 19th at 10:00am at Long Branch Park, part of Onondaga Park. After the run, people are invited to participate in a picnic, so bring your basket or purchase food there. The run will consist of a 10 km (6.2 miles), 5km (3.1 miles) and a one mile run. There will be trophies and prizes awarded for estimated timings, completing the run and for competitive timing.

Registration forms are available at Chappels store; or call Women's Information Center, 478-4636 and they'll send you a form. T-shirts are included with registration. Registration before May 12th costs \$6.50; after May 12th, \$8.00. Child care will be provided. If you need "warming up" a group of women will be running Monday and Tuesday at 5:15 from Women's Info. Center.

Congratulations New Women's Times

The editors of New Women's Times a national feminist newspaper based in Rochester announced that 1984 makes the 10th anniversary of the newspaper's publication. Founded in 1975 "for the enjoyment and betterment of womankind," the paper has grown from a local women's paper to a national publication with subscribers in some fifteen foreign countries.

New Women's Times has sponsored workshops, cultural events, and political gatherings for the Rochester community, as well as collected extensive reference and research material on women's issues. For further information and to extend congratulations, write: New Women's Times, 804 Meigs St. Rochester, NY 14620.

Third Parties Revisited

The Importance of Independent Political Action

by Dave Edelstein

In the '84 elections, leftists are once again urged to support the "lesser-evil". But there is an opportunity in this campaign to build support for left political action independent of the twin capitalist parties. The Citizens Party, which sometimes calls itself the American version of the West German "Greens" will be running a presidential candidate, perhaps thirty Congressional candidates, and others in local elections.

The siren song of the lesser-evil has been the bane of those seeking to build left third parties in America. Support for the lesser-evilism is perennially proposed as a tactic for the moment, and we are urged to postpone independent action until a "more favorable time". Unfortunately, we don't have the option of scrolling history forward or backward to a more favorable time, and if we did the lesser evil would surely follow us.

There are good reasons for an independent campaign now; there are compelling reasons to abandon lesser-evilism forever.

A Left Third Party?

A left third party can do consciousness-raising, on a national level, which ties together our efforts at local organizing and single-issue politics. A left third party can provide a vehicle for many dissenting voices and a forum for the diverse left to find common ground, and develop cooperative relations, thus preparing ourselves for the practical work ahead.

We can use the presidential and congressional elections to reach the millions who have never heard a coherent criticism of capitalism, nor shared our vision of a democratic socialist future. The various evils being fought by single-issue groups are inter-connected by the social fabric of capitalism. Our separate work on these issues fosters the illusion that they are separate prob-

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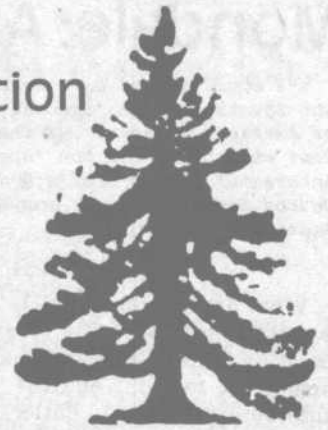
lems, while they share a common root. We need a rainbow coalition of the left, in opposition to both the Democratic and Republican Parties, and to the Capitalist System for which they stand.

Is it possible to build a broad, independent socialistic party in the U.S.? The history of the Peace and Freedom Party of California (P & F) shows that the left can overcome obstacles where a section of the population is radicalized. This party was formed in 1967 by civil rights and anti-war activists. The number of registered P & F voters in California was 41,000 in 1980 and has been as high as 100,000. Its vote for state and county offices has often been sizable, and above all, it has not become an adjunct of the Democratic Party. A broad spectrum of leftists have united in the P & F, and in 1974 it adopted a socialist program. The 1980 program stated: "We support social ownership and democratic management of all industry and natural resources... Politically, socialism is the massive extension of democracy, from the neighborhood and workplace to the widest levels of society...".

Forget the Democrats

The Democratic Party cannot be reformed. People have tried for decades and certainly leftists who wish to try will have to devote decades more to this task. Long before success is approached, the reformers will be absorbed into the amorphous mass of conventional politicians who, above all else, want to be elected, then re-elected. Radical proposals will be turned into token reforms to undercut discontent.

But hasn't Jesse Jackson's campaign been a breath of fresh air? Hasn't he raised important issues and pushed politics to the left? Those who worked for the Jackson campaign needn't be criticized for seeking a hopeful voice, but the primaries are almost over. How about the election? There's still time to go into opposition, in the streets as well as through support of left independent political action. Jackson's walking out on the Demo-



crats is an interesting fantasy, but unlikely; and if it happens it will be too late for organizing an effective independent campaign. Those favoring independent action had best build an independent party now.

The Citizens Party

The Citizens Party (CiP) is our best choice in '84. The CiP has become a grassroots-up party composed largely of community activists. Sonia Johnson, the well-known radical feminist excommunicated from the Mormon Church, is the only announced candidate for the presidential nomination of the CiP. She is not a socialist but is not hostile to socialism. The CiP and the Socialist Party have formed a 1984 Congressional Coalition seeking candidates in 30 or so districts. Other compatible left and progressive parties have been invited to join. The CiP is also seeking the endorsement of the Socialist Party and the P & F party for its presidential campaign.

Ultimately, democratic socialism requires a radical transformation from below, based on grassroots movements. Third party campaigns can expose the capitalist system, build left unity, and offer the opportunity to present an alternative socialist vision. Breaking the grip of the two-party system is a step along the way to socialism. For this, Eugene Deb's dictum is more useful than ever:

"It is better to vote for what you want and not get it, than to vote for what you don't want and get it."

- Eugene Debs

With this approach and a radical, visible alternative, we can begin to push American politics to the left.

Mondale: Ally of Organized Labor and Women

"I would rather have a President who speaks for the 'special interests' of American workers. . . than a President who speaks for the 'special interests' of the IT&T's and the United Technologies of corporate America."

- Walter J. Butler, pres. local 200 SEIU

What are Walter Mondale's special interests? The press would have us believe that these are something foreign, against "our" interests. Walter J. Butler, writing for the Service Employee's "Local 200 Reporter" says Mondale's "special interests" are "you and me". Is he interested in you?

-**Labor:** Walter Mondale began his law career as a labor lawyer for SEIU Local 113 in Minneapolis. The unions feel they can communicate with him. He continues to represent overall union concerns: jobs and the economy, full employment, closing tax loopholes on corporations and the wealthy, heavier windfall taxes on big oil, continued control of gas and oil. In the article referred to above, Walter Butler points out that the "news chains owning networks of newspapers or TV stations . . . are not news chains. They are corporate chains, and as such they reflect the news that is in their best interest and almost issue-for-issue not in the interest of workers." This explains why the media repeatedly refers to "special interests" and makes AFL-CIO endorsement sound sinister, implying that the endorsement was made by "labor chiefs" who "no longer speak for their membership." Ac-

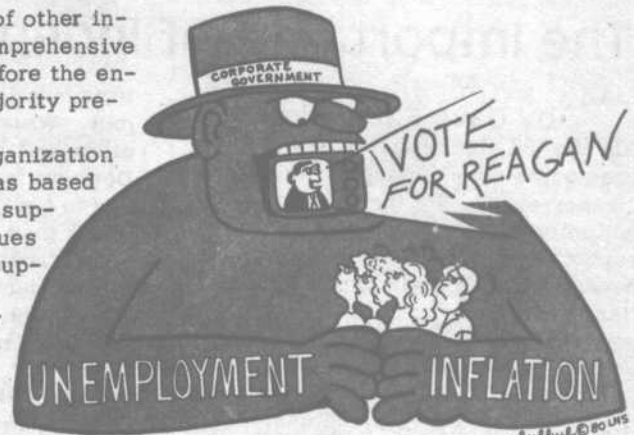
tually, SEIU and a number of other international unions did a comprehensive poll of their membership before the endorsement. More than a majority preferred Mondale.

- **Women:** The National Organization of Women's endorsement was based on Mondale's longstanding support for a wide range of issues of concern to women. He supports the Equal Rights Amendment. His concern for the elderly and for disarmament are important factors in their choice. Betty Bone Schiess, NOW member and Mondale delegate, recalls Mondale battling for legislation favoring early childhood education during the Nixon years.

- **Arms Control:** Walter Mondale has supported a US/USSR nuclear arms freeze since 1982. He advocates a "Quick Freeze" on testing and deployment of nuclear weapons that is immediately verifiable by the US and USSR while negotiating for a comprehensive freeze. He would initiate a ban on testing anti-satellite weapons and a ban on underground nuclear testing if the Soviets would do the same.

Mondale endorses negotiations to balance the number of Cruise missiles and Soviet SS 20's, but without an agreement he would not remove the already deployed Cruise or Pershing II missiles from Europe.

- **Intervention:** Though Mondale has denounced Third World intervention, he opposes a complete pullout from Central America. He apparently does not rule out US military action in other conflict situations, including possible use of US ground troops to protect Middle East oil supplies. He



wants to keep some troops in Honduras to bargain for concessions from Nicaragua. He speaks of operations against Nicaragua to impede arms shipments to El Salvador, although these are not clearly defined. The March 31, 1984 issue of "The Nation" said "Mondale's progressivism was always circumscribed by labor's demands to keep quiet on Viet Nam, scuttle Salt II and pour money into the Pentagon."

While it is true that most unions have traditionally supported military spending, largely because of the jobs it was supposed to create, many unionists are finding that military spending is actually one reason why so many Americans are out of work, according to issue No. 21 of American Labor, published by the American Labor Education Center in Washington, D.C. Hopefully, Mondale, with union support, will continue to progress in understanding this relationship.

Compiled by Diane Swords. Thanks to Dennis Eames and Betty Bone Schiess.

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Hart Strong on Environment; Rights; Non-Intervention

When choosing who I will vote for, I look at where the person stands on important issues and whether their record is consistent with their stated positions. Some of these issues are the environment, the military, foreign policy, human rights and labor. Gary Hart's 8 years as senator from Colorado provides a voting record we can scrutinize.

The League of Conservation Voters prepared an extensive analysis of the presidential candidates vis-a-vis the environment (including energy). "Of all the contenders, Senator Gary Hart... has been active on more issues and has done more to influence environmental legislation than any of the others. . . . Hart has been an effective leader in many important environmental battles: He worked to strengthen the Clean Air Act in 1977 and defended it from attack in the 1980's; he fought the Reagan Administration's Environmental Protection Agency budget cuts and bogus 'regulatory reform' proposals; he worked to protect and extend the National Wilderness System and the National Wildlife Refuge System; he increased funding for solar energy; he improved nuclear safety standards; and he has fought to stop the proliferation of nuclear weapons and achieve arms control."

Hart opposes the Clinch River Breeder reactor, opposes subsidies to the nuclear industry and opposes continued production of plutonium (an extremely toxic radioactive material, which can be used to make bombs).

Hart favors the freeze - a halt to the testing, production and deployment of new nuclear weapons. He opposes first-strike, destabilizing weapons, such as the MX. Carl Sagan, a well-known scientist and writer, has alerted many to the dangers of nuclear war. Sagan supports the nuclear freeze and supports Hart for president. He has known Hart for years and apparently trusts him on this issue.

Hart opposes military intervention in Central America, Grenada and Lebanon. When US troops invaded Grenada, Hart immediately opposed it (even though much public opinion was favorable to this US "victory"). Within 36 hours he introduced a Senate resolution which passed and required the withdrawal of troops within 60 days. In September 1982 Hart called for the removal of US Marines from Lebanon; if his call had been heeded the bombing death of 300 of them would not have happened. He opposes US troops in Central America and wants to stop aid to the regime in El Salvador until it abolishes the right-wing death squads and markedly improves human rights. He favors the immediate cessation of US covert operations against Nicaragua. He sees poverty as the enemy in Central America.

Hart supports the Equal Rights Amendment, freedom of choice in abortion, and is the chief Democratic sponsor in the Senate of the Economic Equity Act. The National Women's Political Caucus rated Hart's voting record as 100% in the 96th Congress

and 92% in the 97th Congress.

Hart describes himself as a leader in the Senate to protect civil rights and economic and educational programs vital to minority groups. Hart took stands on some controversial issues. He sponsored a resolution to deny tax-exempt status to private schools which discriminate on the basis of race; opposed efforts to prohibit the use of Justice Department funds in enforcing court-ordered school bussing; opposed US policies which demonstrate acceptance of human rights violations in South Africa; urged reform of US immigration and refugee policies to make them more humane. He also supported a long list of social programs which came under attack from the Reagan Administration.

Hart was endorsed by the Colorado State AFL-CIO and the national AFL-CIO in both of his Senatorial campaigns. As with civil rights, workers' rights have been sacrificed under Reagan, and Hart has been one of the people trying to fight the damage. For example, he opposed every aspect of Reagan's tax cut program, which he says is slanted in favor of the rich. He opposed Reagan's attempts to reduce federal unemployment benefits and to weaken the minimum wage law.

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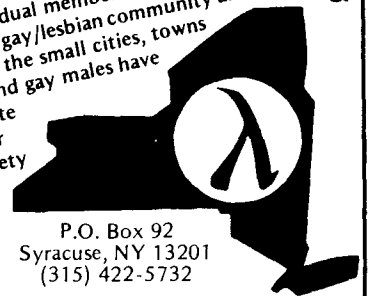
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Voting - Not Ideal, but A Necessary Tactic

Comments on Personal & Political Growth

by Gary Weinstein

Nightmare

It is 1987. Reagan has been reelected. Roe v. Wade has been reversed, removing women's legal right to abortion. The Euromissile deployment has been completed ahead of time. The U.S. and the Soviets have not met in negotiations for over four years. "Arms control" is an antiquated notion of the late 1970's.

Lightening air strikes by U.S. planes have struck over El Salvador and Nicaragua, decimating the Salvadoran revolution and crippling the Sandinista government. The Salvadoran ARENA party and its death squads fire their guns into the night sky, celebrating, as they did the evening of Reagan's victory.

Reagan Supreme Court and National Labor Relations Board appointees reach a majority. Their tenure will outlast the century, crushing civil rights, unions and minority gains. The second Reagan recession grinds to an end leaving 20 million people permanently out of work.

A long dark tunnel of anti-communism, economic collapse, U.S. wars in the third world and domestic repression seems almost endless.

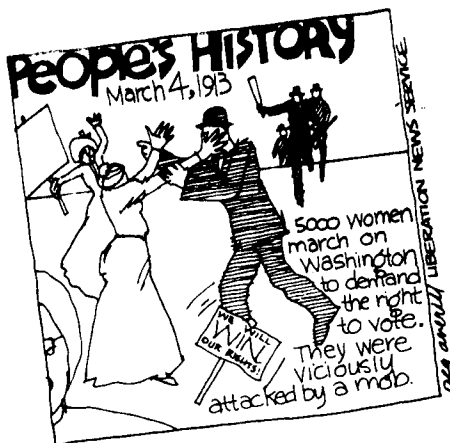
Could this have been curbed or stopped? Should we have voted in 1984?

In 1980, I advocated a "Don't Vote!" position. In a PNL article in the October 1980 issue entitled "Don't Vote - It Only Encourages Them!", I surveyed the Presidential field, applied an outlook I called "anarchist-feminist" and urged people to boycott the polls.

The analysis was cynical, idealistic, glib. It was glib anarchism to suggest that not voting would discourage Reagan in his viciousness. It was idealistic to think that boycotting the polls would empower us or would prove our awareness of the electoral sham. Many were cynical. Even labor somehow saw no difference between Carter and Reagan. (See same PNL; pages 15 & 20).

We were wrong to not vote, I have since come to feel. (Ironically I went out and voted for Barry Commoner in

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1980. That's how soon I began to change my mind after writing the article.)

I was mistaken in three ways. First, my class analysis was weak. Second, I dogmatically condemned "hierarchy", and last, my understanding of the dialectics of history was all wet.

There were no differences between Republicans and Democrats, I said. But there are. Yes, they are both of the capitalist class, with the same class interests, overall. But no, they differ on how to make capitalism "work". These differences are important to understand and to exploit. A class analysis that overlooks these distinctions is irresponsible and uninformed.

Voting as Revolutionary Duty

I condemned voting because it legitimated "hierarchy". Yet, a look at revolutionary societies (Cuba, Nicaragua, China, USSR), showed for example, that the minister of agriculture, elected by her peers, has roots in the same class - the working class - as everyone "below" her. Hierarchy begins to be abolished when the person voting and the person elected have the same material interests. For those who have struggled and died to overthrow dictatorship and czarism, voting is revolutionary democracy.

Lastly, I cited Parenti's interpretation that voting rights throughout history had been "extended down" from the ruling elites to people as the elites saw fit. Voting therefore was to be rejected as a means of social control.

But in reality, the history of class struggle shows that suffrage has been wrenched down from the elites by people and should be defended and extended,

not poo-pooed. Women fought for over 70 years in this country to get the right to vote. In England women died for it. (This is how "authentic social change" occurs... to requote myself from 1980)

Yet whereas advanced feminists of 1920 cherished advocacy of women's suffrage, there are women in the U.S. left today who reject voting as anti-feminist, who see it at odds with our "vision". What accounts for this contradiction?

Likewise, the U.S. civil war and the civil rights movement 100 years later tore this country apart for, among other things, the right for Blacks to vote. Yet it is still Blacks who stay away from the polls in great numbers. Jackson's rainbow coalition drive embodies this argument - that the right to vote, once struggled and died for, can and should be used to turn the tide of racism and reaction whenever it can.

It is 1984, not 1987. We face a possible nightmare. What should we do?

Neither idealism nor cynicism should get in the way of our realizing both the need and the possibility of defeating Reaganism. Ironically, the cynicism, idealism and glibness of my 1980 article are the product of privilege. The isolation of the U.S. left from the majority of working people is seldom more apparent than when we fail to appreciate that the difference between Reaganism and the Democratic alternative has concrete, material meaning to those at the bottom of U.S. society. In the case of Central America and millions of others resisting U.S. imperialism abroad, it means life and death. We have to get beyond the individualism that underlies our analysis, swallow hard and vote Reagan out this time.

Yes, it will be the lesser of two evils in November. That's reality under monopoly capitalism in the U.S. today. We don't have to boycott the polls to prove we know this. Boycotting the polls in 1980 was a mistake we can learn from. Boycotting the polls in 1984 could be fatal.

And They Voted with Their Lives



Going to the polls every two or four years is easy; it requires no sacrifice, lulls us into a false sense of democratic procedure, and at this point in "nuclear end" times in America, it is a lie.

Every day we vote with our lives by what we wear and eat, how we live and transport ourselves, where we work and what we do with our leisure time, and how we pay our taxes and what we own. This voting is the real issue, and makes the real difference. Voting on paper gives us an illusory sense of participation. At this point it is clear there is little difference between the two American parties: both promise global annihilation in one form or another; both party leaders are equally skilled in deception, in pushing buttons, and in creating a nuclear shadow that looms larger and larger for all members of the human family.

The time for representative government has gone the way of cheap gasoline. What sort of democracy

is it when one or two people have the power to blow us all up without our consent; with only our complicity and our silence? Congress will not be consulted in the event of a nuclear war. Even the chain of command created by the Constitution will be bypassed. No war even has to be going on for war to happen, as the Vietnam disaster so clearly demonstrated, and as events with U.S. intervention in Central America are rapidly revealing to us.

The commander of a Trident submarine is the third most powerful man in the world, with the power to destroy every major city in the Northern Hemisphere. Who elected him? The National Security State, masked by the false cloak called "security" ("defense") is actually the gloved hand of a police state; the courts clearly and legally support the nuclear Armageddon we are approaching; electoral politics are mocked by the nuclear confrontation we are told is, practically speaking,

unavoidable. Voting? Who are we kidding?

For citizens with an inflamed conscience, direct action in the form of divine obedience (or Civil Disobedience) is the one remaining avenue left for us to travel. If a miracle is to happen, other than through divine intervention, it will come about as the result of voting with our whole lives, the whole of our efforts. Such a turning point will come about as a result of the moral force of our whole weight; not one iota less is required of us.

Yes, vote--then vote with your whole life!

Per Hengren, Christin Schmidt and Sunshine Appleby. Per and Christin voted at Martin Marietta's Pershing II Division in Orlando, FL, early Easter morning. See pg. 8 for details.

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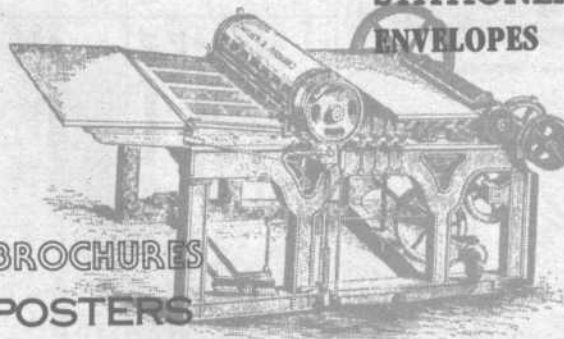
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(film) 7:15pm Palace Library</p>	<p>15 Gr 8yr NOW mtg 8pm May Men Ch 446-2229 Every Tues SU Gay/Lesh Stud Ass Social 9-12pm 103 College Pl 2nd fl</p>	<p>16 Witness for Peace mtg 7pm 406 Roberts Ave NMACP mtg 7pm 116 Firm Gay Huskands & Fathers mtg 422-5732 Educ for Soc Respons mtg 7:30 Landmark Lit</p>	<p>17 Nat'l Coun of Negro Wom mtg 7:30pm Dunbar Ctr Carnival Games & good- ies! ECHO 5/16-5/20 P&E mtg SPC 472-5478 Made to Make Event 472-5478 or 478-7779</p>	<p>18 Helen Caldicott 19 Everson Museum 7:30 pm \$15-25 446-2380 see p.30 Women on the Move Women on the Move race Longbranch Pk 10am 478-4636 478-4636</p>	<p>20 Mental Patients Alliance mtg Plymouth Ch 3pm every Sun. Every Sun, Gay AA mtg Grace Episc. Ch 7:30 pm and Mato Community Ch worship service Grace Episc. 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Native Am arts & crafts ex- position at Onondaga Nation Firebarn, Sat 5/26-3 Mon 28</p>	<p>28 The Longest Run 10k run, 9am, Onon Nation. Longest Run at noon see pg 13 Every Mon-Conta Dance 8:30-11pm Grace Episc Ch Every Mon Coffeehouse 7-10pm Westcott Cafe</p>	<p>29 Every Tues Veg Dinner, 6- 8:30 Westcott Cafe \$3, 50 Every Tues Cooking Class 5:30pm E-W Ctr \$10 People for Animal Rights mtg 7pm Jane 478-8521</p>	<p>30 Anti-nuclear War and Peace NVA film 7 & 9pm \$2 Gifford Aud SPC Disarm. 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—Daniel Berrigan

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FREE SPEECH!



Hello from Sweden

Dear friends,

Greetings from Sweden! I am happy to report that, after four days of traveling from Yugoslavia -- the last 3km by bicycle in the dark -- I was welcomed by the April PNL sitting on the bathtub. I'm at Christa's and Marco's soaking up the woods, sun, and a bed that doesn't sway, roll, or rattle.

Yugoslavia was a tremendous experience and I thank every one of you who helped make it possible. I expect that friends and contacts I made there will yield political (and personal) fruit for years. As I wandered about Dubrovnik (and I might add, Greece, Italy and now Sweden), I kept thinking "I'll have to tell people about that at the potluck." So you see, I will be back -- if only for a Monday night!

Well, folks, carry it on. I'll look for you in the pages of my local news paper -- Per was there yesterday!

Love,

KATH BUFFINGTON

Blinking Red Light

Dear PNL,

The Peace Newsletter has given significant space to viewpoints on the coming national elections. This is appropriate: elections are, or should be important.

But suppose there are no elections. Or suppose the United States is a war in November? In the five months between now and November, will Ronald Reagan become confident enough, or desperate enough to try for dictatorship and/or start a war?

In a press conference on April 4, Mr Reagan, with searing contempt, called the Congress "a committee of 535 individuals." The President followed this by telling Congress not to debate his handling of foreign policy. Sen. Alan Cranston replied, "To suggest that we not debate policy is to suggest a dictatorship."

In a speech April 6 President Reagan said, "Military force, either direct or indirect, must remain an available part of America's foreign policy." On April 13 Pres. Reagan bypassed Congress to send arms to El Salvador.

On April 17 Mr. Reagan signed National Security Decision Directive #138 authorizing pre-emptive strikes or re-

prisal raids on suspected terrorists abroad. On April the President sought authority to jail Americans who assist or "act in concert with" groups the Secretary of State labels as terrorist.

There is a truly peaceful, obviously legal and hopefully effective means by which Americans can say "NO!" to dictatorship and war.

Without malice, but with the greatest sense of urgency, I call for the creation of a Committee for the Impeachment of Pres. Ronald Reagan.

-ANGUS MACDONALD

Let's Combine Efforts

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to "Unsigned's" letter (April 1984 PNL.) Unsigned stated that (s)he was "very disturbed to see a Prolifers for Survival ad in the Peace Newsletter."

Like "Unsigned" I am a feminist who realizes that women with unwanted pregnancies are often the victims of male-oppression. As "Unsigned" implied, I too believe that men often pressure women who are physically, financially, or emotionally unstable into bearing and raising unwanted children.

But, I feel "Unsigned" only pointed out half the oppression issue. I have seen many instances where irresponsible, disrespectful men coerced their distraught wives/lovers into having an abortion. Male oppression excels in both arenas.

Okay -- What am I saying? Ban all abortion? This would be as near-sighted and destructive as saying "All pro-lifers are oppressive and therefore we should ban their ads from Peace Newsletters."

What I am saying is that we spend too much energy pointing the accusing finger. Both groups know that neither abortion, contraception, nor adoption is the total answer.

I don't know the complete answer, but I earnestly believe part of it lies in a basic precept of all religions and feminism: reevaluation of principles. As Adrienne Rich, feminist writer and poet, said: "In reality, the feminist movement could be said to be trying to visualize and make way for a world

in which abortion would not be necessary."

Pro-life? Pro-choice? If we both could combine our efforts and teach people to make responsible decisions that respect life, we wouldn't need the division.

Please, "Unsigned," don't label one organization as oppressive, but rather work against oppression in all facets of all groups.

-LESLIE NOBLE

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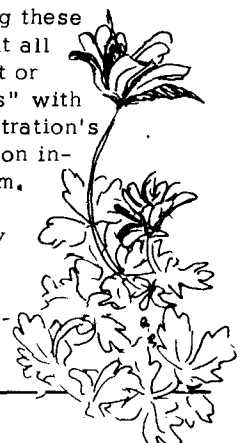
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I am writing to publicly apply for the \$500,000 reward the Reagan Administration has proposed for information on acts of international terrorism. I am especially interested in the reward because for several years I have been making weekly contributions, deducted automatically from my paychecks, to finance the activities of groups engaged in international terrorist activities. I might, therefore, need the money to pay my legal expenses if the new legislation is passed.

The information I have concerns a certain organization which has been training terrorist groups in Florida and Southern California, equipping them with sophisticated weapons and ammunition, directing their operations, providing logistical support, and recruiting terrorists from other countries to assist them with certain operations. Lest someone else claim the reward before me, I want to be quite specific. The activities I mention are those of the U. S. government in its support of insurgent groups who are attempting to overthrow the Nicaraguan government through bombings, mining of harbors, etc., which have led to many deaths and the destruction of property owned by nationals of numerous countries.

I am worried because through my income taxes--our income taxes--we have been financing these activities and might all be subject to arrest or "preemptive strikes" with the Reagan Administration's new "tough stand" on international terrorism. If there is anything left after paying my legal expenses, I will gladly donate the rest toward paying yours.

- JIM ZWICK



In This Issue

Combine the pursuit of peace with play at the Thornden Park Peace Festival June 9.

"Madre to Madre" exports love, not death, to Central America, and "The Great Salvadoran Election Show" debunks Duarte's "democracy!"

Embattled hope is indicated in "Human Rights in Argentina." "Pairing for Peace" might be a subtitle for "What About the Russians?"

Well-earned Gay Pride blazes forth in "Affairs of the Heart."

"The Quick Freeze Moratorium" highlights an exciting initiative.

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You know it's spring at the SPC house ...

- Gary mowed the grass for the first time since last summer.
- We cleaned the garage (and now have a pile of firewood, free for the taking).
- The tulips in front are bursting with color.
- We had a day of spring cleaning, taking down the storm windows, straightening up, throwing out smelly food in the refrigerator.
- The cherry tree in back is white with blossoms (when petals started to fall, it looked like snow).
- Stuff starts showing up for the SPC garage sale. In fact, by an odd twist of fate we discovered a toilet seat in a box of garage sale items moments after we had discussed the need for a new one.

We've also been busily interviewing prospective staff people. 4 of us from the house are on the staff search committee (along with 3 other people). It has been fun and exhausting meeting the applicants, taking them around town, and talking-talking-talking with them.

- Carol Baum

SPC Statement of Purpose

The Syracuse Peace Council (SPC), founded in 1936, is an antiwar/social justice organization. It is community-based, autonomous and funded by the contributions of its supporters.

SPC educates, agitates and organizes for a world where war, violence and exploitation in any form will no longer exist. It challenges the existing unjust power relationships among nations, among people and between ourselves and the environment. As members, we work to replace inequality, hierarchy, domination and powerlessness with mutual respect, personal empowerment, cooperation and a sense of community.

Present social injustices cannot be understood in isolation from each other nor can they be overcome without recognizing their economic and militaristic roots. SPC stresses a strategy that makes these connections clear. We initiate and support activities that help build this sense of community and help tear down the walls of oppression. A fundamental basis for peace and justice is an economic system that places human need above monetary profit. We establish relationships among people based on cooperation rather than competition or the threat of destruction.

Our political values and personal lives shape and reflect each other. In both we are committed to nonviolent means of conflict resolution and to a process of decision-making that responds to the needs of all.

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Volunteer Summer Jobs Help fix up The SPC Building

Spring got here! Recently we conducted our annual spring cleanup here at the SPC office. We uncovered many different items in need of repair, adjustment and fixing. We need folks with some spare time this spring and summer to help us refurbish and renew. Can you make some time for us?

For example, our kitchen faucet drips and needs new washers. The front door is old and dirty and needs a paint job. So does the front porch, as does much of the rest of the building as well. Two years ago, a beautiful effort was begun by Brent Bleier in painting the front and ramp side. This effort needs completion.

Our front steps - on which thousands of activists and volunteers trod every year - needs to be rebuilt. Again, so does the stairway leading to our Printshop.

If you find yourself with too much time dreaming in the sun this summer, give us a call and we'll help you help us fix the office. It's a lasting contribution to SPC.

Do an office Phone Shift

More summer opportunities! Those of you in education - teachers, profs, students - we know you're out there and we know you've got some time off this summer. Doubtless your time is well-earned and precious. But, please consider being a volunteer staffer in the office this summer. See and feel how a local peace group operates on a daily basis. Any amount of steady time per week or month is needed. Phone shift volunteers are very helpful to us. Remember too, your time can be considered alternative work credit with the Real Food Coop.

Birthday Dinner in Review

The Peace Council's 48th annual Birthday Dinner was an evening to remember, in many respects. Several people were recognized and remembered during the program for their work with SPC. Liz McAllister's talk - an ambitious attempt to link, by analogy, the atrocities of Nazi Germany with the atrocity of nuclear war - was received with some anger and disagreement. The food was tasty, the buffet style working well once again, the program was varied, the mood jovial.

Barb Dunn opened the evening with song, as she has for so many previous SPC dinners. The Peace Awards went to Marge Rusk for her long standing commitment and years of work and to May Memorial Unitarian Society and Plymouth Congregational Church for their granting of sanctuary to refugees from Central America.

An additional peace award went to the combined Euro-missile resistance of 1983 which included the Women's Peace Encampment, the October 22nd & 24th demonstrations at the Seneca Army Depot, "Ten Days of Actions", the Griffiss Plowshares and the Canada to Griffiss walks of last summer, all of which brought attention to first strike weaponry in Upstate New York.

Glenda Neff then took time to remember Gary Weinstein and Karen Beetle, both of whom are leaving the staff at the end of this summer.

The dinner raised \$340 for SPC. The speaker's fee of \$200 was donated to the defense fund for the Griffiss Plowshare of which Liz is a member.

In her talk, Liz discussed the phenomenon of how human beings, trapped in horrendous conditions, attempt to "normalize the atrocious" in attempts to survive. She made the analogy between the concentration camps of Nazi Germany, the millions of Jewish victims of that holocaust and the incineration awaiting us all in the nuclear arsenals of the world. The analogy relied heavily upon examples of how Jewish inmates "normalized" their conditions of internment. She then cited many examples of how we carry on normal life today, in neglect and in disregard of the holocaust being readied to happen.

Several people took issue with the validity of McAllister's analogy. They were angry with how they thought it furthered the dangerous fallacy that Jews collaborated in their own genocide. Without mentioning the instances of Jewish resistance, including the armed Warsaw Ghetto uprising, the analogy is flawed, if not destructive, they claimed.

McAllister listened to the criticism and responded with apologies. Many stayed afterwards to talk amongst themselves or with her. The debate and the perception by some of anti-Semitism, needs to be remembered, discussed and examined by the Peace Council and its supporters.

Garage Sale June 9th

The Peace Council Garage Sale is approaching fast. It will be on Saturday June 9th from 10am to 5pm. This is an important SPC fundraiser and a community recycling action.

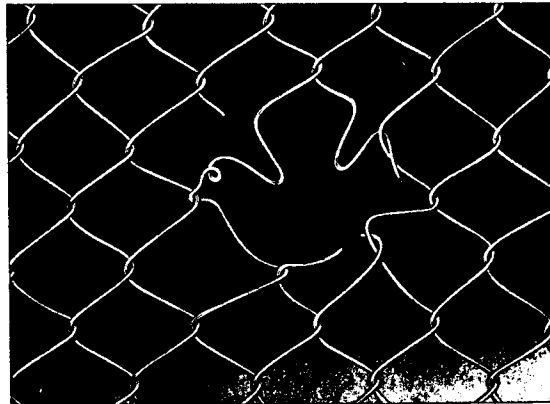
The sale always brings out many unusual items and lots of books, so mark your calendars!

To make the sale a success, we need lots of items donated. As you do your spring cleaning, consider making a donation to the Peace Council. Bring them to the SPC office, call Allen for pick up, or bring them to ECOH on the day of the sale. See back page of PNL for more details.

Hiroshima-Nagasaki Planning to Begin

This year's Hiroshima / Nagasaki commemoration could be our biggest, most serious in many years. We are finding many ideas and much energy for carrying out perhaps a four day vigil with themes on each day and much more. It will afford the chance to bring Central New York peace groups together. We need volunteers to help get this project off the ground. The planning begins immediately. Call SPC.

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Syracuse Peace Council

Summary of Council Meeting

The 6th SPC Council Meeting took place on April 29th. About 20 SPC members gathered to evaluate ongoing and future SPC work.

The Project Report booklet was distributed and read, after which Central America and Disarmament Project work was discussed. The Potluck series was also scrutinized, as was the relationship between the PNL and SPC projects.

The meeting was rounded out with an OM report, a staff search update, and a review of the newly composed SPC FBI policy.

The icing on the cake was the first ever discussion of the upcoming SPC 50th year anniversary in January

1986. A brainstorming session created lots of positive notions for what could be done to mark the occasion. A planning meeting was arranged for September 10th. Check out the next Peace Newsletter for the time and place. We'll also be in touch with membership towards the end of summer about this.



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June 4th Join The Griffiss Blockade SEE PAGE 8 FOR MORE!!

June 11th The Peace Movement and the American Flag

More peace activists seem to be "reclaiming" the American flag as a positive symbol. Is the American flag a symbol which reflects a message we want to communicate? What positive values does it represent? Are these values embodied in other symbols which are less offensive to other people here and around the world for whom the American flag has been a symbol of oppression? Join us for a lively discussion.

June 18th Folk Song Sing-along.

Here is a chance to share your songs or just sing along with others. A "folk song" can be any song you've learned that doesn't need a 6 piece band behind it. Bring songs that are old or new, songs your mother taught you, songs you sang at camp or on picket lines. Bring copies of the lyrics if you can. Maybe your songs will be carried on to other events and generations! With Glenda Neff.

June 25th A Consistent Approach to Peace and Life.

What does the peace movement have to do with being prolife? Issues such as nonviolence and unborn persons, how some prochoice arguments are actually antifeminist, and how rights of the disabled as well as the unborn are at stake, will be considered. Scott Rains and Patti Narciso staff the Northeast Regional Office of Prolifers for Survival.

THE FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE 821 Euclid (near the corner of Westcott, across from ECOH)
FOR INFORMATION/INPUT ON POTLUCK DISCUSSIONS CALL SPC AT (315) 472-5478

The SPC Disarmament Project 1984

What About The Russians ??

A look at The U.S.- U.S.S.R. Paired Cities Project

by Ann Tierney

This article concerns the fourth theme of SPC's Disarmament Project '84, "What about the Russians?" In subsequent articles we will explore US-Soviet relations and the dynamics of their deadly weapons competition.

U.S. - Soviet Relations

It could be argued that US-Soviet relations are at their lowest point since the two countries established diplomatic relations over 50 years ago.

When World War II ended, US enemies Germany and Japan were devastated, as was the USSR. But the massive US military-industrial complex needed a continuing enemy. Consequently the late 1940s saw our Soviet ally become our Cold War foe. If the Soviet Union hadn't existed, we would have had to invent it. And so the nuclear arms race began.

The USSR has just withdrawn from the Los Angeles summer Olympics. US officialdom has chalked this up to fear of defections. This explanation ignores the contradictory evidence of the many previous Olympics held outside of the Eastern bloc. (We might remind ourselves that Soviet athletes passed up the "opportunity" to defect when the 1980 winter Olympics came to Lake Placid.)

Syracuse meets Vyshniy-Volochek

With governmental bellicosity and the arms talks impasse as a backdrop, Ground Zero, a national nonprofit, nonpartisan education group about the nuclear arms race, has set up a pairing project of US and Soviet cities; for example, Washington is paired with Moscow, New York City with Leningrad, and Syracuse with Vyshniy Volochek.

To date, over 1000 US communities have been matched with Soviet counterparts by Ground Zero. The aim is to promote grassroots communications between American citizens

and Soviet citizens, with the theory that it's harder to go to war against people that, in some sense, you are acquainted with. According to Phil Klein, a local coordinator of the Pairing Project, "Everyone seems to realize the necessity of dialogue with the US and the USSR--with the notable exception of the Reagan administration."

In Syracuse, the first meeting was held in early February at May Memorial Unitarian Society. It was open to the public. Representatives of many Syracuse peace and justice groups attended. In the first stage of the pairing project (which has been dubbed "Make the first strike a knock on the door"), participants in the US briefly study Soviet society, with special emphasis on the paired city. They then prepare a "community portrait" of their own city to send to their Soviet sister city.



The packet generally includes letters from ordinary citizens and school children, photos of city scenes, copies of local newspapers, and messages of greeting from city officials. The Syracuse community profile is nearly ready to be mailed. Project members are hoping to include a friendship resolution from the Syracuse Common Council, as well as a cassette tape of the Syracuse Symphony performing Russian and American works.

Vyshniy Volochek, Syracuse's paired city, has a population of about 75,000 people. It is located halfway between Moscow and Leningrad. It is considerably smaller than Syracuse, by a factor of seven, but there are several similarities.

According to the Great Soviet Encyclopedia (available in the downtown Syracuse public library), transportation has been an important factor in the development of Vyshniy Volochek and in its economy today. A canal, built in 1709, is part of a larger water system of lakes, rivers and barge canals. The waterways now are mainly used for local transportation and recreation.

Major highways and railroads pass through the city. Like Syracuse, Vyshniy Volochek has a medical school, a drama theater, and a museum of regional history. There is also a technical school specializing in textiles. It is a major hub of the textile industry.

Vyshniy Volochek produces machines and glass, in addition to beds, mirrors and pianos. There are also meat-packing and dairy plants. Like Syracuse, Vyshniy Volochek is not a major tourist attraction. However, some Pairing Project members are planning to visit the city during future trips to the USSR.

Local Opposition

There have been a handful of letters to the editor in the two Syracuse daily newspapers, expressing opposition to the Paired Cities Project. These have been reminiscent, in both tone and content, of the McCarthy-era red-baiting and anti-Soviet hysteria.

Phil Klein detects an obsession in these letter-writers with the notion that top secret information is being funnelled to the USSR via these community portraits, and that the KGB is thus "saving millions of rubles in expenses and thousands of hours in time." Klein responds that all the packet material is readily available to anyone, consisting of brochures

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Militarism

about local museums, pictures of people eating lunch in Columbus Circle, some panoramas of Syracuse, and snapshots of the Carrier Dome.

Klein dismisses the charges of national security breaches as ridiculous. While he feels that these letter-writers are sincere, he believes that they are examples of the paranoia and unreasoning hatred and suspicion with which too many Americans regard the Soviet Union. It is this very paranoia which illustrates the need for ventures like the Pairing Project. Klein invites anyone with

questions about the project to attend a meeting and see at first hand what it is all about.

Future Hopes

The second phase of the Pairing Project would begin after a response from the Soviet city. This could take some time because of the bureaucracy involved. Three copies of the community profile have to be sent: one to the Vyshny Volochek mayor and City Council, one to the Soviet Ministry of Cities, and another to the Ministry of Schools. Phase Two involves exchanges of

school students, civic and educational groups, representatives of government, labor, industry and the arts.

One American city--Eureka, Montana--has received a reply from its paired city Earl Molander, founder of the Ground Zero Pairing Project, has been in touch with Soviet officials and reports that another hundred or so cities will soon be getting responses.

On Friday, June 1st, Syracuse mailed its community portrait to the Soviet Union, with hope. ❁

Join The Peace Council's Disarmament Project '84

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Planning begins immediately for the annual August 6th through 9th commemoration.

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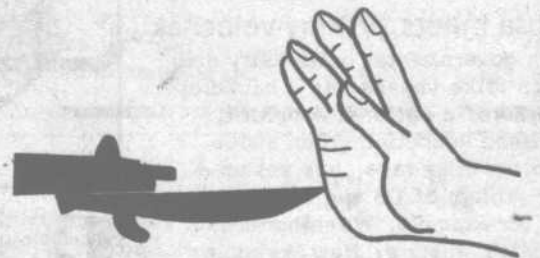
Mail to: PNL, 924 Burnet Ave., Syracuse, NY 13203



Join us at Griffiss...

Picnic, Walk & Vigil Sat., June 2

Picnic at noon at Bellamy Park in Rome. Walk leaves for the Mohawk Gate at 1pm. Carpools leave from AFSC, 821 Euclid Ave. in Syracuse at 10:30 am. Call 472-5478 for info.



Non-Violent Blockade Mon., June 4

An attempt to disrupt "business-as-usual" for the day.

People participating in the blockade should be part of an affinity group. Support help is needed. Call 472-5478 (Syracuse) or 797-3136 (Utica) for more info.

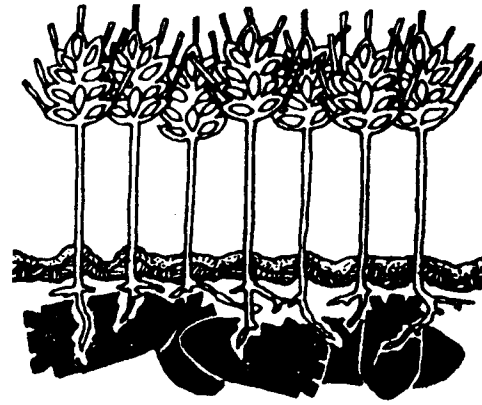
A Challenge to the Soviets — The Quick Freeze Moratorium

The Congressional Quick Freeze, or the Arms Race Moratorium Act, as it is also called, is the new legislative strategy of the Nuclear Weapons Freeze. It is designed to put pressure on the Soviet government as well as the U.S. government. It is also structured to bypass the need for presidential initiative. As Helen Caldicott put it in her presentation to the Freeze Voter convention in Syracuse on May 19, "President Reagan is medically contra-indicated."

The original Congressional Freeze Resolution called for immediate negotiations for a bilateral nuclear weapons freeze. It mandated the President to propose a freeze to the Soviet Union, and if the Soviets agreed, to negotiate such a freeze in good faith. Thus the resolution depended on presidential initiative. Finally, it was not connected to the budget-authorization-appropriations process by which nuclear weapons continue to be funded.

The 1984 legislative strategy for the Freeze Campaign calls for an immediate, verified U.S. - U.S.S.R. halt at the BEGINNING OF THE FREEZE NEGOTIATING PROCESS rather than at the end. It emphasizes CONGRESSIONAL rather than PRESIDENTIAL initiative because it is based upon a Congressional funding suspension tied to reciprocal Soviet action - a "president-proof strategy."

The 1984 strategy involves a Congressional suspension of funds for those aspects of the nuclear arms race which both the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. are currently mon-



itoring and verifying with high confidence. At a minimum, this would include the testing and deployment of all nuclear warheads and the flight testing and deployment of new ballistic missiles.

Thus the "Quick Freeze" deals with the three biggest concerns about disarmament:

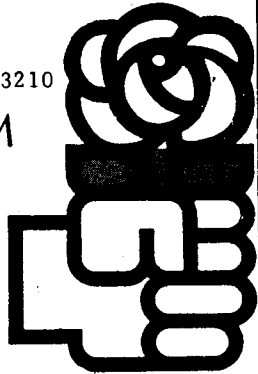
1. President Reagan - the Quick Freeze bypasses the President.
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 3. Verification- The Quick Freeze halts those aspects of the arms race over which there is no verifiability controversy. Other aspects such as production and reductions are to be negotiated immediately following the Quick Freeze as part of negotiations for a comprehensive Freeze.
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VISIONS of Peace

Celebrate the future and share your hopes for a better world at the Community Peace Festival in Thornden Park on Saturday, June 9.

The festival will open with a colorful, exciting parade. To become part of the parade with musicians, stiltwalkers, clowns, mimes, 18' puppets and other joy-makers, meet promptly at 9:45am at Erwin Methodist Church (corner of Euclid and Westcott). We will lead the parade down Westcott at 11:00 and empty into the Thornden Park amphitheatre by noon.

Stage entertainment in the amphitheatre will begin at 12:00, 3:00 & 5:00 including jazz, blues and folk music, mime, break dancing, contra dancing, Morris dancing and aerobics, as well as some marvelous storytelling.

The hour-long breaks between performances will allow you to participate in new games, mural painting, T-shirt making, button making, large-group weaving, and many other crafts and creations.

Small children can paint their faces, listen to stories and ride ponies. There will be much for parents and children to enjoy together. Minstrels, clowns, and jugglers will roam the grounds and "Visions of Peace", the art of children throughout Syracuse, will be on display.

Plenty of delicious food will be found, or bring a picnic to make it a day-long celebration!

Artists, Organizers, People with Energy! Help us build the festival; call Gloria at 479-5977

Rain Date—June 10th (parade at noon)

A Community Peace Festival
Thornden Park
Saturday, June 9th, 1984

A Place in the Woods

On the way there a couple of startled wings fluttered, and that was all. One goes there alone. It is a lofty building made entirely of open spaces, a building which sways all the time, but is never able to fall. The sun, changed into a thousand suns, drifts in through the open slivers. And an inverse law of gravity takes hold in the play of light: this house floats anchored in the sky, and what falls falls upward. It makes you turn around. In the woods it is all right to grieve. It's all right to see the old truths, which we usually keep packed away in the luggage. My roles down there in the deep places fly up, hang like dried skulls in an ancestor hut on a remote Melanesian island. A childlike light around the terrifying trophies. Woods are mild that way.

Tomas Tranströmer
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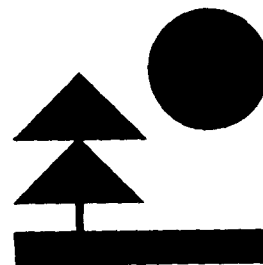
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Fast for Religious Freedom

On April 10, Leonard Peltier, Standing Deer and Al Garza began a spiritual life fast to demand the right to freely practice their religions.

In a letter to prison administrators at Marion Federal Prison (where the 3 are being held), Leonard stated, *The United States refuses to allow me to practice my religion in any form ... the next few months are the most important challenge I have ever faced because I am fighting for my freedom; I am fighting for justice in a country where justice for my people is nearly impossible to obtain.*

They were transferred to the Medical Unit for Federal Prisoners in Springfield, MO, but were returned to Marion on May 15. At press time, all 3 were beginning to weaken. They are being kept in isolation in "strip cells".



Letters can be sent to: Norm Carlson, Director; Bureau of Prisons, 320 First St. NW; Washington, DC 20534, Jerry Williford, Warden; Federal Prison; Box 1000; Marion, IL 62959 and Hon. Robert Kastenmeir; 2232 Rayburn House Office Bldg.; Washington, DC 20515.

Meanwhile, the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals ordered an evidentiary hearing to determine if Leonard should receive a new trial, based on FBI ballistics test results which were kept from his defense team at the original trial.

Six Nations Oath Exemption

On March 1, 1983, the NYS Assembly passed an act exempting 'Native American Indians' from taking the loyalty oath in order to teach in schools in NYS. The Act, an amend-

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ment to the education law, implicitly acknowledges the sovereignty of Indian nations while reaffirming the nation-to-nation relationship of the Fort Stanwix Treaty of 10/22/1784.

Bill #7281 has been introduced by Senator Joseph R. Pisani. Send letters to: Senator Warren Anderson, 336 State Capitol Bldg., Albany, NY 12247. Info: Lee Lyons 685-5904.

CIA Infiltrator in Europe ??

The European peace movement was jolted recently when an energetic and outspoken North American resident of a Dutch peace camp confessed to being a CIA infiltrator. John David Gardiner, 42, had been living at the peace camp at Woensdrecht when he revealed his true identity to fellow peace activists. Saying, "It's very difficult to betray people who've welcomed you, accepted you, and trusted you", Gardiner claims to have been regularly supplying information about the peace camp to Dutch agents and a contact at the American Embassy. He is now said to be hiding in West Germany.

