

# Peace Newsletter

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# The Resistance



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### Support for Resistance

To the Editor,

On January 8, 1985 Andy Mager [went to] trial for refusing to register for the draft. We, the members of the Syracuse-Area New Jewish Agenda support Andy Mager's commitment to conscience.

We believe that Andy Mager is honoring the tradition of Jewish participation in promoting peace and social justice. We also support the case he is making for conscientious dissent against oppression. When any young man considers registering for the draft, we urge him to consider his own religious and ethical traditions and then to act in accordance with his own deepest conscience.

-Adele Baruch and Paul Weichselbaum  
Syracuse Area New Jewish Agenda

### Plowshares Fast Begun

The majority of the signers of the following statement are members of the Griffiss, Sperry Software Pair, Trident II and Pershing Plowshares recently sentenced to two to three years in Federal Prison for acts of disarmament.

In response to the cry of the poor, the hungry and the oppressed of the earth, we choose to set aside each first day of the month as a day of fasting, and we invite those beyond prison walls to join with us in this act of awakening conscience. We believe that in the cry of the oppressed, God speaks to us calling us to take personal and resolute action in resistance to the arms race, the cause of so much violence, starvation and contempt for life, and which threatens the ultimate violence. Our hope is that those who read this appeal will join us in prayerful fasting and be moved to take the next steps of faith: 1) to build communities of prayer, study and searching out the will of God, 2) to personally and collectively respond to the needs of the oppressed and poor neighbor, and 3) to undertake acts of resistance to the "lawfulness" of nuclear destruction and to the systems of injustice which make possible their creation. As we share in this monthly day of fasting and prayer, reflecting on the vision of a peaceful, non-violent world and repenting of our unfaithfulness in failing to embody that vision, "hungering" in the desert for peace and challenging one another in the work that lies before each of us, may our commitment to act for justice and peace be renewed and strengthened.

Please tell us of your own response to this call. Write to Jim Perkins, Danbury Prison Camp, Pembroke Station, Danbury CT 06810.

### SPC Remembers Burton Blatt

Burton Blatt, a national leader in deinstitutionalization, died on January 20, 1985. Dean of the School of Education at Syracuse University and a long time leader in disability rights, his guidance, vision, and ebullient spirit will be sorely missed by us all.

Burton Blatt was perhaps best known for his early exposé of the dehumanizing institutional conditions in the book, Christmas in Purgatory, a photographic essay on mental retardation. In that book, he unveiled the shocking abuses in mental retardation institutions and alerted the nation to the need for the rapid development of quality community programs. Later he did a follow-up study for the President's Committee on Mental Retardation entitled The Family Papers: A Return to Purgatory, published in 1979. During his career he wrote over 100 books and articles.

Burton Blatt was an extraordinarily prolific and insightful scholar/activist. He dramatically influenced national policy on a number of dimensions. He was one of the early proponents of "the educability of intelligence." He served as one of the expert witnesses in the landmark right-to-education PARC case. His critiques of institutional abuses catapulted him into national prominence on the issue of deinstitutionalization and community services. He helped to formulate a strategy of litigation and communication around the Willowbrook Institution. When it appeared that advances in deinstitutionalization policy might be threatened by certain

contradictory expert testimony in the Wyatt case, he gathered a group at Syracuse University to formulate the important Community Imperative, a document that was later endorsed by over 100 leaders nationally as well as by major associations including The Association for Persons With Severe Handicaps.

In the field of Education, Burton Blatt was an outspoken advocate of integrated schooling. In his own clinical work he helped develop the concept of a psycho-educational assessment program with an emphasis on severely disabled youngsters, those whom he used to call the "clinically homeless." One of his early analyses of school exclusion led to the formulation of a major study in Massachusetts, which in turn helped lead to passage of Chapter 766, the nation's first comprehensive effort to delabel students and to integrate special education programs in public schools.

At Syracuse University Burton Blatt founded the Center on Human Policy in 1971, a research and advocacy institute designed to promote a more open and accepting society for people with disabilities. The Center in turn has helped to create a broad range of integrated school programs, self advocacy groups, parent education and community living services.

Although he was a national leader, and a superb administrator, he forever remained a teacher and advocate. We have lost a great leader, a great friend, and a champion of disability rights.

In his honor, Syracuse University has established the Burton Blatt Scholars Fund.

-Doug Biklen

## In This Issue

In this issue we: report on Andy Mager's trial, look at the recent crackdown on the Sanctuary movement and tell the stories of refugees Sylvia and Pedro Ramos.

This month we pay tribute to a long time SPC member Will Riker. The divestment bill introduced in the NYS Assembly is examined, as is the violent reality of the fraternity system at Colgate University. An analysis of November's election reveals some new results, and the efforts of the Toxic Victims Coalition are discussed. Enjoy!

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FROM A LETTER TO ANGELA DAVIS  
BY JAMES BALDWIN

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# Syracuse Peace Council

## News from The SPC House

The most exciting development to date is the move of the Front Room Too back to the Peace Council House. Now the rest of us get to see Carol more often, and we also have a wider variety of books and music spread before us. With the move we have been inspired to change the arrangement of books, phone table, mail table, and, in addition, we are planning to change the entrance so that the house will be wheelchair accessible both winter and summer. A canopy over the sidedoor ramp is planned for snow control and this door will become the main entrance. Come see the changes — and if you have time, come and help make the changes.

Mary Beth Fougere, an intern from Colgate, has brightened our lives these past few weeks. And occasionally we come across one of the many wonderful cards sent to the Peace Council during the past Holiday Season, and we reread it before putting it in the large "wonderful letters" file.

The cold weather has served to inspire great cooking for our Monday and Tuesday staff lunches; come join us one day.

—Cindy Sangree

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

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# the peace council page

## Thanks for the Copier

We have a copy machine!! The Peace Council has been very lucky to be the beneficiary of a generous donation of a very good used machine, donated to the Norman Whitney Peace Fund by Planbuild Inc. Dick Paccone in particular was a great help. Through SPC's access to the machine we expect to save thousands over the years left in the machine. A big thank you to Dick and Planbuild.

Also thanks to the many people who offered to loan us the money to buy a machine. Through these loans we will be able to stock up on chemicals and purchase a repair contract.

## Staff Opening

Allen Smith, the Organizational Maintenance staff person, plans to leave SPC this summer. The Peace Council is now beginning a job search to find a new staff person. The job will open up on May 15th. If you are interested in the job, know someone who is, or would like to help with the search, please call the SPC house. Job descriptions and applications can be sent to interested people.

## Electronics Wiz Needed

With all the space changes here at the Peace Council we find it more difficult than ever to retain good communication in the House. Currently we have people working at their desks on all three floors! We would love to be able to afford a fancy phone system or an intercom set, but no money exists for such an expensive purchase. We could afford to buy some equipment if one of our members with lots of electrical skills could figure a way to rig up a cheap system. If you think you could help with this problem, please give Allen a call at SPC.

## Peace Council T-Shirts

In conversations many people thought it would be a great idea to have a Syracuse Peace Council t-shirt. Ideas include peace, or perhaps something on the rapidly approaching 50th anniversary. So all you artists out there pull out your pens and pencils and take this to heart. Send your designs to the house and hopefully we can start production before the summer. This would be a great contribution in building SPC identity and building consciousness about our unique history.



1984 Plowshare Craftsair photo by Patrick Austin

## Ring, Ring.

SPC is planning its annual phonathon this February, so be prepared for a ring from one of our volunteers calling to ask for a pledge of support. We expect the phonathon to be held in the first two weeks of the month. Thanks in advance for taking a few minutes out of your evening to talk with us.

## The Future of Plowshare

The Peace Council is beginning early this year to start talking about plans for the 85 Plowshare Craftsair. Topics to be discussed include the location of the show, size and price of the spaces and numerous other items. If you have ideas or would like input on this discussion, please come to the meeting, February 14th, 5:30 at the SPC house. If you can't make the meeting but have ideas, jot them down and send them in, care of Allen.

## News from the Front Room

More changes are happening at The Front Room Bookstore! In early January The Front Room Too returned to the SPC house. As much as we loved being next to On The Rise downtown, we couldn't bear the thought of another winter of windows impossible to defog, soggy books, and cold toes. However, the thought of cramming everything back into the tiny space at SPC was equally depressing. In a bold attempt to use SPC house space more efficiently, the bookstore is expanding into a second room (The Front Rooms Bookstore?) And we want to make it nice — we're planning to sand the floors, paint, and we may even build a few bookcases. If any of these is your idea of fun, call Carol at SPC as soon as possible!

## Syracuse Peace Council

Si Kahn, organizer/songwriter, and Susan Freundlich, sign language artist —

# “People like you help people like me go on . . .”

The Syracuse Peace Council and Friends of Traditional Arts are pleased to present Si Kahn with special guest Susan Freundlich in concert on Friday, March 29, 1985 in Syracuse, NY. In case you don't recognize the names of these two remarkable people, let us introduce you:

Si Kahn is an author, community organizer, and superb songwriter. His songs recreate the spirit of the people and campaigns he has worked with. You know the work place poisons are killing you, but you "go to work on Monday one more time." And there is faith indeed "to plant the seeds of children/And to store up love to warm us growing old." Si's songs, such as "Truck Driving Woman" and "Aragon Mill" are performed by Bright Morning Star, Pete Seeger, Cathy Fink, John McCutcheon, among many others. This concert tour celebrates Si's fourth record, "Unfinished Portraits."

Si is also celebrating his 20th year as a community organizer. "The Southern Civil Rights Movement taught me how to organize and how to sing," he says.

During the Brookside Mine strike in the 1970's (documented in the movie Harlan County, U.S.A.), he helped develop strategy and support for striking members of the United Mine Workers. As a staff member of the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union (ACTWU), he played important roles in the founding of both the Brown Lung Association and the J. P. Stevens campaign.

Si currently directs the Grassroots Leadership Project which provides assistance to Southern organizations, coalitions, and campaigns. His two books, "How People Get Power" and "Organizing: A Guide for Grassroots Leaders," are standard texts for community organizers.

Si's powerful songs will be complemented by the artistic American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation of Susan Freundlich. Like Si, Susan's work on stage is rooted in her politics and organizing. A decade ago, ASL had no signs for the words "disarmament," "sexism," or "racism." With workshops and residencies, film and stage productions such as "Children of a Lesser God," Susan has built cultural bridges between hearing impaired people and the women's movement, progressive communities, and the hearing culture in general. Combining ASL with dance and visual drama, she has set stylistic standards in the new field of "artistic interpreting." Central New Yorkers have seen her artistry with the performances of Holly Near and Ronnie Gilbert. Susan "reminds us that we all belong to the same (family) — deaf and hearing people alike." (Ms. Magazine)

Both Si and Susan will present workshops in Syracuse. If your organization can help sponsor one, or if you'd like information, call Allen at SPC. 472-5478. —Glenda Neff

\* "People Like You" by Si Kahn, on the album "Home," Flying Fish.



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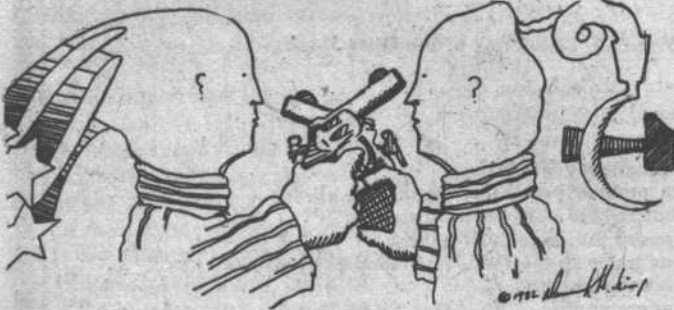
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## Disarmament Campaign Proceeds

The Syracuse Peace Council meeting on disarmament held on January 17th, concluded that a core committee to oversee disarmament work could not be set up at the present time. Not enough experienced peace activists expressed their willingness to serve on the proposed committee and consequently the idea had to be shelved temporarily. Several people new to the peace movement volunteered their services at the disarmament meeting and will be working on specific projects with the help and guidance of Peace Council staffer Cindy Sangree. Cindy and the Program and Evaluation steering committee will continue to deal with day-to-day disarmament activities and hope more volunteers will get involved in this important work. Please call Cindy at the Peace Council (472-5478) if you want to help out in a task central to the basic purpose of our organization.

-Tim McLaughlin



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With 11 months to go, Peace Council members are beginning to plan for our 50th anniversary. Now is the time for you to join the effort!!! Come to the next meeting at the SPC office: Monday February 11 at 4:45pm. Or call SPC TODAY!!!

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## *In Memoriam*

*Will Riker*  
*1910-1984*

"Listen! I will be honest with you,  
I do not offer the old smooth prizes, but offer the rough new prizes,  
These are the days that must happen to you....."