Gardiner's story—regardless of its validity—has damaged the supportive and trusting relationship between the Dutch peace movement and its North American supporters. Julie Maya Stoil, an American grad student studying Dutch peace camps, has had interviews with Dutch peace activists cancelled and has been "strongly advised" to cancel her scheduled visit to Woensdrecht. By jointly voicing outrage at this violation, Stoil says, the European and American peace movements can rebuild trust and decrease the likelihood of further incidents of this kind.

Campaign to Release Kidnapped Salvadoran

A North American campaign is now underway for the release of Claudina Calderon; a 29 year old Salvadoran mother and University student who was recently abducted, along with her infant son, by Salvadoran security forces. Calderon has recently been seen alive in a concealed government prison, but is feared to be in grave danger and subject to con-

stant torture. Letters, cables, and phone calls demanding her release can be sent to:

Ambassador Thomas Pickering
U.S. Embassy
San Salvador, El Salvador

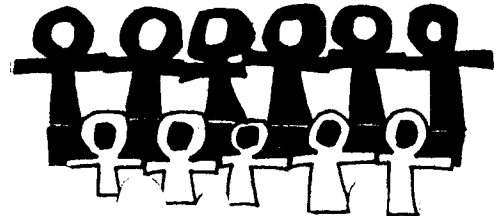
For more information, write:
Campaign to Release Claudina Calderon
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Berkeley, CA 94704

Pax World Fund Payout

Pax World Fund, the first full-scale, socially responsible investment fund in the nation, announced recently the distribution of the largest payout in its history; total return for 1983 amounted to 23% profit.

The Fund was created to provide socially responsible investment choices to persons of conscience. It invests in life-supporting, non-weapons related industries; firms with fair employment practices; companies exercising pollution control; and some international development. Write to:

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224 State Street
Portsmouth, NH 03801



Reagan Unwelcomed by Irish Women

Irish Women for Disarmament, a group of feminists in Dublin, Ireland working for disarmament, have announced a series of actions to protest the scheduled visit of President Reagan to their country. Condemning Reagan's foreign policy as "dangerous" and instrumental in the increase of wars, repression, and hunger worldwide, the women plan to establish a self-sufficient camp, conduct non-violent workshops, and do civil disobedience. They hope these actions will reduce the vote-getting effectiveness of Reagan's visit, and make it clear that "he is unwelcome" in Ireland—his ancestral home.

For more information, write:
Irish Women for Disarmament
Women's Center
53 Dame Street
Dublin 2, Ireland

Human Rights in Argentina

Squaring the Circle

by Paul Weichselbaum

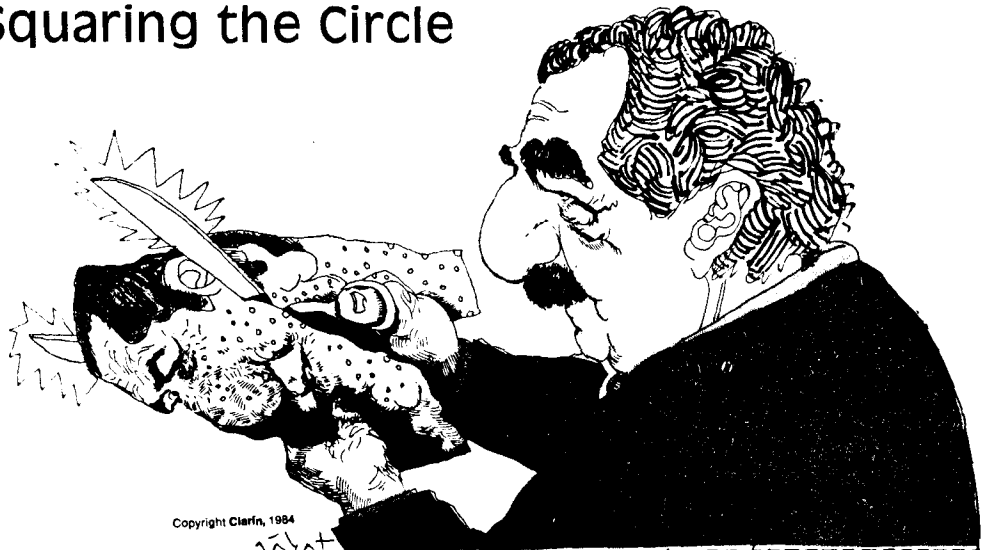
During the harshest days of Argentina's late 1970s "dirty war against subversion," one would have been hard-pressed to see a non-violent path out of the military junta's reign of state terrorism. Observers from quite different viewpoints saw the terror as a flaw inherent in Argentine character, and not just as an outgrowth of particular circumstances. These observers have emphasized Argentina's strained imitation of its European roots, and its violence-ridden patriarchal society: a society which shifts from worship of Peronist demagoguery to submission to fascist military dictatorship.

Argentine character will perhaps always be on trial for Argentine behavior during the last forty years, and particularly for the dirty war which led to the deaths and disappearances of 6000 or more Argentines between 1976 and 1979. Yet there has been a decisive break with that past, a break which may lead to a full reckoning with the totalitarian brutality of that dirty war.

On October 30, 1983 Argentines elected Raul Alfonsin to the presidency of Argentina. Alfonsin, candidate of the Radical Civic Union, was a long shot. For close to forty years Argentine electoral politics had been dominated by the Peronists, who alternated their periods in power with coups by the military. By last October, Argentina was a bundle of economic, social, and military failures. Alfonsin's election was made possible by the military's arrogant bumbling, especially the disastrous Falklands/Malvinas invasion, rather than its barbarism.

Alfonsin's "100 Days"

Rather than attempting to consolidate his power through appeasing the military, which is still capable of attempting a coup, Alfonsin has acted forcefully on almost every front. Likened to Franklin Roosevelt's "First Hundred Days," Alfonsin's program has confronted such issues as human rights, Argentina's enormous national debt, the demo-



cratization of trade unions, the end of arms aid to Central America's right-wing governments and contras in Nicaragua, the restructuring of the armed forces, and gaining control over triple-digit inflation.

The issue bound up with the character of Argentina is human rights. Alfonsin has determined that the Nazi-style terror of the dirty war will be brought to light, and that those responsible at all levels will be tried and punished. The National Commission on Disappeared Persons (CODEP) is the instrument of this plan for justice, and it is possibly the first step toward establishing respect for human rights as the norm rather than the exception in Argentina.

The first prosecutions have been instituted against some of the highest ranking generals and admirals of the junta. There have also been prosecutions against those who conducted the Falklands/Malvinas war. The military is undergoing a major shake-up which will see many junior officers promoted. The old guard, despite well-publicized resistance, has not been able to deter CODEP, and the amnesty which they declared for themselves shortly before the October election has been without effect.

While prosecutions move forward, CODEP daily hears testimony from survivors and witnesses, and turns up new burial sites and torture centers. The Madres de la Plaza de Mayo still march every Thursday,

reminding all of Argentina of the terror which the majority ignored.

A debate simmers among Argentines as to what ordinary people could have done to protest or impede the disappearances. Many on the right believe the desaparecidos got what they deserved and the right will be quite ready to applaud if the military steps back in. Within the Jewish community the debate is especially intense, for when Jews were disappeared, their torture was more extreme than the norm and the torturers echoed Nazi ideology in carrying out brutalities against Jews.

Political Ferment

While it is not yet possible to say that most Argentines are willing to honestly examine their recent past, it is clear that Argentines feel a political fervor for their future. Not only is Alfonsin's regime embarked on programs affecting all aspects of Argentine society but people at large are staking their own claims and enjoying the freedoms denied them for nearly a decade.

In the midst of all this political activity all parties are regrouping. As in much of South America, the left is a collection of small to medium-sized parties, each following its own doctrine. The Communist Party is reevaluating its electoral alliance with the Peronists, while the other left parties have not decided how to react to Alfonsin's initiatives. Since Alfonsin's Radical Party has stolen the left's thunder on human rights

Paul lived in several South American countries.

and on standing up to the IMF, the left is in a difficult situation. The Peronist parties are looking to regain control, but so far have committed themselves to seeing democracy survive. Those likely to gain most if Alfonsín falters are the right-wing parties, who are already trying to undermine his government and who have been accused by some deputies of "destabilization."

Elections: Free & Otherwise

Particular circumstances, almost of a "Mouse That Roared" variety, led to Argentina's October 1983 election. Because the military's prestige and power were at their lowest point in years, that election allowed people a free choice among clearly divergent alternatives. Yet Argentine society's character is not summed up by those idiosyncratic events. The election did not square the circle, nor did it destroy the quick resort to violence and the deep disdain for disorder that are endemic in Argentine culture.

Within South America's Southern Cone, other nations are not even as fortunate as Argentina. Chile's dictator Pinochet has promised elec-

tions in 1997, but currently the unions are successfully organizing general strikes, other groups are bombing banks and government buildings, and a nationwide, non-violent movement is developing to seek Pinochet's and the military's ouster ASAP. The Uruguayan junta offers elections and political freedom and then conditions the offer, and Uruguayans show increasing signs of frustration and impatience. And then there is Paraguay, Gen. Stroessner's totalitarian, genocidal stronghold, and a loyal ally of the Reagan administration. Any change in Paraguay is on the distant horizon.

Other Latin American nations have had or will shortly hold elections. Participation in Latin American elections is nearly always widespread and usually compulsory. Participation cannot be traced solely to the election card everyone must carry in El Salvador or Peru or Venezuela. In nations where elections are few and far between, and people are powerless, an election has the appearance of change and new possibility.

In nations where elections are rigged, people have the satisfaction of knowing what the true results actu-

ally were. And in nations where people must routinely choose the lesser of two evils, even the appearance of choice---as between Duarte and D'Aubuisson in El Salvador---is somehow more satisfactory than no choice at all.

Each nation, of course, has its own history and character. The November elections in Nicaragua should be a veritable fiesta, for a people already empowered in its daily life will have a chance to extend and signify its political participation. In El Salvador, no election can resolve the people's struggle, for the struggle is itself over who shall rule El Salvador.

The murders of 40,000 civilians in El Salvador are horrifying and intolerable, but not senseless: the murders are the last gasp of the oligarchy. The disappearances of 6000 or more in Argentina were nearly senseless: not symptoms of a class war so much as a war against the phantom of disorder. Raul Alfonsín is fighting a quixotic battle against the brutal senselessness of Argentina of the late 1970s, and the battle is yet all the more noble for being unexpected.



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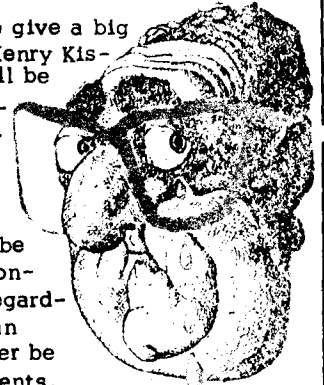
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Protest Kissinger's Visit June 8th

On June 8th it will be time to give a big Central New York welcome to Henry Kissinger. On that evening he will be giving a talk at SUNY Binghamton. Organizers there are planning a series of actions around the talk, concentrating on his recent role in Reagan's Central America policy. Kissinger will be speaking at a closed dinner sponsored by the Harpers Forum. Regardless of University funding for an event on campus, it will neither be open to the public nor the students.

He is expected to give a press conference at 5:30 and the dinner will start at 8:00. Organizations throughout the region have been contacted to help build for the protest. SPC will be organizing transportation from this area, so please call if you can go, especially if you can drive down. Let's not forget Henry's role in creating and implementing U.S. foreign policy in the past decades; from nuclear weapons in the 50's to Viet Nam in the 60's, Chile and Angola, and now Central America. He is a main creator of the policies of the American Empire and should be exposed as the war criminal he is.

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Madre to Madre

Joining Hands and Hearts with Women and Children in Central America

Tell your president to stop killing our people, We know that the people in your country don't want to be at war with us.

This was the overall message from the Nicaraguan people heard repeatedly by a 13 women delegation which delivered 2 tons of dry milk and baby cereal to Managua last March. The delegation was part of an international friendship committee called Madre to Madre.

Madre is a woman to woman, people to people connection between the U.S. and Central America. Madre connects the problems women face in this country with the struggles of women in Central America. It connects U.S. military involvement in Central America with its effects on human beings both here and there.

U.S. caused property damage to Nicaragua in 1983 exceeded \$25 billion. In that year alone loss of human life in Nicaragua was proportionally equivalent to all U.S. citizens killed in the Vietnam War.

As the Reagan administration increases funds spent to wage war in Central America it continues to decrease domestic spending. In 1981 the federal budget for women, infants and children was cut by \$300 million, leaving over 700,000 cases that had been classified as "nutritional risks" without aid. In the following 2 years the U.S. budget was cut by \$700 million in Aid to Families with Dependent Children, while \$1200 million was cut from the food stamp program. These cuts eliminated over 1 million low-income recipients, 900,000 of which are women.

Women throughout the U.S., from varying classes, races, religious and cultural experiences have come together forming Madre to Madre. Madre is a network of groups of women working independently in their local communities. Local Madres share the same goals as the national organization but are encouraged to work autonomously.

In Syracuse the local Madre chose to 'twin' or pair with a community in the city of Leon. A native Syracusan, Sr. Barbara Ginter who is now working as a Maryknoll missionary in Leon, has been instrumental in setting up this 'twinning' project. Madre learned of the need to set up a day-care center in Leon through Barbara. She says that in her community "there are nearly 500 children who would qualify for day-care. The center would of course foster child development which is so needed, while free-



ing up the mothers' time to work or pursue their primary or secondary educations."

Because of the U.S. economic boycott of Nicaragua, and the recent mining of Nicaraguan ports, basic supplies are scarce and, when available, expensive. Through Madre local children at Jowonio pre-school have donated crayons, magic markers, water colors, paper and bubble-gum to the children of Leon. Local fundraisers have collected over \$1200 for the center.

Soon a letter-writing campaign between women in Syracuse and women in Leon will be initiated. "By writing letters we connect ourselves with individuals with whom we are building a community," says one Madre woman. "It brings us closer to their daily struggles and them to ours."

On June 9, Madre representatives will be present at the Visions of Peace Festival in Thorenden Park. Names and photographs of Nicaraguan women eager to be pen-pals with Syracuse women will be available that day.

For more information contact Martha Swan -478-7779 or write Madre P.O. Box 6832, Syr., N.Y. 13217

Only those in the struggle will be able to help others in the struggle. And those in the struggle are none other than ourselves who everyday are "singing for our lives." -Sr. Barbara Ginter

-Janet Schneider and Katie Froelich

Local Witness for Peace Group Forms

The Witness for Peace is an experiment in nonviolent action at the border between Nicaragua and Honduras. It has grown out of the experience of North Americans who were present along the border in July, 1983. According to one of those first participants, "Our presence in the war zone was a source of great comfort to the Nicaraguan people and offered some degree of protection for them while we were there. We decided that we should

make this presence permanent, and that we should do so in a very public and visible way..."

Our threefold purpose: 1) to develop an ever-broadening, prayerful, biblically-based community of United States citizens who stayed with the Nicaraguan people by acting in continuous nonviolent resistance to U.S. covert or overt intervention in their country; 2) to mobilize public opinion and help change U.S. foreign policy

to one which fosters justice, peace, and friendship; and 3) to welcome others in this endeavor who vary in spiritual approach but are one with us in purpose.

Locally we are organizing a delegation from Central New York to take part in the Witness for Peace program from October 31 -- November 14, 1984. For more info on participating and/or fundrasing, call Mary Keough at 476-0048 or Richard Gardner 472-9942.

The Great Salvadoran Election Show

by Ron Shuffler

Make sure the generals know that they need a civilian government headed by somebody like Jose Napoleon Duarte, a centrist politician with a catchy middle name. He's their ticket to all those shiny new gunships...

- William Safire, NY Times 2/26/81

In the first three months of 1980, every civilian member of the "reformist" junta governing El Salvador resigned. Christian Democratic leader Hector Dada left the junta with these words: "We have not been able to stop the repression, and those committing acts of repression go unpunished; the chances for producing reforms with the support of the people are receding beyond reach."

Dada was replaced by Jose Napoleon Duarte, who was named head of state to preserve the facade of "civilian rule." While he served in this post, more than 20,000 Salvadoran civilians--peasants, workers, teachers, priests--anyone who opposed this government-by-terror--were murdered by the Salvadoran security forces and their allies in the death squads.

On Sunday, May 6th, with the help of the U.S. State Department and CIA, Jose Napoleon Duarte was elected President of El Salvador. The event was hailed by President Reagan as a "triumph of democracy", but clearly none of the basic conditions for democratic elections exist in El Salvador amidst the state of terror. There is no freedom of speech or assembly, no independent media, all popular organizations have been repressed by systematic violence and the country is under a military state of siege.

None of this, however, was mentioned by the U.S. media in their glowing accounts of the Salvadoran "exercise in democracy." News was mostly limited to reports on the personalities of the candidates (death squad leader Roberto d'Aubujsson

was described as "flamboyant"), pictures of the long lines of voters (army leaders called nonvoting "treasonable"), and interviews with "official observers" who got hustled to a few polling places, then flew home to tell us how fair and democratic it all was.

The official story is that the "moderates" in El Salvador have won. We must dispose of the myth of the "political center" in El Salvador.

"As Salvadorans continue to die by the thousands, the fine distinctions between the civilian Duarte and the military, between the 'moderates' and the Right, the death squads and the security forces lose all meaning; all are part of a single government."

It is a government that makes war on its own people. Jose Napoleon Duarte will continue and intensify that war, fueled by new American aid. Nothing else will change as a result of the elections, but of course nothing was meant to change. Change, after all, is exactly what the government and military of El Salvador have been fighting to prevent for the past fifty years, often using the tactic of indiscriminate terror. The election had no effect on the lives of those they terrorize, but then, that was not its purpose.

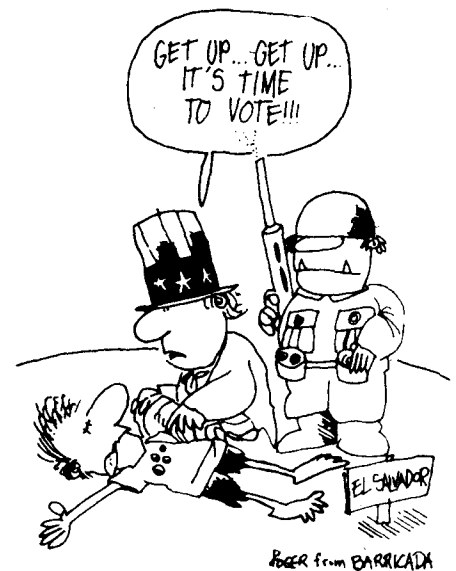
Elections and the CIA

Like the 1967 electoral farce in South Vietnam, the Salvadoran vote was what political scientist Edward S. Herman calls a "demonstration election", one whose primary function is "to demonstrate to the U.S. public that the victim population really wants us there and that we are pursuing democratic ends."

Around the world, however, the American pursuit of democratic ends leaves much to be desired: for example in Iran (1953), Guatemala (1954), and Chile (1957) the Central Intelligence Agency overthrew popularly elected reformist governments and replaced them with right-wing military dictatorships. Henry Kissinger explained, "We cannot allow a country to go communist just because of the irresponsibility of its own people."

While we're on the subject of democracy, consider this: according to the latest Harris poll (taken

after Reagan's May 9th speech) 74% of the American people oppose sending more military aid to the government of El Salvador. Yet on May 10th, our "representatives" in Congress voted to send another 250 million dollars of military equipment to a government responsible for the murder of more than 40,000 of its citizens. The real victor in the Salvadoran election was the U.S. government policy of all-out war in Central America.



Democracy in El Salvador

Democracy, in the form of elective self-government does exist in El Salvador. In the 25% of the country under the control of opposition forces, the peasants themselves are constructing a new government. Each village has a Popular Committee composed of elected representatives of the organizations in the community. The Committee's responsibilities include the administration of health and education programs, food production, culture, defense, and the legal system.

This local government is directly responsible to the whole village and holds bi-weekly town meetings to ensure genuine grass-roots democracy. It is this example that the Salvadoran government and its mentors in Washington are seeking to eradicate with U.S.-supplied bombs, bullets, and napalm. We must try to stop them!

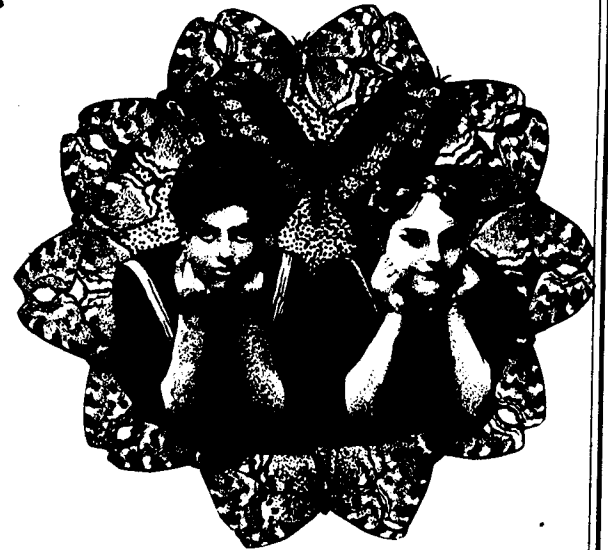
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Affairs of the Heart—

Gay and Lesbian Liberation at Fifteen

by Harry Freeman-Jones

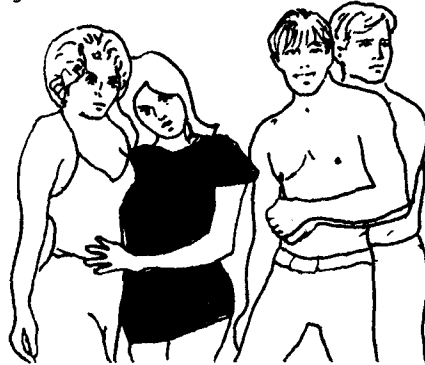
Fifteen years ago in June, a police raid of the Stonewall, a homosexual bar in Greenwich Village backfired. For the first time, "queens and dykes refused to be victims in a game of harassment. Their change in attitude forced the police to protect themselves. . . it would later force priests and politicians alike to arm themselves with dubious moral and Biblical allusions for protection from the "lavender menace."

Defiance and pride had replaced the familiar "eternally defeated" look. Within months, gay and lesbian groups formed in every major city. Some hailed the change openly while many feared what "rocking the boat" would mean for their "discreet" lifestyles. Few thought "queer liberation" would take root in the sexually uptight "Our towns" of America. Surprisingly it flourished. Even Syracuse had its Gay Freedom League by 1971.

Fueled by the new spirit of resistance, one of the largest minorities began to dispel the myths that had long oppressed it. Still the fabled emperor, church and state proceed clad only in homophobic delusions, bereft entirely of moral authority on the subject. Initial attempts to define the "correct" gay/lesbian lifestyle and forge a single-minded movement revealed a diverse world of strangers to one another. No racial, ethnic, religious, or class bonds could unite us. Radicals discovered other gays to be religious or even Republican! Lesbians found gay brothers to be sexist and occasionally real drags. The wealthy were expected to work alongside the marginal fetishists with "All American boys . . . and women"! While early gay/lesbian manifestos hailed Marxism, gay consumerism flexed its muscles in Bloomingdale's. No wonder leadership attempting to step to the front of this revolution is usually cannibalized. The fact is Anita and Jerry have mobilized more

of us than Troy Perry and Ginny Apuzzo cannibalized. The fact is Anita, and Jerry have mobilized more of us than Troy Perry, and Ginny Apuzzo.

Various trends have had their hour. Political correctness has exercised its mini-tyrannies, professionals awakening from long indifferent slumber now seem ascendant over the zealous who tried to promulgate the "true" gay/lesbian . . . and lesbian separatist culture(s). Genderfuckers and Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence share the stage with new apologists stressing a respectable (and sanitized) image. Sending in the clones and "dancin' 'til ya drop" affront the humorless. The dance goes on.



There is the notion that if everyone could see which twenty million we are homophobia would vanish. Not so. It takes more than revelation and respectability. For example, with women, even being in the majority, sexism and its tenets of human devaluation scarcely promises to disappear.

The bigot, homophobe, and misogynist share fear, suspicion and jealousy of any one who lives and loves differently than they do. They yearn for a uniformity of human existence preventing their facing the inadequacies of their own ungenerous lifestyles. Their neuroses can oppress us from within.

Our appropriating notions of self-worth, our distress of other gays/lesbians who are more activist, who dress, play or cohabit differently than we do betrays the spirit of Stonewall. Hiding in a society that can still capriciously deny one's basic civil rights exacts a toll. Lit-

tle lies to those who "don't know" can daily damage self-esteem. Having to hide a lover is a perversity far outstripping Falwell's fear of fellatio. The obscenity of our time is not the reality of gay/lesbian love, but the pernicious attempts of threatened individuals to impose one narrow model of living on the entire human enterprise. Often even the oppressed acquiesce to this illness.

To value successfully one's own capacity to love is an affair of the heart. It is also the most enduring agenda of the gay/lesbian liberation movement—one that confounds political and cultural conventions and enrages the self-righteous of both the Right and Left. At Stonewall the joy, goodness and worth of gay/lesbian love was measured at last by brave and angry hearts and found worthy of defense. Still, some are more at ease with tea dances and softball games than lobbying and organizing, and this must be understood. Because the majority still emerge in unsympathetic families and a hostile culture, just getting "in touch" produces a "high" that is incomprehensible to the non-gay/lesbian world. To meet, touch, laugh or cry or share sexual play are acts of sacramental importance. Learning skills of lovecraft that can sustain one through even the dreamless nights of Reagan's era with its phoney-baloney media morality may be precisely the "politically correct" tactic.

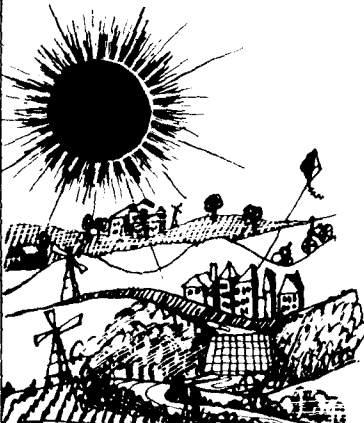
America hasn't dealt with "family values" until it has reconciled itself with the children of Stonewall who at countless dinner tables have found the revolutionary courage to say, "Mom and Pop . . . guess what? . . ." The imperative to define one's own self, within and without, and reject the centuries of slanderous idiocy concerning gay/lesbian loving come only from hearts that have found their inner courage. Despite the setbacks, lovers continue to liberate themselves and those around them. Transcending stereotypes, challenging role models, restoring honesty to relations within the human family—it becomes a movement that benefits everyone. ☪

Harry is an artist and Vice-President of Greater Syracuse N.O.W. He "came out" in the summer of 1969 and has been in love ever since.



The Nine Mile II Fairness Doctrine Campaign —

A Small Victory, but a Victory



In the summer of 1982, pro-nuclear TV commercials regarding 9 Mile II nuclear power plant aired on WTVH and WIXT. These commercials produced a committee which worked to acquire TV air time for presentation of the facts regarding 9 Mile II.

The Fairness Doctrine applies to controversial issues of public importance. (9 Mile II has certainly had a history of controversy. And the horrendous utility bills we receive, partly due to 9 Mile Point, are of public importance.)

You might say "of course, this is a controversial issue of public importance." But, only one of the two TV stations agree, even after two years of discussion. This might sound utterly absurd until you take into consideration 1) that we are fighting for FREE TV air time. 2) that Fairness Doctrine issues are generally negotiated on a proportional basis (the more pro-nuclear ads, the more spots we would obtain with successful negotiation), and 3) that the Energy Association, owner of 9 Mile II, had bought much more time from WTVH than WIXT. Thus, WTVH had potentially more to lose.

Even WIXT tried to throw us off track. The Fairness Doctrine regulations state that there needs to be reasonable opportunity for presentation of contrasting viewpoints. So, WIXT sent us a 5-page list of their nuclear programming in the last few years. Of course a very small percentage of this had anything to do with the financial cost of 9 Mile II.

WIXT finally did come around to negotiating. Our agreement was that our 30-second spot would air 25 times providing that we either settled with or filed a F.C.C. complaint against WTVH in SPC's name. The F.C.C.'s bureaucratic process may be lengthy.

Our 30-second spot was upsetting to some people. After it had aired 19 of the 25 times on WIXT, it was pulled because "it contained statements that were difficult to substantiate." It's easy to understand why the Energy Association might not want these statements publicized: that nuclear power produces only 12% of our electricity needs, and that conservation and renewable energy sources could easily replace this. I took the written substantiation from the N.Y.S. Energy Office and the Harvard Business School's Energy Project to the programming director at WIXT. The spots were back on the air within a few days.

This process has felt like "fighting City Hall." It shows that you can fight City Hall and win.

- Corinne Kinane

Making Connections

Ever constant in her dedication to life-supporting causes and ever expanding as a musician, Holly Near's May 7th concert offered us another evening of beautiful and uplifting music.

Attracted to Latin American political struggles, Holly has taken it upon herself to learn Spanish while forming strong ties of solidarity with Latin peoples. The rewards of her most recent cross-cultural effort were strikingly evident. Holly sang several songs in Spanish--with markedly good pronunciation--and spoke thoughtfully about the struggles of the Nicaraguan and Salvadoran peoples she recently visited. In addition, it seemed like the entire audience came to quickly appreciate, as Holly did when she first heard them in Mexico, the Chilean group, Inti-Illimani. Ten years exiled from Chile, this group of unusually talented musicians travels worldwide singing Latin protest and traditional Andean highland music.

The day following the concert Holly and Inti-Illimani visited the Onondaga Nation, exchanging gifts and expressions of solidarity with Native peoples all over the world. To the delight of the children they performed at the school.

Also while visiting the Nation Holly hosted a news conference officially announcing the upcoming Native American "Longest Run." The Run across the U.S.A. will begin at the Onondaga Nation May 28th and is

preceded by a series of events including a Native American film series, concert and pre-Run 10K race. The week before the Longest Run, in fact, has been set aside as "Native American Appreciation Week" by the Syracuse Common Council.

- Susan Brown



Peace Walk Great Success

On May 5 and 6, over 300 people participated in the Walk for Jobs with Peace sponsored by the Finger Lakes Peace Alliance. Activist Arnie Matlin characterized the two-day walk and rally as a "great success", with media coverage and park/police co-ordination termed "excellent." Supporters were also pleased to note the presence of Seneca County Peace Awareness, the first peace group to emerge from Seneca County since the Women's Peace Encampment.

This year's walk attempted to broaden its appeal by

adding the "jobs" issue to the traditional peace/disarmament agenda, a strategy being tested by peace groups across the nation. Interestingly, Matlin expressed some disappointment with the number of unemployed and union people in evidence vis-a-vis the number of disarmament supporters detracted by the addition of the jobs issue.

Nevertheless, the message to Upstate residents remains clear and loud: as long as we are threatened by nuclear weapons stored in Seneca County and elsewhere, we will not go away.

- Chris Cramer

Chapter Two: Trial Dates Set

On May 23 five of the eight members of the Pershing Plowshares were released from jail in Orlando, Florida on personal recognizance (PR). Those released include Anne Montgomery, Tim Lietzke, James Perkins, Paul Magno Jr., and Christin Schmidt. Todd Kaplan still has bail of \$11,500 (because he is on appeal of another sentence) and Patrick O'Neill can't be released (because of a probation violation). Per Hengren was given PR, but has refused to accept it, in solidarity with the other two.

The eight face both federal and state charges for beating Pershings into Plowshares at Orlando's Martin Marietta plant on Easter. At the federal level they are charged with depredation of government property (felony level) along with conspiracy. That trial is scheduled to begin July 9. The state has charged them with two counts of burglary, possession of burglary tools, and criminal mischief. And that trial will begin August 20.

Per is doing very well and says hello to everyone. Please send contributions to Pershing Plowshares Support Committee, PO Box 585, Orlando FL 32802. Also, we would like to help send several Syracusans to the trial(s) to represent us all. Please send any contributions for this to SPC. For more information on the trials and how people are doing, call me at SPC.

- Carol Baum

Griffiss Plowshares on Trial

Examination of prospective jurors for the trial of the Griffiss Plowshares 7 began in Syr. Federal Court on May 14th and lasted through the 18th. Questions that the defendants asked inquired about prior military work or service, feelings about nuclear war, and whether they felt that there are times when a person is justified in breaking the law. Observing the jury selection reminded me of reading a community survey. I found it both interesting and discouraging. Although peoples' responses to the questions varied, a majority, when asked about their feelings about nuclear war, replied that they had none, or really never thought about it. This was a strong reminder to me that despite the daily threat to our survival caused by nuclear armament, many refuse to acknowledge and deal with it.

Daily vigils planned before and after each court session have helped build community support and provide a time for prayer and singing together. Potlucks and evening gatherings are also planned nightly.

After an opening statement on May 22, the prosecution's case will begin. It will probably last a few days. Besides their own testimony the Griffiss Plowshares will call "expert" witnesses including Howard Zinn, Richard Falk, and Sitsuko Therlew, a Hiroshima survivor. Join us in court. Call 424-1175 for more info.

- Carrie Stearns

Reflections on Jobs with Peace '84

The Syracuse JWP Town Meeting and Speak-Out on May 10 at St. Anthony's Church began with a press conference, donuts and coffee and literature displays set up by various groups. Then six panelists addressed JWP issues -- namely, how the escalating military/defense budget impacts upon their particular constituents' lives. The speak-out gave the audience the opportunity to question or react to the panelists and express their own related concerns.

Some highlights: 15 group and 2 individual endorsements; the welcoming atmosphere of St. Anthony's; the diversity of panelists and participants proving that we can continue to expand our network and broaden our base of support; the chance to question Doris Chertow as well as Tom Buckel's representative and communicate our concerns to them (as a result, Tom Buckel has asked for a meeting with a small group to clarify his positions); a featured spot on the Channel 9 11 O'clock News; Seth Moranz's enlightening insights from his perspective as a steelworker.

The wide variety of interests and issues represented reminded me once again of their (and our) interconnectedness, the necessity for continuing to reach out and support each other's efforts and the urgency for us to unite to defeat Wortley and Reagan.

- Joan Goldberg

Festival Celebrates Hope



On Friday, April 27th over 500 people gathered at Hendricks Chapel at SU to celebrate in a Festival of Hope. The festival was organized as a benefit for the Griffiss Plowshares 7 and medical aid to Central America.

Martin Sheen, A TV and film star, hosted the festival. The program for the evening included dance pieces from members of the NYC Caravan Dancers, music by Barb Dunn, Cathy Winter, John Ragusa, Roger Mock, the Thunderbird Sisters and others...plus poetry readings, statements and testimony by a Hiroshima survivor and the 7 defendants, and a comedy act by Paul Zaloom.

The evening was full of a creative spirit of hope that was an inspiration and a reminder of how much there is to celebrate and give thanks for. There was applause as well as tears from the crowd and many joined in singing "If I Had a Hammer" as the evening finally came to a close.

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Book Review

15 years of Radical America: An Anthology

Alternative Education Project 1983 \$4.95 128 pages ed. Paul Buhle

by Allen Smith

No journal was more a part of the struggles of the late 1960's than Radical America. Founded in late 1966 as the internal education project of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) it charted the growth of the opposition to the war in Viet Nam, the rising consciousness of women and minorities, and disseminated America's hidden radical past. Yet it survived the collapse of SDS and last year published a collection of works from its 15 years of publication, creating a collage of the collective struggle for social change in America.

Works from over 75 authors are excerpted, including essays, poems, photographs and drawings. Arranged by subject matter, the sections cover women's liberation, black liberation, the concept and growth of an alternative culture, radicals and radicalism, the labor movement, and the New Left. The last section in particular is key to understanding the whole anthology and the history of Radical America. Radical America's role has been to articulate to the New Left its successes, its failures, and its offshoots. In particular it became a non-dogmatic expression of the recognition that participatory democracy and an alternative foreign policy would require a socialist transformation of America.

The New Left

The early vibrancy of the New Left is expressed well on the pages of the May '68 issue by Diane DiPrima in this poem;

*when you seize a town, a campus,
get hold of the power stations, the
water, the transportation,
forget to negotiate, forget how
to negotiate, don't wait for De
Gaulle or Kirk to abdicate, they
won't, you are not "demonstrating"
you are fighting a war
fight to win, don't wait for Johnson
or Humphrey or Rockefeller to agree
to your terms
take what you need, "it's free
because it's yours"*

The selection also analyzed the weaknesses of the New Left, particularly as the leaders tried to come to grips with a movement that splintered, lost

Allen is an SPC staffer, lover of history, and he urges everyone to run to The Front Room to buy this book.

its mass base, and failed far too often to articulate a cohesive model of social transformation. The reasons seem obvious to many of us now - the social isolation of a campus-based radicalism, the sexism of many of the male dominated New Left organizations and the problems of an alternative culture that often became the changing consumption patterns of a hipper capitalism. Yet it was in the pages of Radical America that many of these issues were first discussed. For example there is an article by Sara Evans on the origins of the women's movement in the 1960's, years before the publication of her book Personal Politics.

And as the New Left activists moved into the 70's and began organizing on a myriad of issues, Radical America both recorded and analyzed these efforts. The attempt to organize women clerical workers by the then new organization Nine To Five was analyzed by Jean Tepperman. Another piece reported on the struggle to defeat the 1979 Briggs Initiative in California, a referendum that would make it illegal for gays and lesbians to hold teaching positions in state schools. An article on the Madison Press Connection, founded as a strike paper of the local newspaper unions, examines how the paper survived for 27 months while based on the principles of pay parity and worker control.

Politics and Culture

But above all what Radical America and the New Left emphasized was the importance of personal politics. As Paul Buhle wrote:

And the New Left brought a sense of its own personal transformation. The women's movement, above all, clarifies that the revolutionary process depended on the success of a pre-revolutionary "culture" evolution. In this way, the New Left signified that the revolutionary process was continuous, and the insurrectionary act only the defense and extension of the new society against its enemies.

This radicalism encouraged the growth of a non-deterministic Marxism, one which understood that we often experience the oppression of race, class and sex through cultural expressions of music and sports. This culture of oppression is covered, and an alternative culture created on these pages.



The anthology exemplifies the diversity of Radical America's history and its almost eclectic nature. The wide spectrum of works included in the anthology includes a review of the importance of C. Wright Mills written by E.P. Thompson, and excerpts from the struggles of the League of Revolutionary Black Workers in the auto plants of Detroit. Also included is a satirical interview with Donald Duck on the role of mass culture in America, oral interviews with participants of the great industrial strikes of the 1930's, and poems by D.A. Levy, Diane DiPrima, and Margaret Randell.

Optimistically, the collection ends with a section entitled "To The Breaking Point" which describes numerous times and places when social tensions became sufficiently polarized to bring their respective societies to the brink of revolution. Hungary in '56, Quebec in '72, the sit-down strikes of Youngstown in '37 and Poland under Solidarity are all covered in succinct pieces detailing the rising revolutionary tide.

This selection, indeed the entire anthology, is a record of the attempts to achieve a democratically socialist revolution; a handbook of the efforts of our past along with the critical analysis needed to rectify mistakes and retain the energy to continue the effort. The anthology ends with a piece by C.L.R. James entitled "World Revolution: The Way Out." The article reviews the cycles of socialist revolution, ending with this line; "The World Revolution has entered what could be a decisive and final stage." This perspective and reminder should influence all our day to day organizing efforts.

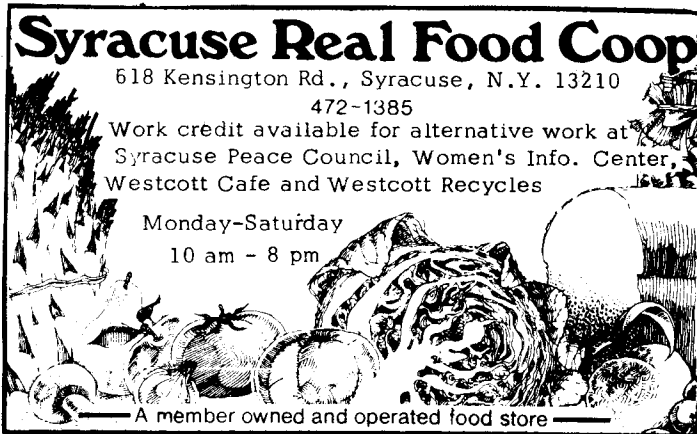
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Jeff Schwartz, the soon-to-be SPC printer, is moving to town and needs a place to live. A room to rent and a room for studio use at \$100 to \$150/month is desired. Ideally in a somewhat rural setting with a 220 volt line for his kiln. Please call 472-5478 (days) to leave a message, or (eves.) 422-7464, ask for Gary.

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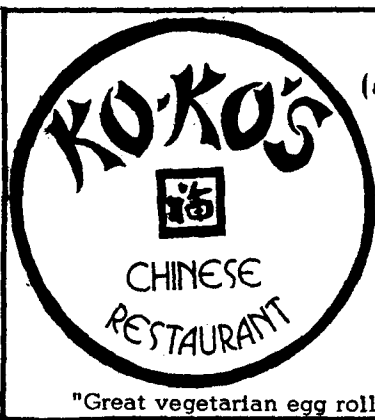


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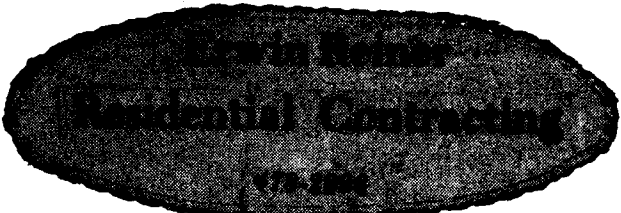
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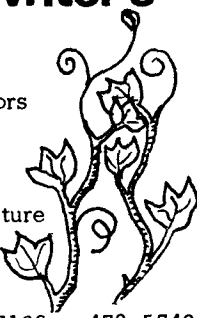
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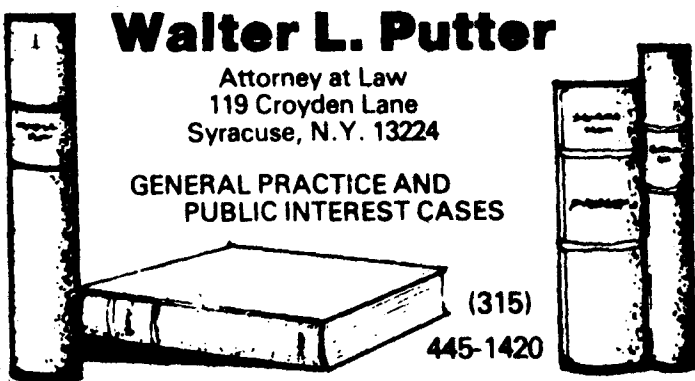
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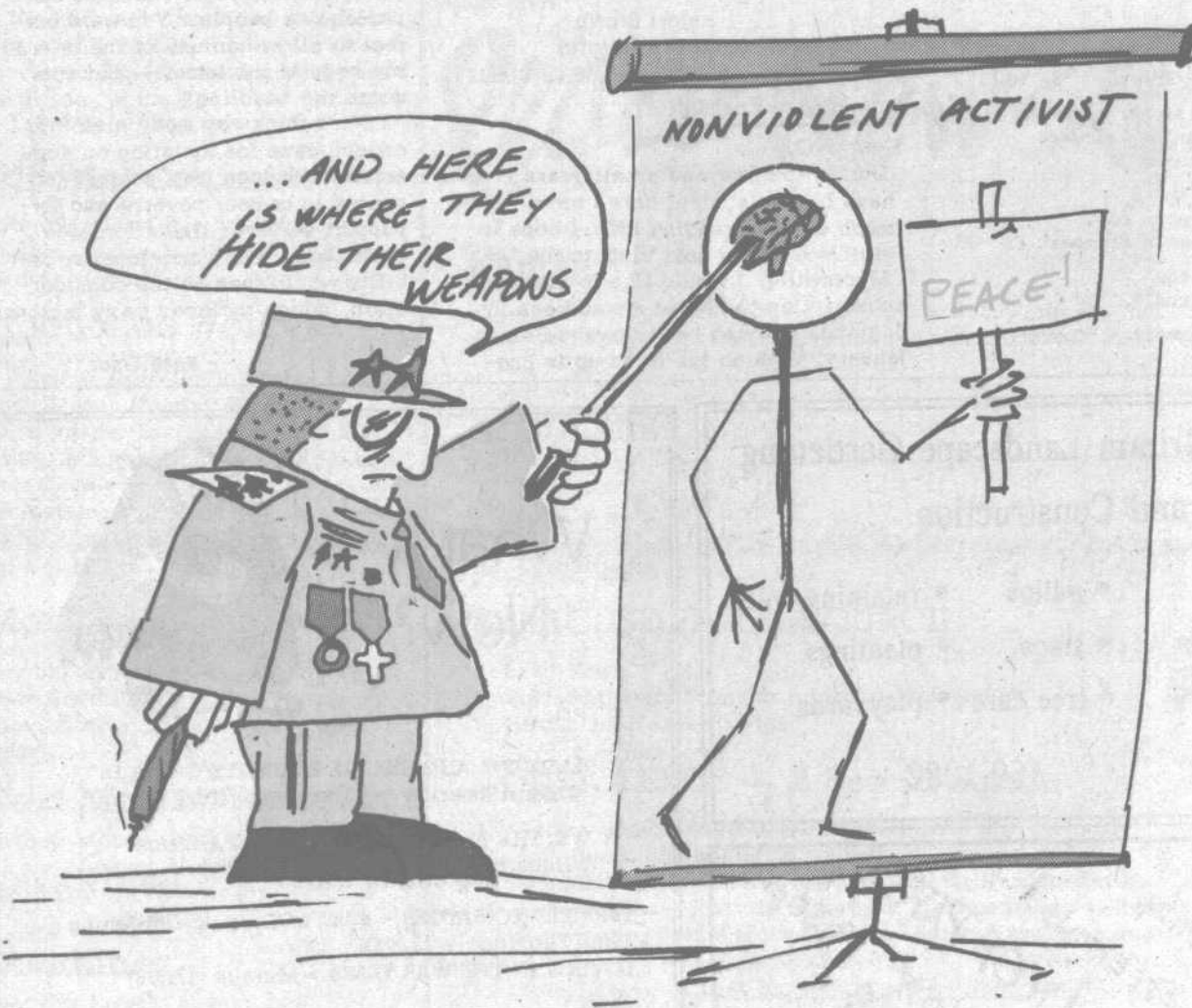
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-Russell M. Tarby

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tive and inspiring, and it has been a
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Second, my request that you change
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dress below.

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England. Having been unwaged since
January, with no job lined up in Eng-

land, I can only afford \$10.00 at the
moment.

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news from England from time to time.
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love in struggle,

--Viv Kendon

Pro-Choice also Pro-Life

Dear "Sithers" (Sisters and Broth-
ers),

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put a headline with the term "Pro-
Life," which is a term inaccurately
chosen by anti-abortion people
which in their logic excludes all
pro-choice people. You were cor-
rect to allow her use of the term in
the body of the letter -- but you
wrote the headline!

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Huberman (5.95)

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Starting in September, the PNL will have a new staffperson working with the Editorial Committee. Your ideas, input, and support can help make her arrival a smooth transition. Think about stopping by production or joining the Editorial Committee (contact Karen at 472-5478). If you live far away, write and let us know what you'd like to see in the PNL. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Deputy Mayor of Syr. Ken Mokrzycki and Common Counselor Nancy Lorraine Hoffman present a proclamation of Native American Cultural Appreciation Week (May 21-28) to Chief Chiefs of the Onondaga Nation - Irvin Irving Powless, Sr., William Lazore & Vince Johnson. Postmaster A.J. Sarno presented a framed copy of the new Jim Thorpe stamp.

Maria Breh.

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News from The SPC House

June and July have been pleasant months - occasionally very busy, but mostly on the quiet side. Except for the press, that is. Jeffrey is finally officially here, and has been innovating up a storm. He's made his mark on the kitchen, too, by giving us upwards of a dozen cups he made himself.

Speaking of innovations, we've actually acquired an answering machine, which has proved more than a little useful already. Meanwhile, several of us have been travelling. Karen went to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and had a wonderful time, as did Carol and Jean on their vacation. Gary and I went to a conversion conference in Boston, which was quite interesting, and now Allen and Katie are preparing to leave for their trip. Carol took a banner and more than \$100 in donations down to Per's Pershing Plowshares trial in Orlando, Florida.

With two new staffers coming in, we're looking forward to a good fall. Please drop by for a visit!

- Maura McNulty

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The Syracuse Peace Council (SPC), founded in 1936, is an antiwar/social justice organization. It is community-based, autonomous and funded by the contributions of its supporters.

SPC educates, agitates and organizes for a world where war, violence and exploitation in any form will no longer exist. It challenges the existing unjust power relationships among nations, among people and between ourselves and the environment. As members, we work to replace inequality, hierarchy, domination and powerlessness with mutual respect, personal empowerment, cooperation and a sense of community.

Present social injustices cannot be understood in isolation from each other nor can they be overcome without recognizing their economic and militaristic roots. SPC stresses a strategy that makes these connections clear. We initiate and support activities that help build this sense of community and help tear down the walls of oppression. A fundamental basis for peace and justice is an economic system that places human need above monetary profit. We establish relationships among people based on cooperation rather than competition or the threat of destruction.

Our political values and personal lives shape and reflect each other. In both we are committed to nonviolent means of conflict resolution and to a process of decision-making that responds to the needs of all.

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This year's *Peace Newsletters* have explored these issues, bringing you up to date information and new ideas—and a chance to dialogue about these and other controversial and challenging topics. This fall's *Peace Newsletters* will include a section on education, a look at post-interventionary Grenada, and an article on the white train at Seneca. We need you to make it happen!!