Walt Whitman, from Song of the Open Road

I remember Will Riker  
Working in his garden  
Or walking the picket line...  
Singing Woody's songs  
With the family.  
I remember Will Riker,  
Friend and comrade...  
Lover of Whitman, Twain, John Reed and Emma Goldman  
Carpenter and labor organizer,  
Talking to the workers  
About their struggles, the great struggle...  
He was at meetings to Ban the Bomb, Stop the War,  
Close down the Nukes, Clean up the Rivers...  
He was always ready  
To take the next step...  
I remember Will Riker  
With great love and fondness,  
For he was my friend  
And I will miss him greatly.

I remember Will Riker  
On summer ponds fishing, talking all day...  
During cold northeastern winters  
Next to the stove...still talking -  
Our walks in the fields and woods, city streets  
Talking, listening  
Understanding... "What Has To Be Done".  
He's gone now  
But not the spirit of the man...the struggle of the man...  
Never gone that large a spirit or a struggle.  
The world needs an army of Will Rikers  
Struggling for the dignity of all people.  
Everytime I hear a song by Woody or Pete...Will is there.  
If a racist utters his bitter slang,  
The voice that stands up to him will be Will Riker's voice.  
Where a worker needs help, or a meeting needs workers  
Will Riker's spirit and solidarity  
Is standing just over there...look-  
Just over there...  
That smile, that friendly hand-shake,  
That understanding of your struggle for peace and freedom.  
He was my friend  
And I will miss him until time is ended.

TOM RIKER

"I believe a leaf of grass is no less than the journeywork of the stars,  
And the pismire is equally perfect, and a grain of sand, and the egg  
of a wren,  
And the tree toad is a chef-d'oeuvre for the highest,  
And the running blackberry would adorn the parlors of heaven,  
And the narrowest hinge in my hand puts scorn to all machinery,  
And the cow crunching with depress'd head surpasses any statue,  
And a mouse is miracle enough to stagger sextillions of infidels."

Walt Whitman from Song of Myself

SELECTION BY: IRWIN A. RIKER - BROTHER





by William Griffen

When a loved one leaves us abruptly, we are left with sorrow and memories. My very good friend, Will Riker, left us on December 18, 1984.

The realization of Will's death stills my spirit, the memories of his life snap that spirit back to life. Those memories, the legacy of a life well spent, speak to all who struggle for peace and justice.

I remember meeting Will at the college where I teach. A meeting had been called to form an ecology action group and Will, who had been battling the Oswego nuclear establishment over the years, was among the small group attending. He was new to the Cortland area, having fled with his family from the shadow of the Oswego nuclear plant. At the meeting Will warned of low-level radiation around nuclear plants and suggested that vacationers obtain maps showing their location. Sounding like the American Express Card - "Don't leave home without it" - hype, Will advised: "It's the thing to carry if you're going on vacation."

Will's concern for peace ranged from draft resistance to anti-nuclear positions to opposition to U.S. military intervention in the third world. In early December of last year he had started making arrangements with my wife Judy, daughter Amy and myself to attend Andy Ma-

*Bill is the founder of the Cortland Peace Council and a 20 year activist with the Syracuse Peace Council.*

## Will Riker (1910-1984) A Life Well Spent

ger's draft resistance trial. He was working out the details with Judy on vigiling in the cold within the limits of his breathing and heart condition problems. Will had made the trip from Cincinnati to the Syracuse Federal Court House many times this past year in support of the Plowshare disarmers and those of us arrested at Griffiss Air Force Base on June 4, 1984. On occasion the Riker presence would be augmented to include Will's wonderful wife Hazel, his daughter and son, Kathy and Ralph, and Tom Riker, Will's nephew. Will's Court Room observations, both acid and witty, were reminiscent of Mark Twain, one of his favorites.

Will was impressed with John Gofman's struggle against the nuclear threat. Dr. Gofman was the co-discoverer of Uranium-233, the stuff of atomic bombs. But, Gofman is to the nuclear establishment what Daniel Ellsberg was to the Pentagon. Both saw the light from within and went public to indict their colleagues' "expertise." Will collected some tapes of Gofman's work exposing nuclear radiation dangers and would have people in to listen and discuss, or would take his "anti-nuclear one-man tape show" on the road. He never gave up on the one affecting the many.

A year ago Will wrote that he had received a gift from Dr. Gofman, with whom he had been corresponding. Arriving at the Rikers' Cincinnati residence were over 100 copies of two of Gofman's books: Poisoned Power and Irreversible: An Illustrated View of Nuclear Power. Gofman wrote that he knew Will would put the books to good use. I received a couple of dozen copies from Will and have been circulating them through the Cortland Peace Council. Each copy will now bear a dedication in honor of Will's contributions.

This past year Will journeyed to "welcome" that grand old cold war-

rior/war criminal Henry Kissinger to the Binghamton SUNY campus. A TV reporter thrust a microphone at Will and asked why he was there. "To prevent old men from sending young men to war" was his reply.

Will accompanied me to Griffiss Air Force Base's open house this past September. He knew I was on probation for previous civil disobedience actions at the base and wanted to offer support to our small group's leafletting efforts. Inside the base he was right on top of things, confronting air force security, insisting on names and ranks of those confiscating our peace materials. It was comforting to have Will at my side as our dozen plus peace group mingled uneasily with the 40,000 guests of the military. After over four hours of the military preening their state-of-the-art zap-em, nuke-em exhibits, Will turned to me and said, "I don't think I can take any more of this." I agreed and we left.

My memories of Will Riker only span the last 6-1/2 years of his life. His loving family are blessed with so many more remembrances of his full, dedicated life: a life which included labor organizing and practicing decent, progressive politics from the Depression years through the red-baiting McCarthy years to the present.

I am grateful that he entered my life, even for a brief moment. I grieve his death, I grieve our loss. But I can still hear him, as if he were at our side, urging, "Don't mourn, organize!"

We love you, Will. Peace.

*To further Will's commitments, contributions may be made in his memory to the Syracuse Peace Council and/or Citizen's Energy Council, c/o Larry Bogard, Box 285, Allendale, N.J. 07401. Will worked with Larry Bogard over the years on anti-nuclear issues and described Bogard as "a one-man crusade"*



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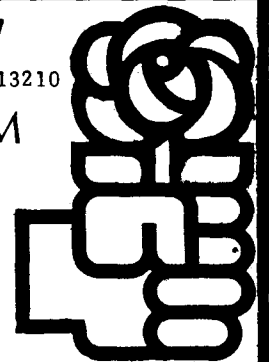
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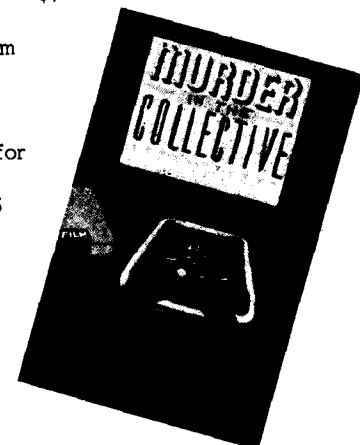
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## Reagan's Election - This is a Mandate?

Mondale/Ferraro carry Syracuse? What an absurd idea, right?

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By 33,101 to 28,467 Mondale/Ferraro did in fact carry Syracuse. They also carried virtually every major city in the U.S. including: New York (1,343,875 to 852,317); Baltimore (202,277 to 80,120); Philadelphia (501,369 to 267,178); St. Louis (112,318 to 61,020); Chicago; Cleveland; Seattle; Denver; New Orleans; Milwaukee; Detroit; and Los Angeles. The Federal Commission does not compile results by the city so I could only confirm these cities by press time.

Thomas Buckel, Democratic candidate for the 27th Congressional district, carried Syracuse by even a wider margin than Mondale/Ferraro. In the 17th ward, the City's largest, the margin was better than 2 to 1. Because of the media's handling of the election, virtually no one I have talked to is aware of this information. All a slobbering Dan Rather (CBS/Channel 5 in Syracuse) could talk about was a 'landside' and whether Reagan would get a 'mandate'-- whatever the hell that means. The print media and the other TV networks were not much better.

Meanwhile, Democrat Nancy Lorraine Hoffmann's victory over good-old boy Marty Auer (48th State Senate) shows that a capable, hard-working, caring candidate with ties to the progressive community can prevail even in Republican 'strongholds'. Buckel, an unknown before the race, lost to right winger George Wortley by only 25,000 votes out of 206,000 cast. At a national level, Democrats GAINED two seats in the Senate while losing only 15 seats in the House. So much for Reagan's vaunted "coattails".

On election night, and the day after, all we heard about was an electoral sweep, with only Minnesota and the District of Columbia (which is, of course, about 80% black) going Democratic. The verbal and visual electoral vote barrage gave me the feeling that practically nobody voted against the right wingers. The media barely mentioned the popular vote but looking at it will help progressives put the election into an appropriate framework, which is vitally important. Citizens eligible to vote totalled 173,936,000. 92,651,521 people voted, or 53.27%. Reagan got 54,451,521 (58.77%) and Mondale 37,565,334 (40.54%). Which means that an incredible



31.3% of the eligible voters supported Reagan. Less than 1/3 of the voting population.

In the face of Reagan's personal popularity-- not his policies or the right wing's popularity--it seems clear that things are not nearly as bleak as unquestioning media would lead us to believe. And the youth vote turning Republican? Well, in Syracuse Mondale/Ferraro carried every ward around Syracuse University by at least a 2 to 1 margin. Obviously, many people did vote for Reagan and a fuller analysis of who they are and why must be left to a longer article, but several general observations can be made: Reagan did not win big; people most affected by Reagan's domestic policies, urban dwellers, overwhelmingly rejected him; the election only served to make clearer economic, racial and ethnic divisions; traditional liberalism may be justifiably dead, but progressive ideals are not; our electoral system, at least at a national level, is considered illegitimate by almost a majority of citizens.

In the meantime let's remember Mario Cuomo's insightful words: "We must help the American people understand the difference between a clever salesman and a bad product."

-Dik Cool

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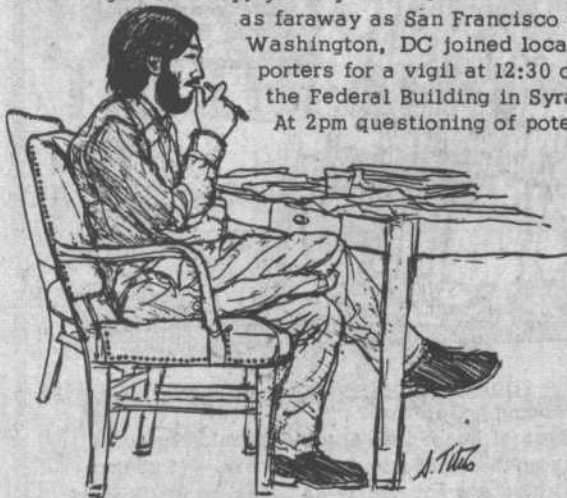
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# Andy Mager's Trial

## A Celebration of Resistance to War

After over two years of public resistance and many meetings, mailings and much anticipation, Andy Mager's trial began Tuesday, January 8th. Out of towners from as faraway as San Francisco and Washington, DC joined local supporters for a vigil at 12:30 outside the Federal Building in Syracuse. At 2pm questioning of potential



jurors commenced and soon the six-woman, six-man, all white jury had been chosen. All but one or two of the jurors were over thirty. Court was dismissed for the day at 4pm.

As the sun was setting, over 100 people gathered in the near zero weather for a candlelight vigil and walk from the Federal Court House to the new Korea/Viet Nam Veterans Memorial. A dozen red roses were placed on its steps and vigilers spontaneously left their candles to light the memorial in the chilled snowy night. Unfortunately some local veterans were upset by our use of the memorial for an anti-war vigil. Vigil participants, including several veterans, felt that, on the contrary, it was a time of reflection to honor those who died and express hope that no one should ever die in war again.

That evening a community gathering and concert was held at the May Memorial Unitarian Society. Conjunto Wonder shared songs and stories from Nicaragua, and Ruth Pelham led us in songs of hope and change from this country. Dik Cool spoke briefly on the role of draft resistance in ending the Viet Nam war. Later we enjoyed refreshments and an On The Rise "Resistance Cake" in the building's social hall.

Over 250 supporters rotated in and out of the courtroom Wednesday in three shifts. The government's case, argued by Joseph Pavone, began with letters Andy had written to the U.S. Attorney and Selective Service. Pavone also played a tape from Andy's August 1, 1983 trial for civil disobedience at Griffiss Air Force Base in which



Andy talked about his decision not to register. Perhaps Pavone wanted to present Andy as a repeat offender.

But Pavone's strategy worked to our advantage, as the tape and letters spelled out Andy's motives, discussing Central America issues, the proud history of civil disobedience and the threat of nuclear weapons. Pavone refrained from reading the letters fully, but later Andy read them to the jury and Pavone could not successfully object since he had entered the evidence himself.