The *Peace Newsletter* costs us \$8,500 a year, plus much of one staff person's time, and hundreds of volunteer hours. We distribute 5,000 copies each month. Last year we mailed over 1,800 copies and received \$3,510 in subscriptions. That's only \$1.95 per person (on average). This year it's closer to \$1.55. It's important to pass out free copies of the *PNL* at events and at drop-off points around the city. And we want to mail newsletters to those of you who can't afford \$8/year. So it's time again to ask those of you who haven't subscribed, or who need to renew, to send the money along. Help keep a fine community tradition alive. At \$8/year, it's a bargain.

Please, also, consider joining the production team of the *Peace Newsletter*—the editorial committee. In three meetings a month, we gather ideas, sift through suggestions, and decide the contents of each issue. It's a great way to learn about the world of producing a monthly publication—editing, typing, layout, paste-up, and proofreading. Arrange to visit a meeting and find out what it's all about (call Karen at 472-5478).



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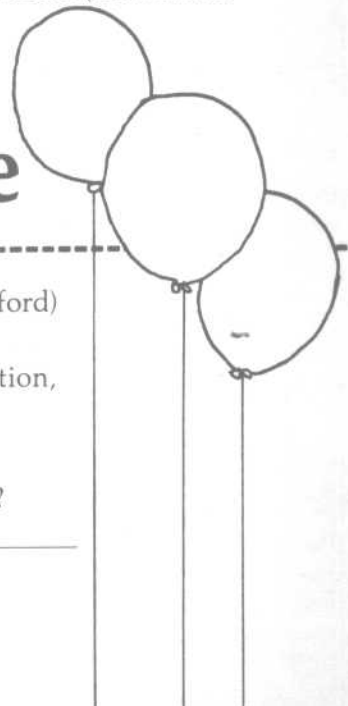
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The summer months always bring a cash crisis at SPC, this summer will be no exception. In fact, this summer will be worse than usual: While the Spring Fund Appeal did ok, it did not bring in the money we hoped for and we face an almost 1000 dollar shortfall this summer. We are working in various ways to raise cash through events, subscriptions and loans, we would also like help from you, the SPC membership. Send in a contribution if you can; if you like mail it care of the salary account to insure the staff does not miss out this summer. Read the enclosed stuffer and subscribe to the Peace Newsletter, or renew your subscription.

This fall will be a busy time as new projects and activities get under way. In this important election year, our visibility and persistence are a must to help defeat Ronald Reagan. Please make sure we have the resources for this work. We cannot afford to be crippled by a financial shortfall at this critical time in history.

Meet Our New Printer

Hi- After spending 7 months as an intern with the Peace Council in 1980, I have returned to take on the challenge of the Press. During the interim years I have taught environmental education, been an intern in the Peace Studies Program at Colgate, and developed a small pottery habit into a small pottery business-which still struggles along today(see you at Plowshares)

The SPC Press gives me the opportunity to pursue my fascination with printing, and learn a skill which I feel is, and always will be, an important contribution to the causes of peace and social justice. I look forward to meeting and working with many of you in the near future.

- Jeff Schwartz

The June 25th Potluck Cancellation Explained

The June 25th Potluck by Prolifers for Survival (PS) members Scott Rains and Patti Narsico met with concern and reservation on the part of the Program and Evaluation steering committee. Concerns that PS held an organizational position against women's legal right to choose abortion led to a decision to postpone the Potluck.

In its place, a group of SPC office staffers, P&E members and Potluck coordinators sat down to dialog with Scott and Patti in attempts to find out more exactly what PS's political positions are.

Cancelling the Potluck was not an easy choice for P&E. SPC is never comfortable with limiting the views of others, especially those of SPC members. But the issue of women's right to choose versus others' views that abortion is unacceptable, if dealt with by SPC, needs to be framed fairly and properly.

We decided to hold two Potlucks in the fall; one featuring Prolifers, a second featuring an organization that advocates women's free right to choose. Your views on this are welcome as we attempt to keep dialog open on this sensitive matter.

Lastly, the SPC Potlucks take a rest this summer and will return in the fall.

SPC Welcomes New Staffpeople

SPC will have a welcome party for the new staff people on the evening of August 9th. Three new people have joined the house this summer. Jeff Schwartz has become our new printer, he arrived a few weeks ago. Deana Cunningham, the new Peace Newsletter staff person, and Cindy Sangree, the new Program and Evaluation staff person, will both arrive in early August.

The party will be a dessert potluck, starting at 8:00 at 572 Westmoreland Ave. Please drop by to meet the new staff and welcome them to the job.



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l.r. Kath, Marco, Christa, Liam, Laurie, with birthday candle and resistance cheesecake at SPC's birthday dinner in Sweden; Spring '84.

Hiroshima/Nagasaki Commemoration

Two vigils this year. August 6th and 9th. Columbus Circle, downtown Syracuse at noon. Bring banners, placards, family and friends!

Keep a 39 year old tradition alive. The theme: NEVER AGAIN! NO MORE HIROSHIMAS! See page 9 for more.

Take the d Out of Fundraising

Two new exciting projects are taking shape to earn money for the Peace Council and have a bit of fun. First we are planning a SPC Halloween Party, including costumes, raffle, dancing, and dunking booths for Reagan lookalikes. We plan to have it on October 27th, so keep your eyes open for more details.

We also hope to produce a SPC cookbook to collect all the great recipes from the last potluck dinners. Please add a few favorites from your own kitchen and send in your recipes and any anecdotes you might want to add. We also need people to help with the cookbook, and the party, so call or write if you want to help out.

Garage Sale '84

Thanks to all who contributed time and items to the Peace Council Garage Sale. Through your help we had a successful fund raiser, a day of recycling, and a good time. Nearly everyone found that special item that must have been put there just for them. Left over items were either given to the Rescue Mission or to the Southwest Food Coop for their Garage Sale. Recycling works!

Be sure to save all your items for next year.

A Native Tribute — 53 Days, 36,000 Miles

Jim Thorpe (Sac and Fox Nation) was one of the greatest athletes who ever lived. He performed feats which have never been matched, winning both the decathlon and pentathlon back to back in the 1912, Olympics. Thorpe also played both professional football and baseball, at the same time! However, he died a disheartened man because of a summer job that paid \$60 a month. His Olympic gold medals, records, and amateur status were taken away as a result of playing minor league baseball. Not until 1983, after a 70 year struggle by his family, were Thorpe's medals returned.

On May 28, The great Jim Thorpe Longest Run left the Onondaga Nation on a 53 day, 3600 mile journey to Los Angeles in tribute to the great athlete. Twenty-two runners representing seven Indian nations, committed themselves to go the entire distance. In a steady rain, the Tuscarora medicine man, Mad Bear, burned sage, presented the runners with medicine bundles, and mentally prepared them for the most spiritual event of their lives. At approximately 2:00 p.m. the runners were well on their way down Route IIA, lined with well wishers from both the Indian and white communities. Leading the way to the border of the Nation was Dennis Banks, National Run Coordinator and co-founder of the American Indian Movement.

As of July 5, the runners had reached the Duckwater Reservation in Nevada, traveling 2675 miles. Special stops along the way included the native "survival schools" in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area, Wounded Knee, and Yellow Thunder Camp. At wounded Knee, people lined the roads for five miles outside the village, cheering the runners. Other runs are expected to converge with the Longest Run along the remainder of the route.

The Run will end July 19 in Los Angeles in time for the beginning of the Jim Thorpe Pow-Wow and Native Games at Whittier Narrows State Park, near the site of the International Summer Olympics. Besides providing fair competition for native people, the Native Games will offer an alternative to those athletes who were refused admittance in the Summer Olympics as representatives of their own Indian nations.

Many Longest Run related events took place in the Syracuse area during the week preceding the Run. "Native American Cultural Appreciation Week," was recognized in a resolution by the Syracuse Common Council, sponsored by Nancy Lorraine Hoffman. In a ceremony at the Onondaga Nation, Deputy Mayor Ken Mokrzycki and Nancy Lorraine Hoffman presented the Proclamation to the chiefs



of the Onondaga Nation. A.J. Sarno, Postmaster of Syracuse, also presented the chiefs with items relating to the release of the Jim Thorpe commemorative stamp. (see page 3) Other events of the week included a five day film festival and concert at the Westcott Cinema (attended by more than 800 people) and a three day Arts and Crafts Exposition at Onondaga, organized by Minnie Garrow.

These events drew not only Native Americans from all over the country, but also many members of the surrounding community. Many non-Indians were impressed with what they saw, and came away with a new feeling toward Native Americans.

Longest run commemorative items include a T-shirt (\$8), poster with artwork by Chief Oren Lyons (\$4), buttons (\$1.25), and bumper stickers (\$1), (\$2 for shipping) from SCWP, Box 6367, Syracuse, NY 13217.

While the Run's major goal was building native solidarity it's impact on the non-Indian community was considerable.

"Each of the people from anywhere, when you see in them far enough, you find red blood and a red heart. There's a hope."

- Heat Moon, an Osage and father of William Least Heat Moon, author of Blue Highways.

- Donna Rogler

Peace Festival Planted Seeds for the Future

On June 9, hundreds of people shared in the culminating event of a year-long project of curriculum and resource development towards Vision of Peace. Participants in the Peace Festival in Thornden Park wove a tapestry of entertainment, new experiences, discovery of other peacemakers and shared visions of a world at peace: a celebration of life itself.

The Visions of Peace project wants to sustain the festival momentum of celebrating life in the pursuit of

peace by connecting with other peacemakers and learning how to better create peace. Visions of Peace looks for opportunities to network to see the implications of "taking care of ourselves, each other, and the earth".

We count on the help of everyone touched by this project this year to share in curriculum and resource development. Meetings begin in August. Call Lisa Mundy for more information: 445-0797.

-Lisa Mundy

Peace Week at Griffiss — A Learning Experience for All

From May 28-June 4, the Griffiss Action Coalition, a coalition of peace groups from Utica/Rome, Syracuse, Ithaca, Rochester, Binghamton, Buffalo and Canada sponsored a Peace Week in the Utica/Rome area. The events were designed to help create a stronger local base for on-going conversion organizing at Griffiss Air Force Base.

A storefront Peace Center was opened during May and June to provide resources and workspace for organizing. We hoped the center would provide a more visible, continuous presence, both to demonstrate our on-going commitment and to give people clearer ways of becoming involved in this work.

One of the most effective ways of reaching local folks was door-to-door distribution of an attractive broadsheet, "The Mohawk Peace Flyer," which included articles on conversion, non-violence, the arms race, etc. (Copies are available from SPC.) Peace folks were also interviewed on local radio and TV shows. Media

coverage of the events themselves ranged from excellent to poor.

Various educational forums were held in Rome and Utica on May 29-June 1. On Saturday, June 2, about 80 people enjoyed a picnic at "Freedom Mall" and then Sunday evening about 100 people attended a moving interreligious service in Utica.

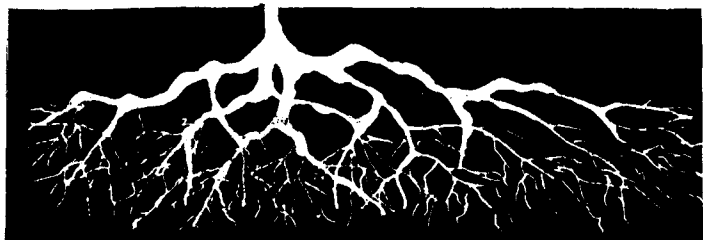
Early on Monday, June 4, over 100 people came to Griffiss to blockade the five major gates. The blockade shut down the Base for over an hour. 79 people were arrested, while other folks provided support. Most of those apprehended were given ban and bar letters and charged with disorderly conduct. They have been arraigned in Federal Court in Syracuse. (Trials are spread thru the summer.) 17 people were arrested by the County Sheriffs and went to City Court in Rome.

Although the week's activities were generally successful, we think in retrospect that we tried to do too much in too short a time. Involvement of Utica/Rome people could also have been stronger.

Folks in the Utica/Rome area would like to thank the peace people from outside the area whose experience, talents and positive outlook made the week possible.

One outcome of the Peace Week was a renewed interest and energy for peacework by folks in the Utica/Rome area. To learn more about the work of the Mohawk Valley Alliance for Peace and Social Justice, contact Orin Domenico at 896-2089 or Cynthia Banas at 369-3552.

-Cynthia Banas



Griffiss Plowshare Verdict — A Mixed Blessing

On Wednesday, June 13th, the jury of the Griffiss Plowshares trial found the defendants innocent of sabotage (injuring materials related to national defense) and guilty of destroying federal property and conspiracy. Sentencing will be on July 16 at 2 pm in Syracuse.

The Plowshares based their legal defense on "justification", for which they had to prove the existence of a clear and imminent danger, the lack of a legal alternative in responding to the danger, and a causal relationship between their action and the alleviation of the danger. Although the prosecution sought to exclude the justification defense and the accompanying expert tes-

timony, Judge Munson allowed it to be heard while reserving the right to strike this testimony if it proved to be irrelevant or insufficient.

After the testimony from ten expert witnesses as well as moving personal statements by the defendants themselves, Judge Munson granted a prosecution motion to strike the justification defense and instructed the jury to disregard nearly all the expert testimony.

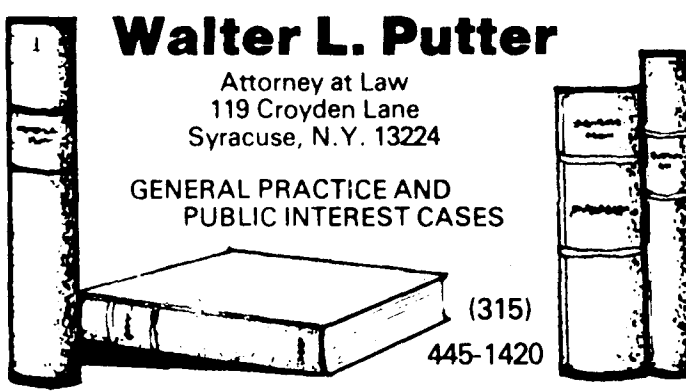
The jury deliberated about a day before reaching their split verdict. Watch for an article on Plowshare actions in next month's Peace Newsletter.

-Chris Cramer

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Soviet Military Strength

Myths and Manipulation

by Tim McLaughlin

Caspar Weinberger, Pentagon generals, and Ronald Reagan love to dwell on the supposedly overwhelming strength of the Soviets' armed forces when a new military shopping list comes before Congress. Each new, complex, and costly weapons system desired by the Pentagon always appears to be just the right answer to some fiendishly clever Russian device that will shortly make an appearance in the Soviet armed forces. The MX, Trident II, Cruise missiles, and other weaponry referred to in the May 1984 Peace Newsletter all got their start when over-creative Defense Department think tanks tried to anticipate what the Soviets would do next.

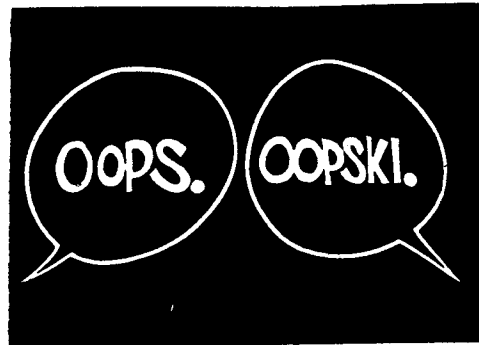
This year the Defense Intelligence Agency released its report on Soviet military spending on June 13, just in time to sway Senators debating the US military budget. The DIA report estimated that Soviet military spending rose sharply in 1983, mostly due to new Soviet weapons systems going from development into production during the year. Pentagon spokespersons denied any connection between the timing of the report and the Senate debate.

There are some very basic questions that need to be asked about DIA's slick, 1983 report, Soviet Military Power, analyzing Russia's weapons capabilities. How accurately does the Pentagon assess existing Soviet weaponry? Is the Pentagon justified in its portrait of a relentless Soviet military machine, or is it perhaps not the efficient, all-powerful monolithic force they describe? What purposes are served by an inaccurate analysis of Soviet capabilities? Answers to these questions help explain why the arms race keeps moving at a faster pace than ever.

Tim McLaughlin is a historian, a doctoral candidate and a member of the Program & Evaluation steering committee.

Bugs in the System

On June 22nd, the Pentagon had to explain how their rivals in the Soviet navy managed to lose over one-third of the surface-to-air missiles stationed with that country's northern fleet. The accidental explosion of those missiles at the Severomorsk ammunition depot hardly fits in with previous accounts of an increasingly competent Soviet navy. As one American officer admitted to the Washington Post, "The losses they sustained would seem to have violated normal prudence in storing weapons apart." In other words, someone in the Soviet naval hierarchy made a monumentally stupid mistake.



Evidence is growing that this and a series of other depot explosions spotted by spy satellites in the last year are not simply isolated events. Rather, a vastly different picture of the Soviet military is becoming evident. Andrew Cockburn's book The Threat: Inside the Soviet Military Machine details a number of factors which do not add up to the image of Soviet might projected by Weinberger and the rest. Cockburn interviewed Russian emigrés, primarily Jewish, who served in the military prior to leaving the country. These people told a number of revealing stories about the Soviet armed forces, including:

- soldiers so poorly fed they stopped their tanks during maneuvers to gather vegetables from roadside gardens;
- the popularity of the MiG25 in the

- air force because the half ton of alcohol used for braking and electrical operations provided bases with plenty of chances to get drunk;
- how soldiers forced new conscripts to shine their shoes, clean their barracks, and hand over food to them;
- and, on a larger scale, how completely the Soviets botched their 1980 mobilization against Poland, which ended up in a major purge of responsible army officers.

These stories indicate a level of personal incompetence in the military far beyond what the products of West Point and Annapolis would regard as tolerable.

Soviet Weapons

Another big question mark pops up regarding the military hardware operated by Soviet conscripts. The most fearsome part of any country's arsenal, its ICBMs, deserves first priority, especially since Defense Department analysts spend so much time discussing Soviet first strike capabilities. Again, while clearly capable of obliterating American society, flaws ignored by the Pentagon can easily be spotted given the right sources of information.

Soviet missiles in fact do not appear well suited for a sudden attack on anyone. The number of missiles considered operational at any one time varies from 70% down to 25%, depending on whose report you accept. Furthermore, the older ICBMs are liquid-propelled, which causes all sorts of problems. Fuel systems have to be drained and checked for leaks periodically or the silo could go up in flames. The new SS-20 is solid-fueled and probably easier to maintain, but remains only a land-based missile; Soviet submarines still carry the old, liquid-fueled ones, and the majority on land are still liquid-fueled as well. Dr. John Kincaid, designer of US naval rocket engines, commenting on this feature of the Soviet arsenal, said, "No one would mess around with liquids if they didn't have to. The

reason the Russians do it is because they are so goddam backward." Weaponry with such obvious drawbacks in design does not fit into the first-strike scenarios that occupy the imaginations of so many Pentagon war-gamers and New Right politicians.

Another nightmare of the US military centers around the almost mythical qualities of the Russian tank. Ever since World War II, Army generals have regarded these vehicles as sturdy, rugged and reliable. They worry that Russian armored divisions will roll over NATO forces like they did the German Wehrmacht on the Eastern Front.

However, emigrés revealed a few flaws in these newly designed tanks that challenge American preconceptions. Victor Suvorov, an ex-tank officer, complained that the new 125mm tank gun "was certainly all powerful but...to increase the initial velocity of the shell, the designers had made it not rifled, but smooth bored...and this immediately affected its accuracy...it was an all-powerful gun which always missed its target."

If that wasn't enough, another problem surfaced with the new automatic loader; it sometimes got confused between ammunition and the poor gunner, with the result that an arm or leg ended up in the gun instead of a shell.

Reasons for Deceit

The points raised in this article only skim the surface of evidence on the true nature of the Soviet military force. Soviet preoccupation with internal security, the Chinese frontier, and relations with the other Warsaw Pact countries add to the image of an outwardly powerful force that in actuality fails to live up to its billing. Other weapons, including jets that Israeli pilots regard as vastly inferior to American designs, could also be discussed in detail.

What matters is that the president and the military have manipulated the American public with a picture of Soviet armed might that does not correspond with reality. Like the Politburo, American militarists prefer to accept the facade of efficient Soviet power paraded through Red Square on May Day

rather than examine what lies beneath. Weinberger and the Defense Department use the Soviet menace regularly to pry funds from a reluctant Congress, notably in the case of the MX. Reagan himself, who lacks the competence to assess military technology anyway, could not present a credible image of an evil empire looming over the free world if his audience knew that Soviet missiles tend to explode on the launch pad, or that Soviet tanks can't shoot straight. Like a mirror image, American militarists feed on the reflection of their opponent to gain strength.

While not denying that the Soviet Union possesses an extremely powerful military establishment, more notice needs to be taken of its actual capacity and weaknesses. If Americans realize that the image in the mirror is not really as fearsome as presented by the Pentagon, a continued increase in arms purchases and development would be much harder to justify. There would then be more space available for the ultimate goal of disarmament.




IN EVERY WAR THERE'S A HIROSHIMA WAITING TO HAPPEN.

For 39 years, the Syracuse Peace Council has marked the anniversary of the U.S. bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6th and 9th, 1945. This year look forward to two vigils. Mark your calendars for AUGUST 6th and 9th.

On Monday August 6th there will be a silent vigil at noon.
On Thursday August 9th there will be an hour long program of speakers, music, poetry and more, again at noon.

Both vigils will be at COLUMBUS CIRCLE, 12 NOON.
Bring banners, placards, family and friends.



JOIN THE VIGILS! AUGUST 6 AND 9th!


Friday, July 20
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Join us to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the Nicaraguan Revolution, and help send off four Syracuse women, Karen Mihalyi, Joni Meyer, Martha Swan and Maura McNulty to Nicaragua this summer. Come in solidarity and celebration! (Be there or be square!" — K. Mihalyi). Sliding scale \$3-10, children free. Call 478-7779 or 422-8411 for more information.

- 7:00 — Open house, bake sale
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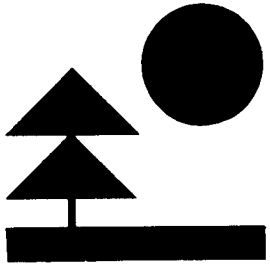
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Robert Duvall gives the best performance of his distinguished career in this film about a country western singer and song writer who lets alcohol destroy his career, marriage and almost kill him. However, when he gives up alcohol to marry a young, almost destitute Viet Nam widow with a son, he severs his ties to the past and his soul—his ability to express himself through music. Duvall won an Academy Award for Best Actor.

"In its simplicity and strength, Tender Mercies has the feel of an American Classic..."—Sheila Benson, Los Angeles Times (Bruce Beresford, 93 min., 1983)

AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'

Wed. Aug. 1 7, 9 pm Kittredge

Ain't Misbehavin' showcases the 20's, 30's and 40's swing music of the great Fats Waller. Nell Carter (star of "Gimme A Break") heads the original Broadway cast performing 29 of Waller's songs including "Honeysuckle Rose," "The Joint is Jumpin'" and "I Can't Give You Anything But Love." Winner of three Tony Awards (including Best Musical), the New York Drama Critics Circle Award and the Drama Desk Award. (Don Mischer, 97 min.)

THE AFRICAN QUEEN

Wed. August 8 7, 9 pm

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The War Game Revisited

Film director Peter Watkins has begun production of an international film project entitled The War Game 2. Filming for this anti-nuclear documentary will take place in at least ten nations, including two locales in the U.S.--one in Utica--and others in the Soviet Union.

Watkins will be working with families who will speak for themselves about the international complexities of the arms race, about its real and potential human costs, and about ways in which average people can free themselves from this increasingly menacing situation. By way of videotape, the families will see and react to one another's opinions. A Black couple from Utica has been chosen to take part.

Peter Watkins made his debut in 1966 with his Oscar-winning The War Game, a film that was banned from world TV by the BBC some 19 years ago. That ban remains unlifted.

The director will employ local technicians for the filming in Utica, which will begin in late August.

Several screenings of Watkins' films are scheduled in Utica, as well as an art show, flea market, and concert in order to raise money for the project. For more information about these events or donations, contact Scott MacDonald at 1-792-3235 or 792-3057.

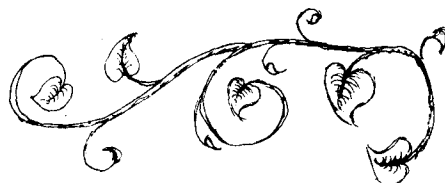
Men at Work, Men at Peace, Men at Play

Imagine a world in which men could be both sensitive and strong, both courageous and caring; a world where men from different backgrounds, living different lifestyles could work and play together appreciating each others' differences. In short, imagine a world in which each man would feel free to explore what it means to be male and human without being labeled or ostracized, and without being threatened by women exploring their own strengths and sensitivities. Such a world may seem like a dream-but sometimes dreams become reality.

Over the last ten years men and women have been meeting together each summer at a National Conference on Men and Masculinity to learn and share together and to challenge a society which has institutionalized male privilege (Sonia Johnson calls it "androcacy"). This year's conference, the second under the sponsorship of

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of the National Organization for changing men, was held in Washington DC over the July 4th weekend. Five men from Syracuse attended. There is not sufficient space here to describe all that happened but if you would like to hear details (and we would love to tell you) call Paul Barfoot at 446-8127.



Freedom Summer '84

Close to 45 million U.S. citizens are eligible but not registered to vote. Among these are millions of poor people, minorities, women, the young, the elderly, and the disabled, all of whom are directly affected by social policy decisions.

Freedom Summer '84 is a non-partisan voter registration campaign with a goal to register one million new voters, targeting traditionally disenfranchised groups. To accomplish this, Freedom Summer '84 is training volunteers to register people in places such as unemployment lines, day care centers and family planning clinics. In addition, program coordinators are available to train staffs of human service agencies in registering voters as a part of agency business.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer registrar, or if you would like to schedule a training session for your organization, call Deborah Hyman or Sharon Seward at Syracuse University School of Social Work, 423-3163.



Another Eric Blvd?

A crowd of southeast area residents and several city and county officials met with a team of "experts" from Wegman's "superstore" chain, at Nottingham High School on June 26. Councilor Nancy Lorraine Hoffman called the forum to discuss Wegman's proposal for an 88,000 square foot store on the Hookway tract owned by Syracuse University.

The land includes woods, meadows, a pond and playing fields, zoned A-1 (land 2 family homes). At issue before the City Planning Commission, and eventually the City Council, is Wegman's proposed commercial zoning.

People present strongly opposed the rezoning based on traffic, noise, drainage, environmental and safety concerns. Reassurance from Mr. Wegman that studies have considered these problems did not assuage the over 600 people present. The admission by Mr. Wegman's lawyer that the traffic study was done by "the same guy who did the Dome study" was met by shouts and laughter.

The officials present, Councilors Nancy Lorraine Hoffman and Theresa McCarthy, and County Legislator Tim Rice, also expressed opposition to the zoning change.

If the Wegmans proposal dies, it shows that land and people are valued higher than "product diversity" and big profit, at least here.

Let your City Councilor know how you feel!

Pershing Plowshare Trial Underway

The Federal trial for the 7 Pershing Plowshares who entered the Martin Marietta Corp. in Orlando, FL and hammered on Pershing II launchers on Easter morning began this Monday, July 9th. Fed. Judge Young initially set three days for the entire trial. By the close of court on Tuesday, the jury was chosen, opening statements were completed, and the prosecution was well into its case.

The judge's narrowly focused approach is making the trial difficult. The defendants hope to share their reasons for the action in their personal testimony. A state trial is still scheduled for August. For updates contact Karen or Carol at SPC.

The PEACES page was compiled by Randy Gimpel.

Nonviolence

An Introduction —

This summer the Peace Newsletter lays before you varying viewpoints on nonviolence. We intend to continue this focus in the September PNL.

There is an exciting and hopeful freshness in the ideas of Andy Mager's "Active Nonviolence." Kath Buffington's review of Hallie's book, "Lest Innocent Blood Be Shed," shows how a French town occupied

by the Nazis in World War II mixed nonviolent protection of Jewish refugees with active help to Resistance.

William Sunderlin's "Nonviolence and Central America" suggests that nonviolence has been tried and found wanting in that area. Struggles and successes of nonviolent Paz y Justicia are highlighted in "Network of Hope in Latin America." "Jail Break" by Shelley Douglass is one of the most liberating articles I

have ever read.

Viewpoints are like food. Some become part of us; others are rejected as unhelpful. Ideas, values, goals, and the all-important pathways toward those goals: they, and we, are being tested for survivability.

Let's read, think, engage in dialogue, decide, act, evaluate, modify and act again. Let's do something for peace !!

—Angus MacDonald

Active Nonviolence: Experimenting with Our Power

What do we mean by "nonviolence"? How does it relate to our work for peace and social justice? These are the basic questions looked at in this article.

My understanding of nonviolence is best expressed by the concept "experiment with nonviolence." I have been taught by society to respond in violent ways both physically and emotionally. For me, experimenting with nonviolence means both channeling my anger into positive work, and also overcoming the passivity which I have been taught.

"By our refusal to cooperate, we keep reminding them of our dissent, refusing to allow them the godlike sense that their will alone exists."

—Barbara Deming

Working Assumptions of Nonviolence

1. Power lies in social dynamics.

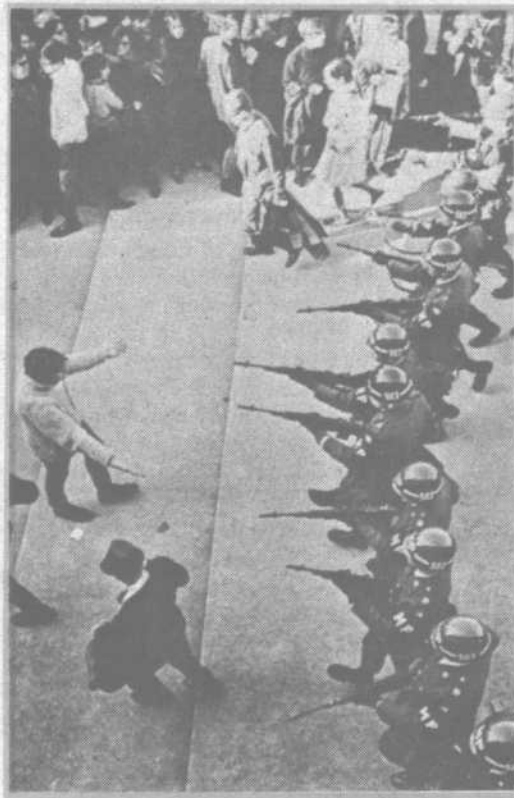
Power doesn't "belong" only to certain people or groups; it lies in social dynamics. It is our cooperation with people and institutions in power positions that gives them power. Through organized nonviolent action and civil disobedience, it is possible to withhold our cooperation from those who abuse power and thus remove power from them.

"If greater gains have not been won by nonviolent action it is because most of those trying it have...expected too much from 'the powerful'; and so, I would add, they have stopped short of really exercising

This article was compiled by Andy Mager. Specific sources include, The International Day of Disarmament handbook, U.S.S. Rhode Island handbook and The Power of the People: Active Nonviolence in the United States.

their peculiar powers--those powers one discovers when one refuses any longer to do another's will. They have stopped far too short not only of widespread nonviolent disruption but of that form of noncooperation which is assertive, constructive--that confronts those who are 'running everything' with independent activity, particularly independent economic activity. There is leverage for change here that has scarcely begun to be applied."

—Barbara Deming



Confrontation with the Warmakers demonstration at the Pentagon, October 21, 1967. Minoru Aoki/ The Power of the People.

2. Respect all life.

The essence of this working assumption is the attempt to relate to all individuals in as human a way as possible, despite disagreements or anger, and to value and respect all forms of life.

Nonviolence is rooted in knowing that all life is sacred; it grows as individuals grow to recognize and eliminate their own oppressing and power-taking tendencies; and flowers in the faith that with creative and humble action justice will be released and peace will flourish.

3. The means must be consistent with the ends.

A good example of this principle is group or consensus decision-making; the process used to reach a decision is as vital as the political viability of that decision.

"The means may be likened to a seed, the end to a tree; and there is just the same inviolable connection between the means and the end as there is between the seed and the tree."

—Mohandas K. Gandhi

"If the only tool you have is a hammer, you tend to see every problem as a nail."

—Abraham Maslow

4. Transform opposition rather than destroy it.

Because there is a basic respect for the other individual in any confrontational situation, it is possible to work toward changing rather than destroying that person. Linked to this approach is the awareness that it is not only the other person who needs to change; we must be willing to listen and undergo change or hardship ourselves.

"Nonviolence is the constant awareness of the dignity and humanity of oneself and others; it seeks truth and justice; it renounces violence both in method and in attitude; it is a courageous acceptance of active love and goodwill as the instrument with which to overcome evil and transform both oneself and others."

-Wally Nelson

"Force is as pitiless to those who possess it as to those it victimizes. The second it crushes; the first it intoxicates."

-Simone Weil

5. Use creativity, humor and love.

Use of creative ways to approach adversaries can sometimes prevent reactions of fear, anger, and hate, and at the same time, produce unexpected positive results.

"Against the ruin of the world, there is only one defense—the creative act."

-Kenneth Rexroth

6. Aim for underlying changes.

Nonviolence seeks underlying changes more than surface changes. To reach deeper, more profound change in society and the way people live obviously may take much longer, but will produce more enduring, higher quality change.

"Let our lives be a counter-friction to stop the machine."

-Henry David Thoreau

"The first thing to be disrupted by our commitment to nonviolence will not be the system but our own lives!"

-Jim Douglass

7. Nonviolence is active.

Although to some the word nonviolence implies passivity, nonviolence is actually an active form of resistance. It analyzes the sources of institutional violence and intervenes on a philosophical and political level through direct and persistent actions.

"Nonviolent direct action seeks to create a crisis and foster such a tension that a community which has constantly refused to negotiate is forced to confront the issue. It seeks so to dramatize the issue that it can no longer be ignored."

-Martin Luther King



Dynamics of Nonviolent Action

In The Politics of Nonviolent Action, Gene Sharp lists three ways of successfully affecting the opposition: conversion, where an opponent wants to make the desired changes; accommodation, where he or she does not agree with the changes but decides it would be best to accept some or all of them; and nonviolent coercion, where he or she does not want to accept the changes but has lost too much support to actively oppose them.

In practice, different people and groups will be variously affected by a nonviolent action, and it is usually best to consider three broad types of approach: winning over uncommitted third parties, arousing dissent among opponents, and increasing active support and partici-

pation among people already in favor of change.

There are three main categories of nonviolent action: protest and persuasion (speeches, petitions, marches, rallies and symbolic demonstrations) noncooperation (social and economic boycotts, strikes, resistance to the draft or war taxes); and intervention (sit-ins, blockades and other disruption of existing structures, or creation of alternative structures).

Protest and persuasion are generally equated with symbolic action which tries to influence others (workers, elected representatives, etc.) to work for the desired goals. Noncooperation and intervention are forms of direct action, which seeks to limit or stop an injustice at the source without appealing to an intermediary. The distinction between direct and symbolic action is often just one of emphasis. A direct action which is not sustained or uses too few people to realistically accomplish its goals tends to be symbolic in effect, though direct in intention and style.

In addition, successful nonviolent action maintains and strengthens its ties to the mainstream of its society. By eschewing violence, insisting on its love for all people and by widely publicizing its actions and its social goals, a nonviolent campaign can maintain the sympathy of the culture from which it springs.

"May those who say that they believe in nonviolence learn to challenge more boldly those institutions of violence that constrict and cripple our humanity. And may those who have questioned nonviolence come to see that one's rights to life and happiness can only be claimed as inalienable if one grants, in action, that they belong to all."

-Barbara Deming

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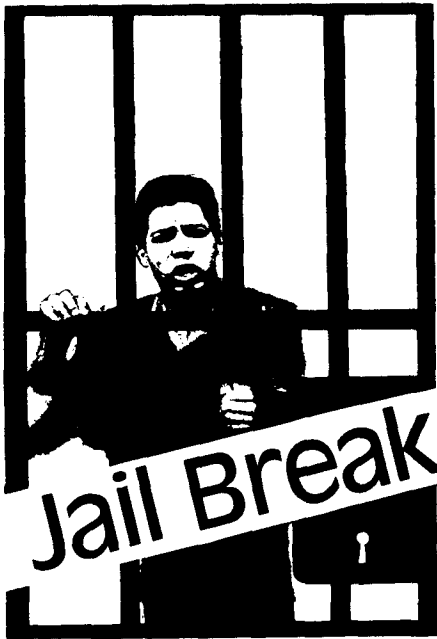
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by Shelley Douglass

Jail is living in any country in the world where you are not free to speak your mind, read what you please, decide issues for yourself. Jail is being non-white in a white-dominated world, poor in a wealth-dominated world, female in a male-dominated world, gay or lesbian in a world dominated by heterosexuals.

Jail is being part of the middle class and knowing that you have to keep your job and get ahead. Jail is believing that your worth depends on what you possess. Jail is working at a job you detest, because otherwise there would be no money. Jail is being afraid to speak your mind honestly for fear of your neighbor's reaction. Jail is being afraid to let people who differ from you be free to live their lives. Jail is whatever keeps us from being free to live together in love.

As I sit here in my cell and read, I become more and more aware of the jails in which we all live. And I wonder how we are to be free of these jails; how can we be set free to live together in love?

The bars that we break first are the bars of illusion. The first illusion to go is the one of our own separateness, our being somehow better or more deserving the other

Shelley Douglass served a two-month jail sentence this past summer for a pilgrimage onto the Trident base along the railroad tracks on which missiles are delivered.

people. When we are thrown together in any big city jail we have to ask ourselves honestly if we are better able to cope with life, or if we are simply privileged people.

When I hear the stories of the women in jail with me, it becomes very clear, very quickly the we are sisters, and that we value many of the same things: freedom of movement, love, our children . . . And these, my sisters, have less access to the good things of life because they were born poor, black, brown or Indian. They were born into that part of society which is considered expendable. But they are not expendable; they are sisters.

The second illusion that is quickly lost is the illusion of our needs. We have so many needs these days, and most of them are illusory. All of us here in Buckley Jail survive quite well without varied changes of clothing, without sports and recreation equipment, elaborate cosmetics-without in fact, most of the things that the television in the trusties' room tells us we need to live. We have simple, basic food and shelter. Our other true needs are unfulfilled here: meaningful work, close relationships, joyful play.

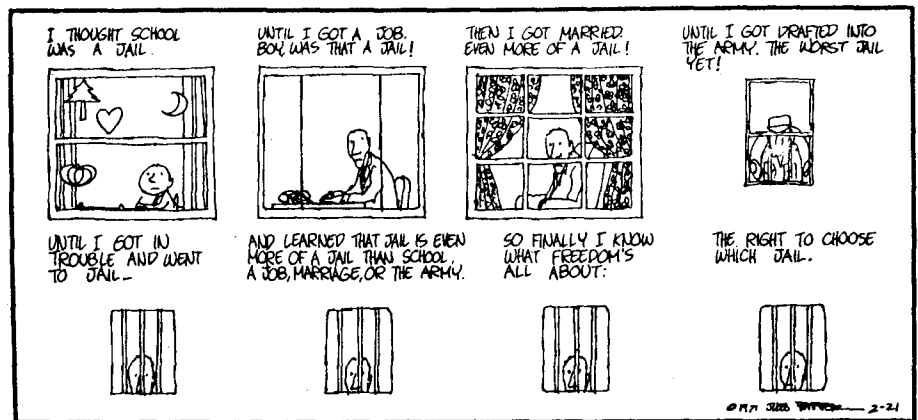
Those are the things that we miss.

We act out these illusions, and in doing so we become oppressors of many of the world's peoples and sworn enemies of others. And we suffer; it is clear from reading any current newspaper that the illusions with which we live do not create a healthy, happy, or safe society, even for those of us who are born privileged.

My cell is built of cinderblock and plaster; one wall and the floor are light gray, the other three walls a determined yellow. The door is a burnt orange, with a square glass window and, lower down, a rectangular slot through which meals are passed. I have a metal bed, bolted to the wall, and a sink-fountain-toilet combination of stainless steel. The whole area is about fifteen feet by seven feet- if I walk back and forth 200 times I have walked about a mile.

I have been in three jails. This one, Buckley City Jail, is by far the least unpleasant. I've spent a few days in Pierce and King County jails this term - they are both huge, dingy, and impersonal. Women are stacked on metal bunks as though on storage shelves, and sedated eight-teen to twenty-four hours a day by constant television.

Jules Feiffer/ANS



And yet, even here it is possible, though not easy, to find meaning, closeness, and joy in jail. It is not possible to list needs and require them to be filled; it is possible to let go of our needs and watch how they are filled by the Spirit.

I believe that many jails in the world today are the responsibility, direct or indirect, of middle-class people like me. And the reason that we create these bars around ourselves and build jails for the rest of the world is that we live in the two illusions I mentioned above.

Jail: jail is a place where people are stacked, stored, and transported like boxes of soap flakes, a place where people are treated like things. When you're in jail your choices are taken away: someone else decides where you will go, what work you will do, what hours you will keep, what food you will eat, even what books you will read and the temperature of your shower. In jail your desire for things-for books, visits, mail, phone calls, an extra pillow-will be used to keep you in line, to keep you from rocking the

boat. Jail is just like the rest of our lives: the dynamic becomes more visible when the scope of vision is narrowed.

What is to be done?

I advocate a jailbreak. That is, I believe that we need to confront and break down the illusions that separate us, and then to dismantle the jail, the economic policy, the foreign and defense policies which imprison us all. For some of us it may be necessary and truthful to do this by taking a jail break, going to jail. For others—more sensitive, less busy, less obvious—the bars will disappear without the help of jail cells.

We need first to understand the truth, for the truth makes us free. We need to experience ourselves as part of this world; living in it as one

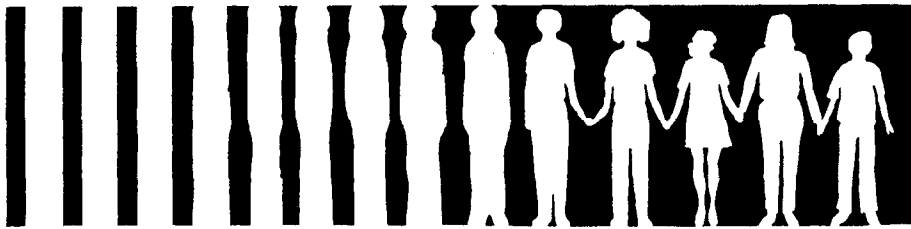
with all its peoples—creatures with other creatures. And we need to see the harm done by the fulfillment of our illusory needs: the wealth of the very few, the poverty of millions. We need to see — as the world's poor do — that the arms race is a struggle between two giant consumer powers; a struggle to control peoples whom neither side has any right to control.

I speak again to those like myself: the oppressors. Because we are the oppressors, we have a tremendous amount of power to affect the world, and I believe that the most effective way to use our power for good . . . is to renounce our power. Our military and economic power is based on the two illusions of our separate ness and our needs. We overconsume and defend our overconsumption.

We need, quite simply, to stop. We need to look at our lives honestly from a world perspective, and begin to get rid of our jail bars. I know people who have found lucrative jobs to be traps, and who have left the Naval shipyards or the Bangor base because their jobs and lifestyles had become jails for them. I know people who have refused to pay their taxes, all or part, because they do not wish to support the jail which we hold around much of the world.

The challenge before all of us who are "first world" people in any way is to give up that in us which grips our privilege and to replace that selfish grasp with an open-handed understanding and a growing dedication to truth, to love, to other people. I believe that we will have a long struggle. But if large numbers of us could engage in that struggle, the world would change, drastically and quickly. It would truly be a jail break.

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Nonviolence and Central America

by William Sunderlin

There's a prejudice shared by some who espouse nonviolence that is summed up in the following sentence: "When a movement claims 'we have found no alternative to armed struggle,' one must ask whether it locked."¹

In this article, I hope to show that this point of view holds up poorly when tested against the history of struggle in Central America.

In February of 1978, the archbishop of the Catholic Church of Nicaragua gave tacit support to the armed struggle being waged against the Somoza regime. He cited three preconditions which he felt, if met, gave justification for armed rebellion.² These three preconditions are a useful framework for examining the comparative fruitlessness of peaceful means in Central America in recent times.

Preconditions

1. *The existence of a self-evident injustice of extreme gravity that would legitimize an undisputed situation of self-defense.*

By now, the scope of the repression committed by certain Central American governments against their people is widely known. The body counts of the tortured and killed, the numbers of the disappeared and the methods of torture are a matter of public record.

But still the nature of injustice is grossly under-appreciated and misunderstood. Too readily people associate only the gun with violence in Central America, when hunger has been killing more people than guns, in a way that is equally unjust and perhaps more brutal. Slow starvation or death from hunger-related disease has all the features of torture, but without the benefit of a quick ending.

All poor people in El Salvador and Guatemala are under perpetual threat of death. In the eyes of the repressive forces, they are "the enemy" because they are perceived as potential revolutionaries. Not to take up arms under these circumstances is to

leave people vulnerable to the arbitrary violence of the security forces and death squads.

Likewise, arms are seen as a defense against the chronic threat of starvation and disease. Armed rebellion is seen as direct access to systemic change-- a change to a system where food is a right and not a privilege.

It is hard to imagine circumstances that would give greater justification for self-defense than those that exist presently in Central America.

2. *That armed struggle caused by injustice will cause less suf-*

fering...than the perpetuation of that injustice.

This precondition is abstract, seeing that it is impossible to determine ahead of time what the cost in lives of a war will be.

But two things are worth pointing out in relation to this precondition. First, that if repression reaches a certain level, a collective sense can emerge that there is "nothing left to lose" in taking up arms-- virtually anything will provide "less suffering than the perpetuation of that injustice." And second, that since the aim of revolutionary change in Cen -



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tral America is to create a humane society, "less suffering" will emerge as a condition of ordinary life, provided that the rebellion is successful.

This point is in conflict with a traditional tenet of nonviolence which says that the violent behavior stimulated in armed struggle will poison the society that follows victory.

The Nicaraguan revolution is proving to be an exception to this theory. Shortly after the victory in July 1979, laws were passed which forbade the death sentence and created a thirty-year ceiling on prison terms. Funds were set aside for the rehabilitation of members of Somoza's National Guard, and the sentences they received were, in general, lenient in relation to the severity of their crimes.

These laws and actions were exceedingly unpopular at first, because they were imposed in spite of public outcry for revenge against the National Guard. But gradually, they have come to be understood as the institutionalization of a Christian spirit of forgiveness-- as a sign that the new Nicaragua is morally superior to the Somoza regime. In the words of a Sandinista teenager guarding a prison with Guardsmen in it:

*"When the Frente put me on guard duty...all I wanted to do was take revenge. But with...time your feelings change...The Guardia realize that they were fighting and killing people who are now sharing their food with them, instead of torturing and killing them...It's terrible for them. They realize they were fighting for a lie. So when you see what this generosity means in practice, you know it's right."*³

There is a Nicaraguan slogan which articulates the new spirit. It says "Implacable in battle; generous in victory."

3. *The proven failure of all concrete peaceful solutions.*

Central American history abounds with examples of nonviolent campaigns. As long as poverty and repression have existed in Central America, there have been demonstrations, boycotts, strikes, tax resistance, and

**It should be noted though that these strikes would not have succeeded without the participation of the business class. The business class participated to reassert its economic power against what they saw as an overly powerful dictator. In so doing they preserved the status quo; the poor did not benefit.*

educational and electoral campaigns to change the status quo. Two Central American events are cited as great moments in the history of nonviolence: the deposing by means of a general strike Salvadoran dictator Maximiliano Hernandez Martinez and death sentence and created a thirtyboth in 1944.*

The consistent and sad reality, however, is that every foothold gained toward truly abolishing class oppression in Central America has been met with brutal repression-- whether or not it has been achieved peacefully. Guerrilla movements form out of the perception that peaceful change will never be allowed, and that the price of not perceiving this is perpetual oppression.

Father Gaspar Garcia Laviana, a respected Nicaraguan guerrilla who died in combat, said that he abandoned the peaceful road realizing that in the context of Nicaragua's political reality, his work had been reformist. In his own words:

*"I tried to respond in a Christian way, peacefully, promoting social and human development, looking for ways to help these people live better by their own means and with government resources. But I realized that it was all a lie, all deceit...And so I joined the armed struggle, knowing that nothing peaceful was possible...any other way would have been dishonest to my people and myself."*⁴

Laviana speaks for thousands who have done as he has. Central American revolutionaries have chosen armed struggle not because they are ignorant of nonviolent means, nor because they have an insufficient appreciation for peace. People skeptical of this should consider two notions: 1) that the Salvadoran, Guatemalan and Nicaraguan poor, having experienced a lifelong flirtation with violent death, might have a thirst for peace that few North Americans have ever experienced; and 2) that since decisions about violence and nonviolence fall on Third World revolutionaries as matters of life and death, perhaps they have given more serious weight to these questions than we are willing to imagine.

The Pitfall of Projection

In 1978 Dan Berrigan and Ernesto Cardenal (a priest and current Minister of Culture in Nicaragua) had an exchange of letters on the question of armed struggle in Nicaragua. In ob-

jecting to Cardenal leading Christians into the war against Somoza, Berrigan said:

*"When I was underground in 1970...I wrote 'the death of a single human being is too heavy a price to pay for the vindication of any principle.' I should add that at the time, many around the antiwar left were playing around with bombings, in disarray and despair. I am grateful that I wrote those words. I find no reason eight years later to amend or deny them."*⁵

While Berrigan's analysis may have been valid within the context of his own political experience, it becomes insubstantial when applied to the Nicaraguan experience. He illustrates a tendency among some nonviolence activists to disregard the relationship between the comparative success of their actions, and the political and economic liberties they enjoy. Ignoring these privileges, some activists assume that success in nonviolent action is exclusively a matter of insight and commitment, and fantasize how different Third World revolutions would be if only informed by pacifist expertise. They project their ideology onto a setting where it doesn't fit and find themselves strangers to their foreign counterparts.