The government called four witnesses, including Selective Service representatives, testifying they had knowledge of Andy's non-registration. After the government's case was concluded Judge Munson adjourned for lunch. Ithacans and On the Rise Bakery conspired to present a hearty lunch at Plymouth Church, where we fortified ourselves for the afternoon.

When court resumed Andy called three witnesses, Karen Beetle, Dik Cool, and Peter Wirth. Karen testified



Candlelight vigil and walk to the new Korea-Vietnam Veterans Memorial



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that the assassination of El Salvador's Archbishop Romero influenced Andy's refusal to register. Dik discussed his own trial for refusing induction in 1966 and conversations he'd had with Andy. Pete sought to describe the destruction he recently witnessed in Nicaragua. But Pavone objected and the Judge excused the jury.



-Paul Pearce

Lunch at Plymouth

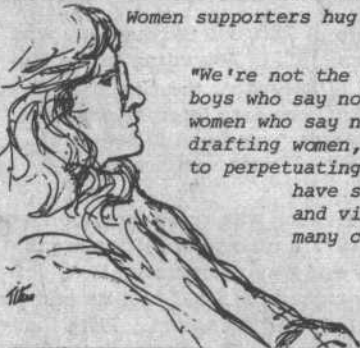
Andy then argued the relevance of Pete's testimony. Andy stated that the illegality of U. S. actions in Nicaragua negated his "legal obligation to register. According to the U. S. constitution, international law is part of "the supreme law of the land." Under the Nuremberg Accords individual citizens are obligated not to participate in violations of international law. By mining harbors and funding the Contras the U.S. has violated the UN Charter and other international accords. By registering Andy would be participating in these violations. Although the Judge wouldn't let Pete testify Andy was allowed to

make these points in his own testimony. After Andy rested his case, court adjourned for the day. Supporters then met outside the building for a song and spiral dance.



-Paul Pearce

Women supporters hug outside Courthouse



"We're not the girls who say yes to the boys who say no to the draft - we're the women who say no to the draft, no to drafting women, no to drafting men, no to perpetuating the institutions that have sanctified rape and murder and violence against us for too many centuries."

-Karen Lindsay  
Boston, 1979



-Paul Pearce

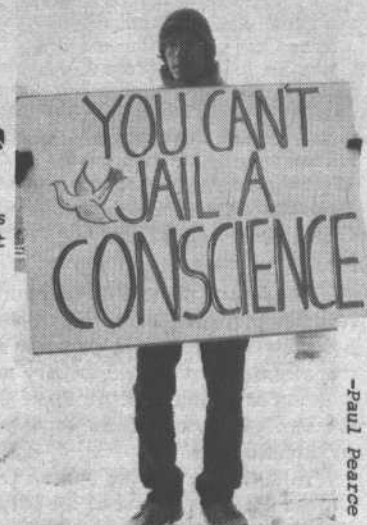
Vigil outside the Courthouse, January 9th

Closing arguments began Thursday morning before a packed courtroom. Phone calls made the night before to let people know that the trial was continuing an extra day were well received. (Thanks to all who made special arrangements to attend.)

Addressing the jury Andy emphasized his obligation to uphold international law and urged jurors to act as "the conscience of the community." In his instructions to the jury Judge Munson stated that good faith misunderstanding of the law meant innocence, while good faith disagreement with the law did not. After deliberating an hour the jury returned a guilty verdict. Scores of supporters then broke into a chorus of "Can't Kill The Spirit." We gathered a final time outside the courtroom for a closing circle.

Letters of support and donations for trial expenses can be sent to Trial Support Fund, Upstate Resistance, P.O. Box 6628, Syracuse N.Y. 13217.

"Support Your Local Draft Resister" buttons (\$1.00) and "The Resistance is Spreading" T-shirts (\$6.50) are still available from Upstate Resistance. Price includes postage.



-Paul Pearce

### Sentencing Set for February 4th

Sentencing will be at 2pm, February 4th. It will be preceded by a gathering at 12:30 at the Federal Court House. To date 2500 supporters have signed the Trial Solidarity Statement. The Statement and signatures will be presented to the Judge at sentencing. A post-sentencing mailing will be sent out following February 4th.

-Maud Pantalioni, Dave List, and Karen Beetle

## Central America

### Sanctuary Crackdown

On January 14 a Federal Grand Jury indicted 16 Sanctuary workers in Arizona. At the same time at least 50 Salvadoran and Guatemalan refugees in Phoenix, Tucson, Seattle, Rochester and Germantown were arrested and face deportation hearings.

These moves by the government were anticipated by the Sanctuary movement, and its response was swift and strong. Vigils and demonstrations were held throughout the U.S. and letter writing/telephoning campaigns were initiated.

The purpose of these actions was to condemn the indictments and arrests and to urge that letters be written to Congresspeople calling for 1) extended vol-

untary departure status for aliens who have fled to the U.S. from persecution in El Salvador and Guatemala, and 2) Congressional support for a negotiated political solution in El Salvador and for the Contadora effort.

Three North Americans and three Salvadorans from Central New York attended a Sanctuary National Symposium and Consultation in Tucson Jan. 23-26. Rev. Harvey Pinyoun of Plymouth Congregational Church represented the Syracuse Area. Registration at this conference jumped from 200 to 1000 people following the indictments and arrests. Over 200 churches and synagogues have declared Sanctuary. The Movement is alive and well. Call Peter Wirth 476-3396 or Ann Tiffany 682-2302 for more information.

-Ann Tiffany

# Seeking Refuge from Repression : The Story of Pedro and Sylvia Ramos

by Carol Wintle

## A History of Atrocity

*The first day I arrived at the office, it was filled with more than forty people who had come from San Antonia Abad, a neighborhood of San Salvador, to report that forty people had been captured there. I was instructed to take the testimony of one of the women. She told me the security forces came into her home, beat her son and raped her daughter.*

*While I was typing this testimony, an explosion went off in the front of the building. My typewriter crashed to the floor--papers flew all over the room. One side of the office collapsed and several people were wounded. I was frightened, confused and hardly able to speak. There was rubble everywhere. Three unidentified dead bodies, covered with acid, had been thrown on top of the rubble. On top of the bodies a note signed by the death squads stated, 'This is what is going to happen to you all.' That day I had to decide whether I was going to stay working in the office or not.*

These are the words of Pedro Ramos, a Salvadoran refugee currently residing in New York State. Pedro and his wife Sylvia Ramos came to Albany, New York under the auspices of the Sanctuary movement. The Albany Friends Meeting and the First Unitarian Society of Albany are two of 160 churches across the country participating in this movement.