Need for Unity

The success of U.S. citizens averting intervention in Central America depends to a certain extent on generating an emotional identification with the revolutionary cause. If we are to fully realize the power of our numbers in this crucial task, we must face the prejudice around armed rebellion squarely. It stands in the way of unity and greater solidarity with our counterparts in the Third World at a time when nothing could be more precious to them and-- if we fully appreciate the implications of greater military intervention-- to us as well.

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By helping - slum dwellers, Indians, campesinos, blacks and others - Servicio has played a significant role as a network of support for nonviolent liberation struggle. In its brief 10-year history, Servicio has linked together groups and individuals from all over Latin America. With 1980 Nobel Peace Prize winner Adolfo Peres Esquivel serving as general coordinator, it has built international solidarity and offered to a wide variety of grassroots groups encouragement, facilitation of communication, and opportunities to reflect together, integrate diverse experience and develop clear analyses and strategies.

The emergence of popular movements under repressive conditions has resulted in grassroots organizing that is diverse, decentralized and highly participatory - and difficult for any government to control. By linking these groups together, Servicio aids ongoing popular efforts in the slow process of carving out free spaces (zonas de liberacion) in the cracks of a rigid order.

Such efforts, some with the aid of Servicio, or other groups, others without any organized assistance, have borne fruit in a variety of places and contexts. In Panama a successful conference of Indian campesinos and campesinos of largely Spanish descent were held to begin dialogue, overcome tensions and forge a common struggle. In Bolivia, a small group of tin miners' wives initiated a now-famous hunger strike protest-

This article was excerpted from "Basta Ya - Nonviolent Struggle in Latin America" by Phil McManus (WIN 6/83) with additional material from the Resource Center for Nonviolence in Santa Cruz, CA.

ing working conditions and repression. In a matter of days, their strike was joined by the Church and thousands of people across the country, and their demands were granted. In Peru, the persistent nonviolent efforts of rural Indians goaded the government into providing local access to the hydroelectric resources which were being developed in their area for the benefit of the faraway cities.

Beginning in the late 70s and continuing today, a small, growing group of women, relatives of the 20,000 "disappeared" in Argentina, have been vigiling once a week in front of the government palace in Buenos Aires. Harrassed, brutalized, often arrested (after the 1976 coup, any expression carried the risk of death), these women refuse the government's basic demand: "Forget!" Instead they have kept alive a witness to the insufferable injustice and have become a rallying point for hope. The "discovery" of mass graves of political prisoners two years ago is a reflection of their - and others' - political courage in iron-fisted Argentina.

In this spirit, a spontaneous occupation of vacant land near Buenos Aires resulted almost overnight in a new cardboard and tin shack suburb of 20,000 people. The squatters laid out streets, provided for recreational area and a church; and organized their own municipal government and security force, thus presenting the authorities with a fait accompli. Such settlements represent a way of life for many urban Latin Americans, and regional and national organizations of slum dwellers suggest that their legitimate demands for some control over their own lives can be translated into a real force for change.

Servicio has undertaken a number of initiatives at both popular and governmental levels in Central America, including coordination with Archbishop Romero before his murder and with Salvadoran human rights groups since then, and an appeal to the UN and international actions of solidarity which have involved groups around the globe.

Because of its explicitly nonvio-



lent perspective, Servicio has gained public visibility and support which has allowed it to articulate dissident views, as in its nearly solitary criticism in Argentina during the Falklands/Malvinas war. In doing so, it helps to create space for increased political activity by other sectors of society.

In the tradition of nonviolence, Servicio recognizes that real peace must be the fruit of justice. Hence it struggles to work on the understanding of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights: that human rights include not only the rights of the person, like freedom of speech and freedom from torture, but also the essential rights of the people - the right to food, work, and shelter. This way, rather than simply harkening back to some less repressive past, human rights becomes a dynamic concept which projects forward to a future which includes these rights as the birthright of all human beings.

Strong support in the U.S. is critical for the efforts of which Servicio is a part. These are our co-workers struggling for peace and justice at great risk, often in relative isolation and with limited visibility. The role of the U.S. in maintaining oppressive political and economic structures in Latin America is apparent - changing our government's policies is the key to broad change there. A complementary process of change offers a deeply liberating potential, not only in Latin America, but here as well.

*To be informed of efforts to broaden US support or to participate in an Urgent Action Network for nonviolent liberation struggle in Latin America, contact:
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Here's the Beef

McDonald's Handicaps Its Customers

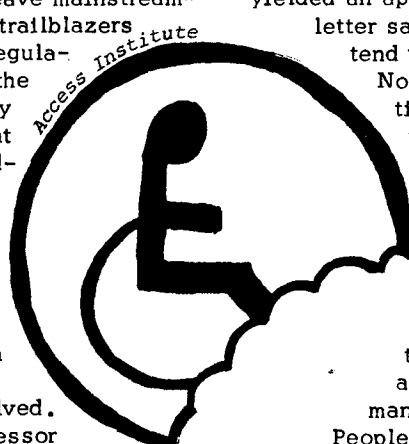
*Old McDonald had a store e-i-e-i-o
And in the store there was no ramp e-i-e-i-o*

We chanted in front of the largest McDonald's in Denver. We were around 30 people from seven cities from Maine to Texas and including Syracuse, Chicago and Louisville, members/trainees of the ACCESS Institute come to improve our skills in building a community of people with disabilities. We aspired to rekindle a national movement to push for our civil rights, to leave mainstreaming to history in favor of integration. The trailblazers of the '70s had worked hard for excellent regulations which have since been butchered by the current administration in Washington. They established an independent living movement which is often distracted by threatened budget cuts. But we still can't get on buses and into many schools. And the private sector is insulated from what Federal regulations remain.

We had classes on power and Alinsky organizing philosophy. Alinsky taught a style of organizing that depends heavily on skilled leadership, strategizing and on the polarization of issues and the parties involved. The goal is to transfer power from the oppressor to the oppressed. However, the method doesn't seem to deal with the problems of concentrated power or change the power structure itself. We had some history of people-power actions; we practiced negotiating skills. We learned that often the law was not helpful. And that when it came to the private sector, we were on our own anyway; even political allies were helpless.

So why McDonald's? They are private sector, international, number 1, and they exploit people with disabilities by making money off us without returning the courtesy of making their stores accessible to a national standard. They give money to Jerry Lewis and to Ronald McDonald houses; yet bathrooms are down flights of stairs, all

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seats are fixed to the floor so we can't eat at the tables, ramps are often at the back door, or non-existent. On the whole, eating at McDonald's is an exercise in role-playing the part of stray furniture.

The ACCESS organizers had written McDonald's requesting a meeting to talk about their policies on accessibility. No response. The first action, blocking entrance to the downtown store until we got a meeting, yielded an appointment with our group and a promised letter saying which McDonald's official would attend who could make national policy decisions.

No letter and a refusal to talk with our negotiator yielded a second action a few days later. We were then given names of McDonald's negotiators and assurance that these people were from corporate headquarters and able to make policy decisions. At the negotiation session, which began late due to a disagreement about the size of the conference room -- our group needed space to fit all of us in -- we found that they lied. The only person from national was the lawyer. We gave them our demands and set a new meeting date of June 19.

People would have to return from six cities. On June 19, McDonald reneged on the meeting.

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Book Review —

Lest Innocent Blood Be Shed

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"France was still united - but only by despair. She was without help under the German boot. Her nearest possible ally was England, but England seemed far away, and tiny, and next. As for the United States, it was an unpredictable giant on another planet. Russia was an ally of Germany. On France's southwest border, Spain was another of Hitler's allies. On the southeast border, there was Hitler's friend and partner, Benito Mussolini. To the east was triumphant Germany. The rest was salt water."

Lest Innocent Blood Be Shed, p.

In this paralyzing and depressing context, there were many acts of incredible courage, strength and help. *Lest Innocent Blood Be Shed*¹ documents and analyzes the actions of the villagers of Le Chambon sur Lignon in southeast France.

The book was written by Phillip Hallie, a Philosophy and Humanities professor at Wesleyan University. To me, his writing was somewhat confusing -- he kept hopping about in time. He repeated incidents or descriptions several times. At the beginning, end, and sprinkled throughout are "ethical" lecturettes and analyses. At times Hallie's personal obsession with finding good and hope overshadows the story. That's the bad news.

The good news is that the book is well worth reading. Hallie bases almost the entire account on personal interviews and writings of the people involved. He spent time in the village. His descriptions of the town and the people are so thorough that I began to feel as if I had been there and met them. His background on the people and the persecuted Huguenots was helpful. All of this, however, is incidental to the amazing central story: what the villagers of Le Chambon did.

Nearly the entire village conspired to commit continuous acts of nonvio-

Kath has recently returned from Europe and is still footloose.



The main entrance of the Protestant Temple of Le Chambon. The inscription reads - Love one another.

lent resistance by welcoming, hiding, smuggling, feeding, and forging documents for Jewish refugees from all over Europe. They took in individuals and families. They opened up youth houses with minimal outside funds. They supported Flowery Hill, a stop on the woman-run underground railroad, the Cimade. They hid youths in boarding houses - one right across from the hotel where German soldiers convalesced. They hired refugees to staff the Cenevenol, an international pacifist school. When confronted by the Vichy or German police, they would admit there were refugees in the village but refuse to surrender them - a capital offense. Some villagers also supported the armed resistance by treating wounded, passing on messages and supplies, ac-

tively participating themselves or hiding fighters. There seems to have been constant discussion of nonviolence vs. armed struggle, but the solidarity of the village never broke over the issue.

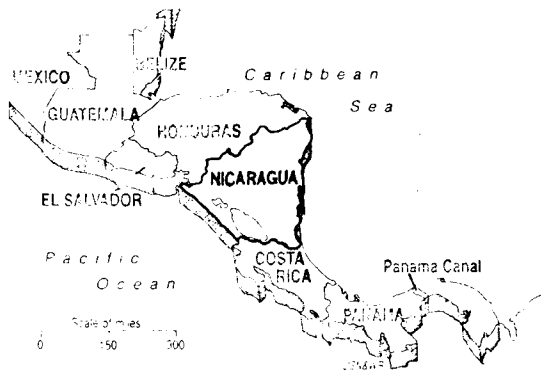
Much of the book is a portrait of André Trocmé, the protestant pastor of the village. He seems to have coordinated and directed much of the activity through a network of responsables (boy scouts and Sunday school youth) and a core group of very independent villagers. The officials of the town were not involved, and there were people who were against the work. But, during the entire occupation, although there were captures, deportations and deaths, not one villager gave away a refugee. To really understand and believe what they pulled off, you have to read the book!

A great part of Hallie's account deals with peoples' motivations. Some had an incredible religious faith and were bearing witness. Most seemed to feel that it was simply what they had to do. Magda Trocmé indicates that turning away a refugee "is not simply refusal to help; it is an act of harmdoing. Whatever one's excuses for not taking a refugee in, from the point of view of that refugee, your closed door is an instrument of harmdoing, and your closing it does harm."

Opening the door was dangerous and potentially fatal but the villagers of Le Chambon did it anyway, over and over again. All the time I was reading *Lest Innocent Blood Be Shed*, I kept thinking of the 1,000+ Salvadorans being deported from the U.S. each month. It's estimated that between 50 and 200 of each 1,000 are killed within one week of returning. It seems we need to open a lot more doors - quickly.

¹ The title comes from the Old Testament's injunction to "set apart cities...(of refuge)...lest innocent blood be shed in your land..."

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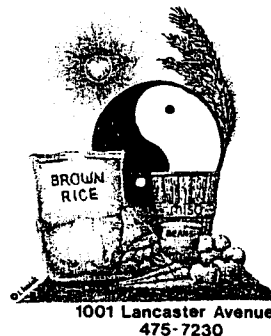
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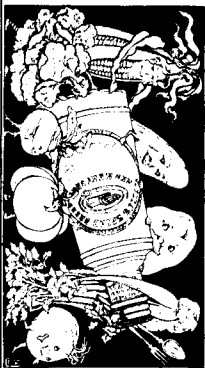
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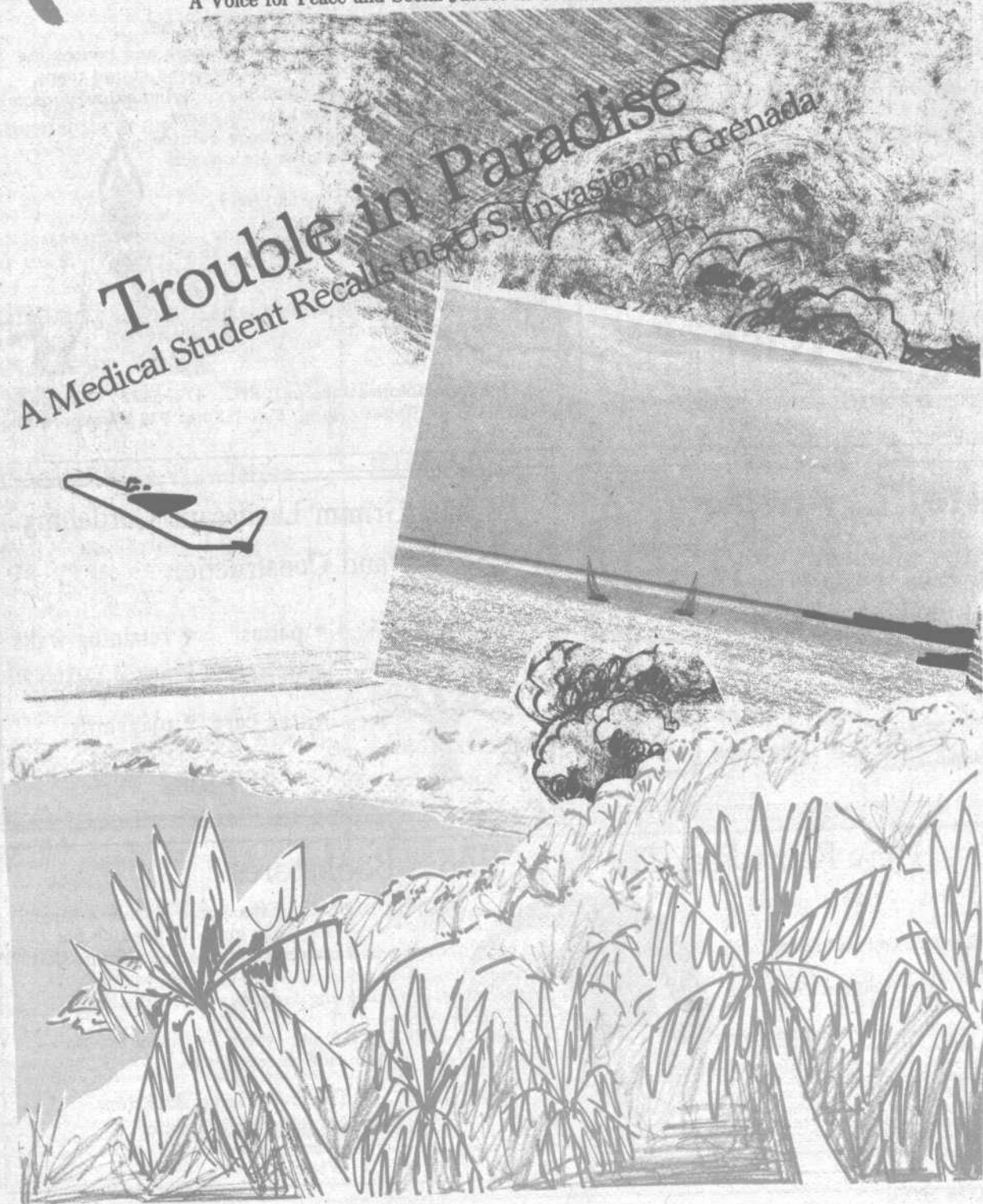
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Trouble in Paradise

A Medical Student Recalls the U.S. Invasion of Grenada



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THE CABLE SHIP

We fished up the Atlantic Cable one day between the Barbadoes and the Tortugas, held up our lanterns and put some rubber over the wound in its back, latitude 15 degrees north, longitude 61 degrees west. When we laid our ear down to the gnawed place we could hear something humming inside the cable.

"It's some millionaires in Montreal and St. John talking over the price of Cuban sugar, and ways to reduce our wages," one of us said.

For a long time we stood there thinking, in a circle of lanterns, we're all patient cable fishermen, then we let the coated cable fall back to its place in the sea.

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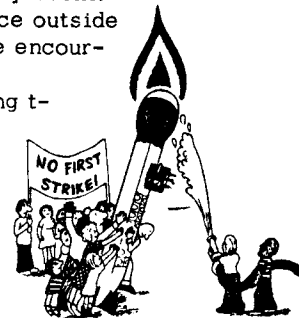
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WHAT IS THE OPEN HOUSE?

It is a day when Griffiss opens its doors and invites the public to marvel at the beautiful weapons stored there. There are exhibits of the machinery, flying exhibitions take place, there is food; a real family event.

There will be a legal presence outside the base all day, and people are encouraged to go inside to:

- *form human billboards by making t-shirts each with a large letter on them, and form into words.
- *pass out leaflets
- *hold banners or signs
- *talk with the military people who are explaining the exhibits



For more information, call SPC, 472-5478, or come to a meeting on Thurs., Sept. 6 at 7:30 at 572 Westmoreland St., Syracuse.

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September's Peace Newsletter concludes our special two-part series on nonviolence. Included are articles on the history of nonviolence and the Peace Council, nonviolence and children, nonviolence in the Philippines, and nonviolence in the Civil Rights movement. We also feature an exciting piece on the invasion of Grenada based upon personal journals kept by a local medical student studying there at the time. In addition, this month's book review provides a helpful reader's guide to literature on Central America.

Unfortunately, with this issue we also must say goodbye to Karen and Gary - two loyal and much loved staffpersons. We'll miss them both very much.

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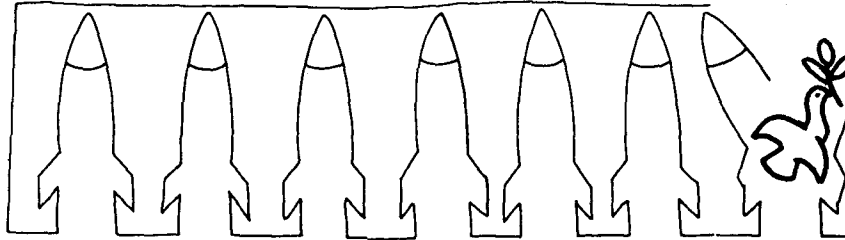
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JONATHAN SCHELL

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News from The SPC House

The big news is that Cindy and Deana are here! Cindy has been introduced to the mysteries of filing at SPC (she says the files are in great shape and now is a good time to use them) and has already made her mark by bringing in a brush for the vacuum cleaner. Deana meanwhile has had barely a moment to breathe arriving just in time for a crash course in PNL production. They have brought new energy to the house and we're really happy to have them here. This is Karen's and Gary's last month (sob). They're both unsure of their future plans, although Gary knows he will remain in Syracuse and on the P&E committee.

Maura returned from Nicaragua and immediately went to her new job as Peace Studies Intern at Colgate. Jeff meanwhile has transformed the Press space downstairs with treasures he has acquired at auctions. Come check it out!

And of course the last few vacationers have returned. Allen had a wonderful time down South visiting family and friends. Carol, in her new identity as Traveling Woman, made a jaunt to Toronto for fun and bookstore browsing.

-Carol Baum

SPC Statement of Purpose

The Syracuse Peace Council (SPC), founded in 1936, is an antiwar/social justice organization. It is community-based, autonomous and funded by the contributions of its supporters.

SPC educates, agitates and organizes for a world where war, violence and exploitation in any form will no longer exist. It challenges the existing unjust power relationships among nations, among people and between ourselves and the environment. As members, we work to replace inequality, hierarchy, domination and powerlessness with mutual respect, personal empowerment, cooperation and a sense of community.

Present social injustices cannot be understood in isolation from each other nor can they be overcome without recognizing their economic and militaristic roots. SPC stresses a strategy that makes these connections clear. We initiate and support activities that help build this sense of community and help tear down the walls of oppression. A fundamental basis for peace and justice is an economic system that places human need above monetary profit. We establish relationships among people based on cooperation rather than competition or the threat of destruction.

Our political values and personal lives shape and reflect each other. In both we are committed to nonviolent means of conflict resolution and to a process of decision-making that responds to the needs of all.

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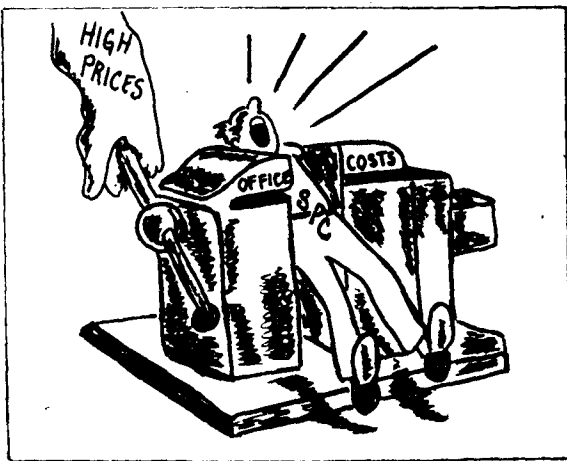
the peace council page

Summertime Money Blues

Like the graphic says, we are in a crunch! This summer seems worse than others as we strive to stretch the little money we have to cover staff salaries and bills, and we are barely making it. For the first time in recent history, the cash shortage caused the staff to be paid late in July. This is especially hard as we have two new staff people coming in and there is so much work we need to do this fall.

We are planning numerous events to raise money (see the below article), but we still need your help. Please send in a contribution if you can to make sure we raise the important issues this fall.

THE SQUEEZE IS ON!



**HELP RELIEVE THE PRESSURE—
SEND IN YOUR CONTRIBUTION TODAY!**

Fall Activities Shape Up

October will be a busy month for SPC as several events are shaping up. The Annual Dinner is set for Friday October 19th at May Memorial Unitarian Church. The speaker will be noted author and socialist Michael Harrington. Mark your calendar now and look for more details in the next newsletter.

Plans are also firming up for the SPC party on October 27th. We plan music, costumes, games, booths, and more. Plan to be there for a good time. We also hope to have a classical music benefit in the near future. Keep your eyes peeled for details.

Fond Farewell Party

This summer several people have left the SPC house and a farewell party is planned. Please join us in sending off Gary Weinstein; SPC printer for three years and P&E staff person for the last 1 1/2, Karen Beetle; our PNL person for the past 3 years, and Maura McNulty; our printer for the last year. Luckily it appears like they all will be staying in the Upstate New York region so we will not be losing their talents and smiles. The party will be on September 7th at 572 Westmoreland Ave. at 8:00. Please bring a refreshment or snack, and dancing shoes.

Help Plan SPC's Birthday Celebration

The Peace Council will soon be 50 years old, a record of survival and activity that we can all be proud of. Plans need to be made now to celebrate the event and your help is needed. Ideas for the occasion began to surface at the last council meeting and a initial meeting will occur on September 10th, 7:30 at Plymouth Congregational Church. A beautiful memorial post card has already been made by Gary Weinstein and Karen Kerney (printed by the SPC Press). Help commemorate our remarkable 50 year commitment to peace and social justice.

New PNL Staffperson

—Deana Cunningham

Hi- Having spent the last two years in Syracuse getting to know the Peace Council and the community, I'm very glad to be back as a full-time staff person. My summer was spent traveling around England and Ireland, and my trip has left me rejuvenated and ready for the challenge of the Peace Newsletter. I have a lot to learn, and I'd appreciate any comments and suggestions you have about the PNL or any other Peace Council issues.

Growing up outside of Rochester, I've learned to appreciate the people of Central New York. Since I came to Syracuse, much of my time and energy have been spent on the S.U. campus, attempting to organize students around the disarmament issue. I met with some successes and some failures, but my faith in human beings remains intact. I'm looking forward to becoming more involved in the community and getting to know as many of you as possible. Come in for production, or just to say hi!

New Staff for P&E

—Cindy Sangree

It is good to be working full time on concerns that for several years I have been trying to fit in around the edges of my life. I feel fortunate to be a part of SPC.

One of my earliest involvements in peacework was as a Quaker Work Camp volunteer in Europe in 1951. Most recently I have worked with Women's Agenda in Rochester and the Women's Peace Encampment located near the Seneca Army Depot.

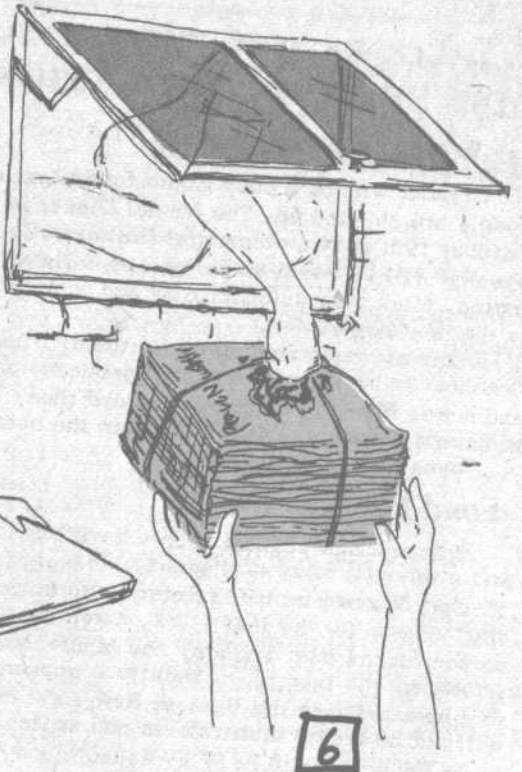
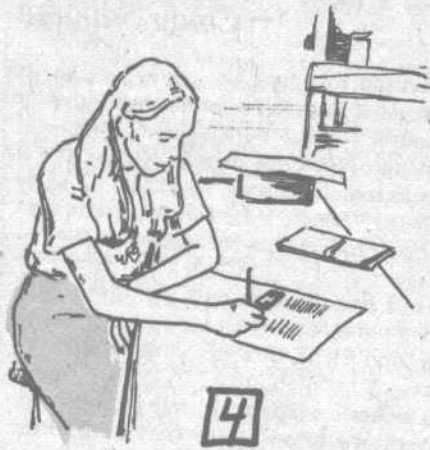
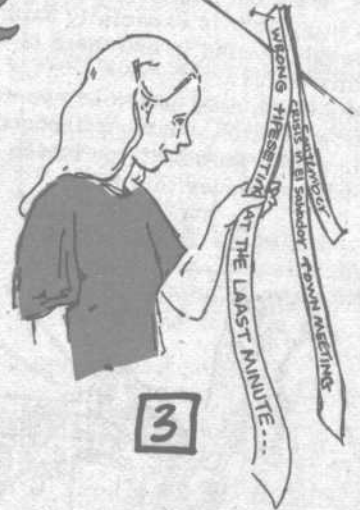
I am a sociologist. I have taught both graduate and undergraduate college students. My degrees are from the University of Chicago and SUNY Buffalo. I have done research in various parts of this country, in Kenya, and recently in a medical school setting. I read feminist poetry and African literature in my spare time. I like to bike, swim, and cross-country ski. I appreciate the many good vegetarian cook books now available.

Gary has been a gracious tutor, introducing me to many helpful people and to his orderly files. I am pleased that he is remaining in Syracuse and will continue as a member of P&E. Carol, Karen, Jeff and Allen have introduced me to the many facets of SPC work. I am excited by the high level of member participation in all aspects of the Council's work.

Karen Good-bye

Thanks

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Artwork by Laurie Goldman from photos
by Angus MacDonald.



SPC has a history of dedicated activists who have maintained staff positions. Each one, aside from a commitment to the general SPC ideology, brings with her/him specific personal goals. Gary's included extending SPC beyond the cadre of activists who frequent the SPC house and/or make up part of the "Westcott Community."

His constant priority, when organizing, was the number and diversity of people SPC would

reach. These goals were reflected by his commitment to the door to door canvassing campaign, the Jobs, Peace and Freedom March on Washington (commemorating the 20th anniversary of MLK's historic march), Jobs with Peace '83 and '84 and the rally at Seneca against the Euromissile deployment. Specifically, the Jobs, Peace and Freedom March and Jobs with Peace provided opportunities for SPC, labor and local black organizations to share, learn from each other and affirm our mutual goals.

Gary has given five years to low paying, demanding activist work: 3 1/2 on the SPC press and 1 1/2 years as P&E staff person. Personally, I have been moved by Gary's warmth and humor, and challenged by his politics. We wish Gary well and trust that he continues to give much of his energy to "Peace and Social Justice."

-Vince Sgambati

I have worked with Gary for a year now since he contacted me about joining the SPC Program and Evaluation Committee. Right from the start he took care in educating

me and the other new P and E members about the wide range of responsibilities held by that committee. Together in the last year we worked on some tough issues; the long discussions about the SPC position towards contact with the FBI, the startup of the Disarmament and Central America Projects, the first contacts with Disabled in Action, and a host of other concerns hashed out in Committee meetings. Gary by himself initiated the first talk about how to celebrate the SPC 50th Anniversary coming up in 1986 - a project that he still has a big stake in. In all of his activity Gary worked hard and long hours to fulfill his role as the P and E staff person.

While we all appreciate the work Gary has put into his staff work, we can say thanks to him without saying goodbye. He plans to continue on the P and E Committee even after finding a job out there in "mainstream" Syracuse. So again, thank you Gary and we'll see you at the next committee meeting after your (brief) vacation.

-Tim McLoughlin

Resources on the Philippines

The Marcos dictatorship is increasingly unstable due to the popular uprising since the Aquino assassination and the growing economic instability. The following slide shows are available from the Friends of the Filipino people:

Olongapo: a report on the barrio adjacent to the Subic Bay US Naval Base examining prostitution and other social costs of US military bases. 15 minutes

Land of Contrasts: slides with music (no text) depicting the extremes of wealth and poverty. 12 minutes

Technology vs Culture: presents the view of tribal Filipinos on a government plan to build dams which would flood their ancestral home and rice fields. 10 minutes

Bananas: Examining the impact of Del Monte, Dole and other multinational agribusiness on the people and the economy of the Philippines. 30 minutes

Also available is a video of a 1982 BBC documentary on the wealth and poverty of the Philippines and the government repression there. Narrated by former Senator José Diokno. 50 minutes (3/4" U-Matic Viewer required)

Dave Kashmer and Jim Zwick can also speak to interested groups on a wide range of subjects regarding the US presence in the Philippines. For booking information call the SPC film committee care of Margaret Palmieri, 473-4350 (days), 476-6906 (evenings).

New Buttons at The Front Room Bookstores



Buttons are 50¢

Bumperstickers are 75¢

See page 2 for locations and hours.

"...A Theft From Those Who Hunger..."

Among the most often quoted lines of former U.S. Presidents are the following of Dwight Eisenhower, "Every gun that is made, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone; it is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children". These words are even more appropriate today, but Reagan isn't saying them. This Republican President and his administration are trying to persuade the American people to commit \$1.5 trillion over the next few years to increased arms spending. Food stamp recipients are robbed so that the money can be used to build Trident submarines. Day care and school lunch money is stolen to fund weapons.

The Jobs With Peace Campaign reports that at least 4,000 additional civilian jobs would be created for every \$1 billion reduction in military spending. In testimony before the President's Task Force on Hunger, Jim Mang stated that New York State could use 2600 teachers, 3800 nurses, 3900 police. The cost would be \$197,000,000. This is less than the Pentagon will take from Buffalo in nine weeks. A bilateral nuclear weapons freeze alone could immediately save \$6 - \$8 billion.

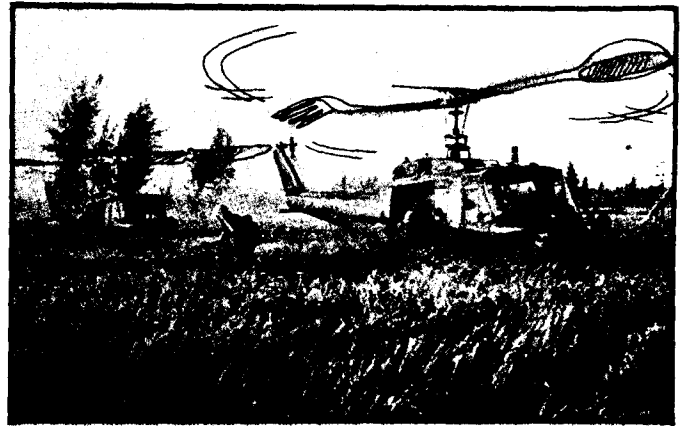
Not only are we wasting our own heritage in the U.S., we are a world arsenal and we are encouraging developing countries to divert their scarce resources into arms thereby slowing their sound economic growth. The U.S. provides arms to Army elites in Guatemala which uses them to suppress protests against a privileged few.

Some developing countries spend nearly ten times more on weapons than on health, education, and other human services combined.

A country is not more secure as it piles up arms and glares across borders bristling with guns while its own people cannot have hospitals or schools and the farmers fear the repressive measures of their armed countrymen. In many places, as in Guatemala, they will not go to the fields to plant, thus people suffer hunger. The Presidential Commission on World Hunger reports that it is convinced that the key to global and national security is the conquering of world hunger and poverty. We must cease to steal from the poor and give the riches to endeavors that produce life, not death.

Resource material from Oxfam.

- Cindy Sangree.



Hunger At Home

- A woman does the grocery shopping for her family and then shops again in an identical fashion for a needy family.

- Before leaving for work, a man picks several heads of lettuce from his garden and contributes them to a meal program.

- Students at S.U., about to leave for the summer, deposit their survival foods in barrels that will be collected for those in the community who are hungry.

Since February of 1982, the Interreligious Food Consortium has been networking those who can help and those who need food. The I.F.C. is an interfaith ministry working to mobilize contributions of food, money and talent that are made available to the sixty church pantry and meal programs within the network. Churches, synagogues, service clubs, unions and individuals are among the many who help keep the Consortium's shelves stocked.

Edwin Meese, Presidential Counselor, told reporters that many Americans are lining up outside soup kitchens not because they are hungry but because they don't want to spend their money on food.

- In Syracuse, during December 1983, 15,647 meals were served at four church meal programs. Lines for these "bag lunches" began forming three hours before the doors opened.

The Presidential Commission on hunger reported that it

was "unable to substantiate allegations of rampant hunger in the U.S."

- In Syracuse last December, in addition to the four church programs, over 40,000 meals were distributed in the form of food packages from 56 church pantries. These figures do not include the substantial amounts of food distributed by such organizations as Catholic Charities, P.E.A.C.E. Inc., the Rescue Mission, Dorothy Day House, and the Salvation Army.

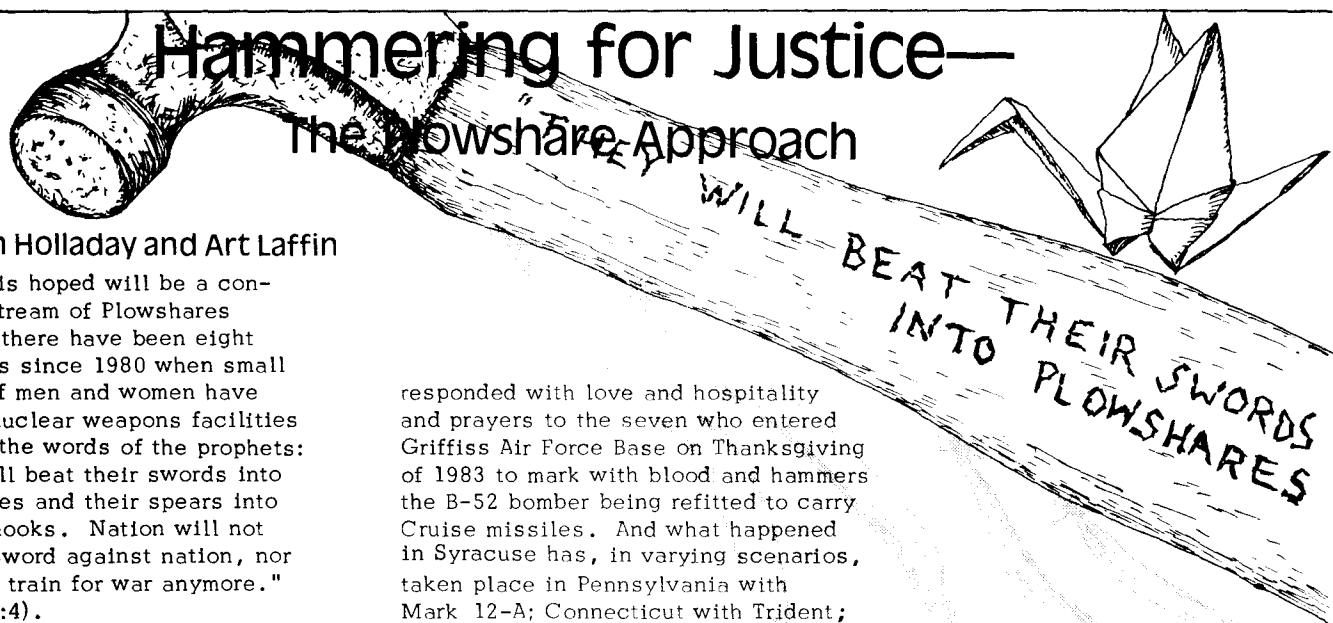
There is hunger in Syracuse and it is in epidemic proportions. Although the Consortium has worked to foster new pantries and in spite of the great responsiveness of the Syracuse Community, the crisis grows. From July through December of 1983 there was an increase of 75% in the number of meals served over the previous six months.

There are no easy answers to the hunger crisis. A recognition of the problem is a first step towards a solution. To those who see a real need comes the responsibility of making the need known to others, including those we elect to positions of power.

"I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits."

Martin Luther King

-Vicki Prescott, the Interreligious Food Consortium.



Hammering for Justice— The Plowshare Approach

by Jean Holladay and Art Laffin

In what is hoped will be a continuing stream of Plowshares actions, there have been eight occasions since 1980 when small groups of men and women have entered nuclear weapons facilities to enact the words of the prophets: "They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore." (Isaiah 2:4).

There have been seven trials, seven convictions. (The only outstanding case is in Germany, due to be heard in October.) At present there are fifteen folk in federal prisons, serving sentences ranging from two to three years, some with an additional five years probation and restitution payments asked.

In light of the heaviness of these most recent sentences, in Syracuse and in Orlando, Florida, the question arises, "is it worth it?" This article does not presume to speak directly for the sisters and brothers in jail, but frame some additional questions and possible answers, and try to give some background material.

Who is responsible for disarmament? In 39 years, not one weapon has been cancelled; first use policy never abandoned by our government.

What level of risk does the struggle for peace and justice require? Nation states now deem the lives of soldiers and civilians alike expendable.

What do we say to those presently dying from war and poverty? Half of each tax dollar goes to war business. To say "I care about you" means to take suffering seriously, and personally.

Syracuse was the scene of the longest Plowshares trial to date - five weeks in Federal court; five weeks when the community here

responded with love and hospitality and prayers to the seven who entered Griffiss Air Force Base on Thanksgiving of 1983 to mark with blood and hammers the B-52 bomber being refitted to carry Cruise missiles. And what happened in Syracuse has, in varying scenarios, taken place in Pennsylvania with Mark 12-A; Connecticut with Trident; Massachusetts with MX; and Orlando Florida and Schwabish-Mundt Germany with Pershings weapons systems.

The Plowshares hope is to communicate - from the moment of entry into a plant or base - an underlying faith in the power of nonviolence; a plea for justice for the victims of violence and poverty; an acceptance of responsibility for the physical conversion of the weapons, and the spiritual conversion of the heart.

The symbols used in Plowshares actions, blood and hammers, are emotional and controversial. Motivated by the prophetic call, hammers are used to literally enact disarmament, and to point to the urgency for conversion from war production to products that enhance life.

The blood symbolizes the holocaust that nuclear weapons will inflict, as well as the murderous cost they now impose on the poor. Blood speaks too of human unity, and the willingness to give one's life rather than to take life.

The courts and the technicians stumble to find other words for these symbols; "red-liquid substance"... "property" damage. Many witnesses are summoned by the prosecution to testify to the dents and gouges made on the "hardware"; photos are displayed, smaller "components" are passed around the jury. Like a litany of anti-life, the weapons are tagged, labeled, numbered, recited: the cost of replacement specified, for the "system", the "materials".

This central question, "Are nuclear weapons property to be protected by the law?" carries through each trial.

The Plowshares trials try and call the law to return to its ancient vows to protect the innocent and helpless, the substance of life. The words about death, holocaust, genocide are hard to get into the record. Briefs have been prepared and submitted on international law, yet to date no court has admitted it as a defense. After listening to Ramsey Clark define the issues on the stand the judge in one Connecticut case asked him if there is any case law precedent, and appeared relieved when told "not as yet". The same judge later in the trial, after the defendants themselves had testified to the parallels with German law protecting the Nazi gas ovens, said "You may be right, the end of the world will be perfectly legal."

Two courts have partially allowed the justification defense - which must address the imminence of the harm; the lack of legal alternatives; and a causal relationship between the action and the danger to be abated. In both courts: Syracuse and Lowell, MA. - (the AVCO trial) - the judge ruled on the last day, after a series of expert witnesses, that the criteria had not been met, and the jury could not consider any evidence about the risk of nuclear war. In the AVCO trial the judge even limited the evidence by curtailing the first element - he disallowed talk of imminence "unprovable" - and had the Commonwealth stipulate that "nuclear war would be a serious danger". Then he said to a survivor of Hiroshima, (continued on pg. 10)

Jean and Art are active with the Atlantic Life Community, a Christian based resistance network.

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whom he did not allow to take the stand, "what happened at Hiroshima 35 years ago is irrelevant."

To further challenge the courts to address the illegality of nuclear weapons and to accept a defense of justification, four of the Plowshares cases are currently being appealed in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New York and Florida.

During the past spring, a victory of sorts occurred when the conviction of the Plowshares Eight, the first to be tried, was reversed by a 4-3 vote

in the Superior Court of Pennsylvania. This decision concluded in part that the court erred in not allowing the jury to hear evidence regarding the justification defense. The State, however, has subsequently countered by appealing the appeal decision.

Yet the substance of the Plowshare actions remains steady. If nuclear disarmament is to be a reality in our time, it will not happen merely by political directives or judicial decrees. It will occur because people want peace with such passion that risks are gladly accepted. While the

actions each person chooses to take for peace may vary, the moral responsibility to resist the unprecedented nuclear peril exists for us all - to resist in such a way that our whole lives become means of transformation and healing.

See pg. 19 for the address of the Pershing Plowshares. You can write to the Griffiss Plowshares: Liz McAlister, Clare Grady, Jackie Allen, Kathleen Rumpf at Cottage 11 Karl Smith at Box 1000 Allenwood F.P.C./Montgomery PA 17852, and Vern Rossman and Dean Hammer at Danbury Federal Prison, Danbury, Ct.



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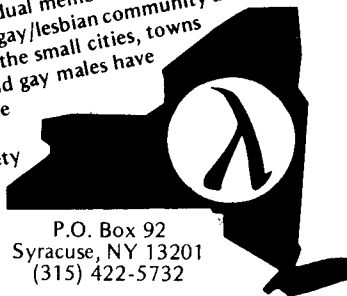
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Book Review—

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Readings of Revolution

by Hank Strunk

Since June 1983 when I first became aware of US intervention in Central America, I have read many books for two reasons -- to draw my own conclusions about US policy and to get a winning combination of material to present to the unawakened who still do NOT think Reagan's Central America policy must be stopped.

I now feel informed; but whether any combination can WIN hearts and minds of even moderate Republicans remains unclear. This might be assisted with a well-prescribed reading list thoughtfully proffered, but success probably rides on luck, person-to-person charisma, and one's stamina for the task.

After reading for your own conversion, the cries of the struggle will compel you to pick out for sustained proselytizing some acquaintances who are fearful of Communists coming in our back door, disdain socialism here and therefore anywhere, and feel incompetent at judging the wisdom of Reagan's so-called "experts".

You can use these books to interweave counter-arguments to objections raised. They lend credibility to your discussion and, at the very least, force upon the person a latent sense that just maybe truth does not reside with Reagan. Then perhaps, current events will finish the job!

Good luck -- with only a few months months left, you need to get busy! FOCUS, SPC, and AFSC can supply the books ... and MORE, the peasants will supply the passion.

HEART BOOKS include:

Sandinista's Daughters, by Randall
And Also Teach Them to Read, by
Hirschon

Cry of the People, by Lernoux
Witness to War, by Dr. Clements

MIND BOOKS include:

Changing Course: Blueprint for Peace
in Central America, by PACCA

Inevitable Revolutions, by LaFeber
Ministers of God, Ministers to Men,
by Cabestrero

Anatomy of ANTI-Communism, AFSC

Hank is a concerned citizen, engineer, insulation contractor, and land truster.

Deadly Connections -- Nuclear War and US Intervention, by AFSC
Defense Sense: The Search for a Rational Military Policy, by Congressman Ronald Dellums
In Search of Enemies, by Stockwell



from: Sandinista's Daughters

Sandinista's Daughters tells you first hand about the Sandinista revolution as viewed by Nicaraguan women from different walks of life who were moved by the Somoza years of repression to become the revolution. Behold ... the Sandinista women could be your own ordinary friends empowered to seek justice!

And Also Teach Them to Read recounts the mind-boggling saga of bringing the illiteracy rate from 50% to 12% in six months following the overthrow of Somoza. It is inspiring and instructive -- a goal embodied in a whole population can produce a new social environment.

Cry of the People is the documented answer to the question, "Where has the Central American church been when such suffering is wrought upon humans?" The answer is, it has been in the thick of it, siding with the suffering and compelled by compassion. It is a resounding example and a passive indictment of the generally uninvolved Christendom of the US.

And to make you sufficiently incensed at what your country is doing to Salvadoran peasants, I suggest Clements' Witness to War, a commentary of a Quaker medical doctor on a sustained medical visit in the rebel

zone where civilians and guerillas alike are murdered and terrorized. This is because we insist on "stopping the Commies" no matter the cost in human suffering.

The concise answer to the Kissinger Commission Report is Changing Course, with background history, the Reagan myths demolished, and proposed actions following the Contadora proposal.

Inevitable Revolutions traces the evolution and built-it failure of US Central America policy from Monroe to the present. It's exhaustive and exhausting, but worth it.

Ministers of God should speak to the religious who wonder how Catholic priests can be part of the Marxist Sandinista revolution and government. It makes excellent connections between revolution and compassion.

Anatomy... explains how this nation of well-meaning Americans can be so blind and callous to the suffering we inflict on others in the name of stopping the "devil". It's useful in debunking the Birchers of our nation.

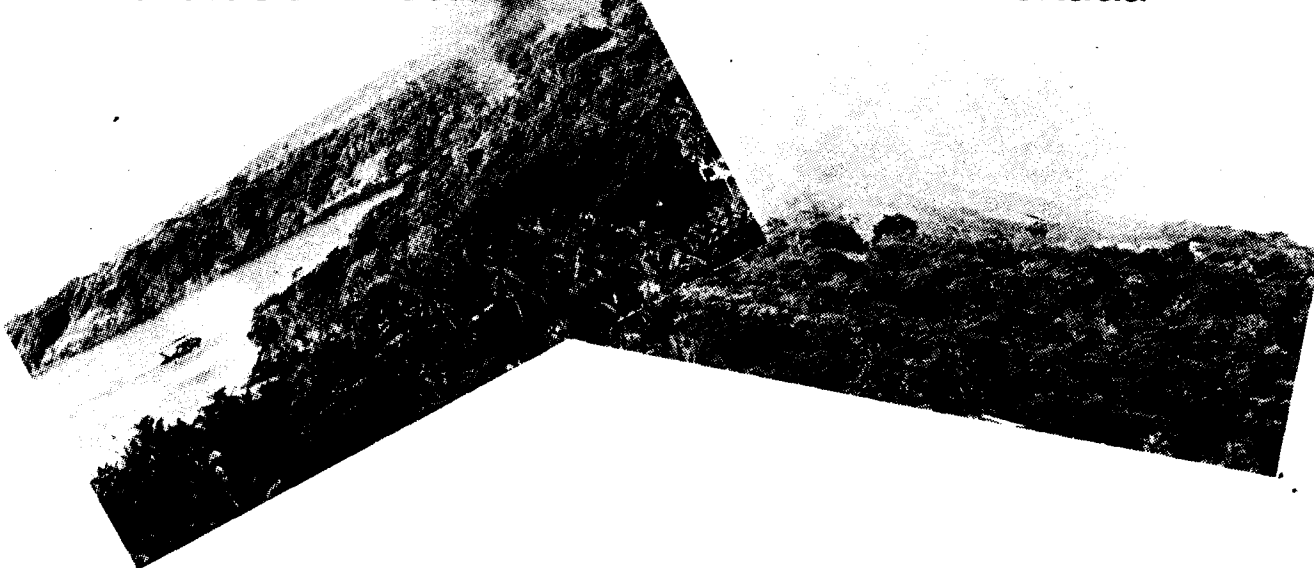
Deadly Connections and Defense Sense are transcripts of addresses by a knowledgeable variety of people seeking to show the connections between our intervention in areas such as Central America and the arms race. They both grow out of our arrogance, self-serving myths, and the profiteering needs of American industry. Assembled before your eyes are our experts -- often disenchanting heavies from the establishment -- all delivering body blows to the irrational, dangerous, and inhumane interventionist and military arms policies of our past and present government leadership.

And just in case you wouldn't believe our leadership could be so crass, incompetent, and devious, I recommend Stockwell's In Search of Enemies. This is the diary/commentary of his years in the CIA as a man with much responsibility for promulgating our government's bag of dirty tricks.

Read these, cry in despair, and then use them as your tools for "pulling the blinders from the eyes" of our Republicans of good will.