In 1980 the United States Congress adopted the United Nations Protocol on Refugees which grants refugee or asylum status to people who flee their countries of origin because of persecution or fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group. The United Nations recognizes that these standards apply to Salvadoran and Guatemalan refugees, but the United States State Department does not. This makes it illegal to offer Sanctuary to people such as the Ramos'.

*Carol is a member of the Sanctuary Committee in Albany and Clergy and Laity Concerned. She works as a children's counselor at a Battered Women's Shelter.*



Pedro and Sylvia are two of 750,000 Salvadorans who have fled their country since 1979. According to the Human Rights Commission of El Salvador, the Christian Legal Aid Office of El Salvador, Amnesty International and Americas Watch, 59,000 people have been killed in El Salvador since 1979; 47,000 of those victims were unarmed civilians.

From 1932 to 1979 El Salvador was ruled by seventeen military governments. In 1977 a citizen coalition organized to oppose the military and was democratically elected. However, the military rigged the final results and declared General Carlos Romero as President. Fifty thousand people gathered for five days in San Salvador's Plaza

Libertad to protest. The demonstration ended when the police and National Guard arrived and turned high-powered hoses on the crowd, beat people with rifle butts, and shot randomly at people trying to escape. Hundreds died.

Thus began the repression under Romero. Hundreds of students, peasants, lawyers, teachers, union leaders and activists were kidnapped and never seen alive again by family and friends. Their mutilated bodies were found later, dumped on the side of the road.

### The Human Rights Commission

As a result of these atrocities, Archbishop Oscar Romero (no relation to General Carlos Romero), Christian Democratic Party leaders, the editor of the progressive newspaper, *El Independiente*, and several other professional people formed a Human Rights Commission. Pedro was working at the time as a reporter for the National University newspaper. He joined the Human Rights Commission board as a representative of University workers in 1978 and went to work full-time at the Commission a year later.

The day after the bombing of the Human Rights Commission offices, the board of directors called a meeting. "Archbishop Romero came and told us to continue to work, to keep on going forward, and that is what we did," explains Pedro. "From that day on, I and the other staff members were constantly being threatened by phone calls and letters at home and at work." Shortly after, men dressed in civilian clothes seized the Secretary of the Commission, Maria Magdalena Enriquez, as she left her home one morning.

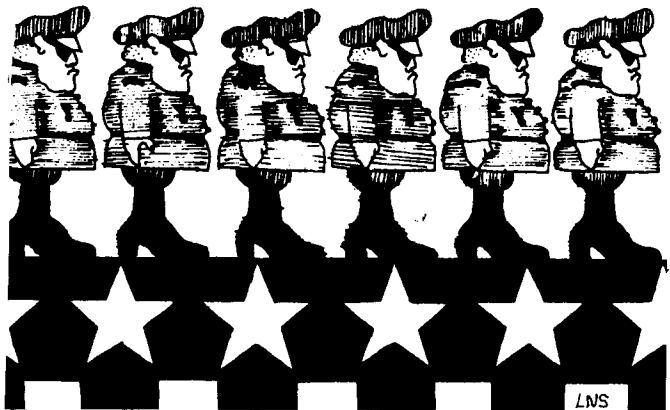
A few days later, peasants found the bullet-ridden body of Maria Magdalena. Commission members went to a local judge to request permission to remove the body. The court required the head of the Commission, Ramon, to submit his personal identification papers and retrieve them the next day from the security police headquarters. The next day Ramon went and regained the documents; a few days later he was killed several blocks from the office. "Security police wanted it to look like robbers killed him," Pedro remarked as his voice choked and a tear formed in the corner of one eye. However, people in a bar near this spot witnessed the killing and identified the assailants

captured with them. Later, if any of these people were found dead, it was evident that the police committed the murders.

### Proof of Complicity

Eyewitness accounts by Commission members exposed clear complicity between the military and the death squads. In one case, a Commission worker happened to be near an auto mechanic shop when two people entered and beat and captured the mechanics working there. He photographed the whole episode.

"We gave copies of these pictures to the parents of the mechanics and the parents went to Villa Casanova, the head of the National Guard, and asked him to free their sons," recounts Pedro. Villa Casanova said "They are not prisoners here." The parents showed Casanova the photographs of their sons being seized by the National Guard. Casanova looked at the photographs and asked who took the pictures. One mother said "You can kill me, but I will not tell you who gave this to me." Casanova said, "Okay, come back tomorrow and I am going to see if your sons are at some other police station. Bring the photographs because someone might be able to recognize them."



"So the next day they came again. Casanova said they were not able to find the two prisoners. "If you don't tell us where they are, we are going to the newspapers and protest this," the parents stated. Casanova responded, "Let us enter into some negotiation here. You give us the photographs and I will give you the bodies of your sons. Unfortunately, your sons are dead. But you want the bodies, don't you? So, you give us the photographs and we will give you the bodies."

"So they gave Casanova the photographs and he told them where their sons were buried," explained Pedro. "This is the way in which the complicity between the heads of the security forces and the death squads was uncovered. The death squads and the military are the same people. They work during the day as the military and at night as the death squads."

### The Decision to Seek Sanctuary

"At other times the police would be very open about their actions," explains Sylvia Ramos. "When I was in school, it was common for the security forces to come into the school, beat the students and take them prisoner." She and her fellow classmates were left with little

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as military personnel.

Later death squads killed Ramon's replacement, two succeeding directors, four other Commission workers, and board member Archbishop Romero. When the photographer for the Commission was killed, Pedro took his place. For the next three years, Pedro combed city and country streets, looking for bodies and finding approximately fifteen to twenty each day.

The Commission's research revealed that the military arm of the government committed most of the murders. All over the country, people were seized by armed men at home, at work, in school or on the streets and were never seen again. Sometimes those captured and put in jail were able to leak information of their whereabouts to the Commission. Each time, the Commission went to the prison looking for them and prison officials denied they had custody of the prisoners. Sometimes prisoners were able to inform the Commission who was



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recourse but to organize demonstrations to protest these actions. Protesting their government's actions placed Pedro and Sylvia in jeopardy. For an entire year each stayed at a different friend's house every night, for living together would have made it easier for the death squads to find them. The police came looking for them several times, but they were fortunate enough to avoid getting caught.

Due to the danger they faced daily, Sylvia and Pedro left the country. Pedro went to Guatemala legally with other journalists and from there fled to Mexico. Sylvia managed to escape and join Pedro. In Mexico, both worked for the Human Rights Commission's international

office, but immigration officers harassed them several times, requesting bribes to prevent deportation. Eventually Sylvia and Pedro became part of the United States Sanctuary movement for the security it provides and the opportunities to speak to North Americans about the violence in their country.

"Every bullet that travels from the United States ends up as a dead peasant," Pedro told a Spanish class at the State University of New York at Albany. "We don't need that kind of aid. The North American people think they are fighting Communists. They are being lied to by their government. I believe there is still time for the people to uncover the truth. If not, an international conflict will ensue. The North American people have to help, so this does not occur." ♫

## Grassroots Efforts to Free Political Prisoners

Local teachers, artists, homemakers, retired persons, and lawyers are joining together to demonstrate the powerful role of Amnesty International as a grassroots organization seeking to secure the immediate release of all prisoners of conscience.

In Syracuse, AIUSA group #267 works on behalf of "adopted" prisoners Anant Senakhant and Amin Kabbas. Senakhant is a Thai ex-Buddhist monk and police major who was charged and convicted of Lese Majeste, "criticism of the royal family." Kabbas, a shopkeeper in Tartouse, has been missing since December 1980. The Syracuse group writes letters to government officials, civil rights authorities, and sometimes newspapers, asking-- always respectfully, that the rights of these

political prisoners be recognized. Until an adopted prisoner is released, AI will not cease its efforts.

While its London and various national and regional offices provide essential services, the heart of AI is in those thousands of individuals throughout the United States and the world who write letters and thereby bring human rights issues to the fore. In a real sense, these people won the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to Amnesty International in 1977. *Mary Eileen Wood and Radell Roberts*

AIUSA group #267 and the LeMoyne College Campus group are cosponsoring a benefit, 2:30 p.m., Sunday Feb. 24th at LeMoyne College featuring David Ross, The Bells and Motley Consort and the Crouse Early Music Ensemble. Call 468-1025 for more information regarding the concert or local AI groups.

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## FEB. 11TH VIDEO ON CUBA, "HE TOOK THE OFFENSIVE"

This interesting video is based on newsreels and other sources on Cuba and how the Revolution has affected the people there. The video was compiled by "Alternative Information Network." After the film there will be a discussion of alternate information sources and recent views of Cubans of various world events such as the invasion of Grenada.

## FEB. 18TH SOCIAL AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES

Genetic engineering, robotics, high tech medical intervention, computers : Do the benefits outweigh the risks ? What should be the Left's attitude toward such new technologies ? Co-sponsored by the National Organization for an American Revolution.

## FEB. 25TH WITNESS FOR PEACE IN NICARAGUA

An interfaith group standing with the Nicaraguan people who face the U.S. backed Contra war against their country. New York State Delegation of Witness for Peace visited Nicaragua in November, during the elections and the MIG crisis in the port of Corinto. Richard Gardner and others share experiences.

# Profiting from Apartheid

## New York State Out of South Africa!

On January 9 Assemblymen Arthur Eve and Herman D. Farrell introduced a bill into the Assembly which would prohibit New York State from investing in companies that do business in South Africa.

The Divestment Bill would amend NYS banking law, the retirements and social security law and the state finance law. It would establish a state investment council and a citizen's advisory group to make socially responsible investment decisions. The proposed bill is modeled on one passed by the New Jersey legislature.

Divestment of NYS funds is supported by Governor Cuomo, Attorney General Abrams, the Catholic and Episcopal bishops of Albany, AFSCME District 37, the S.U.N.Y. Student Association (representing 64 campuses), the American-South African Peoples' Friendship Association and many others.

Withdrawal of foreign investment is urged by South African blacks at home and in exile. As early as 1964 the late Chief Albert Luthuli, President of the African National Congress and Nobel Prize winner, said:

I appeal to South Africa's strongest allies, Britain and America. In the name of what we have come to believe Britain and America stand for, I appeal to those two powerful countries to take decisive action

for sanctions that would end the hateful system of apartheid.

In 1976, the year several hundred black students were killed by police in Soweto, Steve Biko, voice of the Black Consciousness movement, said:

The argument is often made that the loss of foreign investment would hurt Blacks the most. It would undoubtedly hurt Blacks in the short run, because many of them would stand to lose their jobs. But it should be understood in Europe and North America that foreign investment supports the present economic system of political injustice. If Washington is really interested in contributing to the development of a just society in South Africa, it would discourage investment in South Africa. We Blacks are perfectly willing to suffer the consequences! We are quite accustomed to suffering.

Soon after this statement Biko was beaten to death in detention by South African police and it became an imprisonable crime to call for the withdrawal of foreign investment. How precious our money is to the Pretoria regime!

U.S. corporations now dominate computers, vehicles and oil — the militarily most strategic sectors of the South African economy. As long as these are propped up by our capital and technology, the white minority will be able to keep brutalizing the black majority.

As of 1983 the U.S. had over \$14 billion in direct and indirect investment and loans in South Africa. NYS itself has an immense amount of money tied up in companies trafficking with apartheid. The \$21 billion NYS public employees pension fund, for example, has reportedly invested in some 100 companies operating in South Africa.

To assure the financially prudent management of NYS monies, the Bill will allow up to three years for reinvesting the tainted funds. Furthermore the Bill will promote socially conscious investment to benefit NYS. It declares:

Investments shall be directed to the promotion of the economic development of the state of New York and shall be designed to have a positive impact on such factors as employment, wages, state and local tax bases, inter- and intra-state trade and economic activity, revitalization of urban centers, and the diversity of the state's commercial and industrial character....

The Bill also promotes investment in alternative energy resources and energy conservation programs and in new or rehabilitated housing within the state for persons of all income ranges.

The passing of the NYS Divestment Bill should spur more states — and cities and universities and other investing bodies — to adopt similar policy. This can only hearten those struggling for freedom in South Africa.

To do your part to see that Divestment becomes law, write your state legislators and local media urging their support for this totally unselfish Bill.

-Ed Kinane

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## African Relief Fund Started

In an unprecedented interreligious fund-raising effort in Central New York, local Protestant, Jewish, and Catholic groups have joined together through the Syracuse Area Interreligious Council to create a special fund to aid African famine victims in Ethiopia and other severely affected African nations.

Area businesses and individuals will absorb local fund-raising costs, leaving 100% of the monies collected to be equally divided among Church World Service/CROP, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Catholic Relief Service, and Lutheran World Relief. All agencies were chosen because of their long histories of well-established global distribution systems through non-governmental agencies and because of their low overhead costs. Each agency has forty or more years experience all over the world in providing both short-term relief assistance plus long-range development aid such as irrigation, food production, literacy, and vocational training, and village health and nutrition projects.