Trouble in Paradise

A Medical Student Recalls the U.S. Invasion of Grenada



Editors note:

Grenada, a small island of about 110,000 people, located in the Caribbean, has undergone many changes, both political and social, in the past ten years. Immediately following their independence from Britain in 1974, Grenada was ruled by Eric Gairy, an autocrat who was commonly thought to be crazy. Gairy's rule lasted 5 years, until he was ousted by Maurice Bishop, a popular socialist. Bishop headed the Grenadian government until mid October of last year. It was then that Bishop and other supporters of the socialist government were overthrown by Bernard Courd, then Deputy Prime Minister, and General Hudson Austin, Commander of the People's Revolutionary Army (PRA). Shortly after this coup the U.S. invaded Grenada overthrowing Courd and Austin. The following are excerpts from Janet (George) Johnson's journal. Janet is a medical student in Grenada and was there during the invasion. The "invasion" pictures were taken from her apartment; the others taken upon her return to school in January 1984. Janet lived in Syracuse for many years, and has long been a supporter of the Syracuse Peace Council.

Wednesday, October 19, 1983

A Grenadan woman has told me that Bishop is free. Reportedly 3000 children and adults stormed Butler House where he was held captive, and brought him outside. The crowd has proceeded downtown. The Grenadians are rejoicing!

I hear cannons and machine-gun fire. Looking across the bay, I see a column of smoke rising next to the hospital. Someone said it was the army barracks. More machine-gun fire and rifle shots. I stand on the beach in amazement. It has started to rain. I hear booms. Are they bombs or is it thunder? People keep running back and forth from the Chancellory. Joe says that "the rain is washing away the blood," I am thinking this too.

Bishop is dead! So is Whiteman, Creft, Nod, Mitland, Bullen, and both Bains. We are now under marshall law un-

til Monday morning at 6:00. We've been instructed to stay in our homes day and night, anyone found on the streets will be shot. This is real, not t. v. or a movie- this war will not be televised.



Janet Johnson

Saturday, October 22, 1983

There is so much speculation as to what we should do. Reagan announced last night that a warship with 2000 marines headed for Lebanon has been stopped, possibly to come to Grenada. There are some among us that dearly want this, then there's everybody else.

A student called us from Barbados and put reporters on the phone. We don't want to say that we can see tanks on the hill guarding the airport. It's scary! This is all real!

Huge grey ghosts have appeared in the mist, just minutes after we all watched the last of the sun disappear into the sea. I thought they were clouds at first but then I noticed a certain regularity, and I knew there had'nt been clouds there 5 minutes ago. Paul raised the binoculars to his eyes, and after a moment handed them to me. As I focused the binoculars I saw the fleet appearing on the horizon. I counted at least 12 HUGE SHIPS!!! We assumed they were American, but what if they weren't.

Thursday, November 3, 1983

Its now 9 days later. In the intervening time we have been "rescued" from Grenada. ... The issue is much greater than protecting American lives abroad as I'm sure we all realize. What it all boils down to is "does the U.S. have the right to determine worldwide policy as regards types of governments?"



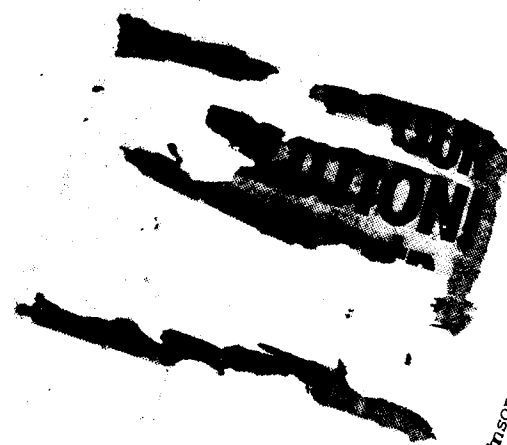
Janet Johnson

Tuesday, October 25, 1983

I am sitting at my desk. From my window I am watching a war. There is smoke rising from the bend in the Cuban Road, and there is just enough of a hill to block exactly what is going on over there. It is reported that PRA's stronghold is behind Veronica's on the hillside. This means Grand Anse people are trapped. YIKES!! Also True Blue (the medical school campus) was just under mortar attack.

Everything has been quiet now for about 20 minutes. A large quiet plane is going overhead at the moment. Now a large lapd jet has just passed over us. ... There goes that big dumpy plane again making all that noise. Someone said that this was possibly a jamming device for electronic equipment, or maybe it's a diversionary tactic. I wonder what's going to happen next. ... All is quiet Now I hear a plane coming. Uh Oh! Shots- Mortar from the bend in the Cuban Road again! Machinegun fire! Caliste! That's where the action is -- right at the end of the airport.

They're (the U.S. government) using us as an excuse to blow any of the left away. Blow off those commies! Blow off those Cubans! Blow off those Russians! Blow them all away! Diplomacy is too slow in this day and age. Guns! Show them how strong you are!



Janet Johnson

The spectre of communism haunts Ronald Reagan daily. He believes that communism is the biggest threat to the democratic system; that communism is the biggest threat to the world today. Who are we to decide what is best for the rest of the world?

I see holes in the left, holes in the right, holes in the middle - the answer lies somewhere in between, or maybe there is no answer at all. Maybe there are a lot of different answers depending on who you are and where you are. The point is things are not black and white. There is a vast grey area in between; things are constantly changing because we're all people with emotions. A new premise: "the heart rules all."

Hispanic Heritage Month

In mid-September of every year, since 1968, Hispanic Heritage week is celebrated nationwide. 1984 is the first year it will be celebrated in Syracuse, New York and will cover the full month of September. The purpose of the Hispanic Heritage celebration is to share with our local neighbors aspects of our culture. Representatives of the Hispanic segment of the community will be participants in a five part series of Dialogue on Channel 5- 6A.M., September 3 thru September 7th. They will talk about Social and Housing services, Visual and Performing Arts, Education, Professional roles and Youth involvement.

On September 10th a reception will be held at the E. O. C. which will officially initiate the two week art display by Juan Cruz, Artist, and the Mexican Mask collection of Dr. Alejandro Garcia in the Libba Cotton Room. Entertainment will be provided. The Spanish Action League will host a film festival for children on September 15th which will emphasize language and culture. Throughout the month, the Onondaga County Public Library Beauchamp and Mundy Branches will run a bibliography of materials for and about Hispanics.

-Amparo Ocasio

Nonviolence and SPC — A Look at Our Early Years

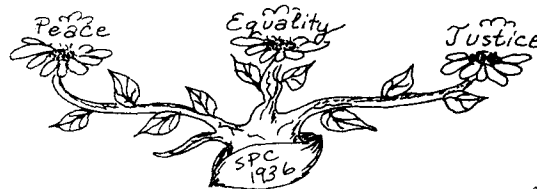
Gandhi's statement that "there is the same inviolable connection between the means and the end as there is between the seed and the tree" expresses in natural terms the crux of tension between two ways of human assuming, acting, organizing, institutionalizing. The first is the way of integration, the second of alienation. The second way assumes that the end can justify the means even if the means is alien to end purpose. Both are as old as human experience. If it were not so, if the resilient enduring strength of the first had not always been present, our kind would not have survived so long. Now we face a crisis time like none before.

The initiation of the Syracuse Peace Council in 1936 was a living "seed" in Gandhi's sense. The founders believed fervently, deeply, in their guiding insight that peace as an end could be made reality only through peaceful means. We review them here less by what they said than by what they did and were:

M. Lesley West: The initiator. It was said she ran her business to support causes dear to her heart, justice for workers, children, with a vision beyond the domestic to nonviolent solutions for world confrontations.

Norman J. Whitney: Summoned by Lesley to form a Peace Council. A deeply religious man, violence in any form was unthinkable to him. He asked no pledge of pacifism from SPC members--only that they be committed to opposing "any war in any place." "Let me meet Hitler on the docks of New York City." An early Gene Sharp.

Luther Wesley Smith: Pastor of First Baptist Church,



who responded to Norman's pleas for clergy to become involved.

Horace Eaton: Quaker professor of English at Syracuse University. He openly declared his pacifism and influenced students, city people, and university community in his way of thinking from the "erudite heights" of the Hill.

Emily Eaton: Ofttimes candidate on the Socialist ticket for state offices, leader in the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom in Syracuse and nationally, early member of The Fellowship of Reconciliation, active in the Sacco-Vanzetti appeal.

Edward Trump: As Chief Engineer of Solvay Process Company he proved to be a concerned employer. Also brought up in the Quaker Peace Testimony, he was SPC's housing provider.

Marjorie Trump: Daughter of Edward. A generous donor, also a follower of Quaker principles. It was said "she could be envisioned in gray dress and bonnet", remembered for simplicity as well as peace concerns.

-Ruth Mueller and Adelaide Webster

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Nonviolence in the Philippines

Giving Marcos the Post-Assassination Blues

by Jim Zwick

The large and persistent demonstrations that have occurred in cities throughout the Philippines since the assassination of opposition leader Benigno Aquino last August 21 have brought international attention to the struggle for change in that country.

Following nearly a decade of brutal repression, most Filipinos remained afraid to protest abuses after martial law was lifted in 1981. Marcos and the military maintained most of the powers they gained under martial law and abuses continue.

Aquino's assassination ended the fear and also brought segments of the previously uncommitted middle class onto the streets. On August 25, half a million people marched with Aquino's body as it was transferred from his home to a suburban church. Another half million lined the streets along the route. An estimated two million people joined the funeral procession on August 31.

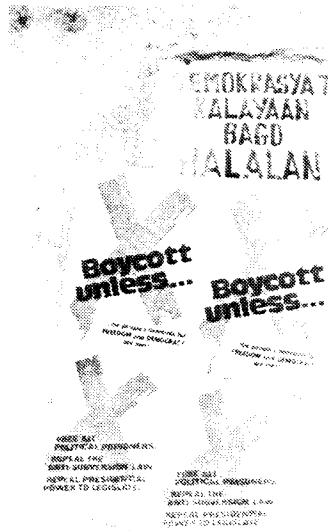
Two important organizations, Justice for Aquino, Justice for All (JAJA), and Nationalist Alliance for Justice, Freedom, and Democracy (NAJFD), were created after the assassination. They have developed a self-consciously nonviolent movement on a national basis for the first time since martial law was declared in 1972.

JAJA is committed to following Aquino's stated goal of using nonviolence to bring about reforms and a return to democracy in the country. It has organized demonstrations on an almost daily basis. At its formation in late August 1983, JAJA included some 65 sectoral organizations, but the main elite opposition group, UNIDO (United Nationalist Democratic Organization), refused to join the effort.

Formed in early November 1983, NAJFD is also a multi-sectoral organization with participation from eleven regional and provincial alliances, as well as a number of prominent politicians. Because of

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its success in forging links between the Left and the traditional elite opposition, NAJFD is expected to have more influence than JAJA in shaping the direction the urban protest movement takes in the future.



Withdrawal of U.S. military bases in the Philippines is among the demands of this protest movement. Clark Air Base is the largest Air Force base outside the U.S., and Subic Bay Naval Base is the largest Navy installation in the Western Pacific. In October 1983 the Anti-Bases Coalition sponsored the first international disarmament conference to be held in a Third World country.

The movement that developed this last year has had a large effect on the viability of the Marcos regime. Unprecedented numbers of people have been coordinated on a national basis.

Both the U.S. State Department and the International Monetary Fund became increasingly concerned about the regime's future and pushed for reforms to ensure a smooth succession should Marcos leave office. The U.S. Congress also responded by changing the "aid" package promised by the Reagan Administration in return for use of the military bases. The total of \$180 million per year was not affected, but \$60 million of the requested \$85 million in military assistance was shifted to

economic assistance.

Marcos' Achilles' heel, the economy, has also been affected. Capital flight from the country after the assassination reached \$800 million as early as last November. Tourism has dropped by 12%, reducing an important source of foreign exchange. The country's balance-of-payments deficit grew from \$1.6 billion to \$2.07 billion. The peso has been devalued twice since the assassination, driving many firms to bankruptcy and making needed imported goods more costly to the average Filipino. Many expect that opposition to the regime will grow and become more militant as the economy continues to decline.

The future of nonviolence in the Philippines will be affected by the level of support for their actions that can be generated in this country.

There is now a balance of sorts between emphasis on nonviolent action in the urban areas and emphasis on armed struggle in the rural areas. Both the Communist New People's Army and moderate nationalists such as former Senator Jose Diokno warn, however, that social reform cannot be defended until the opposition has the military strength to repel U.S. intervention. To understand this concern one need only consider Nicaragua and add two large U.S. bases and 14,000 U.S. troops.

Diokno, a founder and chairperson of JAJA, describes the Marcos regime as sitting on a three-legged stool. One leg is the now-broken passivity of the people. The second is the support of the military and technocrats. The third is the support of the U.S. government, which also influences the second leg. JAJA and NAJFD are now working on the second leg. "We have no illusions," says Diokno, "that the U.S. government of its own accord will end its support of the regime, but we believe that with a push from the American people it might happen."

While the Filipinos work on the "second leg", we need to work on the third.

- Jan Phillips

Nonviolence

An Interview with Dorothy Cotton—

Building the Beloved Community— Nonviolence and the Civil Rights Movement

When Dorothy Cotton was a student at Virginia State College in Petersburg in the late 1950's, she became a member of Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker's Church. Walker was the head of the local NAACP. Through Walker's Church Dorothy became involved in local desegregation campaigns and met Martin Luther King in Atlanta.

When Dorothy Cotton arrived she told King she would stay in Atlanta for six months, "and I stayed for twenty years." That was in 1960.

For over ten years, Dorothy Cotton served as the program director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, speaking, teaching, inspiring, making real the power of nonviolent action.

Today she continues to be active with the Martin Luther King Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta. I spoke with her in Ithaca where she has been Director of Student Activities at Cornell University since 1982.

—Karen Beetle

Q - How were nonviolent tactics important for the gains that were won, the changes that happened as a result of the Civil Rights Movement?

First of all, I don't think many of us knew very much about the whole concept and philosophy of nonviolence when we started. I think that's true for most of the staffpeople of the SCLC, and it's certainly true for the massive numbers of people that ultimately joined in protest work or community organizing. We didn't use the term nonviolence very much; we were in what is called the bible belt, and our base was the Black church. Dr. King, for example, learned not only from Mahatma Gandhi, Thoreau, and other writers in civil disobedience philosophy, he also studied Jesus' teachings.

So although people were in the church, they had not internalized the peaceful way of change in a way that they could apply it until the leadership provided by Dr. King. Other ministers soon picked up the spark as well. Dr. King talked about, preached about, lectured in nonviolence, so that the term became familiar to us. As we later started to do workshops, the session on the philosophy of nonviolence became one of our most exciting and basic sessions.

Q - One of the important tenets of nonviolence is to win people over to your point of view. Do you think that approach is what allowed people to change so that conditions in the South could improve?

Absolutely. Absolutely. It was easier for people to change. If you could see the film, "The Nashville Sit-In Story", there's a white woman whose face is right in the camera. She's saying in the middle of the student demonstrations at the lunch counters in Nashville, Tennessee, "I didn't realize these people didn't have a right to eat, and surely they should have the right to eat, I didn't realize it." The struggle for justice and equality of many years hadn't touched her, until the non-violent direct action approach. She had not

didn't know." So, yes I think nonviolence does give people the opportunity to study the issue. I think it is incumbent on those engaged in non violent direct action to educate the general public that there is injustice and this is how the injustice displays itself.

Q - In the first eight months of 1963, 14,000 people were arrested in the South, in sit-ins and at lunch counters and demonstrations. That is an incredible number of people. It must have been a very inspiring time?

Yes, a good third of them probably were in Birmingham, Alabama. Oh yes, we fairly closed down the schools in Birmingham, Alabama. Just when children got involved, school age children, high school age



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realized the injustice prevalent in her city. It was like she had a sudden awareness that these people are right, that they do have a right to sit here to eat. On the other hand, if we had approached it by trying to close down the restaurant or throw stones in it, her response would have been a different one. There are people who are really steeped in a pattern of discrimination and segregation and they are going to react negatively anyway. But I think that we can win this woman, who said, "I simply

children, and of course the adults who were participating working for the voter registration drives, and just marches, workshops, and everybody just kind of ended up going to jail. Talk about disseminating the information, in the 60th Street Church on every night there was a mass meeting. People who were involved in the movement came to see what's happened that day. There was lots of singing, and then there were lots of speakers. Everybody from me, to local people in the community, to Dr.

King. People were assessing what had happened and motivating people to continue the struggle, interpreting the struggle for them, inspiring them to action.

Q - Looking back at the 14,000+ people arrested, all the mass meetings and the rest of the work, how has that affected people's lives? Do you feel a sense of community?

A sense of community, yes, I think that there's a bond between the demonstrators in the movement that will never ever be broken. It was just a fantastic experience. But I think even within a community folks who may have been marshals one time, and didn't work all the time in the movement, still felt a new sense of who they were based on the fact that they could have something to say about their community and about their lives. Obviously that does good things for people. So, where's it all gone? It caused a lot of people to really redefine themselves, black and white. A lot of people have gone on to live in new ways. Black folk who never thought of themselves in any employment area other than the lowliest of jobs began to think that "Hey I can too." And the people who ran for public office, hundreds of people across the South, were not necessarily people who were highly, formally trained. But they were leaders, and they understood issues, and so they ran and won. Like the black mayor of Atlanta or the new black mayor of Birmingham, Alabama. Would they turn the dogs and the firehoses on us? And Mayor Smitherman in Selma, Ala., who's received us, when some of us went back on a kind of pilgrimage. It is a new climate, and I think it's very healthy. Certainly, there's lots to be done. There's lots to be done in terms of redefining for

ourselves now what the issues are. They were very very clear to us then, and I think they're coming clear again. Groups of people are coming together.

Q - Do you feel there is a connection between the use of nonviolence and the way that sense of community has lasted among civil rights activists? Or would that have happened anyway?

I think the non-violent approach, the studying that we did together, the singing, and praying and preaching. It causes a different quality of growing together and a different quality of bonding. Dr. King talked about the beloved community. We have to exemplify, to model that. We have to grow in those areas. We have to grow in these wonderful faculties like love and understanding and caring and empathizing with the suffering people. And that caring extends to the opponents.

Q - You must have been quite a resource about nonviolence for a lot of the actions that took place around the South?

Oh yes, we ran workshops. People came to five day residential workshops. These were functionally illiterate adults sometimes. Black folks from the South who were just off the farms and plantations, who were learning how to think in new ways about themselves and who would go back home and they would act differently. They would start little classes and citizenship classes where they would teach other people why they ought to register to vote, to write enough at least so they can write their names on the registration forms, to understand the problems in their communities. One woman says she became unbrainwashed. We were in the communities all the time in between, working with them, organizing

classes. Recruiting all the time. It was groups of people who started all the activity in their community and eventually they keep the big movements going.

Q - Would you like to add anything else?

Only that I still believe that it is the way, with so much violence in the world. I hope that we will continue to look for new ways, to deepen our understanding of non-violence and the ways that love-ethic can help us with our strategizing.

Q - Do you have any specific ideas about how you think we should do that?

It's a matter of deciding on what issue people are concerned about. If you want a peaceful approach to solving that problem then it has to come from the group. I don't think it matters what it is, what the problem is. It can be as simple as getting the police department, for example, to look for less violent ways to deal with people in the community. Or take the prisons, to work with prisoners who have been incarcerated because of their use of violence. It can be Russia and the United States looking for new ways to relate to each other, other than bullying each other. And Jesse Jackson gave us a marvelous example of how non-violence can work in the international arenas, it seems to me. When he said, talk to people, we don't solve anything by not talking, not speaking with Castro or whom-ever. We don't solve anything by not talking with people in the Kremlin. And it's so simple that those people in the Pentagon and the White House can't hear it. I think if I were doing a sermon in a church I would say, "If kingdoms must change, men must change." We must internalize that message.

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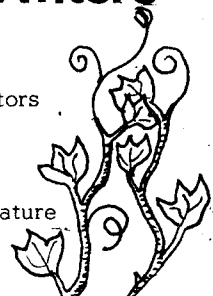
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"You're not human!" we angrily proclaim when someone commits an atrocity. "I'm only human," we offer as an explanation for our shortcomings.

Being human - what does it mean? How do we teach our children this quality of being human? The very fact that we must teach our children to be human is an important key to this issue. People are the only beings that must be taught what they are. Granted, many animals learn through modeling, but the issue of identity never arises. The issue of identity lies at the core of being human.

Some suggest that violence is natural to the human occurrence. Who, they point out, has not seen young children fight over a toy? No one taught them how to do that, it is just a natural reaction, one may conclude. Or is violence an unnatural occurrence that results from people not acting in a fully human manner?

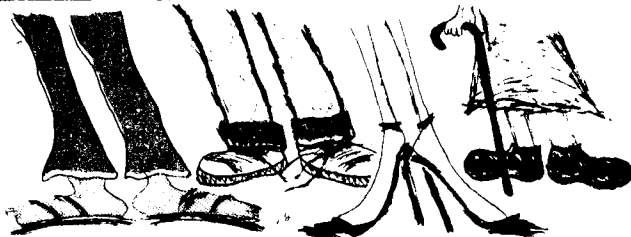
If the nature of being human is that one uses one's mind to reason, then being human requires learning and development. This is why a young child needs an adult for guidance and supervision. In fact, not until adolescence does the average person's mental capacity develop to the point where they can begin to reason in a fully human way. Adults have the tremendous responsibility of teaching children the essence of their true nature.

The following facts of human nature may guide us in teaching children about their humanity:

1. The desire to learn is powerful. It is, indeed, what makes us human. However, the natural ways of learning are far removed from those ways found in the classroom.
2. Children want to feel successful and important. However they also need to feel the freedom to fail and suffer only the natural consequences.
3. Children need to feel responsible for some part of their lives - not overwhelmed by responsibility, but responsible for their lives in an ever increasing way.

Learning to be human is a process with no ending points of perfection. Violence is a symptom of not knowing how to be fully human in a given situation. Violence (which is not to be confused with anger) comes as a result of the lack of inspired or rational solutions. Being open to or creating solutions to problems or conflicts are skills which can be taught. Readiness for these skills can begin very early in life. Becoming creative in the application of these skills is a life-long process.

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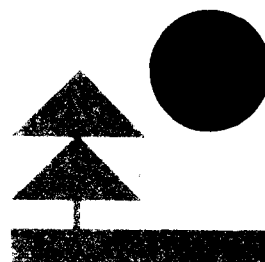
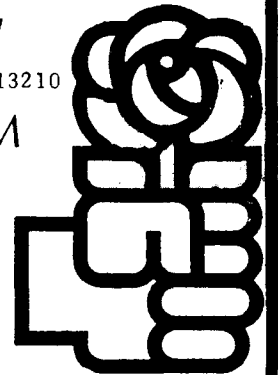
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Violence Ends Where Love Begins

The jury returned after 90 minutes of deliberation. The community of supporters filling the courtroom was tense and quiet. On Saturday, July 14, the Pershing Plowshares -- Per Hengren, Todd Kaplan, Tim Lietzke, Paul Magno, Jr., Anne Montgomery, Patrick O'Neill, Jim Perkins, and Christin Schmidt -- were found guilty of conspiracy and depredation of government Property. Almost two weeks later they were each sentenced to 3 years imprisonment, followed by a 5 year suspended sentence, 5 years of probation and a \$2,908 fine. The only good news is that the state of Florida dropped its charges against them.

Thanks to the contributions of time and money by many people, SPC was able to sent me to the trial, along with a beautiful banner stating "Syracuse New Yorkers Support the Pershing Plowshares" and filled with people's names. Former SPC office workers Laurie Goldman and Liam Mahony also were there. We stayed with Saviz Shafaie and his mother, along with Per and his parents. Per had been released from jail shortly before the trial was to start.

The trial lasted 5 days. The prosecution claimed it was "a simple case" and trotted out witnesses and photographs to prove that a missile launcher and Pershing mis-

sile components at Martin Marietta had indeed been damaged by the defendants. Speaking for themselves with the assistance of lawyers, argued that they did not conspire and depredate, but, rather disarm and discern. Since the defenses of justification and international law were prohibited, the defense consisted primarily of testimonies by each person.

After the verdict was announced, the judge ruled that the defendants were free until the sentencing. A few moments later we discovered that Per was missing. He had been snatched by immigration and no one had even seen it happen. After several excruciatingly close calls, Per was released Tuesday morning on \$5,000 bail. He will have to serve his sentence and then it is unclear whether he will be deported or will be able to serve his sentence and then leave the U.S. voluntarily.

The Pershing Plowshares have appealed the verdict. They are being held in a northern Florida jail, awaiting transfer to a federal facility. You can write them at Hamilton Co. Jail, Box A, Jasper, FL 32052 or c/o Pershing Plowshares Support Comm. POB 585, Orlando, FL 32802.

-Carol Baum



We've Got Our Foot in the Door...

Upstate Resistance and American Friends Service Committee have been trying in various ways to get into Syracuse area high schools during the past several years. In particular we have focussed on information about the draft, draft counseling and providing a counter-balance to the sales pitches of military recruiters (counter-recruitment).

In January of this year a District Court in Chicago ruled that it is unconstitutional for school districts to allow military recruiters into the schools without allowing in peace groups with different perspectives.

With this as our model, Upstate Resistance and AFSC are working together with others to seek more comprehensive access into area schools. Thus far we have met twice with Skip Meano (Superintendent of the Syracuse City School District) and Arnold Berger (Director of Pupil Services).

Our agreements with them include: 1) access by

military recruiters will be limited to specified rooms at specific times, i.e. no tabling in halls or cafeterias, 2) our literature will be available in guidance offices, 3) posters advertising draft and military counseling will be posted, 4) we will provide a workshop for the district's guidance counselors on these issues and 5) we will have the same access as the military with a program promoting "peace" jobs.

Help is needed with our work here in Syracuse. People knowledgeable of, or interested in looking into jobs which promote life, health and equality would be particularly helpful. We would also like to extend our work to areas outlying Syracuse.

For more information, call Andy Mager at 472-5478, or come to our next meeting on Sept. 5, at 7:30pm at AFSC, 821 Euclid Avenue, Syracuse.

-Andy Mager

Griffiss Blockaders Sentenced to Jail

Seven activists arrested at Griffiss Air Force Base on June 4th, 1984 were sentenced in Federal Court on August 22 on charges of Re-entry and Disorderly Conduct. Carolyn Mow received 30 days, Jo Walker received a 10 day sentence. Bill Griffen, Scott McGown, Steve Emerman, and Bob Staley-Mays received 30 - 60 days sus-

pended sentence, 6 months probation, and fines from \$100 - \$200. Carolyn and Jo are being held in the Oneida County Jail. Their address is: Oneida Co. Correctional Facility, Judd Rd. Oriskany, NY 13424. First offenders who were charged in Federal Court received \$50 fines. Remaining Trials are set for Sept. 19th and 20th.

Hiroshima/Nagasaki Days

Despite last minute preparations, and in one instance torrential rain, Hiroshima and Nagasaki vigils 1984 drew a total of about 130 people at three separate commemoration services August 6th (at noon and 8 p.m.) and August 9th (at noon) at Columbus Circle in downtown Syracuse.



Keynote speaker Akira Sanbonmatsu, a Japanese-American who was placed in an internment camp during World War II, expressed on behalf of all who gathered his grave concern for the future of life on the planet. Other speakers included William Stinchcomb, Professor of U.S. Diplomatic History; Reverend Terry Ruth Culbertson, Syracuse Interreligious Council; Joan Sanbonmatsu, Professor of English and Women Studies; Nancy Tunnessen, Co-convenor, Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign of Central New York; Gian-Carlo Moneti, Professor of Physics; Karl Newton, M.D., Physicians for Social Responsibility; Joyce Ball, Nuclear Freeze; and Gary Weinstein, Syracuse Peace Council.

We are now seeking ideas, organizing help, a coordinator, and poetry or art work for next years commemoration service. Why help? Because the prevention of nuclear war through our collective effort is our planet's slim but tangible hope for the future. Please call the Peace Council now if you can help at 472-5478.

-Pat Rector

Freeze Voter Canvass Underway

Freeze voter volunteers will be the only face-to-face political contacts some voters will have this season.

Upstate New York Freeze Voter is a political action committee working to elect a pro-freeze president and congress. The major work of Freeze Voter takes place in monthly door-to-door canvasses which began in March and will continue through October; in a mailing to pledge signers on candidate positions; and in a massive Get-Out-the-Vote campaign (GOTV) the two weeks before the election.

About 250 people per canvass sign the Freeze Voter pledge, which says that candidate positions on a bilateral, verifiable Freeze between the U.S. and U.S.S.R. will be a key determining factor in how they vote in 1984. (Party registration of signers demonstrates bi-partisan support for the Freeze.) In addition, new volunteers are recruited (about 30 per canvass), money is raised (about \$500 per canvass) and new voters are registered.

The next canvass is Saturday, September 15. The last is October 20. To help with canvassing, mailing or GOTV, please call Beth Broadway at 445-1714 or Ty Wycoff at 472-9406.

-Diane Swords

Syracuse Draft Resister Indicted

A Federal Grand Jury met in Syracuse, on August 22nd at 2pm to indict SPC activist Andy Mager for refusing to register for the draft. Andy and 25 other members of SPC and Upstate Resistance held a vigil outside the Federal Court House. Banners included "No Indictments Today, No Indictments Ever", "Don't Even Register" and "The People United Will Never Be Indicted". Midway through the vigil, we received word that the Grand Jury had voted to indict Andy. This indictment is the seventeenth anywhere in the country, the first since early 1983, and the only indictment ever in New York State.

An arraignment has been scheduled in Syracuse Federal Court for WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29th at 10am. Please join us outside the Court House at 9am and plan to stay for the arraignment. Your support is much needed. It is expected that a trial will be scheduled for some time in October or November. A meeting is scheduled to plan support activities for Andy's trial at 7:30 on Sept. 11, Tues., at 320 Greenwood. For more info. contact Karen Beetle at 472-7010 or Carol Baum at 472-5478.

-Karen Beetle



On the Rise Hosts Baker's Conference

On the Rise Baked Goods recently hosted the 7th annual Cooperative Whole Grain Association conference. The CWGEA is the publisher of the baker's book Uprisings, a collection of recipes and stories from 32 bakeries around the world. Uprisings also contains helpful tips for beginning bakers, nutritional information and the history of baking throughout the world.

Twelve bakeries from around the U.S. and Canada sent members to share information including the various problems and successes of their bakeries. Workshops were held on such topics as regional food economics, pesticides and EDB, conflict resolution, and massage. The highlights of the week were the field trips to Community Mill & Bean, Cleareye's food warehouse, the Women's Peace Encampment, Somadhara Bakery in Ithaca, and the Elm Street Bakery in Cortland, the home of a 40 year-old hearth oven.

Money from Uprising's book sales will be used for education and outreach on the use of whole grains in our diet as well as how to collectively own and manage a business. Some money will be distributed to bakeries in the forms of grants and loans.

The week ended with a bake sale and square dance in downtown Syracuse. The bakers shared recipes and techniques at On the Rise to produce a variety of baked delights. The knowledge and support shared in the bakeries and around the campfire was very inspiring.

-Janet Schneider

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Barbara Deming— She Still Teaches Us

"Keep Weaving," Barbara Deming said to me. I approached her last summer at the Women's Peace Encampment to thank her for her writings which

meant so much to me, especially Prison Notes and her letters in the collection On Remembering Who We Are.

Barbara had just been released from five days imprisonment with 52 other women, arrested when exercising their Constitutional right to walk through the town of Waterloo, N.Y. in a celebration of women's struggle against oppression. This was only one of the many occasions that she stood firm in her insistence on justice. She was a part of the Civil Rights Movement. She protested U.S. involvement in Viet Nam.

Barbara was a brilliant and faithful spokesperson for nonviolence as a way of life and nonviolent resistance as a means of overcoming tyranny. Her insistence upon living openly as a Lesbian has inspired many women and men to resist society's pressures to conform.

Barbara Deming was born in 1917, and she died August 1, 1984. Even in death she has instructed us, given us a model. Her last message to the women who waited for news of her during her last illness was, "Tell them that I am dying but that I am well."

Barbara's writings will continue to comfort and empower us in such passages as the following:

"... if the complicated truth is that many oppressors are also oppressed - nonviolent confrontation is the only confrontation that allows us to respond realistically to such complexity. In this form of struggle we address ourselves both to that which we refuse to accept from others and that which we have in common with them - however

much or little that may be."

-Cindy Sangree

IRS Seizure to Become Land Trust

Since 1978, in accordance with his convictions against support for war and nuclear armaments, Jerry Hardt had withheld a portion of his income tax which he donated to various charitable and peace organizations. On last May 25th his Salyersville, Kentucky farm was put up for auction by the I.R.S. for back taxes, interest, and penalties.

The 60-acre farm was sold--for \$4,855--\$10 more than the amount owed. However, the buyers were

a special group, the Land for Peace Fund, set up by Pat and Donna Sloan. Upon hearing of Jerry's plight, this group was mobilized to raise the money needed to buy back the farm. As a non-profit, tax-exempt group, they hope to put the land to use as a resource for peace work.

On the day of the auction, about fifty supporters gathered to march, sing, pray, and wait tensely for the bidding. After a few nervous moments (when the auctioneer tried to open the bid at \$10,000, far above the amount published and the amount raised by the land fund), the first and only bid was offered by the fund. So Jerry Hardt will continue to live (in his small house trailer) on the Appalachian farm, write his weekly column in the local newspaper, work with the Kentucky Fair Tax Coalition (which he helped found), and look after the land while further ideas are developed.

Fast Leads to Release

Disarmament activists in Michigan have been facing a level of repression much greater than those of us in Upstate NY, or in much of the rest of the country.

In particular, people taking part in a campaign at Williams International in Walled Lake have been singled out. Williams is the manufacturer of the turbine engines for cruise missiles.

Over the past couple of years there have been repeated acts of civil disobedience at the plant. To deter further actions the company convinced a County Court judge to issue an injunction prohibiting people from doing actions at the plant.

On June 11, ten people were arrested in a blockade. The judge ordered that they be held until they agreed to promise not to violate the injunction. Five of the group were released for various reasons, leaving five in prison. On July 5, four of the five imprisoned activists began a water fast. Their fast focussed on their witness against nuclear weapons, world hunger and the violation of their consciences which the injunction represented.

Following 11 days of fasting, and much publicity, attorneys for Williams went to court and asked that the five people be released. Resistance at Williams will continue... to contact them write: Covenant for Peace, Box 1831, E. Lansing, MI 48823.

Boycott Tuna and Salmon

A boycott of tuna and salmon is being promoted by Friends of Animals, Inc. to prevent the killing of porpoise in huge fishing nets.

Friends of Animals (FOA) is asking Congress to amend the Marine Mammal Protection act of 1972 to outlaw nets, thereby forcing the corporate fishing industry to return to longlining, a technique which doesn't harm marine mammals.

An additional reason for banning nets is over-fishing. The nets take all kinds of fish, edible or not, the undersized along with marketable fish.

A law must be made by the U.S. that verifies that no ship enters or leaves U.S. waters with any gear except longlines. An existing law already bans the importation of fish from any nation which does not adhere to U.S. fishing regulations, and since every nation wants to sell to the U.S., the longline law would cause all nations to convert to longlining.

Porpoise in the Pacific are on the way to extinction, as well as fur seals, whales and others.

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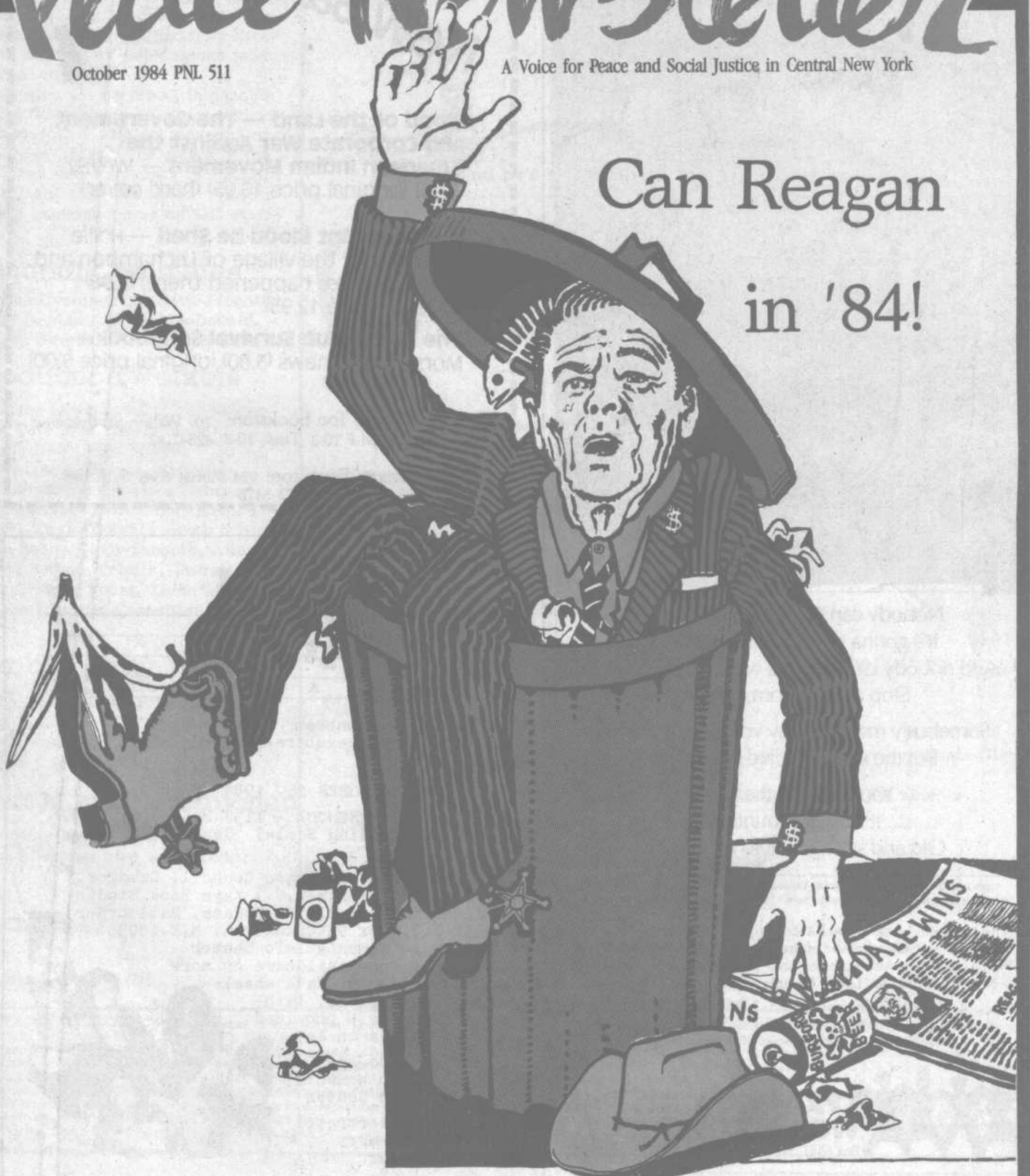
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A Voice for Peace and Social Justice in Central New York

Can Reagan in '84!





Nobody can push back an ocean.
 It's gonna rise back up in waves.
 And nobody can stop the wind from blowin',
 Stop a mind from growin'.

Somebody may stop my voice from singing
 But the song will live on and on.

You can't kill the spirit.
 It's like a mountain,
 Old and strong; it lives on and on.

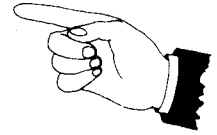
"Like a Mountain" (© 1976 by Naomi Littlebear, reprinted by permission)
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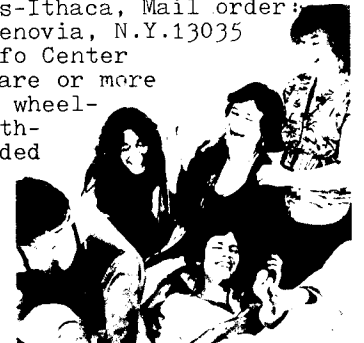
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This month we have two articles on Central America. SPC staffer Allen Smith interviewed incumbent U.S. Representative George Wortley and his opponent in the Nov. election, Thomas Buckel, about their views on Central America. Four area women who recently returned from Nicaragua share their impressions (and photos) with us.

We also have a report this month on the White Train, a major method of transporting nuclear weapons on the West Coast. The status of the National Peace Academy is commented on, and Gary Weinstein reflects on his experiences as an SPC staffer.

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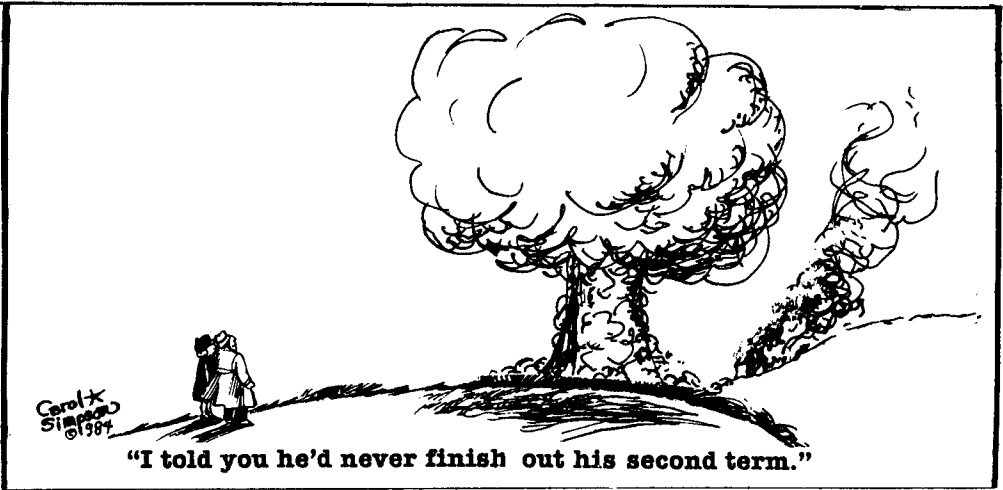
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News from The SPC House

Passed us by lately? A heavy wind took down the familiar sign in front of the SPC house. Paul Pearce is making the new landmark that will soon rise in its place. We hope you'll join us on Oct. 23rd. to clean up and winterize the house. Work begins at 10 a.m., come for any part of the day.

Carol has spent time lately trying to see Andy Mager who is doing time for trespassing at Griffiss Air Force Base. This process takes a lot of time and can be very frustrating. Her experiences led us to ask Jail Ministries to discuss this at the Nov. 12th Potluck.

We are sad that Radell has not yet joined, but we're hopeful.

The Middle East Committee continues its activities with a meeting on Oct. 9th at 7 p.m., at the home of Lillian Reiner - 1009 Cumberland. Topic is the book From Time Immemorial by Joan Peters. All points of view are welcome.

Our staff and members keep in touch with world events by helping to plan and participate in events such as Not in Our Name (Nov. 18 - 19th), and Oct. 4th voter registration drive (Columbus Circle); also National SANE office called to tell us joyfully that the MX didn't make it. Today the MX, tomorrow the Reagan administration. See you at the election party!

SPC Statement of Purpose

The Syracuse Peace Council (SPC), founded in 1936, is an antiwar/social justice organization. It is community-based, autonomous and funded by the contributions of its supporters.

SPC educates, agitates and organizes for a world where war, violence and exploitation in any form will no longer exist. It challenges the existing unjust power relationships among nations, among people and between ourselves and the environment. As members, we work to replace inequality, hierarchy, domination and powerlessness with mutual respect, personal empowerment, cooperation and a sense of community.

Present social injustices cannot be understood in isolation from each other nor can they be overcome without recognizing their economic and militaristic roots. SPC stresses a strategy that makes these connections clear. We initiate and support activities that help build this sense of community and help tear down the walls of oppression. A fundamental basis for peace and justice is an economic system that places human need above monetary profit. We establish relationships among people based on cooperation rather than competition or the threat of destruction.

Our political values and personal lives shape and reflect each other. In both we are committed to nonviolent means of conflict resolution and to a process of decision-making that responds to the needs of all.

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For Want of a House...

Radell needs a home ! She can't join us because her pre-paid living arrangements didn't work out. Can you help? Do you know anyone who can provide a cost-free living place for this eager intern whom we would

welcome to work with us if only.....

Become a Part of the 50th Anniversary Plans

On September 10th a few of us met to start plans for the Peace Council's 50th Anniversary. The Celebration will happen in January 1986, but it is important to start planning now. We're talking about happenings that need a lot of lead time, such as mime groups, a public art/photography show, star performers who have encouraged work in peace and social justice issues, participation by other groups that we have worked with, etc. So come help plan; come help us locate the time, places, people. Next Meeting: October 30th, 7:30 p.m. at the SPC House (924 Burnet Avenue, phone 472-5478).

The Cash Crunch and SPC

This fall has brought with it the most serious SPC financial crisis in recent memory. Its cause, while exacerbated by higher staff salaries, lies primarily in a drop in contributions. Most injurious to our financial well-being was the failure of our annual anonymous check to arrive. Having received this donation of roughly \$1500 a year for the past 5 years we had expected it to have arrived by now. Faced with this shortfall, the steering committees have decided to respond by planning a number of fundraisers (parties, musical benefits, etc.) and retargetting existing money to cover staff salaries. We are working on starting a tax-exempt educational project which will attract some grant money early in 1985. To save money in 1984, we will combine issues of the PNL. A combined Nov./Dec. issue will be released mid-November. With continued support our regular publication schedule will restart in 1985. Word of our problem has gotten around; many of you have contributed generously. We thank all of you for your donations.

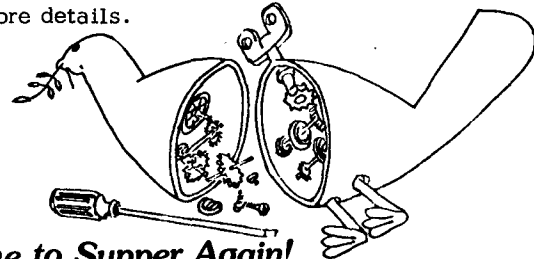
Here Comes Plowshare!

The 14th Annual Plowshare Craftsfair is coming sooner than you think. The 1984 show will be Dec. 8th and 9th at the Plymouth Congregational Church. This is one of SPC's most popular events of the year, a time for people to come together and socialize, celebrate the Holiday Season, and support area craftspeople. The event is also SPC's single most important fundraising event of the year. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend the fair. Lots of time and energy go into preparation; if you would like to help call the House. See you all there !

Save THURS. NOV. 8TH FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. Evening meeting. Place to be announced.

SPC Post-Election Party

All of us hope Reagan and his cronies will not be re-elected this November 6th. Most of us have all worked hard on a variety of programs and projects aimed at fighting his policies and achieving his defeat. Come together with other activists in the Community as we wait up to hear the final results on many national and local races. Win or lose, this is not a night to spend alone. The Post-Election party will begin after dinner at the Wescott Cafe around 8:30. Goodies and some refreshments will be provided. A donation will be requested at the door to cover costs and to benefit the work of the Peace Council - Look for posters for more details.



Come to Supper Again!

Have you been hungry on Monday evenings? Pot Luck Dinners with the Syracuse Peace Council are back at the same time and place. So, your Monday evenings will find you well fed again and sharing good conversation with friends new and old on topics that you care about. Each Monday, beginning Oct. 8th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Friends Meeting House (821 Euclid Ave.) we will gather again to eat and talk and hear some friends share an interest with us. Come join in. We want to see our old friends and we want to meet YOU if you haven't gotten to know us yet at the Peace Council. Our topics in the near future will include a report from the Madre sponsored visit to Nicaragua and a discussion on Disarmament and the Elections. Find the POT LUCK CALENDAR elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter. CHECK IT OUT, then come and CHECK US OUT.

Annual "Dinner" to Feature Harrington

The Peace Council will be holding its major political and social event of the Fall when we present a talk by the noted author and socialist Michael Harrington on defeating Reagan and building an America-Left. This event will function as the normal SPC Fall Dinner, though food will not be served. There will be a wine, cheese and dessert social after the program for people to meet and talk.

The event will take place on October 19th at the May Memorial Church and will begin at 7:30 (sharp) with the reception immediately following. Cost is \$4 - \$6. Child care will be provided.

Michael Harrington is America's most prominent socialist author. His works include The Other America, Socialism, and most recently The New American Poverty. He is a long time activist in the left wing of the Democratic Party and is currently National Co-Chair (with feminist Barbara Ehrenreich) of the Democratic Socialists of America.

For the Cost of One B-1 Bomber: A Peace Academy

The Concept of the Peace Academy

Since childhood, we have all had a concept of war. There are so many symbols and gadgets connected to the concept that any four-year-old understands the chase, get the other guy, "shoot 'em up," I win, you lose concept of war. Kids love that action! In real life, of course, real deaths occur.

Most people are at a loss to explain peace. It must have something to do with the absence of war. Or, as in "peace and quiet," nothing happens. This is a false concept, peace as inactive and war as active.

If the concept of peace illustrated above were true, then our ideal of peace could be illustrated by the Elias Hicks painting of the "Peaceable Kingdom." The lion and the lamb shall lie down together in peace. To be realistic, if a lion and a lamb share the same compound, the lion would have lamb chops for dinner. Lion wins - lamb loses.

Have you noticed that in the Peaceable Kingdom every animal seems frozen? There is no interaction among the animals. Is this peace?

The concept that one day our natures shall be transformed and we shall have worldwide peace is only a hope. I have decided for myself not to wait for a transformation. I expect to keep my personality with all its faults. I'm not going to wait for this boring type of peace. We don't have to wait for peace to be imposed on us by some heavenly source. We can have it now.

How do we get there? Through Conflict Resolution. As long as two people share the same space, there will be conflict, but there doesn't have to be war. War is a high-cost, risky method of solving a problem. After all, the other side will probably retaliate. In today's world, the other guy might use an atomic weapon. Risky indeed.

The human family is inherently lazy. There is a less costly method of solving problems. We will use that method. Because of the evolution in social science and in the

labor movement in particular, we now have many working methods of solving conflict that do not require killing the other guy. It works like this:

There are only four solutions to a conflict: One side wins/the other side loses. We call this win/lose. The other three combinations are: lose/win, lose/lose, and win/win. The flaw with war is it concentrates on I win/you lose. If it's a draw,

it's I lose/you lose.

There are ways to achieve the I win/you win position. The diplomatic corps uses them, as does a mediator in a labor dispute. We know they work. Would conflicting countries use these techniques if they knew that they would achieve their "win" objective? Yes they would, because they are a lower-cost method than the heated, last-resort method of declaring war. Wars would get settled before they break out.

Let us set up an institution to teach these techniques to statesmen, world leaders, labor negotiators, politicians - anyone from global down to interpersonal relations.

The good news is that it has begun. We call it the National Peace Academy Campaign. This is a campaign to establish a federal institution to teach these techniques to world and community leaders. Imagine the image of the United States in the eyes of the world when this institution is established. We will be making a powerful statement about our commitment to world peace.

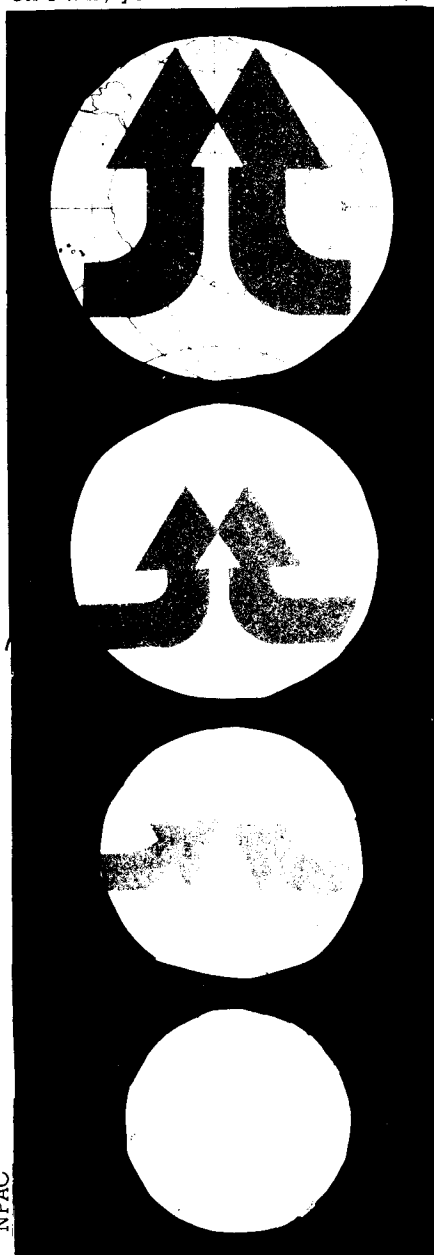
This does not mean abolition of the military but a change in its nature. It will be for keeping order, just like your local police department, rather than for offense against another nation. The military backs the campaign. No professional soldiers want to go to war and be killed. They want to serve their time and collect a pension.

For more information on the National Peace Academy Campaign contact N-PAC, 110 Maryland Avenue, N.W. Suite 409, Washington D.C. 20002. Telephone: (202) 546-9500.

-Ellenor Olson

The History of the Campaign

When America was a new country, someone had the idea that the Department of War should be balanced with a Department of Peace. That was in 1793. The idea has been in the air since then, but until quite recently has made no progress. Now there is a proposed Peace Academy - and perhaps this



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idea's time has come.

The Peace Academy would be initiated at the cost of \$23 million in federal funds for the first three years. After that, it would cost about \$20 million annually. The chief co-sponsor of this bill in the Senate, Senator Spark M. Matsunaga, D-Hawaii, reminds us that at this cost, the price of one B-1 bomber would keep the academy going for 20 years.

The U.S. Academy of Peace has already passed the Senate as an amendment to the Omnibus Defense Authorization Act for fiscal 1985. The House-passed defense bill, however, has no similar amendment.

Some reservations

Many of the arguments against the academy are easy for peace advocates to dispell: How it would save money rather than waste it; coordinate efforts of university peace programs rather than duplicate them; educate policy-makers rather than displace them.

Other concerns are more difficult: the academy is to be autonomous from the federal goverment, but the board of directors is to be nominated

by the President. Members will be from the private sector and must be approved by the Senate. Should we face more time with Mr. Reagan, wouldn't this mean another military academy with a name as euphemistic as that of the Department of Defense? The National Peace Academy Campaign acknowledges this concern and expects more revisions before passage.

Another concern is the Campaign's dissociation from disarmament groups and insistence that it will complement, not conflict with, the military establishment. While it is understandable that the Peace Academy needs broad support, this position makes one ask what we would be getting in the name of peace.

Funding is another question. Money is to come from the general government budget. Does this mean a further drain on social programs? Shouldn't funding come from the military budget which will save by the work of the Peace Academy?

Finally, a primary Senate sponsor of the Academy, Jennings Randolph, raises questions about his commitment to peace by his votes

on the B-1 bomber and MX deployment.

Against these reservations are balanced all the excellent thinking this institution embodies and a potential to make "all the difference in the world." Helen Caldicott, Coretta Scott King, and Mark Hatfield support it. The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and SANE have endorsed it. Apparently what this institution calls for is not our blind support, but our efforts to make it what it is intended to be.

The Status of the Campaign

The Defense Bill is now in Conference Committee. House and Senate members must come to agreement on what is to be included. The question of including Peace Academy legislation could come up at any time. The best way to support the Academy now would be to write to Speaker of the House Thomas (Tip) O'Neill and Majority Leader Jim Wright asking them to encourage Conference Committee members to retain Peace Academy legislation in the Defense Bill.

-Compiled by Diane Sworas

An Idea Takes Root—Nonviolence in the Black Hills

August is seldom chosen as the month in which we turn over the soil and plant our seeds. However, this past August, approximately two-hundred people from thirty states and four countries gathered together to plant seeds of hope which will grow into a mature nonviolent movement in the United States. We met at the Storm Mountain Retreat Center in the Black Hills, South Dakota, on August 5-9 for a national networking conference on nonviolence. Remembering Hiroshima and Nagasaki, we focused on nonviolence in terms of roots and principles, power and empowerment, strategies and goals -- the "roots", "shoots", and "fruits" of the growing, living movement.

We attended plenary sessions, large group gatherings, discussion and caucusing groups, workshops and field trips. We joined daily in small working groups building on trust and

familiarity to articulate the major themes of the conference.

The conference closed with a creative act of resistance on one hillside at the end of the main runway of nearby Ellsworth Air Force Base, a SAC base and home of B-52 bombers. We toiled together to construct three large circles -- the peace symbol, the environmental sign, and the Lakota Sioux medicine wheel of the four sacred directions. We worked, sang, danced and created ritual in dedicating our efforts while the bombers roared overhead.

The nonviolent process we used in organizing and facilitating the conference was not without tensions and ambiguities, but it was encouragingly successful. I was recharged by the energy, dedication, militance, and radicalism of nonviolent activists and educators and was reacquainted with the spirit and energy of native people. I explored ritual and celebra-

tion and the necessity of developing small, committed spiritual-political groups for study and support, ritual and celebration, strategy and action.

My most important images related nonviolence to the stages and seasons of growth. Not only do we need to get in touch with the limits and potentialities of the roots, shoots and fruits of nonviolence, but the flowering season has its own rhythm. Movements for nonviolent social change must experience dormant periods of winter before they bear fruit. To understand the power of nonviolence, we must understand the power of natural change, the seasons, the elements, the web of life. We must reclaim the calendar for peace and for the earth by creating ritual on natural holidays. We must nurture each other as stewards of this new planting.

-Brad Bennett

"It's Like a Relationship..."

Recollections After Five Years on Staff

by Gary Weinstein

When previous people have left the SPC staff, I always felt there was a hole, an emptiness. I wondered, "Will SPC be able to carry on? How will we do without her or him?" It was like a relationship. I missed their presence and wondered how we'd cope.

I felt many contradictory things as a staffperson; pride, frustration, fulfillment, anger, appreciation, fatigue, loneliness. The position took everything I could give it. It also gave me everything, at one time or another; arguments with co-workers, empowerment at fighting back, joy at being effective, frustration with membership, pride at serving the peace movement. It was like a relationship. I stuck with the crap because I was committed and because I placed the higher purpose above my passing emotions. At the same time, I have difficulty imagining a more meaningful, satisfying job to have had the privilege to work.

But again like a relationship, at times, you choose to move on. I was tired of struggling at subsistence wages, tired of the anxiety, tired of leaning on family and friends. Tired of not really being economically self-sufficient, tired of not having health care. Tired of the occasional humiliation of telling someone my wage and seeing them react with disbelief or derisive humor. I thank my family and my loving friends who assisted me while I was a movement worker.

So in leaving the staff my memories become evaluation and my evaluations become proposals for change and organizational development. SPC must work to raise the wages of staff to respectable levels. We must provide health care for staff and treat them with the respect they deserve. All of us, as SPC members are responsible for this happening. But I'm convinced it will only happen when we broaden our race and class base, that is to say, when SPC includes as active members people of color and a wider range of working

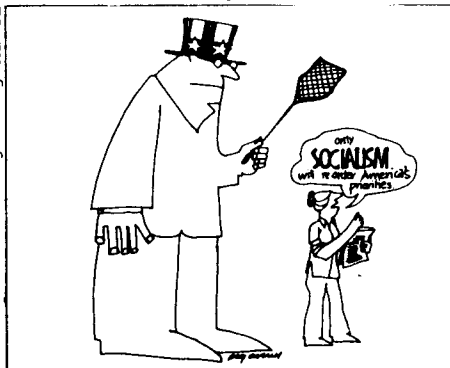
Gary was a member of the SPC office staff for the past five years. He is currently looking for work in the social work field.

class people. Only through increased and broadened membership will we be able to muster the financial resources to pay staff better and assure their continuity. And only through some redefining of what the "peace" movement is, will we accomplish any of this.

In 1979 when I first began to work fulltime in the office, I had a feverish urge to be at the hub of activity, to serve the movement with my whole self. Having accomplished that, I now want and need a change. In leaving staff I plan to become a little more like the people we are trying to reach. Being more distant from the hub - being just another SPC member - I hope to serve SPC in a new way.

My five years were intensive. I forged a political identity and gained many, many political skills. My predecessors taught me a great deal and I saw the organization mature. But, I have a long way to go. So does SPC, and so does the movement.

I discovered, for example, that having an ideology is disparaged by too many activists. Marxism, however, helped me acquire a worldview, a system of thinking, a methodology by which to examine and solve the immense political challenges we confront. It is a means by which to fight back and transform the fundamental order of capitalist society.



Yet, I have realized that this deep social change will not come about without a protracted, not-nice struggle; a struggle to be gained, as Malcolm X used to so eloquently say, by whatever means necessary.

And I am worried about where the peace movement and SPC are heading. A Reagan reelection spells unmiti-

gated disaster. It means that given four years to organize against the crimes of Reagan, we had still failed. We're doing something wrong. (If Reagan is defeated, we celebrate all night long. Take me to the nearest party.)

In either case, we have questions to face: Will the peace movement retain its tendency to be insular, self-congratulatory and self-righteous, or will we broaden our race, class and international consciousness? Will we continue to be a too-closely-knit society of refusniks, annoyed at people who don't agree with us, or will we see the "peace" movement as a social justice movement demanding an entirely new set of property and money relations in society? Can we begin to uproot our unaware racism? Will our community be a shelter, a retreat, a hiding place or will we boldly reach out beyond Westcott Street and beyond our patterned ways of organizing to include labor unions, Black leaders and even Third World countries as part of the peace movement?

Will we cling to the mistaken notion that our lifestyle is a means of social change or can we risk examining our judgements about how we reach the people we're trying to reach?

And what happened to anger and protest in our demonstrations? When did vigils become our reflexive response to everything? When did singing and ritual replace chanting and healthy, empowered, vocal outrage? Why am I at times uncomfortable at our own public events?

I think the peace movement is teetering on an historic brink of opportunity. The next few years will decide whether once and for all we attain some measure of meaningful disarmament or whether it remains, our "vision," our dream. The choices I've mentioned above will in part determine. It's in our hands; staffers, membership, those not yet concerned, those who love our work.

If I've been critical it's because I expect and want the best from this movement. And because it's the least I expect from people with whom I have been in a five-year relationship.

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•DINNER at 6pm (bring a dish or beverage to share) •DISCUSSION from 7-9pm

Oct. 8th The Peace Movement and Abortion

Keeping the agreement that was made last Spring, at the Pot Luck suppers there will be two discussions on Abortion. The first one will be facilitated by Carolyn Wheeler and our old friends Scott Rains and Patti Narciso. Scott and Patti will be driving all the way from North Carolina; come join us as they lead a discussion that will include the Prolifers for Survival perspective.

Oct. 15th The Freeing of Women

Diane Chappell-Daly from Planned Parenthood will be with us for the second evening in the Abortion dialogue, bringing especially the pro-choice perspective. "We have not been able to hear and formulate our own questions to meet our own experiences". -- Mary Daly

Oct. 22nd Disarmament and the Elections

We will discuss the involvement of local candidates with disarmament and the question of a third party candidate for President. We will consider ways to deal with these issues, become involved, now in the pre-election days.

Oct. 29th Eyewitness Report on Nicaragua

Join some of the women who recently returned from a visit to Nicaragua with the Madre program. They have slides and information we cannot learn from our press about the struggles of the people there. Karen Mihalyi, Martha Swann, Joni Meyer, and Maura McNulty will share their experiences and pictures from their journey.

Nov. 5th Seneca Peace Encampment 1984

Was the summer of 1983 the same as 1984 at the Women's Encampment for a Future of Peace and Justice near the Seneca Army Depot? Why did it continue a second year, and what about 1985? Slides and discussion with Cindy Sangree and women from the Women's Encampment.

Nov. 12th Jail Visits: How and Why

Jail Ministries workers have experiences to share with us about why it is important to visit those people locked away from society - important for those inside and for those outside. They also will tell us how to arrange visits.

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Utica Shoot of War Game 2 Begins: Funds Needed for Third World Episodes

Final preparations for the shooting of the Mohawk Valley episode of War Game II are being made. Director Peter Watkins, who received an Academy Award for the 1965 Documentary, War Game, describes War Game II as an attempt to deal with the nuclear arms race from a grass roots perspective of families around the world who face the common threat of Nuclear Hlocaust.

In addition to three United States episodes, other episodes are planned for Canada, Scotland, France, Germany, Norway, Sweden, the Soviet Union, Mozambique, Japan, Australia, Polynesia and Mexico.

The local episode will have three segments. First a discussion with a Utica, New York family about the Arms Race and the many areas of life that the Arms Race affects. Second, an evacuation sequence will point out the flaws and panic caused by a mass exodus to Ilion as called for under current Civil Defense plans. The third sequence will focus on a discussion of alternatives to the Arms Race, employment alternatives being a major point of discussion.

Scott McDonald, local coordinator of the project and a Professor of Film at Utica College underscores the global message of Watkin's concept: "A family discussion is the first priority in nearly all locations, these discussions will be filmed and video-taped so that the families will be able to talk about not only their own responses to the issues, but the responses of everyday people in other diverse cultures. One important element of the film will be this commonality of exchange on a global scale."

In keeping with this concept of local, grassroots effort. funding for the Mohawk Valley episode has been accomplished by local activities and a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts. Watkins has completed a segment near Leningrad, "without the influence or control of local Party officials" and a segment in Sweden, where the National Film Board has given partial funding.

As the shooting of the local episode begins, Watkins and Macdonald are requesting that interested persons in the Syracuse area begin an attempt to raise funds for Third World episodes which are somewhat hampered in funding attempts.

Macdonald believes that the international, community nature of the film making will bring about a willingness to share monetary burdens with those organizing the episodes in Third World Countries. " We would hope that you would want to help us with the film. This is a community film, in a sense that few films ever are, and we need your support.

Working with people not so different from ourselves in countries circling the globe, we'll make film history. We'll be part of what may be the most fully international film ever made"

Those who are interested in fund-raising for further episodes should contact the Peace Council for details.



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ON THE BEACH

Fri. Oct. 12 7, 9:30

HEARTLAND REGGAE

Thurs. Oct. 18 7, 9

Fri. Oct. 19 7, 9, 11

Syracuse Premiere

This reggae concert film, starring the late Bob Marley and featuring Peter Tosh and Jacob Miller, is the sound the politics of Marley's music. Shot on location in Jamaica (1977-78) it has not only a great sound track and high energy but a classic moment in which political enemies, Prime Minister Michael Manley and opposition leader Edward Seaga, moved by the music, join hands in song. "Magical... best recorded Jamaican Reggae Concert film ever produced." - Miami Herald. (John W. Mitchell, 90 min., 1983)

YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN

Fri. Oct. 26 7:30, 9:30

ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN

Fri. Nov. 2 7, 9:30

THE BIG CHILL

Fri. Nov. 9 7, 9, 11

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Fri. Nov. 16 Kittredge 7, 9

Entre Nous is the minutely detailed story of the rare and special friendship that develops over a number of years between two women facing a succession of crises that alter their lives. NY Times - "A very personal, moving film" that displays "a wonderfully sustained artistry." Entre Nous is "admirable" for its clear and un sentimental view' and the beauty and humor of many of its throwaway moments." (Diane Kurys, 110 min., 1984)

Kittredge is in H.B. Crouse Hall below Gifford Aud.

Thoughts on Children's Literature: What are the Stories We Want Our Children to Read

by Ellen Douglas

Ellen Douglas is an early childhood educator with a strong interest in children's books. She has been working with the Front Room Bookstore for about six months - and we're so glad she is! Look for reviews of books for older children in a future PNL. Enjoy.

The Front Room Collective

The Story of Ferdinand, by Munro Leaf, first published in 1936, is a classic book for children in the most wonderful ways: the text speaks to, rather than above or below, young children, the black and white drawings are full of expression and movement, the plot has action and suspense, and the character of Ferdinand, the gentle bull, is sincere and consistent. The bonus is that this marvelous story carries a strong pacifist theme. "All the other little bulls he lived with would run and jump and butt their heads together, but not Ferdinand. He liked to sit just quietly and smell the flowers."

This simple story touches on more themes: the aloneness of an individualist, the concern of a parent for her child's happiness, and the cruelty of the bullfighting ritual. Children 3 to 7 enjoy listening to Ferdinand, older children enjoy reading it by themselves, and adults simply smile and nod as they read it. If you don't have a copy of this gentle classic, please stop by the Front Room to get one.

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes, by Eleanor Coerr, is a newer (1977) classic that touches all who read it. Sadako lived in Japan from 1943 to 1955. She was a toddler when the U.S. Air Force dropped an atom bomb on Hiroshima. She began to notice the painful symptoms of her radiation caused leukemia while she was running in junior high. Sadako's last days were spent folding paper cranes from her hospital bed in the hope of fulfilling the old story about the crane: "It's supposed to live for one thousand years. If a sick per-

son folds one thousand paper cranes the gods will grant her wish and make her healthy again." Sadako managed to to fold 644. Her classmates folded 356 cranes. All one thousand were buried with her.

In 1958, a statue of Sadako was placed in the Hiroshima Peace Park and thousands of paper cranes are placed there each August 6th (Peace Day). This story of Sadako's final days of determination and courage avoids sentimentality by weaving moments of humor into the sadness.

Listening for 6-10 year olds; reading for 8-11's.



from Ferdinand

Frog and Toad are Friends, by Arnold Lobel, is another newish (1970) 'classic' for children. It's a warm, funny and insightful book about the caring and loyalty that take place in a true friendship. It's divided into five humorously illustrated stories which can be read in any order. Green-skinned frog and brown-skinned Toad are friends who help each other through such difficult situations as waiting for spring after a long winter and feeling embarrassed about being seen in a bathing suit. The stories are easy to read for most 7 and 8 year olds, while 4 to 9 year olds will enjoy listening to them. Nice for adult friends too.

Jenny Lives with Eric and Martin, by Susanne Bosche, is an English translation (1983) of a Danish story. Jenny is a five year old girl who lives with Martin, her father, and Eric, Martin's lover. Jenny's mother, Karen, lives nearby and visits often. This book describes their activities together as a family. The black and white photographs are clear and realistic, showing some pleasant scenes: Jenny shares breakfast on a tray in bed with Eric and Martin, she helps Eric fix his bicycle tire; and some unpleasant ones: Jenny cries when she has to leave her paints and go to the laundromat, neighbor Mrs. Andrews greets them on the way home with "You gays! Why don't you stay home so the rest of us don't have to see you?" This last scene is used to lead into a description of sexual preferences, using cartoon style drawings.

It's good to see the topic of gay parenting in a book for young children. Unfortunately, the text is often awkward to read since this translation doesn't does not use enough contractions to flow smoothly. Fortunately, the reader can change this easily enough. Suggested for children ages 4-8.

Feelings Alphabet is a brand new (1984) album "of emotions from A to Z", by Judy Lalli. Each letter of the alphabet has a two page spread, with the alphabetical feeling word on the left and a quality photograph of a child or children expressing the feeling on the right. This is wonderful. Unhappy is so much more memorable than boring Umbrella for U. Yucky looks as though he's ready for a cup of mint tea and bed. There's a good mix of sexes and races in the photographs.

This book would be excellent to use in a primary classroom unit on feelings as well as to use reading and discussing with children at home. I'm going to buy this copy, but will order more for you!

White Train from Hell: Tracking the Nuclear Network

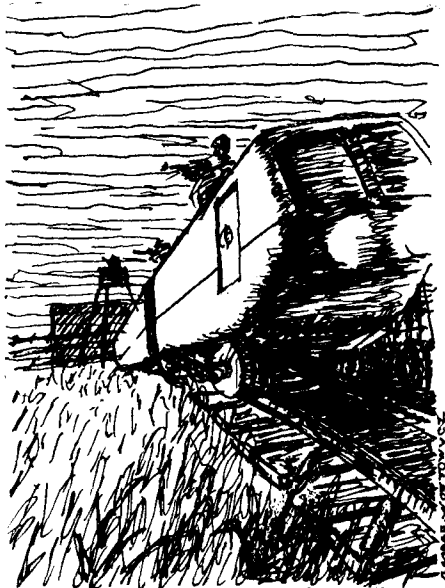
by Pat Mannix

We stood on the shoulder of the road in Amarillo, Texas, eagerly taking turns with the two pair of high-powered glasses, trying to understand what we were seeing, asking questions one after another. There were nine of us—two from Rochester, New York, two from Wheeling, West Virginia, one from Sante Fe, New Mexico, one from Chicago, Illinois, one from Lincoln, Nebraska, and two (our guides) from Amarillo. We were all in Texas attending the Clergy & Laity Concerned (CALC) National Assembly. What we were seeing was the Pantex plant, the final assembly point for U.S. nuclear war heads and the home of the White Train.

A grassy strip adjoined the road; then came the fence, restricting a clear view of the activities within to only the selected few. To further mislead the casual passerby, the land immediately next to the fence was being farmed and the straight rows of tiny stalks of corn tried to convince us this was indeed a scene of life. However, driving a short distance down the road we began to see the weapon storage bunkers. They were a familiar sight to me as they were almost identical to ones I had seen at the Seneca Army Depot. Beyond the bunkers sprawled the plant complex itself, a modern day dinosaur, daily manufacturing its products of death and destruction.

The Pantex Plant is located 17 miles from downtown Amarillo. Built in 1942 as an army ammunition plant, it was closed in 1945 and turned over to Texas Tech University. In 1951, the Atomic Energy Commission reopened it for the purpose of fabricating chemical high explosives and assembling nuclear weapons. Since 1951, according to Paul Wagner of the Department of Energy, "it has been operating the way it is today." The contractor in 1951 was Proctor and Gamble, but since 1954, the plant has been operated by Mason & Hanger-Silas Mason, with corporate offices in Lexington, Kentucky and executive offices in New York.

The plant consists of 10,200 acres, of which approximately 65% is used by Texas Tech for agricultural research purposes. It is almost eighteen miles around the perimeter. Interestingly, it is just about the same size as the Seneca Army Depot, which contains 11,000 acres. However, due to the flat land, sparsity of buildings away from the plant complex itself and lack of appreciable amounts of high vegetation such as trees, roadside observing is much more profitable at Pantex than it is at Seneca.



It has been estimated that three warheads a day are assembled at the plant. The lethal dose of plutonium is provided by as little as .002 ounce. The minimum critical mass of plutonium in a nuclear warhead is about ten pounds. That means that each warhead contains roughly 80,000 lethal doses of plutonium. If three warheads a day are assembled here, then 240,000 lethal doses of plutonium—twice the population of Amarillo—are handled in or pass through the community every working day.

Pantex is the largest business employer in Amarillo. It is the largest contributor to Amarillo's United Way. The company provides liberal benefits (including cancer insurance at reduced rates)

to employees. Economically, work at Pantex is a "good job". For many, especially people of color and women, it is the only job available that pays better than minimum wage. But it is not a safe job with accidents frequent and radiation monitoring almost nonexistent.¹

Our main interest on this trip to Pantex was not the plant itself, but rather the presence of a major transporter of the genocidal weapons, the White Train. And suddenly through the glasses, there it was—at least there some of it was. On a track, outside a building identified to us as "the storage building", in a high security area, sat seven cars gleaming pure white in the setting Texas sun. We were told the train had been loading for two weeks and a careful watch was being maintained so that the alert could be sounded once it left the Pantex plant and headed for its destination.

It was interesting that, as we watched Pantex and the train, security people within were watching us. After we had stopped twice along the road, we were joined by two small security trucks which came from within the fence and proceeded to drive past us, back and forth on the highway, never stopping, never speaking, only watching, safeguarding the "safeguards."

Even though it is estimated that the White Train has been transporting nuclear warheads out of Pantex for at least 15 years, it went virtually undetected by peace activists until two years ago when it came to the attention of Jim and Shelly Douglass. Already deeply involved in peace work, and living on property adjoining the Trident Submarine Base, they staff Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action in Poulsbo, Washington. Located right outside a gate to the Trident base, the Center has been in existence since 1977. Here, they are engaged in "an experiment in the truth and art of non-violence."² Since learning about the train from a reporter in December 1982, the Douglasses have formed—and are the moving

force behind - the Agape Community; an extended, non-violent community of people living along train tracks all over the country and dedicated to the stopping of the White Train through non-violent resistance. Even where no sightings have ever been confirmed, in places like Cleveland, Ohio, the Agape Community has spread, with people committed to the belief that a spiritual force is capable of both changing individuals and stopping the arms race. As Jim Douglass stated in a recent article in People Magazine, "We won't stop until the train is used to take potatoes and fruit cross-country, and Trident subs are used for fishing and underwater tours,"

The train itself is a sight once seen never to be forgotten. The weapon-carrying cars are "pure" white, lower than average box cars, each marked with the letters ATMX, followed by a number. These were the only cars we saw. The security cars contain turrets with armored flaps on the sides. These cars contain Department of Energy "couriers" armed with machine guns, rifles and hand

grenades and trained to shoot anyone who threatens the train. There usually are between 8 to 13 weapons cars, three security cars and two engines. It is estimated that on each trip, it carries between 100 and 200 nuclear weapons. Since the Agape community has been watching the train it has always attempted to "sneak out of town" in the dark of the night, leaving once as late as 2:30 a.m. So vigilance is the watchword.

The movement of the train continues to be very mysterious. So far the seven trips observed since December, 1982 have all gone to either the Trident Submarine Base outside Bangor, Washington (five trips) or the Charleston Naval Weapons Station in South Carolina (two trips). But in years past it has been spotted in two locations in California - the Sierra Army Depot (the comparable West Coast facility to the East Coast Seneca Army Depot) and the Concord Naval Weapons Station. The question now before the peace community is "where else does the White Train travel?" Members of the Agape Community are eager to

establish groups in New York State and determine if the train makes deliveries to the Seneca Army Depot.

Five years before his martyrdom, Franz Jagerstatters, an Austrian peasant who refused to fight in Hitler's war because he believed to be Nazi was anti-Christian, had a dream which he wrote about. "At first I lay awake in my bed until almost midnight, unable to sleep, although I was not sick, I must have fallen asleep anyway. All of a sudden I saw a beautiful shining railroad train that circled around a mountain. Streams of children and adults as well rushed toward the train and could not be held back... Then I heard a voice say to me: 'This train is going to hell.'"³ Upon seeing the White Train, all of us in the car that day were convinced this train was carrying hell to all of us. ♣

1 Pantex facts obtained from CALC Report, Steven Schroeder, May/June 1982.

2 Jim Douglass. Living at Ground Zero

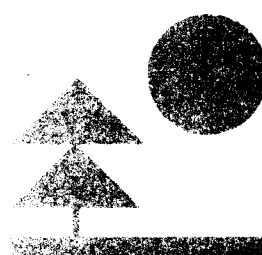
3 Quote from "Tracking the White Train", Jim Douglass, Sojourners, Feb. 1984.

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Feelings Alphabet: An Album of Emotions from A to Z — Lalli (5.95)
 "Familiar feelings are captured in delightful, 'one-of-a-kind' photographs and their meanings are highlighted with individualized lettering. Beginning readers will learn to read...children instantly identify with the kids in **Feelings Alphabet**".

For locations and hours, please see page 2.

Central America After November?

The Reagan/Wortley Plan

We have all heard the proclamations from the current government that "No U.S. combat troops will be used in Central America." Most of us want to believe that, but we must remember similar unkept promises of our past. Viet Nam is only one example of the pattern of foreign military intervention that has characterized U.S. history. The facts clearly show the current administration is planning a massive military escalation if Reagan is re-elected. Already the U.S. advisors are directing the war in El Salvador, and the CIA is creating a war in Nicaragua. The Defense Department is setting up an illegal military base in Honduras, which includes a field hospital with over 3000 beds. The U.S. Air Force is providing air support and the Congress continues to send millions in military aid. The War is on. Over 100,000 Central Americans have died in the current struggle to free themselves from U.S. backed military dictatorships, and the next step can only bring a flow of body bags into this country as well.

Amazingly, some in our government feel so secure they do not even pretend to oppose a greater U.S. military role in the region. On May 23rd the House voted to limit the role of U.S. troops in the region to that of protecting U.S. civilians. The measure passed 341 to 64. Our Representative, George Wortley, was one of the few to oppose this safety measure. Even a symbolic measure designed to prevent unneeded American dead met with his disapproval.

Earlier in 1984, it became public that U.S. forces directly participated in the mining of Nicaraguan harbors. This was an act of War! In a House vote again Rep. Wortley refused to join the majority in condemning the illegal act. When confronted on the issue he responded "They were very little mines."

Since 1980 the U.S. government has provided over one billion dollars to the government of El Salvador, a government that has by the record of Allen Smith is a SPC staffer and looks forward to voting in his first presidential campaign.



Mike Lane
The Sun, Baltimore
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its own Catholic Church been responsible for the death of over 40,000 unarmed civilians in the past 4 years. Rep. Wortley has backed every dollar sent and opposed all sincere efforts to tie aid to human rights. The money sent is responsible for the prolonged Civil War and the deaths of thousands of people

Ignorance is Not Bliss

Wortley's stance on Central America comes from an almost total ignorance of the history and people there. Only someone so misinformed could have told a group of concerned citizens in 1984 that "Somoza was the duely elected government of Nicaragua." Since 1981 the Reagan administration, with the active support of Rep. Wortley, has spent over 75 million dollars to overthrow the current Nicaraguan government. With this money the CIA has created a private army of 10,000 men, most of whom were members of Somoza's brutal Army before his overthrow. Recent revelations indicate the CIA has illegally spent millions more. Yet the war continues with the support of Reagan and Wortley.

Administration issued claims constantly justify their actions by referring to arms shipments from the Nicaraguan government to the rebels in El Salvador, yet there is little proof to back these statements. For three years the administration has deployed the most sophisticated intelligence equipment in Central America. These include troops, radar, planes and ships; yet not a single arms shipment has been uncovered. David MacMichaels, former top level CIA analyst has stated that the Reagan administration is lying about the supposed arms flow to provide a justification for its real aim: the overthrow of the Nicaraguan government.

In four years the Reagan administration has spent almost 2 billion dollars in Central America and now wants to spend another 8 billion in the next five years. Money to kill people and to support killer governments, while here at home needed social programs are slashed again and again. Each week seems to bring a new revelation about increased American military activity in the region and with each increase we come closer to committing U.S. troops to fight and die in Central America. Headlines each day read:

"U.S. advisors come under hostile fire, Defense Department fails to inform Congress."

"CIA directed mining of Nicaraguan harbors."

"Report indicates the Defense Department building a permanent illegal military base in Honduras."

"U.S. manuevers to include 19 ships, 140 warplanes, and over 30,000 troops."

We cannot afford to wait until after the re-election of Reagan and Wortley for the headlines to read: "103 Americans killed as fighting spreads." For the sake of the future dead and those already gone, we must dump these people and their policies.



And The Democrats

Legeslative opposition to Reagan's war in Central America is spear-headed by such progressive Democrats as Ron Dellums and Ted Weiss. However other members of the Democratic party approach Reagan in their anti-communist rhetoric and in their support for even greater military intervention. Mondale has criticized Reagan's militaristic policies and he promises to stop the covert war in Nicaragua. Yet solidarity groups will

need to continue to put pressure on even a new administration to withdraw its support of the Salvadoran "government".

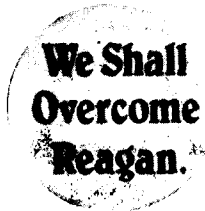
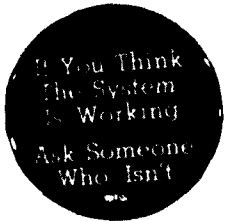
Tom Buckel is the Democrat running against Wortley, the following is a summary of his views.

1. He opposes the covert war against Nicaragua and will oppose efforts to continue it.
2. He agrees that the Reagan administration deported thousands of refugees from Central America who deserved political asylum and temporary visas. However he does not

favor a law to give all refugees from the region such status but instead favors a individual case approach.
 3. He feels the current administration has not emphasized human rights in the region and he believes that human rights and reforms must be tied to any aid program in the region. He does consider the last El Salvadoran election valid and believes that Durte is a reformer who was elected president and deserves the U.S.'s continued support.

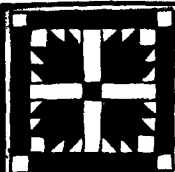


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1984 ELECTIONS

A Tale of Two Voters— or how four minutes can affect four years

Back in 1980, a left-of-center couple I know had an ongoing debate over the issue of whom to vote for. Lil supported Carter, Bob supported Commoner. For months the debate went on and after voting the couple discovered that their discussions had paid off. Bob had changed his mind and supported Carter and Lil had been won over to Commoner.

Every four years a similar debate occurs among politically active people. While most agree that the electoral process in the U.S. leaves much to be desired, the debate rages on whether one should vote conscientiously for the candidate whose platform one most supports, or should one vote strategically, realizing that the two-party system in the U.S. minimizes the effect of third parties, thus nullifying a vote for Sonia Johnson? While everyone needs to make this decision for themselves, there is a compromise available which helps lessen the anxiety involved.

Most people realize that there are no guarantees in the electoral

process, campaign promises are easily broken under the pressures of current events and certain constituencies. There are no guarantees that any candidate will follow a certain course. However, the constituency which elects a certain candidate will have a say in deciding the policies of that candidate. Reagan, the candidate of the far right and upper class people will more than likely support policies they advocate, school prayer, monetarist economic policies and increased defense spending. Mondale, if elected, will have a different constituency, unions, social welfare groups, women and blacks. While this doesn't guarantee his support for their causes, it is a far cry from what would become of them under another four years of Reagan. This is the lesser of two evils argument with which we are all familiar.

It is not enough, however, for this argument to be swallowed whole. The underlying reasons why we are constantly forced to

make this decision must be worked on, and what better time than during a political season when the attention of the media is focused on politics? It is important for people to continue to demonstrate their discontent with the present system even while working within it. Long term goals must not be sacrificed for the sake of short term victories. The present electoral system in the U.S. doesn't allow for successful third party challenges, therefore, work to make that alternative viable through making people aware of the problem. A vote for a third party candidate will not be likely to accomplish this; media attention at demonstrations may have an impact. Don't shy away from discussing the problems with Mondale's platform; the Democratic party is not the answer to all the world's woes, but keep them in context. While having a Democrat in office may not create Utopia, reelecting Ronald Reagan would be a large step in the opposite direction.

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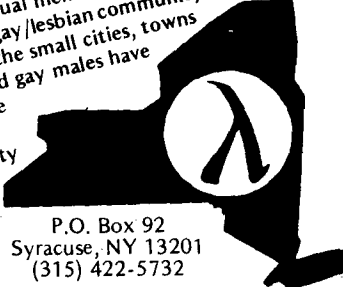
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Westcott Cafe: Nourishing a Community

"I'll meet you at the Cafe." It's a phrase I've heard and and repeated so many times it's second nature. Many things have changed in the last 10 years, but the Westcott Cafe has been a continuous thread running through my life and the life of the activist community.

Any Cafe regular is bound to have many personal memories associated with the place. In my mind's eye I can still see friends coming to show off their week-old baby. I see my old Friday night cooking team accepting- well, actually inciting- a round of applause from the diners.

My business, On The Rise Baked Goods, started out of the Cafe. Even though getting it going was an uphill road, the memory that comes back most vividly is a happy one-- quiet Friday evenings at the Cafe, friends talking and playing games at a table, while I kneaded dough behind the counter late into the night.

Over the years, thousands of hours of volunteer labor have made the Cafe possible. Many people give of their time, not only because the Cafe needs them, but because it's fun to be there. Volunteers who are also members of the Syracuse Real Food Coop also earn coop work credit for their hours at the Cafe.

As with any community group, there are struggles. There is never enough money. Right now the Cafe owes about \$2500 -- half of that to Niagara Mohawk. To put a dent in the bills there will be a dance to benefit the Cafe. (see next column for details) As always, helping the Cafe will be lots of fun!



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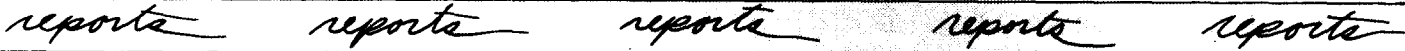
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Griffiss Outlaws Protest

Several dozen SPC activists and supporters went to Rome, NY for the annual Griffiss AFB open house September 8th. While most held signs and leafletted outside, 3 or 4 carloads went onto the base with buttons, banners and leaflets, challenging base policy.

When Carol Baum and Allen Smith donned sandwich boards covered with "free peace buttons," security immediately encircled them and confiscated the buttons as well as a cassette tape this writer was recording during the confrontation. Bill Griffen raised the freedom of speech issue and related Judge Conan's decision last year that political statements cannot be forbidden at an open house on federal property. There were no arrests.

While tens of thousands watched fighter squadrons and bombers, security people requested copies of the leaflet Bill was carrying and then confiscated the whole bundle. When Carrie Stearns and some Canadian activists unfurled a banner during a bomb-loading exhibition, it was immediately taken down. But an Air Force poster (depicting a Soviet flag on the Capitol rotunda as the feared consequence of security leaks) also was removed after SPC members advised security of its political nature.

Outside Mohawk Gate, a row of banners faced traffic all day, and over 1000 leaflets were given to visitors at another gate.

SPC will be in contact with base personnel and local

citizens through the year, challenging the ban on political statements and the widespread belief in military power. Join us in disarmament and conversion work at Griffiss!

-Peter Swords

Dennis Banks Surrenders

On Thursday, Sept. 13, 1984, I was present in Rapid City, South Dakota, when Dennis Banks surrendered to Sheriff Dwayne Glasgow of Custer County, South Dakota.

Dennis arrived at the airport at approximately 10:30 a.m. carrying his 3-year-old daughter, Tokala, in his arms. The Sheriff allowed him to speak briefly with the press and gave him time to greet his friends who traveled to be with him, including Chief Leon Shenandoah of the Onondaga Na-

After the bail hearing, Dennis was placed in Pennington County Jail in Rapid City. Attorney Joe Heath and I visited him there for about an hour on Thursday afternoon. He was in good spirits and was already making plans for his next court appearance.

He asked me to send his greetings to his supporters and asked that each of you write to Judge Marshall Young, Court House, Rapid City, SD, 57701, on his behalf. Outline positive things Dennis has done for the community and ask for leniency in sentencing him.

The pre-sentence hearing will be held on October 8 at 9:00 a.m. in Rapid City.

Dennis' final word to his friends was, "Full Steam Ahead!"

-Dottie Campbell-Hiney

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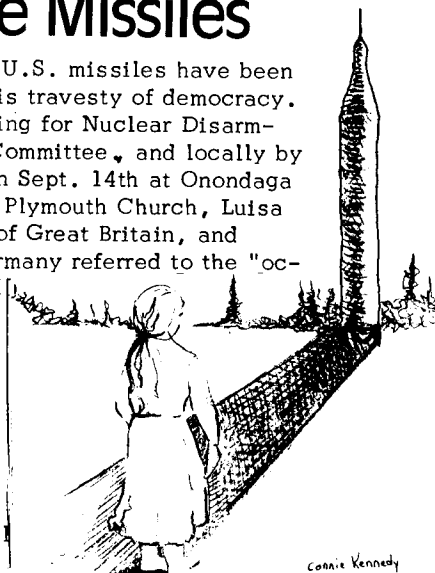
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They Live with the Missiles

Three women from countries in which U.S. missiles have been deployed are in this country to protest this travesty of democracy. Their tour is co-sponsored by Women Acting for Nuclear Disarmament and the American Friends Service Committee, and locally by the Syracuse Peace Council. Speaking on Sept. 14th at Onondaga Community College and in the evening at Plymouth Church, Luisa Morgantini of Italy, Danielle Grundberg of Great Britain, and Heidi Dann of the Federal Republic of Germany referred to the "occupation" of their countries by the United States. In Great Britain alone the U.S. has 135 military installations.

Heidi Dann, a member of the Green Party Parliamentary Speakers Council, said that seventy percent of the people there oppose missile deployment. West Germans see the threat of nuclear war as primarily due to the actions and attitudes of the U.S.. Danielle Grundberg, Council member of END (Europeans for Nuclear

Disarmament) pointed out that when the cruise is in place it will make a mockery out of arms control as this missile cannot be detected by present verification systems. Luisa Morgantini, Secretary of the Metal Workers Trade Union in Milan and a member of the Women's Peace Camp at Comiso, is involved in arms conversion work at her union. She spoke eloquently of the need to convert sections of the American economy to increased reliance on production of civilian goods. The three activists will visit cities in six states.



Connie Kennedy

Writing to the Pershing Plowshares!

The Pershing Plowshares have been transported to their final destinations. They are:

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Patrick O'Neill -- unclear where he is at this time.

There is a possibility that Per will be reported, but it may take several months. If your interested in visiting, call Carol at SPC (472-5478).

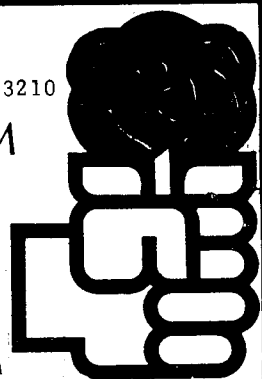
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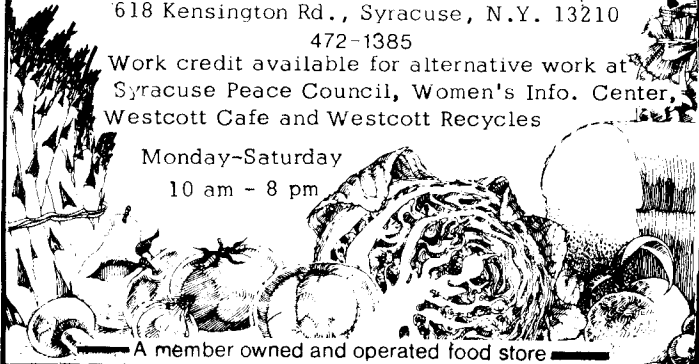
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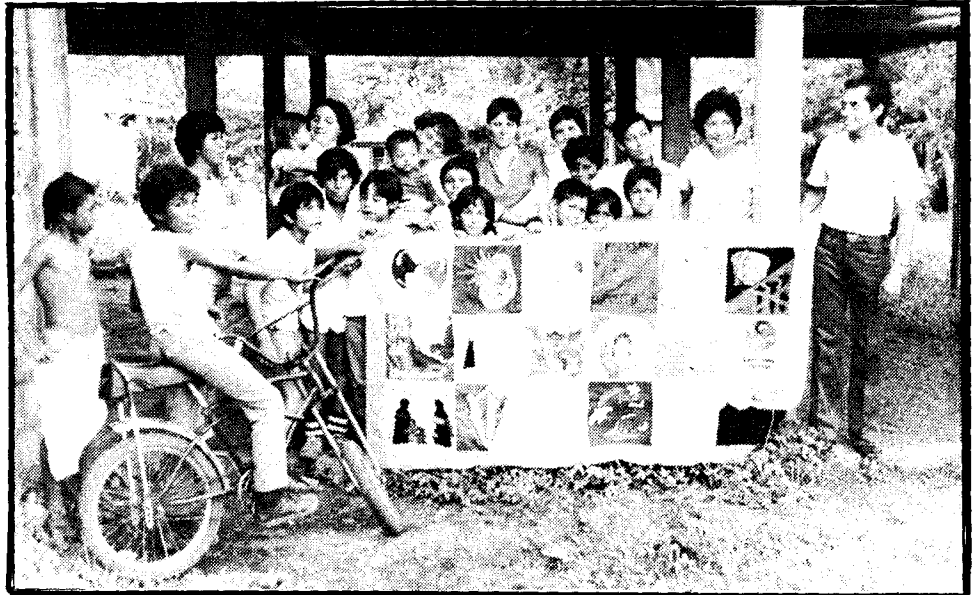
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¡Nicaragua Libre!

by Karen Mihaly

In August, Joni Meyer, Martha Swann, Maura McNulty and myself traveled to Nicaragua as representatives of the Syracuse MADRE and Cultural Workers Projects. We spent a week on a tour emphasizing education and then for two weeks we were on our own. It was such a privilege! Thanks to all who sent us off with financial and emotional support. Everyone is invited to a dessert potluck on Sunday, Oct. 14th, to see our slides and here more of our stories. 7:00 at the Westcott Cafe.



K. MIHALY

Our \$ donated will finish this schoolroom!

We arrive in Managua, the sun just was setting, dark clouds swirl over the airport. Inside, it's hot and stuffy. Sweat pour off me. We wait and wait as they search through every inch of our bags. Through the darkness, we are whisked into our air-conditioned well-lit tourista bus. I feel so visible as we drive up to the Intercontinental Hotel, one of the two tallest buildings. The other is the Bank of America. Much of the city was destroyed in the '72 earthquake and Somoza bombed the rest before he left. There are many tour groups and reporters here, the clicking of typewriters echos in the hall. Also lots of wealthy and jet-set Nicaraguans partying, using the pool. Other Nicaraguans wait on us, clean our rooms, carry our baggage. I don't want them to wait on me! And so much food. How ironic! and to think that Katy was worried that all we'd eat would be rice and beans...

The week was filled with a variety of meetings, visits and information. We also took a two-day trip to Esteli, a city in the north:

The story of the Nicaraguans unfold and my heart is opening. We walk around the muddy streets early this morning. The people and children are friendly and welcoming. Women and children carry - on their heads - bowls of corn to be ground and dough to be baked. Much of the city was destroyed during the insurrection and most has been rebuilt. The citizens of Esteli are known for fierce and stubborn resistance of Somoza. Esteli is still at war...you can see it in the in the faces, sadness, anger, determination. Most families have lost someone and are still counting the dead.

"What it looks like to you is that everything is going on in a day-to-day fashion. But what is really happening is that women are preparing their children for war," a member of the Christian-based community tells us. I am moved by the deep connections between the grassroots spiritual movement and the revolution and angered by a deep and ever-widening split between the Catholic hierarchy and these radical people. "When there is death, the men at the top of the church don't die," a priest told us. Then he challenged: "Being a pacifist these days in Nicaragua is not defending the gift of God. How would you react if it were you?"

We visited schools, talked to educators, officials and clergy. We played with kids and had a tense dialogue with the U.S. counsel general. We had a warm meeting with Mary Hartman, a nun living in Nicaragua for 20 years who works with prisons and the Human Rights Commission. We looked into a steaming volcano! We did much more with the tour. It was the two weeks spent on our own, however, that were the real heart and guts of the trip. It was not an easy transition:

Our first and only dismal day found us in a hospedaje owned by a family who didn't like the Sandinistas and talked about Miami as a kind of heaven. We four were in a tiny room with a communal shower, gigantic cockroaches and lumpy beds.

Welcome to the Third World...simple living, poverty, flies everywhere. People staring as we go out to eat. It does feel hostile in this place...and how can they not absolutely hate us? And yet, soon, during this rather dubious meal, Josephina, 8 years old, shyly inches her way to our table, big doe eyes friendly and open. We converse, learning Spanish words, laughing. I ask her about the Revolution she launches into it with a barrage of words and gestures...face tense, smiling, miming, she tells how they didn't have milk and how her uncle is in the hospital. The North American wages war, gives pain. She shows how her heart was somehow hurt. Soon her family joins us. Then others. People send gifts to the table. We talk and talk. We are welcomed!

From that moment on we were welcomed, everywhere with open arms. We rode the buses, hitchhiked, and walked our way around the country.

AMLAE, the national women's organization, generously took us around for two days. It was through these women that we had our first meeting with the Mothers of Heroes and Martyrs, the group to whom we later gave our quilt/banner, a gift from Syracuse women. The mothers have all lost children in the war. I sobbed and sobbed; as a woman took me into her arms:

"Tell the mothers not to send their children here to fight so they won't have to suffer like we have," she said.

KAREN MIHALY IS A COMMUNITY + CULTURAL WORKER

"Please know that we understand that it is not the American people that are responsible for this. It is the American government."

We were to hear this over and over again.

Our experiences were rich and varied--from attending Bible reflection meetings run by the Marynoll nuns in Fundesi to riding on a flatbed truck with campesinos to a beach in Pocomile. We often shared the quilt and gave people posters and calendars, gifts from the Cultural Workers Project. And everyone talked politics...people on the streets, children on the top of a muddy mountain, bus drivers...and not everyone agreed. There was dissension and dialogue. A taxi-driver said, "Reagan es el presidente Numero Uno!" Martha talked to a young man who said he would leave the country if drafted and La Prensa newspaper daily attacks the government. Yet, the majority of people we spoke to were strong and ardent supporters of the Sandinistas. And why wouldn't they be? The Somoza dictatorship lasted nearly half a century. 50,000 people were killed in that last seven weeks of the conflict. Most were in abject poverty before. Now they are not. Between 1981 and 1984, land reform benefited 30,963 families by providing them access to land. This represents 41% of families who previously lacked sufficient land. We asked a man on a co-op farm near Esteli about the revolution. What did it mean to him? He grinned, pointed to his bare, protruding belly: "Now we have food!" People of the upper classes complain of not having luxury items, but the majority of the people are not hungry anymore. There is milk and rice and beans and enough food to feed everyone, despite constant attacks and trade embargoes engineered by the U.S.

In education, the illiteracy rate decreased from 60% to 13% and the number of students enrolled in secondary education rose by 53% in 1982. There were no beggars for the usual food, money or clothes. Instead, children everywhere asked us for pencils, paper or pens. People are hungry to read and write!

There is a level of popular democracy that is difficult for us to imagine. A voter registration campaign enlisted 96% of the people. They are proud of this! I have no doubt that the Sandinistas will be elected in their November election because Nicaragua is a country of organizations facilitating the participation of every individual. There are cultural groups, sewing, literacy and rehab organizations, unions, political parties, cooperatives, block organizations...on every level people are carefully creating their own society.

Everything the Sandinistas have tried to accomplish in the last five years has been restricted or in some way hampered by the U.S. aggression. The United States has launched press campaigns to distort the situation, released "White Papers" about the alleged aid to El Salvador, invoked financial and economic pressure to provoke economic standstill and used the CIA and other tactics in an attempt to separate the people from the government and to create dissension within the church. And the U.S. government has, of course, supported the Contras. "There was no war until the U.S. gave \$19 million to the Contras," said Mary Hartman.

With such intense aggression and sabotage on every front, the Sandinistas face an enormous task. Yet they continue to maintain a position of non-alignment, to create a mixed economy (70% of the land and businesses are privately owned) and to pay back a huge national debt incurred under Somoza -- something not often done

in revolutionary developing countries.

At this moment, their lives depend on Reagan military logic, a logic that is dangerously heading toward direct intervention. At this point, the U.S. is waiting for any excuse to march in. If Reagan is re-elected, he'll have four more years to implement this policy.

Early morning, on the beach in Pocomile, the sun barely up. Cane cutters walk along the water to work, swing their machetes waving to me. A woman gathers shells. The surf is gentle, rolling, the moon above. All night I sleep fitfully, I think because I am aware of the militia keeping watch. I start up once and see a number of people with guns nearby, stark and small in the moonlight. I look out to see the horizon on this crystal blue morning. Can I see this gigantic U.S. warship with 80 planes? I remember Margarita saying, "If 80 planes bomb us, we will be reduced to ashes." Nicaragua is a small, small country! I keep thinking of bombs dropping here. Where would people go? Where would I go? And my youngest brother. Will he be sent here to die? to kill my friends?

I read in the New York Times of a book about Black Vietnam Veterans. One told of his growing political awareness, confusion and then refusal to kill an old man sitting in a doorway when ordered to do so by his commander. I think of the old people sitting in the doorways all across Nicaragua. Surely, if the U.S. invades, poor people and people of color will be on the front killing the poor and people of color. WE MUST NOT LET THIS HAPPEN AGAIN.

But I do not return without hope. "What has started here will never stop," Sr. Hartman told us. "It has been a war of the poor. They understand that the process will start all over." It will continue.

I am infused with the determination and strength of the people I met.

But, will these people be tortured, killed? The nuns, women on the beach, little Josephina. I'm flooded with faces, shy smiles, laughing brown eyes. ...oh, these good, good people, so pleased with their revolution and process. Oh los ninos. Surely they have a right to continue?



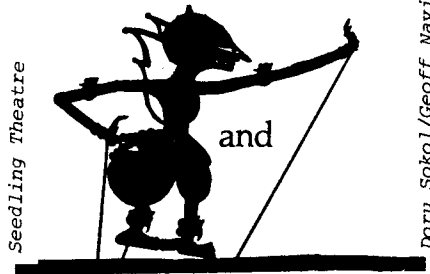
The contras are being supported with more money than the total GNP of the country they are trying to repossess. They have wreaked havoc on the economy, devastated border towns and killed almost 2,000 people. Yet, they are not winning!

The people are behind this unique revolution and they will fight, hard and long. As Sandino said, 40 years ago when the United States first invaded the shores of Nicaragua,

"They will leave our land without knowing themselves how to explain why they were defeated..."

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Parades, Puppets



Pageants of Change

Here they come, here they come! I remember as a child seeing my first parade. The anticipation, watching it pass, hearing it go off into the distance as the next section came into view.

This first parade was on July 4th, and of course was laden with symbols of militarism.

In recent years I have been experimenting with parades and pageants as acts of social change. In mythology and stories from around the world the voyage/travel/quest is a vehicle in the search for answers/growth/ courage. Parades and pageants have that sense of voyage: the parade passes by, the pageant travels to the audience. They can tell stories and are much like watching a history unfold in front of the viewer.

This spring I designed a parade for the Visions of Peace Festival. The parade told a symbolic, archetypal story in three parts: Search for the Future, Lost Hope, Planting the Seed of the Future. The parade was a colorful event with 170 joyful people parading, and a good audience.

Working in Vermont this summer with the Bread and Puppet Theatre were artist from Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Puerto Rico. Together we created a pageant on the struggles in Latin America and the life of Archbishop Romero. According to police estimates over 20,000 people attended the pageant in rural Vermont.

In Syracuse, we have just started working on a winter pageant. Using huge puppets, masks and music we are creating a Christmas story of beauty and political strength. We have room for about 50 people to help create and/or be a part of

on helping in this celebration, call Geoff Navias of the Open Hand Theatre at 472-1777 or 474-4836.

Nicaraguan Coffee Growers

The Nicaraguan coffee project started in upstate New York on September 1, 1983 with the purchase of 25 cases. It took almost six months to sell the first shipment. Since January, 140 cases have been sold.

The roots of the project lead north to Canada where an organization, "Bridgehead Trading," was started two and a half years ago by four individuals who had an interest in the third World. Their goal is to educate Canadians of the conditions in the Third World, and return profits in the form of development grants. They chose Nicaragua because of its commitment to helping the poor as evidenced by their national literacy campaign, the elimination of polio for the first time in fifty years, reduction of the infant mortality rate from 120 to 80 per thousand.

The local regional distributor for the coffee project is FOCUS (Friends Of Central America United in Support.) The last week of July, FOCUS sent 1,300 syringes, five dozen packages of sutures, surgical gloves and dressings to the Center for Multiple Services, an organization which administers 45 rural health care clinics in Nicaragua. FOCUS is also in contact with Sister Barbara Ginter, who has worked in Leon, Nicaragua, with



the needs of students in a pre-school there. These materials will be brought there with a Witness for Peace Delegation that is leaving Syracuse on November 1, to witness at the border between Nicaragua and Honduras.

For more information on buying coffee, write to Peter Wirth, 702 So. Beech St., Syracuse NY 13210 or call (315) 476-3396. Please send a stamped self-addressed envelope.

JAG Jilted

At Rutgers University, sixty law students protested when the Judge Advocate General (JAG) interviewed prospective employees on Nov. 2nd, 1983. The Rutgers Student Bar Association had voted that the law school should uphold the rights of all individuals by denying access to any employer that discriminates on the basis of race, sex or sexual preference. The army refuses to give equal opportunity to homosexuals despite continuing protest. A similar motion had been passed by the faculty at Rutgers; however, the Dean still allowed the JAG recruiter, saying "I don't think the law school is free to make policy on its own. The only way is to persuade the Board of Governors..." The Board subsequently decided to admit the recruiters.

Law student Bill Sullivan said at the demonstration, "In my mind it's a narrow issue. We have a school policy which permits people to discriminate only if they have a narrow, job-related criteria, and the Army has not met any of the criteria."

Across the Delaware, law students at Temple University and the University of Pennsylvania have been waging the same struggle against JAG recruiters using different tactics.

A Philadelphia city ordinance forbids employment agencies from assisting employers who discriminate. Students have filed formal complaints with the Philadelphia Human Relations Commission charging that law students have been refused employment by JAG because of their sexual preference. They are charging that the universities involved are violating the city law by assisting the Army recruiter.

The Army has more than 1,800 lawyers, an average of one lawyer for every 430 soldiers. President Ronald Reagan's Justice Department is expected to enter the legal fray in support of the Army. A decision by the Philadelphia Human Relations Commission is not expected until winter.



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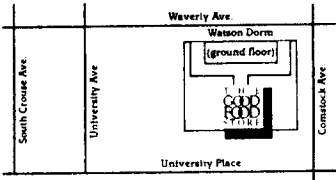
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Gary Weinstein Challenged

To the PNL,

I would like to commend Gary Weinstein for sharing his thoughts on his SPC staff experience in the 10/84 PNL -- and doing so in so personal a manner.

It's an excellent idea to have departing SPC staffers reflect on their work and provide their critical perspective of SPC in the PNL. Every movement organization needs to encourage not only social-, but self-criticism.

However as a former SPC staff person I want to challenge or expand some of Gary's points:

1. I can easily understand how one might be 'tired of struggling at subsistence wages, ... tired of leaning on family and friends.' But I think it's important to contin-

I question whether one can hold political values without those values being reflected decisively and visibly in how one lives one's life.

ually bear in mind that what we in affluent America call a 'subsistence wage' is far more than what most of the world calls an adequate wage, and that even our 'subsistence' wage allows us to consume more than our share of the earth's resources.

I am not saying that in the social context of the U.S. it would not be a good idea to raise staff salaries. But rather that as we do so we must always maintain an internationalist perspective on those (and all) wages. It would also be a good idea to keep alive the ethic that makes us proud -- and not humiliated -- when mentioning SPC wages.

One of the functions of low move-

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ment salaries is to provide a counter model to norms in capitalist society based on overconsumption, greed and status measured in monetary terms. Such wages help the movement live out Gary's call for 'an entirely new set of property and money relations in society.'

Perhaps a Marxist insight -- that one's income tends to affect one's ideology -- is apropos here. It could be argued that most salary earners have already been co-opted by high income: how many well paid rockers-of-the boat do we know?

And if because of low wages one depends on family and friends, perhaps this will help all concerned transcend the individualism and lack of community rampant in capitalist society.

2. The foregoing thoughts introduce my disagreement with Gary's belief that it is a 'mistaken notion that our lifestyle is a means of social change...'. I question whether one can hold political values without those values being reflected decisively and visibly in how one lives one's life.

By striving to eliminate the capitalist and patriarchal elements which pervade our relating, working and consuming --

- we spare the earth
- we rid ourselves of illgotten gain
- we withdraw our support from the powerstructure
- and we move into closer solidarity with our allies and those whom the system most exploits.

In other words we begin now -- through ongoing trial and error -- to internalize and evolve the new social and economic relations we seek. We don't co-opt out by postponing such changes until the conveniently distant millennium.

3. I agree with Gary that transforming the fundamental order of capitalist society 'will not come about without a protracted, not-nice struggle.' But if SPC embraces Malcolm X's strategy of achieving peace and justice 'by whatever means necessary,' I hope we will employ that strategy only while insisting that means and ends be mutually consistent.

As I understand SPC's committ-

ment to nonviolence, it requires such consistency. Otherwise we perpetuate the social ills we oppose and embroil our acts in contradiction.

4. Gary urges that SPC gain membership and financial resources by broadening 'our race and class base.' It would be useful to have specific suggestions as to how this worthy but elusive goal might be reached.

As far as I know SPC -- for better or worse -- has always been a white middle class phenomenon (consider the class background and prospects of most SPC activists).

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Gary Responds

Briefly, because I've had my say in the previous PNL.

Ed's and my debate hinges on issues basic to Peace Council and peace movement self definition. I think continued point-counterpoint in future PNLs would appeal to readers and serve our movement.

I served a little over 5 years on what we have come to call the SPC "office staff" -- those people employed fulltime in the SPC office -- first at \$60/week, then \$70, finally \$80. My first three and one half years were with the SPC Press, the last year and a half on the organizing staff. I have served on the Program and Evaluation steering committee for three years.

SPC staff salary needs to be fiscally planned. It instead has a

The aggregate of our individual personal and political lifestyle choices, regardless of how revolutionary, does not substitute for systemic change.

history of being haphazard, arbitrary. What was "subsistence" in 1970 is non-pay in 1985. Let's reach a consensus on what subsistence means in the mid to late 1980's and commit ourselves to paying it to staff! I support the principle for many of Ed's reasons. But let's not make conceptual excuses for organizational lack of planning and our needless self-exploitation. (Ed, every radical I

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In this issue we present an update on Nicaragua, upon return of Syracuse Witnesses for Peace; a look at the peace movement in the Philippines; and examine the relationship between the U.S and South Africa Apartheid.

The connections between ecology and the economic system are discussed; as well as the connection between militarism and animal rights. We look at the latest U.S. government threat to Native American land; proposed anti-terrorist legislation; and the continuing struggle of Upstate Resistance.

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Thanks to all last months mailing party members; sorry we lost the list!

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Our next issue will be out in February of 1985. Call SPC for dates and deadlines. See you next year!

I'd like to give a special thanks to all those who worked extra hard during production because I could not be here. You are all very special people. Thanks!!! *Deana C.*



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News from The SPC House

This has been a crazy, hectic month for everyone. But we've also been doubly fortunate. In late October Peter McCarthy and Jane Slabowski said Radell Roberts could live at their house. Within days Radell was in Syracuse, already hard at work on the Peace Newsletter. Our second great stroke of luck is that Laurie Goldman and Liam Mahony decided to return to Syracuse. The Press has been incredibly busy and to Jeff's great relief, Laurie is working with him part-time. It is wonderful to have Radell and Laurie join us in the house. We also had a visitor for a week -- Anna Ljung from Sweden. She is in the U.S. with the same exchange program Per, Christa, and Marco were in -- and after hearing about SPC from Christa, she just had to come visit and help out.

We've had some improvements in the house. Gary appeared and refinished the tables Adelaide Webster had given us long ago. They look gorgeous! We also spent a day winterizing and cleaning the house (although you might not believe it if you saw it today). And we finally got a new lock for the front door, but not before the old one fell off.

-Carol Baum

SPC Statement of Purpose

The Syracuse Peace Council (SPC), founded in 1936, is an antiwar/social justice organization. It is community-based, autonomous and funded by the contributions of its supporters.

SPC educates, agitates and organizes for a world where war, violence and exploitation in any form will no longer exist. It challenges the existing unjust power relationships among nations, among people and between ourselves and the environment. As members, we work to replace inequality, hierarchy, domination and powerlessness with mutual respect, personal empowerment, cooperation and a sense of community.

Present social injustices cannot be understood in isolation from each other nor can they be overcome without recognizing their economic and militaristic roots. SPC stresses a strategy that makes these connections clear. We initiate and support activities that help build this sense of community and help tear down the walls of oppression. A fundamental basis for peace and justice is an economic system that places human need above monetary profit. We establish relationships among people based on cooperation rather than competition or the threat of destruction.

Our political values and personal lives shape and reflect each other. In both we are committed to nonviolent means of conflict resolution and to a process of decision-making that responds to the needs of all.

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Meet Radell Roberts

Well, the initial shock of finally being here is beginning to fade, and I'm adjusting comfortably to the new location, new people, and SPC work. Hills, as well as political activism, are a new concept to me. I'm originally from Shelby, Ohio, a small conservative town, and graduated from Bowling Green State University in May. During my final year, I became increasingly dissatisfied with the prospect of a future in commercial journalism, at the same time that I began to get involved with the peace movement. A very small contingent in Bowling Green has been struggling to create some political consciousness.

Since first visiting SPC in June, I've been determined to work with the wonderfully energetic, committed activist community here. Thanks to the efforts of SPC folks and the hospitality of Peter McCarthy and Jane Slabowski who have provided me with a free home, I'll now be working full-time at the Peace Council, mostly with Deana and the PNL. Aside from an ever-evolving commitment to feminism and non-violence, my interests include poetry, theater, and music. I hope to explore artistic expressions of political and spiritual movements. In the past month, I have been warmly welcomed, met many intriguing people, and learned (as always) just how much more I have to learn.

Controlling Interest is Missing

Help! One of our films, "Controlling Interest", has disappeared. We believe someone borrowed it without telling and forgot to return it. We need it back. It is a film with great politics, and also one that we own and even make money on. If anyone out there has seen the film in the recent past please call us. Check your closets and rooms and get back to us.

We Need Your Leaves

It is time to make the SPC house as energy efficient as possible to survive the winter. We need your help to insulate the house as much as possible. When you rake your yard, please bring the resulting bags to the house. We'll line the walls around the base of the house with them to protect against heat loss. Drop your bags by anytime and help us beat the winter blues.

Help SPC Save Money

SPC is considering buying a copy machine. This investment would save us four or five thousand dollars over the next decade.

We are looking for about 200 SPC members who would be willing to loan SPC \$20 to cover the purchase of the machine. This would enable us to pay cash for the copier and save on the interest fees. If you would consider this loan, please call or write SPC. When we have enough money pledged we will ask you to send it in and we'll set up repayment schedules. Please consider this investment in cost cutting at the SPC house.



200 Welcome Harrington

Michael Harrington was welcomed by about 200 people at the SPC sponsored Fall event. Those who braved the rainy evening were treated to an encouraging and encompassing view of the future of American society. Harrington, one of the best known activists and authors on the Left, spoke of the coming growth in the socialist movement in this country in response to the growing economic crisis created by the policies of the Reagan administration. The world economic crisis is worsening and Harrington predicted that this will lead to a major financial crisis in this country during the first half of Reagan's second term.

Following the talk, most stayed for a dessert, wine and cheese reception. A good time was had by all and people expressed hope we would do this type of event often.

Plowshare

The 14th annual Plowshare Craftsfair is just around the corner. It will be on December 8th and 9th at the Plymouth Congregational Church from 10-5 on Saturday and 12-5 on Sunday. This is one of the most popular events SPC does every year, a time for people to come together and socialize, to celebrate the Holiday season, and support local craftspeople. The show will have great food, wandering minstrels and free child care.

Lots of time and energy go into preparation for the show. If you would like to help please give us a call at the SPC house. See you all there!!!!

SPC Benefit "Si Kahn"

On March 29th SPC will be bringing a concert by the songwriter and organizer Si Kahn. He is well known for his music, his work on the J.P. Stevens organizing drive and his own book on grass roots organizing. Glenda Neff is the main person working on it and would love some help. People interested in working on the event please contact the SPC house.

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It may not be realistic to expect those demographics to drastically change; nor to expect that many people of color or of the working class would want to be active in such an organization.

There already are progressive groups far more geared to those people than SPC -- even with the best of intentions -- is ever likely to become. Rather than compete for membership, SPC might work in alliance with such organizations.

SPC need not wince in liberal guilt because so few members are (say) black or hispanic. As a creature of the middle class SPC may function most effectively by drawing from and appealing to the moral best of that class.

But SPC should be keenly aware of its class and racial homogeneity and ask how that lack of diversity limits our perceptions and shapes our values. We should also be aware that as members of the middle class we have ample vested interests which can't help but call into question the depth of our solidarity with oppressed peoples.

-Ed Kinane

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admire makes more than SPC staff.)

Increased salary and financial strength will come from a broadened base which requires a change in our attitude and our political strategy. Concretely: workshops for membership and staff on racism, steering committee linkages with the NAACP and the Rainbow Coalition, public support for Black candidates (with whom we agree), and more of the time consuming, back-to-basics grassroots work in Black and poor neighborhoods on peace social justice issues.

Maybe Ed's and my differences revolve around the dialectic of privilege vs. necessity. Our privilege of being able to "model our lives"- that is, to revolutionize them prior to the revolution- appeals only to those who share an equal level of privilege. Too many others see us as peculiar, I'm afraid, albeit "correct".

Real progressive social change, as well as the only hope for reversing current ecological collapse, is socialism; in other words, thoroughgoing, systemic change (social planning, legislation, incentives,

policy etc.). Achieving this is neither convenient nor a distant millenium away. The aggregate of our individual personal and political lifestyle choices, regardless of how revolutionary, does not substitute for systemic change.

The world's majority, which Ed has often inspired me to keep in the fore of my political thinking, lives of necessity, not privilege. This is one hell of a difficult notion for U.S. people to grasp. The FSLN victory in Nicaragua brought genuine peace, as will the victory of the FDR/FMLN in El Salvador. I insist that whatever means necessary be used to end apartheid in South Africa and to end famine in Ethiopia. I say this with the clear conscience of one who believes in nonviolence and its limits.

"Means-ends consistency" is a privilege of ours in the U.S. and perhaps, therefore, our duty. Genocide, famine, brutal military repression and torture are the reality for too much of the world's remainder and therefore use of whatever means necessary is both their right and duty.

-Gary Weinstein



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The First Casualties of World War III

Recently, the Department of Defense decided, as a result of congressional and public outrage, to discontinue using dogs and cats as targets in ballistic studies. It will continue to shoot goats, monkeys and other animals, however, some in the face or head, others in the legs. Many animals will die instantly; most will be required to endure the pain of "recovery" before they are killed.

This year in the United States, hundreds of thousands of other animals will also die preparing human beings for World War III. Human war-making begins with the exploitation of other species, and culminates in the destruction of our own.

Because their overall physiological and psychological makeup is so similar to ours, monkeys are favorite victims of experiments designed to measure the effects of radiation from neutron bombs and the toxicity of chemical warfare agents.

It started in 1957-58 as part of Operation PLUMBOMB. Ten tubes, each containing eight monkeys, were placed at varying distances from ground zero during atomic testing. Some monkeys in the outer tubes survived and were subsequently transferred to Yerkes Primate Center in Georgia, where they developed various cancers and either died or were destroyed.

Today, people at the School of Aerospace Medicine at Brooks Air Force Base in Texas continue to perform radiation experiments on primates. Some of the most painful experiments are conducted in the Oculothermal Burns Section. The actual irradiation of the eyes does not hurt; it takes two weeks for the monkey's agony to start. Acute irritation and discomfort last several months and eventually cataracts and blindness result. Other



studies concern the effects of radiation on the performance of dying, irradiated pilots. Monkeys are taught to fly platforms which climb, dive, and otherwise simulate aircraft. Then the monkeys are irradiated and tested for their ability to keep the "planes" level, while suffering from radiation sickness.

In 1979 Donald Barnes, a researcher at Brooks, wrote: "I can no longer perform experiments with animals doomed ... to a very early death, pain and suffering. The shock generators deliver 50ma at 1200 volts. I couldn't guess the number of times I've seen units used at full power to punish a slow learner: well into the thousands. Frustration leads to self-destructive behaviors, e.g., biting hunks of meat from an arm or hand."

For Barnes, the worst part of his duties was the deathwatch: "I was ordered to keep watch on these irradiated monkeys, which meant, quite simply, to see what happened until they died. Do you have any idea how miserable it is to die of radiation injury? I do, I've seen so many mon-

keys go through it."

At the U.S. Army Armament Research and Development Command Chemical Systems Laboratory in Aberdeen, Maryland, monkeys are exposed to two types of chemical warfare agents: incapacitants or "knock-down" agents, and lethal agents, such as SOMAN, an organophosphate or "human insecticide." The pain suffered by monkeys in these laboratories is intense and prolonged.

The Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute (AFRRI) in Bethesda, Maryland, specializes in high-dosage radiation studies. Here again, the point of the experiments is the deathwatch, so no therapy is ever attempted. Animals are put in a treadmill, able to avoid shock only by running. Once a monkey has "learned" to run for several hours (ten minutes running, five minutes rest), she is irradiated and put in the wheel to run her way into eternity.

A watching psychologist counts the number and duration of each monkey's "incapacitations" (periods when the hapless monkey crumples into a vomiting mass on the treadmill floor, accepting repeated shocks rather than trying to continue running for her human tormentors.

Just as we defend the rights of all human beings, not just white ones and male ones, let us reason that we who desire peace on this planet must properly desire it for all animals, not just those of our own species. Perhaps other animals are not inferior, just different from us. "Animal Rights" is part of the same single quest for respect, consideration and understanding that makes peace on earth.

-Ingrid Newkirk

Peace Newsletter

The PNL is looking for input and ideas from YOU on content for future PNL's. Call SPC at 472-5478 and ask for Deana or Radell.

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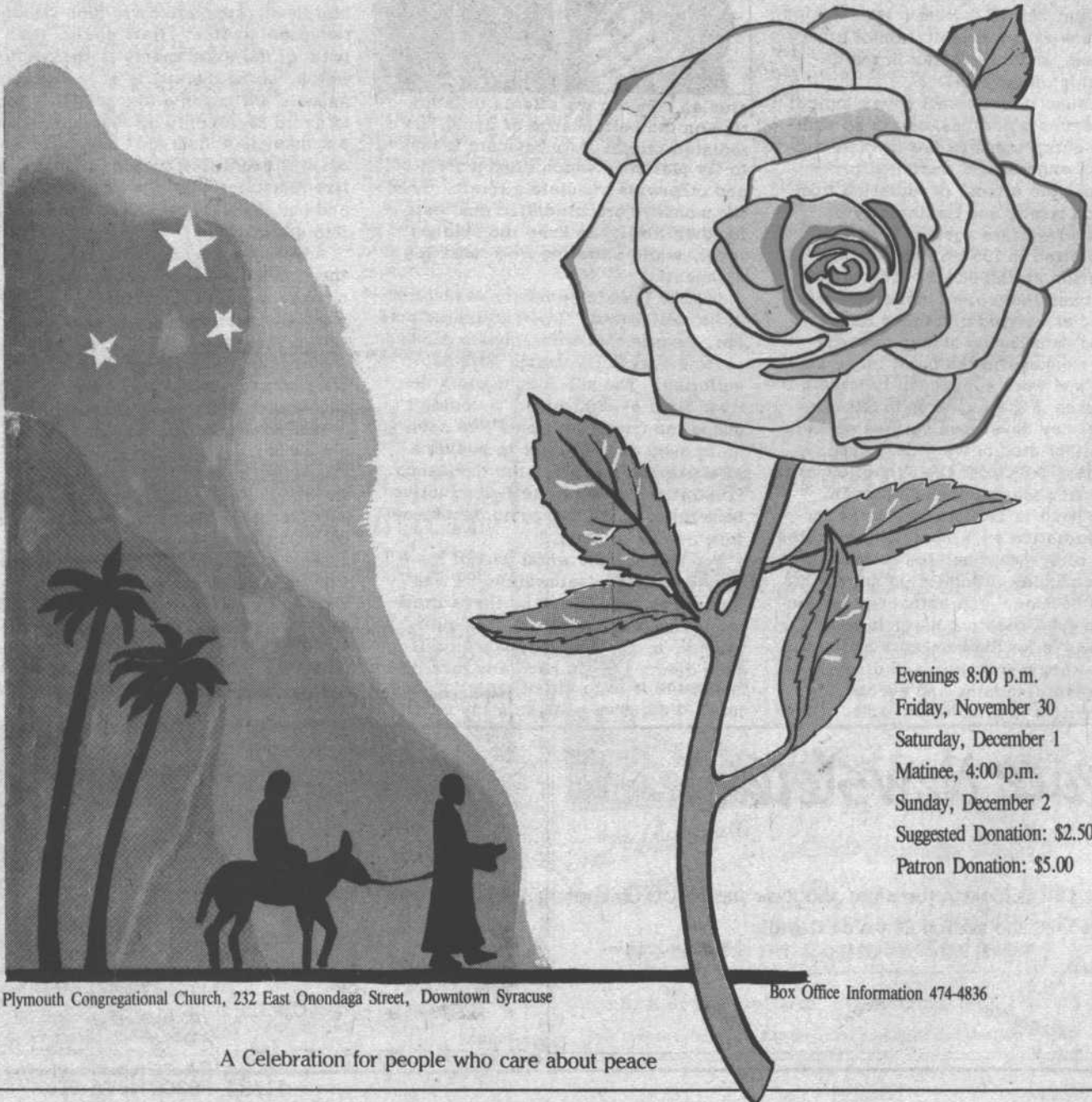
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Draft Resister's Trial Nears

Pre-trial motions in draft resister Andy Mager's case were held at 2 pm on November 5th in Syracuse. Members and friends of Upstate Resistance, about 75 in all, gathered outside at 1 pm. Songs, including "Freddie Scullin Had a Job" (an anti-draft version of Old McDonald Had a Farm) and a street theater piece "The War Machine -- A Pre-Trial Motion" led to a spirited gathering under cloudy skies. It didn't rain though!

The pre-trial hearing was the next step in the judicial process for Andy, who was indicted on August 29. There were two major issues to be addressed at the hearing. The first was whether Andy would be able to directly question prospective jurors during the jury selection process for the trial. The second was whether Andy would be able to speak about why he refused to register during the testimony at the trial.

The judge ruled that he would not allow Andy to question the jurors, although Andy may submit questions to the judge. In the second matter, the government had asked the judge to prevent Andy from testifying about his reasons for refusing to register by limiting Andy's testimony solely to the "facts" of the case. The judge reserved judgement on the motion, although it appeared that he didn't take it seriously.

No trial date was set, however we expect the trial will take place in December. We are strongly encouraging people to come for the trial. Housing will be set up for out-of-towners. Please let us know in advance if you will be coming. Trial activities will include a candlelight vigil and a community gathering the day before, and a day-long presence during the trial.

-Karen Beetle and Andy Mager



The War Machine before dismantling
photo: Ruth Putter

Join in the Support Work

A support committee has formed to coordinate activities around Andy's trial. Please join us. Contact Carol at (315) 472-5478 or Karen (315) 475-4822 (days) or Andy at (315) 425-6933 (evenings).

In Syracuse

- Help with office work
- Put up posters
- Provide housing
- Make phone calls
- Help with cultural events

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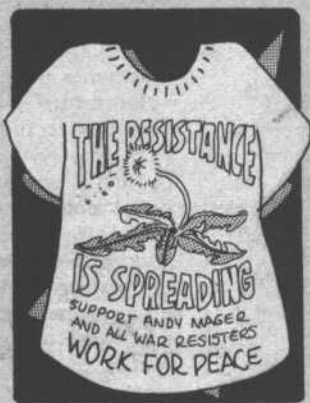
- Encourage local media to cover trial
- Come to the trial
- Sell buttons and t-shirts
- Call the nearest local contact to learn more

Anywhere

- COME TO THE TRIAL, AND OTHER EVENTS (call nearest contact for the date and carpooling information)
- Circulate Trial Solidarity Statements (copies available from us)
- Send contributions to support the trial organizing to "Trial Support Fund," Upstate Resistance, P.O. Box 6628 Syracuse, NY 13217
- Raise the issues of draft resistance and militarism in any ways you can, in local high schools, letters to the editor, etc.

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Peace in the Philippines

By John Miller

"We are happy to inform you that just as the peace movement has taken on a greater momentum in your countries, so too has it in ours. Our people now actively oppose the arms race, the presence of U.S. military bases in the Philippines, and most of all, U.S. intervention in our land, all of which have too long been facilitated by the Marcos regime. We are proud to say that despite continued and intensifying militarization, our people are not afraid to make their voices heard."

--Joint Solidarity Message to Okinawa International Conference on Military Bases and Blocs, April 1984 by Nuclear Free Philippines Coalition and the Anti-Bases Coalition.

The Philippines sit at the crossroads between the Pacific and Indian Oceans. At this strategic location the U.S. has built a complex of military bases. And, to keep these bases, the United States has consistently manipulated Philippine politics and supported a brutal unpopular dictatorship by providing large amounts of economic and military aid to President Ferdinand Marcos. Overt military intervention, perhaps another "Vietnam" to protect U.S. interests is a strong possibility.

The Philippines hosts over 20 U.S. military facilities. The two most important are Subic Naval Base and Clark Air Base. Subic is the largest supply base in the western Pacific and the largest ship repair facility outside U.S. territory. Clark is the largest U.S. air base in East Asia and hosts sophisticated training facilities. In all, the U.S. military controls 25,000 acres of Philippine territory and retains the right to use many times more.

The bases have been key to the United States' ability to intervene in Asia (including Korea and Vietnam), and the Indian Ocean/Persian Gulf region; where Subic has an important role supplying the Rapid Deployment Force. Tactical nuclear weapons are stored in the Philippines, and the bases have anti-submarine warfare, and command, control, communications and intelligence facilities crucial for launching a nuclear first strike and fighting a nuclear war.

John is a peace activist involved in Philippine issues.



"Nowhere in the world do we have a more important basing facility than in the Philippines," concluded a study by the think tank, the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Many Filipinos feel differently about the bases. They view them as a threat to their sovereignty and security. They oppose them because they make their country a target for conventional and nuclear attack from enemies of the U.S. who have no other reason to feel threatened by the Philippines. The bases support prostitution, drug dealing, and other exploitative and criminal activity, and prevent productive development of the lands they occupy. Many Filipinos also question the legality of the agreements permitting the bases.

More fundamentally, the bases go "straight to the heart of the U.S.-R.P. (Republic of the Philippines) relations," writes Roel Lamingin, a board member of the Nuclear Free Philippines Coalition (NFPC). They "serve the interests of the U.S. in the country and the surrounding region: protecting business investments securing sources, as well as trade routes, of critical raw materials, oil most notably; maintaining 'friendly' governments . . .; destabilizing enemy

or 'hostile' governments and serving as a launching pad for military adventures . . ." There "is danger that the U.S. will heighten its direct involvement in suppressing the national democratic movement just to insure the bases are safe and sound," Lamingin says.

Direct U.S. interference into Philippine affairs takes a number of forms. With opposition escalating, the U.S. is desperately trying to prop up the shaky dictatorship, a key supporter of the bases. The economic and military aid promised as "rent" for the use of the bases-- the current agreement calls for \$900 million from now until 1989-- is important to Marcos's survival. Much of the opposition to the regime is based on the economic collapse Marcos's policies have brought about: a collapse caused by policies that favor multi-nationals and Marcos' cronies over domestic industry and agriculture and impoverished Filipinos.

The U.S. also intervenes in Philippine politics in other ways. Last winter, for example, in an attempt to co-opt part of the opposition, U.S. embassy officials visited opposition figures to encourage them to run in the May 14 elections for the National As-

sembly. At the same time, hints were dropped to Marcos giving the number of seats opposition candidates should be allowed to win for the election to appear credible. Even so, many opponents of the regime boycotted the election, arguing that no election could be honest or meaningful under Marcos since he retains power to make laws, jail opponents without charges and dissolve the Assembly.

Opponents of the bases stress that outside manipulation of their political process will continue so long as the bases remain. If Marcos appears about to fall, the U.S. will support an equally pliable replacement.

Direct military intervention may be necessary if Marcos were to fall without a replacement acceptable to the U.S. ready to take over, or if the growing guerrilla movement becomes large enough to threaten the regime or the bases.

The Communist New People's Army receives no outside aid and is active around Subic and Clark. One of the purposes of U.S. military aid is to contain this potential threat to the bases. Intermittently, the U.S. forces have been involved in operations against the NPA. For example, in Bataan, an area near the bases and other sensitive economic facilities, US marines supported Philippine marines conducting counter-insurgency operations in late 1981. The US and Philippine militaries regularly conduct joint exercises.

Opposition to U.S. Interference

Opposition to the bases, as a symbol of U.S. domination, is a current in much anti-Marcos activity and activism. Many nationalist organizations include statements against the bases in their platforms. This opposition is based on an "anti-imperialist standpoint," Landingin told me, in contrast with a concern about vulnerability to nuclear attack.

Two organizations, however, place opposition to the bases at the center of their program: the NFPC and the Anti-Bases Coalition (ABC). The NFPC grew out of environmentalist opposition to the Bataan Nuclear Power Plant (BNPP), an obsolete Westinghouse reactor being built next to an active volcano and in an earthquake zone. Much of the power from the reactor will go to Subic, Clark and Bataan Export Processing Zone which provides a low-

wage, union- and tax-free haven for US and other foreign corporations. The NFPC was founded in 1981 with representatives from church, labor, women's, student and other groups. It opposes nuclear weapons and power, and the bases.

Recently, the NFPC campaigned against the \$900 million aid package, explaining its details to the public and sending a petition signed by prominent Filipinos to the U.S. Congress. The petition opposed the aid package for, among other reasons, "enhancing the Marcos regime's military strength" and "unequivocal-



ly reaffirm[ing] the US tenure as master over the bases until the military bases agreement expires in 1991" and possibly until 2018. A coordinated campaign against the aid, a first, was conducted with the US-based Campaign Against Military Intervention in the Philippines.

Other activities of the NFPC include publishing *The Call*, a bi-monthly newsletter, sponsoring lecture tours by US and Filipino speakers on the medical consequences of nuclear war, nuclear power and other subjects. NFPC was active in the election boycott movement. Recently, with the Mobilization for Survival's assistance, NFPC launched a campaign to oppose deployment of sea-launched cruise missiles -- missiles they fear will be hosted at Subic one day, only to be turned against the Philippines the next.

The Anti-Bases Coalition was formed in early 1983 to organize an international conference on disarmament and the removal of foreign bases. The conference, held in Manila in October '83, was one of the first non-government, non-aligned international disarmament

conferences held in a third world country. The conference culminated with a demonstration at the US embassy, the first legally permitted since the declaration of martial law in 1972.

The Anti-Bases Coalition is now developing educational modules about the bases and nuclear war. Well-known opposition figures will lecture around the country, while NFPC organizes around Manila where they and anti-bases sentiment are stronger.

Plans for Peace

Last June 12, Philippine Independence Day, NFPC, ABC and other organizations demonstrated against the US-Marcos dictatorship and the US bases at the US embassy. Another demonstration was held July 4, Philippine-US Friendship Day.

Since the assassination of Aquino in August 1983, and, especially, during the election period, it has been difficult to focus on the bases issue. However, according to former Senator Lorenzo Tanada, a staunch opponent of the bases since the 1950's, "After the elections, the boycott will be over... People will get tired of (merely) demanding Marcos's resignation," and will highlight other issues.

The NFPC and ABC see their role as taking the general anti-Marcos and anti-US sentiment and deepening it with an understanding of the role of the bases and US intervention. Other organizations will be encouraged to make the bases and nuclear issues a larger part of their program.

A strong movement in the US against the bases can only make the Philippine movement's job easier. Over a year ago, former Senator Jose Diokno, chair of the ABC, said, "I hope that concerned Americans will prevail upon their government to dismantle the bases immediately, and essentially leave the Philippines alone. I am not saying that the US government should forego its interests in the Philippines. Fine, every nation pursues its interests. But let those interests not be those of the multinationals, but interests of the American people. And insofar as it is possible let those interests be pursued by means where there will be no bribery, no co-optation, no threats on the Philippine government."

Ecology & Liberation

Class Analysis and Ecological Survival

Ed. note: This article was adapted by the N.Y. Committee for Marxist Education from a talk delivered by Richard Levins on a panel with Rudolph Bahro of West Germany's Green Party in September of 1983. Levins is an evolutionary biologist and a National Board member of the Puerto Rico Solidarity Committee. He is also a member of the N.Y. Marxist School's Advisory Board. This article appeared in their quarterly newsletter.

-Gary Weinstein

The Latin American Perspective

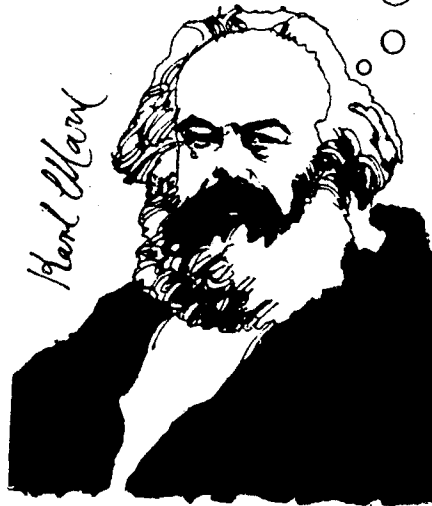
In several ways, the Latin American perspective is simply different from the European one. First, people in Europe perceive the immediate threat of nuclear confrontation between armed camps, while what we see in Latin America is not the threat of war but its actuality. War is being fought there with so-called conventional weapons - defoliation, napalm and other sophisticated arms - that in fact represent the vicious ingenuity of modern science as much as nuclear weapons do. They are attempts to break a people's spirit. The reality of war, however, is different from the expectation of war.

Puerto Rico is in a dual situation; it's part of Latin America, close by the the actual wars; but it's a U.S. military base, a focus in any future global war. It sees its land destroyed simply in the practice for war, because modern weapons require modern practice ranges - whole islands, whole regions. When we organized struggles against the Navy firing ranges in Vieques, *the admirals pleaded with us, "But where else can we test electronic warfare, guided missiles, air-to-ground fire, naval landings all in one place?" They're running out of places. Soon the only place to practice war will be the entire planet. That's where they're leading us.*

Secondly, the confrontation between the superpowers appears symmetrical in Europe: armed camps with more or less similar modern weapons. The origins of the Cold War, the history of military alliances and the arms race tend to fade into the background; the actuality is the armed camps. In Latin America you see a confrontation not

between superpowers but between the Latin American peoples and a single superpower, the U.S., and there is no relative justification for taking a symmetrical view or for keeping a distance from both camps. *Our experience has been that one bloc is an enemy and one an ally.* The Eastern camp made it possible for the Cuban revolution not only to survive, 90 miles from the U.S.,

In the colonial world, the costs are separated from the benefits - not only socially but also geographically. And so a people fighting for its independence, resisting imperialism, comes into battles for environmental preservation, and recognizes immediately some of the long-term issues that in the U.S., for example, are reached only gropingly and intellectually. In the tropics, the environment is more fragile, it's only a very short jump from no development at all to a destructive development that undermines our capacity to produce. In Puerto Rico, we have the third or fourth highest energy-consumption intensity in the world, but it has not brought the increased standard of living enjoyed by other high energy consumers. This makes it possible for struggle around immediate environmental issues to involve not only the highly educated sections of society, but everybody. A lot of our struggles are intrinsically ecological from the very beginning.



The Environmental Crisis

Globally, there really is an environmental crisis. The development of capitalism has come to the point where its contradictions are no longer solely economic, but pose a physical threat to the survival of the species.

An increasing rationalization of the production process - an ever more detailed control over the minute-to-minute, even second-to-second, activity of production workers; the ever greater use of energy and raw materials; the release of some 50,000 new chemicals into our environment, of which the EPA can monitor only two or three at any time; higher noise levels; increased temperatures around industrial centers - all of this creates an oppressive work environment. This rationalization simultaneously removes worker's capacity to control that environment, to adjust to the fluxes of stress, even to be creative on the job.

While the ecological crisis starts in the workplace, it spills out through the windows and smokestacks. So occupational and environmental health

but to have the resources to experiment with a more emancipatory way of life than has been possible anywhere in Europe.

Thirdly, the worldwide ecological crisis affects Latin America and the colonial world differently: as ecological imperialism. In the industrial countries, while people are being poisoned they also benefit from industry.

are really the same field. People who are breathing poisons in the workplace are breathing them in the buses on the way home, and in the house. In the production process and in the rest of society, we face fundamentally the same problems: an industrial process designed to maximize profits and social control is destroying our capacity to survive and to lead full lives.

The ecological crisis then, spills out into all the relations in capitalist society. And when industries are exported to the Third World - because of cheap labor, lower environmental protection standards, the possibility of escaping from any kind of controls - by the labor movement - destruction of the environment is exported as well. That's one way imperialism operates. It exports industries that are themselves harmful, it exports products that cannot be sold in the home country. The degeneration of the environment hits the workplace first, all over, then hits the colonial countries, and spreads back, sometimes returning home as contaminated products.

Environmental crises develop unevenly. Some are very local. A notice that for the last three months Brattleboro, Vermont has advised its residents to boil water. Or a summer comes along when you're told not to use the beaches. But that, too, passes. It's not a steady, uniform deterioration; it occurs in pulses, but with increasing frequency and severity. This means people can become aware of environmental crises directly, temporarily join in and get excited, but not generalize it, and withdraw. It is possible to move from one particular experience to a more general understanding of crises. When wastes from Ohio are landing in New England, you immediately see the need for a broader kind of solidarity, one that doesn't pit the need to breathe of New Englanders against the need to eat of Ohioans.

Environmental crisis does not arise from ignorance. Economists do calculate that if some resource reproduces at a rate slower than that of inflation, it makes good economic sense to destroy that resource: use up all the fish now instead of letting them reproduce; then take your profits to rent out cars. The capitalist calculates which resources should be controlled and continued, and which destroyed. So there you have capitalist conservation, which preserves profitability in a rational way but can, equally "rationally," destroy the environment if that is more profitable.

Science and the Third World

In some ways, the Third World has pioneered in the critique of science. This is because science grew up with the bourgeois revolution in Europe. It's like bourgeois democracy: We Euro-Americans are impressed with its promises, regretful of its failures - but somehow it seems "really the best way of doing things." Even when scientific internationalism has been replaced by secrecy, scientific neutrality replaced by the development of weapons, the open marketplace of ideas restricted by publishing for profit, and independent checking of results limited by the increasing costs of scientific investigation - even then criticism is held in check.

The radical departure of science from its self-image is much more obvious in the Third World, where people had fewer illusions in the first place, because science came with the Conquest. Science came to our shores with the instruments of conquest - improved navigation and ballistics - and with the instruments of exploitation and extraction. Even advances in medicine like the overcoming of yellow-fever,



meant the domination of Panama. Science also provided new justifications of superiority, new rationales for racism, new ways of putting down the knowledge accumulated over centuries by peoples of the Americas and other continents. A critique of science doesn't mean relapsing into mysticism; it means recognizing that existing science is a product of the particular history of Euro-American capitalism. It means separating out the aspects that can be fitted into a new way of relating to nature from the aspects where we have to say, "That isn't true, that's just the shared bias of your community." In sum, we are talking about how to incorporate the struggle for a rational relation to nature into our politics.

We're dealing with not only the ecology but with changed opportunities

for human development. The traditional left has dealt with economic issues; the workplace, consumption and employment. These material conditions are still important. In the Boston area, say, when you go from neighborhood to neighborhood, you find about a 40% variance in infant mortality; children are being born underweight because of inadequate maternal nutrition. Even in the U.S., struggles around economic issues are still life and death matters.

But other issues are also emerging. The ecology movement raises the issue of our relations with nature; the feminist movement, with the slogan, "The personal is political," opens up the whole domain of what is usually regarded as private experience. Struggles around health are not only struggles against an unhealthy society but attempts toward a fuller life for individuals. And there are crucial struggles against racism, against its attempts to dump all the contradictions of capitalist crisis on Third World peoples, both inside and outside the empire.

As we confront this system we recognize that people generally come to political struggle out of the forms of oppression that affect them most immediately. To complete the confrontation, a wider vision of society is necessary, a recognition that it is capitalism that has created the big sufferings of our time, or has incorporated and maintained them. But not all people are going to have that vision. People will try to reconcile their opposition to the system with their love for it, and with the benefits that they get from it. The process is going to be complex; the movements struggling against different manifestations won't always see eye to eye.

The Conservatism of Marxism

Since Lenin, we Marxists have not recognized one external source for a single idea. This is a very serious problem. We have recognized the naive enthusiasm of students who went into the streets. We have recognized feminism to the extent of putting a point in the platform regarding the just democratic demands of women. We've recognized the needs of nations for independence. What we have not recognized, however, is the creative, revolutionary theoretical contributions coming from these other sources.

This theoretical work, particularly of the women's movement, must become

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part of the whole left's heritage. Feminist theory is much more than an analysis of the dimensions of women's oppression. In investigating how members of one family do not all have the same relation to the means of production, it forces us to reanalyze class. It investigates capitalism's penetration into all corners of life. Marxists tend to recognize only the public aspects, rather than seeing how it penetrates the private domain and comes back into the public. Not incidentally, the women's movement also offers new approaches to leadership and organization.

The pacifist movement has made important theoretical contributions too; it recognized that even non-mass movements can rock boats. While we worried about isolating ourselves from the masses, the pacifists were sticking their necks out, making ripples that later caught on. We have to learn about ideas and methods of struggle from these movements, and not simply appreciate their energy and commitment. Marxists have to shed our conservatism in order not to become obsolete and irrelevant.

Most important, we have to overcome economism and go back to the totally

liberating and challenging perspectives of early Marxism. Because of their specific needs, people are understandably attracted to particular political issues for shorter or longer periods. But the sticking point in the long-term struggle comes from a realization that there is really no other way to live. Everything that surrounds you and limits your human development is imposed by an oppressive social order; fighting that social order is the only kind of relative freedom we have. We're trying to create a different kind of world, one that transforms all aspects of our existence.



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Nov. 26th Crisis on the Left

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Dec. 17th A Sharing of Alternative Holiday Celebrations for the Peace Community

We are inviting several people from the peace community to share their plans for holiday celebrations which are alternatives to the rampant consumerism of the season. We will talk about rituals which may have meaning for those concerned about peace, justice, and simplicity. We will have time to share ideas and plans and also to participate in a simple celebration of our own.

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Witness for Peace in Nicaragua

A PERSONAL ACCOUNT

The following is a collection of journal excerpts provided by Richard Gardner, one of 19 Syracuse Witnesses for Peace who returned from Nicaragua November 14. Richard (472-9942) and the others are available to discuss their trip.

11/2/84

Miami - Just got on the plane for Managua. Joked with Ann about it needing a paint job. Not exactly inspiring confidence in our airplane flight.

Managua Airport - Just passed through customs. I DON'T BELIEVE I'M REALLY HERE!!!

11/3/84

Managua - I was very moved last night on the ride from the airport. Thought a lot about Somaza and the Sandinistas and what these people have been through. I think of how the people must feel - free after years of tyranny. I hurt for what our government may do to them.

9 a.m.

Witness for Peace Orientation - No contra attacks have been reported on Jalapa since WFP started there last year. Contras are well paid, but don't seem to have their hearts in their work. They go into a town, give a speech about democracy and then torture and castrate. Under Somaza the elections were rigged, even the opposition agreed; yet the US never complained about it. The current US backed opposition leader, Arturo Cruz, blew into town to announce his candidacy for president. He has lived in Miami for the past 30 years. 300 people met him at the airport, half reporters, other curious onlookers. First the US said the FSLN had to have elections, and when they said they would, the US told them to wait. Likely wanted the elections delayed to justify an invasion.



Cleaning up around a shrine in Ocatal.

Evening

Ocatal - Near the border - Talked with two women about the elections here vs. in the US. These seem fairer. Everyone here has equal access to TV and radio. I haven't felt afraid although the Contras are relatively close, even when a tank drove by the restaurant. It doesn't seem real.

11/6/84

Ocatal - Sundown is beautiful in Ocatal. I wonder if my friends in Syracuse are worried about me. Apparently Reagan won big. 50 state sweep. Yadira cried on the way home this evening, says this means the killing will go on.

11/9/84

Jicaró - Got the word a couple hours ago about going to Managua tonight. Apparently one US aircraft carrier and one Soviet carrier are sitting off shore staring each other down. The word at this point is we may go on a boat out into the ocean and sit between the two ships. Dangerous, yet exciting. I feel this may be an historic opportunity to work for peace, to make a real difference.

10:30 pm

Ocatal - Made it here safely. Found out from Stewart that we were in Contra territory. I was scared, and relieved to see the lights of Ocatal.



Leaving Corinto Harbor to meet a U.S. frigate.

11/10/84

Corinto - Well, here we are!, in a church getting ready for a commissioning service before going out in the boat.

3:17pm

On the boat - Heading out. Excited but a little nervous at the thought of hitting a mine.

11/11/84

Corinto - Fairly relaxed. Yesterday's adventure with the US frigate was somewhat anti-climactic. It took us about 2 1/2 hours to reach it and as we approached it circled away from us and we turned back to port.

11/15/84

Syracuse - Really wired and exhausted. The last 24 hours were very intense. Quite a greeting at the airport last night and I've been meeting with the press most of the day. Now the work really starts.

Living With the Shadow

Prelude: Ground Zero

We were such ragged clowns
in our dirty zebra suits,
that God (Camp Commandante
here at the institute)
lined us up as best he could,
and with a twinkling eye,
told us to say 'cheese'
(even then in short supply).

The cheese now stands alone
on a heap of bone-white ash.
God clicked His instamatic,
and the rest was all
a flash...

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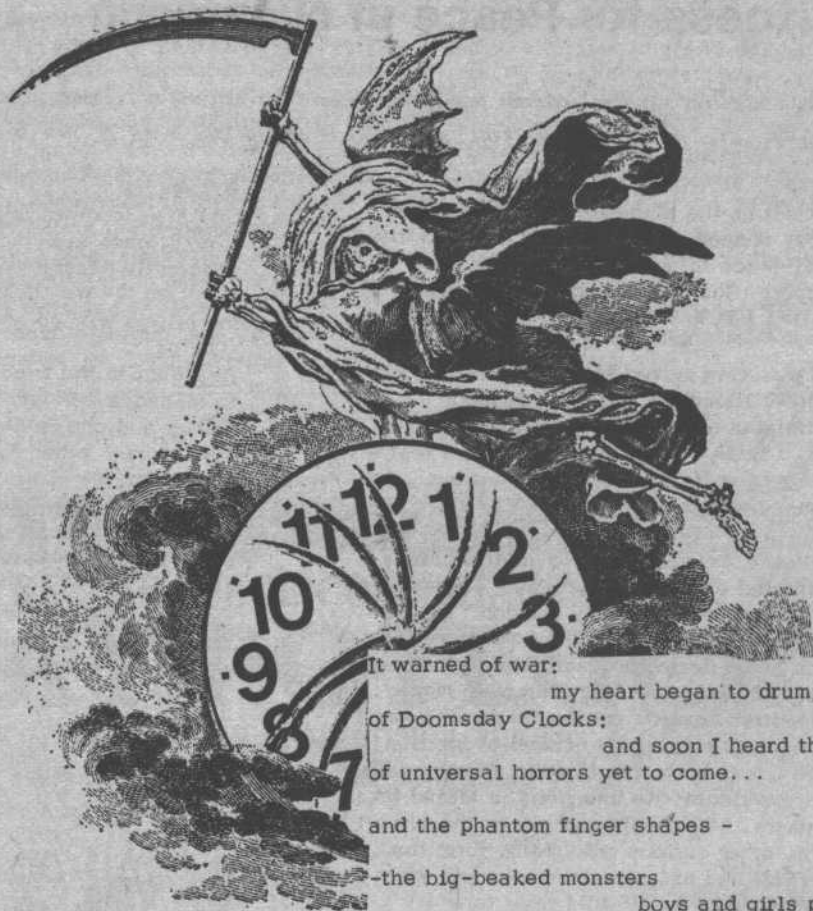
The light of Hiroshima
has flashed
through forty years
like a knife through rancid butter
cold laughter through a prayer
bone-shards through ash fingers-
flashed
with the purity of abstraction
the precision of science
the totality of zero
the finality of death.

Hiroshima's light has flashed-
the years between us standing
like a stunned man -
flashed,

and left a shadow on my heart.

III

It had no face, that moment;
just a voice
unlike a voice;
more like a wind, sharp-edged,
that augered through my bones
and left me hollow
as a house whom all have fled.
The winter day was frozen
to the window,
the birds glued to the branches;
nothing moved.
The sky seemed painterly;
it was as though
the pane glassed in a picture
of an antique past
no one was left to prove.
Though the radio was on,
the voice
might just as well have come
from deep within;
it sounded cold, like conscience
to a child
who too long has been hiding
in the comfort
of his shabby little sins.



It warned of war:
my heart began to drum;
of Doomsday Clocks;
and soon I heard the ticking;
of universal horrors yet to come...

and the phantom finger shapes -
-the big-beaked monsters
boys and girls parade
across their bright-lit walls
to scare themselves -
were swallowed by a Shadow
far too vast
for children to have made.

The voice
was silent; time began again.
Outside, the branches swayed;
the sparrows flew.
The world thawed out, and turned -
I was a man,
with many things to do.

Yet all the while,
my child-heart remained
frozen to the Shadow
on its wall,
helpless as a bird
glued to its branch
on a tree it knows will fall...

Thus with my old,
my enigmatic God's
ambivalence destroyed with stolen fire,

did now a pew
and dire dove descend,
to fan my faith alive with doom-dipped wing:

Time was rescued, burning, from God's pyre,
and life itself became a holy thing.

VII

The Fire

(In memory of Dr. Evelyn Cunanan and her family)

1.

A Kind of Resurrection

It wasn't love that finally pulled me out;
it wasn't love
or life, but tragedy.

Down in my hole, I might have thrashed about
for years, for all that love could do for me,
or anyone.

Love wasn't meant to solve
dilemmas coded in our very cells,
or ransom us from existential hells,
or bribe this mottled rock not to revolve;

Love is simply what is ours to lose -
the nerve exposed, the fat licked at by flame.
Love's the child in us that cannot choose
between two evils, or defend its claim.

Down in my hole, I might have dug my way
clear through to China; it would not have
mattered.

The bombs are everywhere, and every day
exploding -

something fragile, something shattered.

It wasn't love that made me face the day
and breathe an air still storm-chafed and
wind-battered,
but tragedy,

who, pitiless and kind,
stretched out its guileless hand, as to a friend,
and held this ancient mercy to my mind:

what we cannot defeat, we must transcend.

Postlude

when the radio whistles
when the siren screams
when the end at last comes roaring out
the tunnel,
its blind eye burning
its wheels relentless
its black hulk endless in the endless night,

how will I meet it?
how will it find me?
how will I ride it down the spiral funnel,
never returning
never retelling
never reoccurring to the mind of light?

I'll stand afraid
I'll stand unready
I'll stand, unmindful of decorum or disgrace,

remembering you
cherishing you
clutching my love like an old suitcase.

-Doug MacDonald



Four More For Falwell

Are you feeling low and down in the dumps?
With Ronnie back in and George kicking rumps?
Do you feel like this country has gone straight to hell?
Well hang on, kids, 'cause here comes Falwell!

He'll evangelize in the evening and preach in the morn
Nukin' Latinos; saving the unborn.
He'll be over in the White House giving support
While hading out robes to the new Supreme Court.

The Blacks and the poor will be out in the cold,
But so will the handicapped, and so will the old.
Down with the liberals, down with the gay,
Right wing conservatives will have their way.

He'll be clutchin' his Bible and preaching of war
(What else do mamas have baby boys for?)
Onward, Christian Soldiers, go!
Left foot, right foot, don't be slow.

The treaty tables will be covered with dust-
(Better that, than have missiles rust.)
Born again Christians will do Jerry's thing,
Heads up high, they'll start to sing.

Throw back your shoulders, and throw out your chins
While he graces you all with one of his grins.
Then everyone shout "Hallelujah" so loud-
As we all go up in a mushroom cloud!

At the gate St. Peter had better beware,
I think Jerry Falwell wants his chair.
So when you DO pray in school today,
Ask God to take Rev. Falwell away!

-Sally C. Brule', November 7, 1984

Trial date set for Jan. 8

Draft resister Andy Mager's trial date has been set for Tuesday, January 8 beginning at 1 pm. Below is a list of the events associated with the trial. See page 9 for more detailed information about Andy's case.

- January 8 1 pm The beginning of the jury selection process. The trial may begin that afternoon if there is time.
- 5:30 pm Candlelight vigil and walk, beginning at the Federal Building in downtown Syracuse (corner of Clinton & Washington Sts).
- 8:00 pm Community gathering in support of resistance to war, music and fun. Call SPC, 472-5478 for details.
- January 9 9:00 am A support vigil will precede the day in court. The trial will probably last most of the day. People are welcome to stay for just the vigil, the entire day, or part of it.

U.S./Apartheid Alliance

By Sarah Boone

Imagine a land, the land of your birth, yet a land which bequeaths you no citizenship, no right to vote, no right to travel freely, no right to protest. As an unrecognized citizen, you are heir to poverty, repression, and scorn. Impotence is your only birthright in the land where the promises of education and economic prosperity are reserved and fulfilled only for an elite minority. Although a member of the majority population, you move from day to day within a strangling web of repressive rules designed to keep you down. You are the bastardized "native son" of the nation, existing apart, hated; yet you are connected to the mother nation by a sturdy umbilical cord of economic interdependence. It is an iron cord which provides no nourishment and threatens at any instant to choke the breath of life from within you. This is a land founded upon injustice. It is a nation wholly dedicated to the proposition that all are not created equal.

Today, the existence of such a state may seem improbable and such a scenario hard to imagine. Yet for some twenty-two million black South Africans this scenario precisely depicts the reality of everyday life under the reign of Apartheid.

Apartheid, pronounced "apart-hate," means "separate". It is the name of the South African system of

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government, based on legalized racism. Apartheid is a complicated mechanism by which the majority, a black majority, is economically exploited and politically disenfranchised. Whenever this system has met with opposition, the response has been immediate brutal suppression. The United Nations has repeatedly condemned the South African government, calling Apartheid "a crime against humanity". Economic sanctions and bans on the sale of military goods have been enacted. However, the South African government continues undeterred in its oppressive nature. Apartheid abides, sustained in large part against the blows of international outrage by its support from the U.S.

What is the nature of this regime to which the U.S. has become an essential ally? Apartheid is systematic exploitation conveniently organized along racial lines. It is manifested in every aspect of South African life. In geographic terms alone, Apartheid's ramifications are staggering. Under South African law, 87%

of the land is reserved for whites. Blacks may not live in or even enter these "white areas" without special permits. Despite comprising 73% of the entire population, black South Africans are restricted to 13% of the land. Millions of people have been uprooted from their homes and dumped into remote regions of the country. This mass relocation of black persons is possible because under South African law, blacks are not recognized as citizens. Although born on South African soil, blacks are labelled foreigners and given alien status. Thus, all of the rights usually held by citizens of a democracy are withheld from the black majority. In South Africa, political participation, like the land, is subject to the restriction: For Whites Only.

The contrast between the lives of white South Africans and black South Africans is stark testimony to the exploitive nature of Apartheid. While whites enjoy freedom of mobility, blacks are subject to a battery of restrictions. Only laborers are al-

lowed in "white areas". The wives and children of the male workers as well as the infirm and elderly are deported to the remote regions of the country called "Bantustans". The word means homeland, but these desolate infertile lands are more like reservations than so-called independent states. Here, according to statistics gathered in the early eighties, poverty is as severe as in any third world country. Unlike their white neighbors, for whom education is free and compulsory until the age of 17, blacks must pay for their education in segregated Bantustan schools. Medical facilities, like good schools, are few and far apart for black South Africans. The infant mortality rate among blacks is 282 per 1000 births as opposed to 12 per 1000 births among whites. In addition, nearly half of all black children born on Bantustans die before the age of five.

The situation on the Bantustans is desperate. Men are driven to the "white" cities in search of jobs. If they are lucky enough to find employment, these men will enter a work force in which they can expect to earn an eighth of what the average white worker will earn. For black women, the majority of whom are domestics or farm laborers, wages are even lower and many must leave their children in the care of others miles away on the Bantustan for months at a time. While the Bantustan destroys black family life, it provides the government with a reservoir of cheap labor that is continually tapped to fuel South Africa's thriving industry. Apartheid assures the flow of wealth into the hands of the white minority.

South African whites are not the only ones profiting from Apartheid. Since 1928, when the first General Motors plant opened in Port Elizabeth, American companies have shown an eagerness to invest in Apartheid. Between 1950 and 1975 U.S. direct investments in South Africa increased 1000%. During the same period, black wages within the country remained at the subsistence level and the gap between black and white earnings widened appreciably as white workers alone benefited from the investment boom. American companies that do business in South Africa are not there despite Apartheid, they are there because of it, because of the high profits this system makes possible.

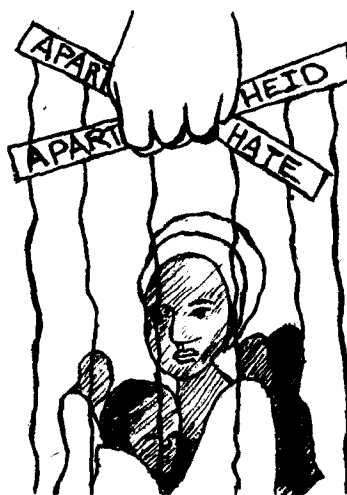
In 1976 the U.S. replaced Great

Britain as South Africa's primary trading partner. American companies provide finished goods and high technology in return for cheap labor and natural resources. (South Africa is a land rich in natural resources; it's the world's largest producer of gold

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and provides nearly 80% of the world's supply of diamonds. It is also a substantial supplier of uranium and other strategic minerals.) Such reciprocal trade has proved lucrative, and the U.S. government has traditionally spouted anti-Apartheid rhetoric and sought at least ostensibly to distance itself from the regime.

However, the Reagan administration's current policy of "Constructive Engagement" marks a radical shift away from the trend toward increasing political isolation of South Africa which had characterized U.S. foreign policy toward the country for the past



ten years. Reagan has on all counts enhanced the U.S. role as supporter to bolster the Apartheid regime against increasing domestic resistance to its tyranny. During the first three years of the Reagan administration, the sale of items the Department of Commerce labels "sensitive" (including aircraft, computer technology, etc.) increased nearly 100%. Washington has removed

restrictions on the sale of nuclear technology and military equipment, and subsequent sales have often been in blatant violation of U.N. sanctions. Aside from direct trade, the U.S. has used its economic might and political clout to cushion the effect of worldwide condemnation.

While the U.S. has done much, directly and indirectly, to aid South Africa's Apartheid regime, little has been accomplished in terms of political gains and economic prosperity for South African blacks. American companies operating in South Africa pay black workers poverty wages just as South African companies do. And even the most progressive American employer would have virtually no impact: American companies employ less than 1% of the black population. These companies are quite naturally going about the business of making money and not of restructuring society. For the average black worker, it makes little difference whether he -- and the vast majority are male -- is working for Chrysler or South African Coal. (Those who do profit from Chrysler are in a position to preclude any "trickle down" from trickling too far down.) He must still leave his family behind on the Bantustan while he seeks employment in "white areas". He must still carry his IBM computerized passbook at all times or face arrest by police wielding shock batons which bear the insignia: Made in U.S.

Proponents of freedom and equality must now ask: how long will we continue to be accomplices in the crime of Apartheid? The link between Washington and Pretoria is a crucial one. That link is one of the few remaining means of pressuring the South African government to make fundamental political change. As recent events attest, conditions in South Africa only get worse as the government's attempts to whitewash Apartheid are rejected by an increasingly defiant majority. If a move toward sharing political power and control of economic resources is not made soon South Africa will find itself in violent upheaval. In the wake of revolution, an old ally may find itself between a rock and a hard place. For the U.S., both time and options are running out.

Ed. Note: An earlier version of this article appeared in The Black Voice, a publication of the student Afro-American Society at S.U.

New Directions for 1985: SPC Council Meeting

In an experiment with a shorter, weekday Council meeting, some twenty Peace Council members met Thursday evening Nov. 8 to consider SPC directions for the coming year. Main topics on the agenda were disarmament and Central America program work; the Peace Newsletter; and SPC finances including the creation of the Norman Whitney Educational Fund and the 1985 budget.

After reviewing reasons for the 1984 disarmament project's lack of success, we turned to a discussion of issues around which we might organize a new disarmament project in 1985. Discussion was based on summaries of several possible focus issues which were contained in a questionnaire mailed to SPC activists a week before the Council meeting. Perhaps partly because the mailing was delayed, just 14 questionnaires (out of a total of 250) were returned, not a sufficient number for clear direction. We decided to devote a special meeting in January (date to be decided) to a discussion of disarmament project options. (If you haven't returned your questionnaire, it isn't too late. If you did not receive one and would like to respond, just call the SPC office and we will send you one.)

Allen Smith reviewed the activities of SPC's Central America project over the past year. Future directions of the project were to be discussed in a special meeting on Nov. 13th. Typed reports of other projects were distributed, e.g. Potlucks, Upstate Resistance.

Deana Cunningham, editor of the Peace Newsletter, presented a proposal to open the monthly editorial process for content suggestions by having a meeting early each month which anyone with articles or ideas would be welcome to attend. We agreed to try the suggestion and review the process after six months. Left for further consideration are structural questions of the PNL's relationship to SPC and how PNL content reflects and promotes SPC program work. Deana expressed the opinion of staff members that a fresh, co-operative working spirit is presently characteristic of the relationship of the PNL editorial committee to other units of the Council.

Finally, Allen Smith summarized progress to date toward the creation of the tax-exempt Norman Whitney Educational Fund and the new funding arrangements we expect it to make possible. Publication of the PNL under the fund's aegis would cut mailing costs, and the new status would meet certain grant guidelines. He warned, however, that there is usually a reserve of several thousand dollars at this time of year, but we will enter January 1985 without that reserve. The new tax-exempt fund may help us make up our shortfall, but certain steps may also be required, such as cutting back on the number of free PNL's distributed and taking out loans in the summer of 1985.

-Lisa Johns

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Last Stand for the Sacred Black Hills

Ed. note: The Dennis Banks Support Committee was given permission to edit and print this letter by Russell Means, Oglala Sioux, Indian activist and co-founder of the American Indian Movement. Letter provided courtesy of Lee Lyons, Onondaga Nation. Please make any personal contributions to TREATY, 444 Crazy Horse Dr., Porcupine S.D. 57772.

Hau Kola (Hello Ally),

... Because of the hard work of many people here at Pine Ridge and because of the financial help of many friends like you, TREATY (the True Revolution for Elders, Ancestors, Treaties and Youth), won an important partial victory in the Oglala Sioux Tribal elections. Out of 27 Tribal Council Representatives, TREATY candidates won 10 seats. While we are the minority, we are an effective and influential minority that is not without some power.

We have begun to flex some muscle and as a result on Nov. 6 our reservation will hold a critical referendum on a new "economic development" issue which is so insidious, spiteful, and contemptible that I thought you would want to hear the full inside story.*

As you probably know, the man who led the persecution of the Indians at Wounded Knee in 1973 is now governor of South Dakota. Under the guise of "economic development" he has authored a plan which has won approval from government and corporate interests....

Closer examination reveals that the specific location is our Sacred Black Hills and that the plan calls for the construction of a nuclear waste dump site plus the creation of a master strip mining concern to extract a mineral called zeolyte which has but one use: as a protective barrier against leakage of radioactive waste!

I can't tell you the anger and the sadness this ultimate raping of my ancestral home makes me feel. It is bad enough that Janklow persecuted the Indians, who in 1973 tried to call this nation's conscience and attention to the injustices occurring to native people.

It is bad enough that as governor he has threatened good friends and



righteous peacemakers like Dennis Banks with eternal imprisonment. And it is bad enough that under his governorship, Indians are facing 87% unemployment(!), 40% high school drop-out rates, rampant alcoholism and malnutrition. But to take our native lands, our ancestors' sacred burial grounds and to create a nuclear waste dump and a huge strip mining blight - what kind of perverse play on words is this "economic development"?

To be honest, it is not without some Indian support. There are many individuals who are fooled by economic quick-fixes. This "development plan" promises a few jobs, but I ask you, what kind of jobs? Must we ask our unemployed children to forget about education and to instead mine zeolyte which contains an ingredient more carcinogenic than uranium? Must we ask our sacred mother earth to stop growing us food and to instead embrace radioactive waste?

It all brings to mind that prophetic quote from Chief Red Cloud which I'm sure you've heard a thousand times:

"The white man made us many promises, more than I can remember. He kept but one. He promised to take our land, and he took it!"

While the U.S. Corps of Engineers, and Reagan's Department of Interior have approved Janklow's plans, somewhere along the line they forgot to ask the people most deeply concerned - the people who are living where the so-called development is threatening to take place.

And somewhere between their glee to make a few fast bucks and their joy at finally stealing our land they failed to reveal the biggest nightmare of all.

If their plan really goes through, within a decade the main water table under Pine Ridge will unalterably, inevitably, and forever be poisoned and Wounded Knee will cease to be. The stakes are this high. To put it simply, if the governor's plan wins, we lose - and there will be no second chance!

In June, the corporations began their public relations campaign on radio, TV and in the newspapers. They are planning on spending more than \$100,000 in their effort to influence the voters.

We have managed to raise enough money for one meager TV ad which ran sporadically for just one month. We need your help to stop the developers before they complete the rape of our sacred mother earth.

It is not easy for me to continually be sending you bad news and to have to ask for your understanding and financial support. But frankly, we at Pine Ridge cannot do it alone. The corporation's know how weak we are. The BIA and the other government agencies established to help us, of course, only hinder our efforts. They too willingly are hammering the final nail into our coffin.

As a result we come to you. Fortunately for us we have a peaceful and potential answer to our prayers. Our answer lies in ballots, not bullets. ..

We have the will, we have the way. All we lack is the financial means to make it all happen.

Will you help TREATY? Will you help the people of Pine Ridge? And most importantly, will you help our children and our land who are not yet aware of the nightmare which lies ahead if the corporations and South Dakota's governor get their greedy way?

In conclusion, permit me to thank you for your reading of this urgent plea for help and to offer this prayer as thanks: Mi takuye Oyasin. (We are all related).

*The pro-traditionalist/anti-nuclear forces carried over 60% of the vote-- an extremely important victory in the Tribal Council.

Free Home Energy Audits

The approach of the winter heating season brings with it two community efforts at energy conservation.

NEHDA, Inc., in conjunction with City Consumer Affairs office, is promoting the Home Insulation and Energy Conservation Act (HIECA) also called the SAVING-POWER program.

The Act provides for free energy audits to homeowners and renters in one to four family homes. In addition, the Act requires the local utility (in this area, Niagara Mohawk) to offer low interest loans which may be used to upgrade energy efficiency. Homeowners may use these loans to perform such tasks as the installation of insulation, storm windows, and weather stripping to seal drafts.

NEHDA, Inc. is attempting to promote SAVINGPOWER by a door-to-door canvass in its area. Workers will explain the audits and advertise workshops for do-it-yourself conservation measures.

The City Consumer Affairs office



is developing a video-tape depicting a "walk-through" of a typical Home Energy Audit. This video will be broadcast over cable stations, under community access provisions.

The target areas of these projects are low income neighborhoods and they are designed to counter misconceptions and aid those who are

least able to afford the high costs of energy use. All homeowners and renters in one to four unit buildings, are urged to participate. Times and dates of the workshops will appear in the PNL.

-Jim Clark

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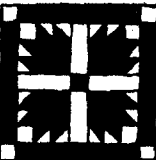
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Testimony on the Times

Testimony of William Griffen

Ed. note: The following is Part I of the trial testimony presented by Bill Griffen, a second-time offender arrested at the June 4 Griffiss AFB action. Griffen was found guilty and received a fine.

Necessity Defense #1 requirement (The defendants held a reasonable belief that the action was necessary to avoid a substantial harm)

What is the harm in this case?

1. Griffiss A.F.B. houses the Cruise Missile, a first strike, destabilizing, offensive weapon (see expert defense witness testimony at Plowshare 7 trial). This weapon system is a threat to national defense in that it increases the possibility of nuclear war by intent and/or accident. The new generation of weapons reduces the reaction time of "use-em or lose em" to approximately six minutes.

2. The Cruise weapon has the destructive power of 15 Hiroshima bombs. One B-52 Griffiss A.F.B. bomber carries the equivalent of 200 to 1000 Hiroshima bombs.

3. A "nuclear winter" devastating much of the earth (described by Carl Sagan) will follow even a moderate nuclear exchange.

Necessity Defense #2 requirement (Defendants had no other adequate means of avoiding the danger)

In spite of the following actions taken by myself, the other defendants and those seeking to avoid nuclear arms escalation, the arms race and the nuclear annihilation threat continues to worsen.

Other means personally attempted included: 25 years -- a quarter century -- of lecturing, writing articles and books, hundreds of letters-to-the editor, voting, running for the U.S. Congress, organizing and participating in peace groups, legal demonstrations, teach-in lobbying in Congress, leafletting ad infinitum.

Others, defendants and citizens in general, have likewise attempted every means to avoid the danger. In spite of these attempts:

1. Five to ten nuclear weapons are produced every day of our lives.

2. We now have between 25-30,000 nuclear weapons. The absurdity here is that in 1962 U.S. defense experts established that 300 nuclear weapons could vaporize the Soviet Union, so 300 nuclear weapons is the deterrence level -- all else is overkill!

3. U.S. has spent over \$2.6 trillion since WWII. At the present military spending rate we will equal that amount in 10 years, yet the government is horrified at the cost of the damage done by the Plowshares 7. Their damage amounted to -- even at the government inflated figure -- 16 seconds worth of the military budget and was one of the few disarmament programs since WWII. And while 85% of the public support the freeze, the U.S. Senate votes NO! (So much for traditional legal means!!!)

Necessity Defense #3 requirement (The means used should not be disproportionate to the threatened harm)

The other defendants and myself sat in the roadway leading to the base, held a banner urging the base be converted to peaceful uses, and sang songs of peace and love. And our government cries out against our crime of inconvenience.

The dictionary defines inconvenience as "discomforting, annoying." Would the government argue that the lunch counter customers at Woolworths were inconvenienced by those sitting-in for integration and social justice? Would the government compare the harm and inconvenience of not being served a coffee and donut with the harm or racial segregation?

Is a handful of peace-seeking citizens sitting nonviolently in front of a military installation housing weapons thousands of times more destructive than all of those used in W. W. II a disproportionate reaction?

We think not.

Necessity Defense #4 requirement (The harm sought to be prevented is imminent)

Definition of imminent: "ready to take place, impending, hanging threateningly over one's head" (Websters 7th New Collegiate.)

In U.S. vs. Ashton (p. 874) the court held that a citizen was fully justified in killing a mad dog belonging to another, even though there was no proof that specific injury would occur in minutes, hours, or days. The threat was imminent, even though the time could not be predicted.

The warning time to avert a nuclear exchange has been reduced by the new generation of cruise weapons to approximately six minutes, further making nuclear war by accident or intent imminent.

The government confronts the imminent argument with a series of questions, the effect of which is to have defendants agree they cannot guarantee nuclear war will occur within a month, a year, or ten years. This is disingenuous. The survival of the planet is made to turn on a legal point! This should not be. Nuclear war, given present conditions, is imminent!

Necessity Defense #5 requirement (Defendants reasonably expected a direct causal relationship between their actions and the avoidance of harm.)

We believed, and continue to believe, that our actions in concert with other similar message-actions will at some point combine to lead to real nuclear weapon disarmament.

Henry David Thoreau, in supporting the necessity defense more than a century ago in his essay on "Civil Disobedience," argued:

"...if one honest man (were to refuse to hold slaves) and be locked up in the county jail therefore, it would be the abolition of slavery in America. For it matters not how small the beginning may seem to be: what is once done is done forever. But we love better to talk about it: that we say is our mission."

We chose to move beyond talk. We chose to ACT!!

Can't Kill the Spirit 1985 Peace Calendar

Quality work is done by workers who approach their task and their tools with thoughtfulness, care, pride, and indeed, reverence. It's obvious when you first open the 1985 Can't Kill the Spirit calendar that the cultural workers who created it have worked in this way. It is the most successful calendar yet from the Syracuse Cultural Workers Project, a group that already has a reputation for regularly producing high-quality, and intelligent art. The Syracuse Cultural Workers are defining a cultural politics of celebration and defiance (hence, the anthem You Can't Kill the Spirit), a people-centered liberation politics which is articulated by the artwork featured in the calendar, and practiced in the collaborative process between activists which produces the calendar. It is a politics that celebrates work and workers, play and players, simplicity and responsibility, nature and culture.

The calendar is the product of a national network the Syracuse folks are but a part of, a network of artists and cultural activists from

around the country whose work is growing, developing and becoming increasingly familiar to people in the progressive movements. This network's work is forming the basis of community self-identity which makes long term struggle possible.

This year's cover is again a reproduction of fabric art, but this year Karen Kearney transcends the patchwork formula and builds a fabric collage into a landscape with figures linked in celebration of life together amongst such beauty. It opens and names the joyful spirit that continues through the year of this calendar.

The subsequent art covers a wide range of styles and media; there are reproductions of murals, paintings, collages, photographs and even a breathtaking light projection on a Utah butte in twilight. The subjects of the artwork range from the Nicaraguan revolution in a mural painted by Boston artist David Fichter on a public school wall in Managua, to a delightful close-up nature-photo by Steve Sussman and Mickey Schecter of milkweed open-

ing and releasing its seed. There is a black and white woodcut by Susan MacMurdy and a torrent of colors in Jan Phillips's remarkable photograph of thousands of folded paper cranes laid at a monument in Hiroshima. There is Bonnie Acker's appropriately neighborly Community Land Trusts paper collage and the previously mentioned light projection by Courtney Frisse who has turned light and shadow into her own unique form of political art.

Early reports of sales of the 1985 Peace calendar suggest that the Cultural Workers Project has a success on its hands (at least in progressive movement terms). This is encouraging news. If progressives are ever going to offer an alternative to the mean-spirited, slick and chauvinist Reagan Right, we are going to have to articulate a vision of a culture and society people would prefer. The 1985 Can't Kill the Spirit Peace Calendar is a clear, and exciting step in that direction.

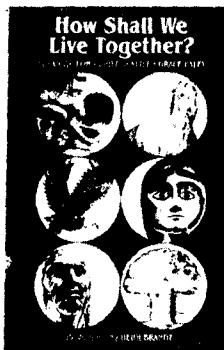
-Jack Manno

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It Is Possible, Even Under Reagan

An October 25, 1984, Dan Rather reported on national news that the Federal Communications Commission, in a rare decision, ruled in favor of a citizens' group over a media broadcaster. This citizens' group was the SPC committee that, under the Fairness Doctrine, requested free air time to refute the Nine Mile II nuclear power plant commercials that aired 2 years ago. The media broadcaster was WTVH.

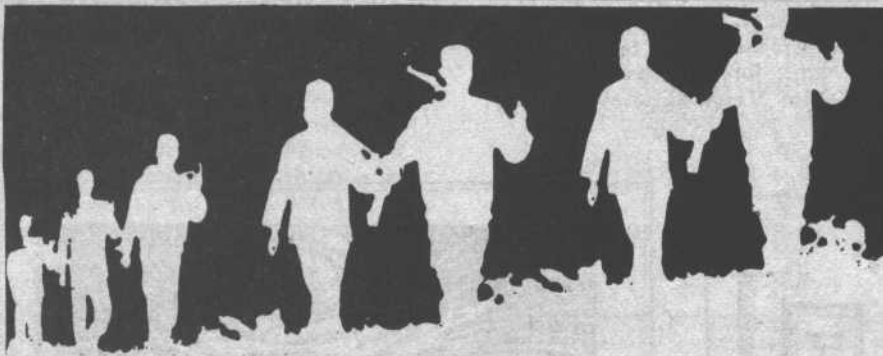
This monumental decision was a result of two years of teamwork, persistence, skill and luck. The teamwork was among our committee members, who were from both SPC and NYPIRG; the New York State Consumer Protection Board, the Media Access Project and the Safe Energy

Communications Council. MAP, which is a public interest law firm in D.C., wrote letters to the stations and their attorneys, gave us advice and submitted our complaint to the FCC.

The results of the decision are already being felt. WSTM has contacted us because they may be airing new pro-nuclear ads. We are hopeful that stations all across the country will now be more careful of their responsibility with Fairness Doctrine issues, "controversial issues of public importance" to air "contrasting viewpoints."

We hope that all organizers will take hope from this victory because it proves that sometimes we can fight City Hall and win.

-Corinne Kinane



Local Tax Resisters Face IRS

Three local tax resisters have had recent dealings with the IRS. Peter and Diane Swords are taking the IRS to court for assessing a \$500 "frivolous" penalty against their 1982 tax return. This appeal had its first day in Federal District Court on November 5th before Judge Munson. The government moved for summary judgement (that the case should be decided for the government without further evidence solely on the basis of the tax return itself). Terry Burke, a Syracuse University law student with the Public Interest Law Firm and representing the Swords, moved for discovery (the opportunity to consider other facts in the case besides the tax return). Judge Munson heard both motions without questioning either lawyer. He is expected to deliver a written statement within the month.

Kath Buffington, currently from

Allegany, NY, returned home November 6th to find a summons from the IRS taped to her door. She was requested to appear at the IRS office in Olean on Tuesday, November 20, with a personal financial statement. Kath plans to go and bring her name, address, and social security number. At that point the IRS will either drop her case or ask a judge to issue a summons.

This is yet the latest incident in Kath's ongoing relationship with the IRS. She refused to pay a \$500 fine for frivolous use of a tax form (she claimed a war tax deduction on her 1982 return) and has received numerous letters from the IRS (and responded to them all). Kath asked that people not come down for her Tuesday summons. However, she'll want lots of supporters around if the IRS comes to take her windchimes. -Carol Baum

ROTC Invades Thornden Park

The quiet solitude of an early Tuesday morning in Thornden Park was disturbed last month, when several passers-by were surprised by small groups in camouflage carrying rifles, and ducking behind trees.

Linda Perla, one upset spectator, called Lt. Col. Craig Deakin, who is in charge of S.U.'s Army ROTC. Deakin explained that such maneuvers are attempts to train soldiers in realistic settings. (They usually train in Carrier Dome.)

Deakin assured Linda that the guns weren't real guns, so it didn't matter. The Dept. of Parks and Recreation, however, agreed that it does matter. They had given permission to the ROTC to do "physical training," interpreted as calisthenics, not combat maneuvers. After realizing the discrepancy, the Department banished the soldiers-in-training from their "realistic" setting.

-Radell Roberts

Nicaraguan Invasion Inevitable?

While certainly many people feel that Reagan is planning to invade Nicaragua in the near future, we must not give up or efforts to stop the bloodbath. There is a national phone-in Day to protest the U.S. war against Nicaraguan and the rest of Central America planned for November 27th. We need you to keep calling and writing!! The White House Comments Desk is 202-456-7639. Capitol Switchboard 202-224-3121 White House Washington DC 20500 Senate Office Bldg. " " 20510

If there is an invasion, there will be an immediate protest for those in the Syracuse area. The protest will be the day after the news reports of the invasion. People will meet at the new Viet Nam Veterans Memorial in front of Plymouth Church and have a candle light march to the Federal Building. There will be speakers and protests there.

Please be prepared to come out and be public about your opposition to Reagan's war plans for the region!!

-Allen Smith

The Anti-Terrorism Proposals

On April 26 the Reagan administration sent legislation to Congress which represented the most drastic step yet in criminalizing political expression. The bill would have created a new crime, making it illegal to provide "support services" to, or "act in concert with" groups or countries designated as "terrorist" by the Secretary of State. Defendants charged with this crime would have been prohibited from challenging the Secretary's designation. The vague wording of the bill would have cast a wide net which would punish people for their associations: up to ten years in prison and/or \$100,000 fine.

Since existing law already prohibits the actual criminal acts involved in "terrorism," such as bombing and murder, this sweeping new prohibition would have been aimed at activity protected by the First Amendment -- support of controversial issues.

The May/June '84 DC Memo of the

National Committee Against Repressive Legislation noted that, "Consistent with the hypocrisy of announcing a campaign against terrorism while conducting international terrorist activities of its own, the administration's bill exempts activities of the U.S. government from coverage."

The Memo quotes Rep. Don Edwards, chair of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, as stating that the bill appears to have "serious constitutional problems (because) the Secretary can by edict almost create the crime himself."

This writer believes that if the Reagan administration invades Nicaragua, it would find such an unconstitutional law very useful to suppress dissent. Fortunately this highly repressive bill failed to reach the floor before Congress adjourned.

Attorney Margaret Ratner of the

New York-based Center for Constitutional Rights attributed the failure of HR5613 (S2626) to "the organizing and pressure put on the congressional committee to kill a piece of Reagan legislation that endangered freedom of speech and of association, and defined support for national liberation movements and socialist countries as criminal." (10/31 Guardian)

Ratner urged solidarity activists not to be intimidated by the threat of such legislation, pointing out that "the greater danger now is that we repress ourselves, and try to distort our words and actions, to comply with a law which, first, has not been passed, and second, is aimed precisely at discouraging and narrowing solidarity work."

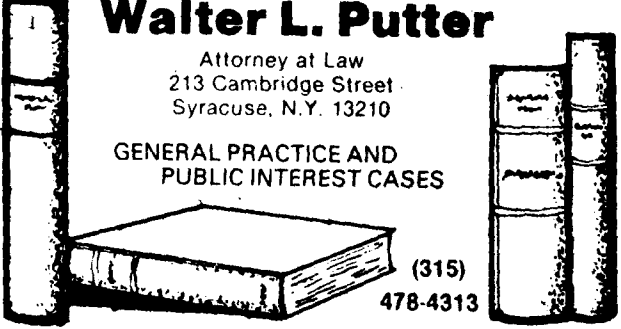
Let's prepare ourselves to educate, agitate and organize opposition should this legislation or any similar legislation be introduced when Congress resumes in February 1985.

-Angus MacDonald

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Does this sound like a toy to you? GI Joe, a number one seller today teaching young boys that real men thrive on violence and that war is fun, is just one part of a large military toy industry. This industry produces everything from combat troops to models of the B-1 bomber, complete with Cruise missiles. Companies such as Hasbro Toys have succeeded in making huge profits on the militarization of young people.

In Canada in 1983, the Alliance for Non-violent Action (ANVA), a collective of groups who organize for education and direct action, initiated a military toy boycott with the hope that it would become an international campaign. In a call to action put out by ANVA, suggestions for ways to build a campaign include street leafletting in front of toy stores, producing a guide to alternative games and celebrations, and general boycotts of all companies and stores that sell war toys. We shouldn't let another year go by without responding to this growing violence-promoting industry. For more information, contact the Military Toy Campaign, 730 Bathurst St., Toronto, Ont. M5S-2R4.

Children of War Speak Out

"I saw all of my family executed. In Cambodia, one million children died. The smell and sight of blood decorated the walls of the children center's house. The children were abandoned and made hostage of the madness of adults."

Arn Chorn, Student Advisor to the Children of War Tour.

Young people made victims of war and violence are claiming the right to share their own insights with other young people, and with an adult world desperately in need of their hope.

November 10-22, 33 young people (ages 12-17) will travel throughout the U.S., speaking in schools, churches, synagogues, and community centers with the Children of War Tour, sponsored by the Religious Task Force and Mobilization for Survival. The Tour will be in New York City Nov. 15, 16, and 17. (For more information, contact Paul Hodel, Northeast Region Coordinator, 203-624-0339.) Organizers hope the dialogue begun will develop a continuing Children of War network and campaign.

Participants from the U.S. will come from the children's disarmament movement and from minority communities which have been most directly affected economically by the impact of the arms race. They all share one important common thread -- the desire to tell their story and the will to apply their vision of peace to the building of a just and transformed world.



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Campbell's Other Kids

Campbell's, the all-American soup, conjures up images of adorable children warming to a bowl of piping hot broth in kitchens across the country. But while these white, middle-class families are busy humming "mmm, mmm, good," Campbell's "other kids," migrant farmworkers in the Midwest, are sitting in their one-room plywood shacks without plumbing, suffering from malnutrition at ten times the national average.

Farmers controlled by Campbell's pay these families an average hourly wage of \$1.96 per hour, for which they work 10-12 hour days in fields with no toilet or water facilities, where they are exposed to dangerous pesticides.

After a six-year national strike and boycott, initiated by the Farm Labor Organizing Committee, workers in California and other states are making small strides toward better wages and

working conditions, but Midwest farmworkers have seen little progress.

Something else for the Midwest to look forward to: In a national expansion, Coors Beer, based in Colorado, is bringing its oppressive labor policies, which include low wages, forced polygraph tests, questioning about political and religious beliefs, and sexual lifestyle, company police searches, and union-busting. An AFL-CIO boycott has continued since 1977.

But the Midwest should not bear total responsibility for these long-term struggles. We need to join in these national boycotts, remembering the children in the fields, and preventing Coors expansion from reaching New York.

Nobel Peace Laureate

This year's Nobel Peace Prize went to Bishop Desmond Tutu. It is the second time a black South African has won the Prize. The award underscores the Nobel Committee's position that those who work for justice work for peace.

When asked about the effect of current U.S. policies on South Africa, Tutu said, "...what has been called constructive engagement has been an unmitigated disaster." He asks, "Would the United States have collaborated with the Stalin regime in its internal policies? Would it have had constructive engagement with Nazi Germany?"

Tutu is not optimistic about South Africa's future: "I think it is less and less likely that we are not going to have a blood bath." He tells of the black youngster who came up to him after he had given a talk about reasonably peaceful change: "Father, I heard what you said. Do you believe it?" I said, "Yes, though sometimes I hold on to this belief by the skin of my teeth." The youngster replied: "Show me what you have achieved with all your talk of peaceful change, and I will show you what we gained with just a little violence...." Words to ponder.



We Are All Part of One Another: A Barbara Deming Reader

ed. Jane Meyerding New Society Press 1984 10.95

By Carolyn Mow

We Are All Part of One Another is a collection of Barbara Deming's writings, including essays, talks, letters, poetry and a short story. A very special aspect of the series of works chosen is that it spans more than 20 years of her life, giving the reader a sense of the progress of her thoughts and a picture of not only Barbara's own history but also the history of the social movements she was part of. The book combines a narration of her experiences with her reflections on the issues raised by them, including questions of peace and disarmament, civil rights, feminism, sexuality, revolution, nonviolence, and the connections among all these.

Barbara's stories about her experiences during the civil rights movement in the South in the 1960's interested me the most. In "Southern Peace Walk: Two Issues or One?" she describes her group's decision to have a "one-issue" walk (peace being the issue, and not civil rights) and how that decision depressed her. In practice, despite their decision, the fact that the group was integrated brought the issues together. The story of the encounters between the peace walkers and black congregations they visited is very moving. As they shared thoughts and experiences, the connections between their struggles were clear. The courage of the young blacks who joined them during the walk, risking physical injury or death, is really inspiring. The strength of the spirit of nonviolence in the civil rights movement is clearly conveyed by Barbara's writing.

The chapter which touched me most personally was the one consisting of excerpts from Prison Notes, about the time Barbara spent in jail in Albany, Georgia, in 1964. She expresses so eloquently my

Carolyn is a nonviolent activist who lives in Ithaca.



Barbara Deming at Peace Encampment, 1983

feelings about being in jail (where I was when I first read the book):

The barred steel door has banged shut ...Magically, now, we are no longer quite of the same species...Magic: shake it out of them--the fact that they are people. Or frisk them of it...And put them away. Has the relation with them been a difficult one? Now they don't exist.

These words seemed so truthful to me as I looked at the people around me and asked, "What are they doing here?"

A particularly controversial issue for many of us who are working for radical social change is the question of how to struggle -- non-violently or violently? And for those who have chosen nonviolence, how do we relate to those who have chosen armed struggle? In "Revolution and Equilibrium" Barbara says,

I stand with all who say of present conditions that they do not allow men (sic) to be fully human and so they must be changed--all who not only say this but are ready to act.

But she goes on to argue strongly in favor of nonviolence. Her reasoning in this essay is summed up when she writes,

No, it is not that I want to remain pure; it is that I want to escape

becoming dizzy... It is my stubborn faith that if, as revolutionaries, we wage battle without violence, we can remain very much more in control --of our own selves, of the responses to us which our adversaries make,... and of the future we hope will issue from it.

To those who criticize nonviolent activists as idealists who expect those who have power to give it up willingly when their consciences are appealed to, Barbara responds, *If greater gains have not been won by nonviolent action it is because most of those trying it have...expected too much from the "powerful"; and so ...they have stopped short of really exercising their peculiar powers-- those powers one discovers when one refuses any longer simply to do another's will...To refuse one's cooperation is to exert force.*

Barbara returns to the topic of nonviolence when writing about feminism in "Remembering Who We Are." She notes that if, for instance, a man can be an oppressor of women but at the same time oppressed as a worker, then people cannot be divided clearly between "oppressors" and "oppressed." She concludes that we must struggle against "oppressors" as individuals, which again suggests nonviolence as the appropriate means of struggle.

The book also includes talks given by Barbara about topics that are sometimes controversial within the peace movement, such as the nonviolence of selective property destruction and recognizing and dealing with our anger. Letters record personal exchanges about a range of issues, including the relationship between overcoming her own oppression as a Lesbian and participating in struggles against other oppressions, and a feminist critique of Marxist theory. We Are All Part of One Another provides a wealth of food for thought for all of us, and in a very readable style.



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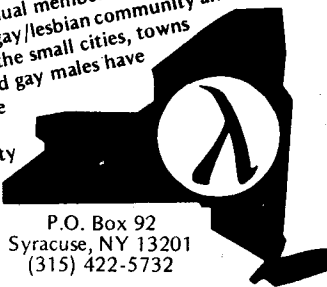
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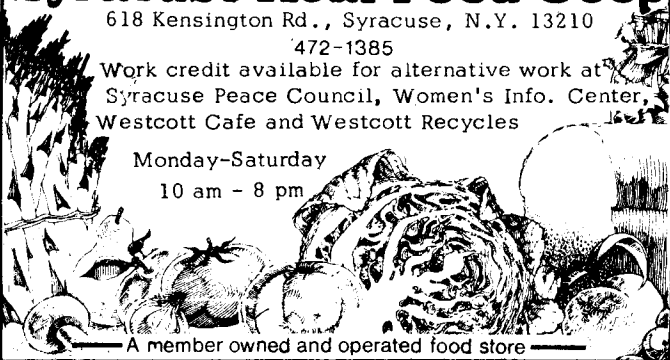
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Friday, Jan. 18 7, 9, 11

This "joyous" (*Judith Crist*) film about an unlikely but beautiful relationship between a young man (Bud Cort) and an old woman (Ruth Gordon) is an NVS favorite and a cult classic. Music by Cat Stevens. (Hal Ashby, 1972, 92 min.)

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Quiet, considerate, employed, non-smoking man active in the community seeks a room in the home of an older or physically challenged person in the Westcott/University area in exchange for general usefulness (snow shoveling, taking out the trash, etc). Excellent references. Please call Ed Kinane, 425-0247.

Need help for your family member with a disability? Direction Service of Onondaga County will provide assistance, information, support, and referral for children and young adults who have emotional, physical, or mental disabilities. Call 423-2735, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays.

Women In Prison: Are you in prison or jail or have been in the past? I am interested in your story for an anthology. I would like to hear from you. We need to tell our stories. Please write: kao, 523 Michigan, Apt. 111 C, Orlando, Fla. 32806. I will answer all letters.

The Syracuse Area Interreligious Council has openings for six VISTA Volunteer positions. Locally recruited volunteers, who will receive a subsistence allowance, will work to establish a food clearinghouse in Central New York, assist in the resettlement of refugees, and develop employment and counseling services for people recently released from the Jamesville Correctional Facility. Call SATC at 476-2001 for more information.

Help wanted: Part or full-time work from home, processing mail or typing, experience unnecessary, excellent income potentials. For more information, send stamped self-addressed envelope to Duncan, P.O. Box 242, Altmar, NY 13302.