No overall monetary goal or cut-off has been set for the fund, since the needs are so great. Checks should be made payable to: CNY Interreligious Fund For Africa, c/o Syracuse

Savings Bank, 1 Clinton Square, Syracuse, NY 13202. Checks or cash may also be donated to the fund at any of Syracuse Savings Bank's 23 offices in Syracuse, Cortland, Auburn, or Elmira.

## U.S. Under Arrest!

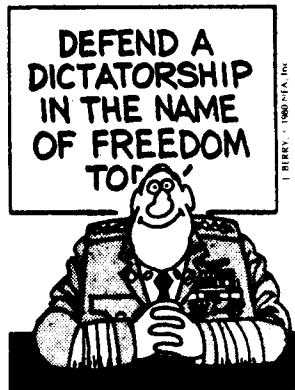
According to a recent report in The Guardian, 67 students at Brown University resorted to placing CIA recruiter Steven Conn under citizens' arrest for solicitation to aid in the violation of U.S. law on Nov. 26, citing violations of the Nuremberg Laws, the Neutrality Act, and the War Powers Act. However, University police officers refused to take Conn into custody.

Such action was taken after students had met repeatedly with university officials to ensure that the encounter would allow for the "free exchange of

ideas" mandated by faculty guidelines on recruiting. Instead, the meeting was scheduled in a room that could contain only one-fifth of the estimated crowd, and Conn was given absolute authority over the length of his stay and which questions to answer. He refused to answer questions on CIA actions in Nicaragua.

During the students' hearing before a university disciplinary board Dec. 5, faculty and undergraduate witnesses testified to the University's long-standing violations of its own recruiting guidelines. Others described personal encounters with victims of CIA atrocities in Nicaragua. John Stockwell, former CIA agent and author of "In Search of Enemies," an exposé of CIA crimes, was the final defense witness.

Despite such powerful statements, Brown ruled against 57 of the students --reprimanding one and imposing "university sanctions" on the rest.



## Justice in the Justice System!

A Burlington, Vermont jury found 26 protesters innocent of unlawful trespass charges on November 15, 1984. The jury deliberated just over an hour before agreeing with the "defense of necessity" which argued that the "Winooski 44" had occupied the offices of Senator Robert T. Stafford to resist the greater evil of the U.S. intervention in Central America.

A team of local Vermont lawyers produced a 27 page trial brief, many witnesses, and proved that the executive branch of the U.S. government is guilty of "undescribable acts of horror" in El Salvador and Nicaragua.

Judge Mahady, differing from other judges across the country who exclude evidence which shows why people perform actions, instructed the jury on the "necessity defense" and

international law. The "necessity defense" is part of the common law which excuses the acknowledged commission of a criminal act on the grounds of duress, that it was done for higher purposes.

According to the Burlington Peace Coalition, this is the first time a jury has acknowledged the right of individuals to use civil disobedience to protest government illegalities when those illegalities have reached a critical level. "This jury's acquittal must be read by the government as a barometer of the American opinion concerning the war in Central America."

More good news from Minnesota: On August 10, 1984, John LaForge and Barbara Katt attempted to disarm Trident II missiles by hammering on computer components and dousing them with blood at the Sperry Corporation plant in Eagan, Minn. After a jury conviction in early October the Sperry Software Pair received an unexpected six-month suspended sentence on November 8 from a supportive U.S. district judge, Miles Lord, who stated:

"Why are we so fascinated by a power so great that we cannot comprehend its magnitude? ... Why do we condemn and harry individual killers while extolling the virtues of warmongers?"

"... exert a powerful pressure on a judge in my position to go along with the theory that there is something sacred about the bomb, and that those who raise their voices or their hands against it should be struck down as enemies of the people, no matter that in their hearts they feel and know that they are friends of the people..."

"I would here in this instance take the sting out of the bomb, attempt in some way to force the government to remove the halo with which it seems to embrace any device which can kill and to place there instead a shroud, the shroud of death, destruction, mutilation, disease and debilitation..."

"I will anxiously await the protestations of those who complain of my attempts to correct the imbalance that now exists in a system that operates in such a manner as to provide one type of justice to the rich and a lesser type for the poor. And a system which finds its humanness and objectivity is sublimated to military madness and the worship of the bomb."

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Deana Cunningham

Carol Baum and Allen Smith at the Griffiss Open House.

## Constitutional Ground?

On September 8, 1984, a number of SPC activists attended an Open House at Griffiss Air Force Base. Under a previous Court decision, the Open House was considered an open forum for political debate. However, we were denied the right to hand out leaflets and free peace buttons, and at one point security officer Captain Toni Nelson told Bill Griffen that the base Commander is above the U.S. Constitution!

Several people have decided to file a civil suit against Griffiss for denying them freedom of speech. Walter Putter Jr. and the American Civil Liberties Union have agreed to press this suit in Court. Watch for updates in future PNL's.

-Deana Cunningham

## Say No to Death

One hundred and seventy-five people gathered in Romulus, N.Y. Sunday, Dec. 9, on the anniversary of the 1979 decision to deploy Cruise and Pershing II missiles in Europe. Visitors came from Denmark and England, as well as from peace groups which form the Finger Lakes Peace Alliance--from Penn Yan, Binghamton, Rochester, Syracuse, Geneva, Seneca Falls, the Women's Peace Encampment and various other towns to form a circle near the main gate of the Seneca Army Depot.

We stood near the fence that stretches from both sides of the gate to enclose 11,000 acres of army-owned land where weapons are stored that could end all life on this planet. One of the speakers during the hour long vigil expressed what must have been on the minds of many of us standing in the sparse snow and sunshine. The speaker said that we live with these harbingers of destruction in our midst just as the German population lived with the death camps in their midst during the 1940's. We must not, she said, let these installations go unnoticed, unmarked. We must demand a halt to further deployment, and the recall of those missiles already shipped. We must speak out and say "NO!" to death on many occasions and in many ways. In every location where weapons are manufactured, stored, or deployed, the local residents have a special responsibility to call attention to their existence and to protest.

-Cindy Sangree

## OCC Students Discover Anarchism

Last summer a group of Onondaga Community College students got together to begin studying the history and philosophy of anarchism. The group met regularly during the Fall 1984 semester, with a membership of about 15 students. The group was denied recognition by the student government as an "approved" campus organization, but they continued to meet on an ad-hoc basis, and plan to continue during the Spring 1985 semester.

The anarchist alternative of a decentralized, cooperative economic system, utilizing available technology in the common interest of all citizens, could provide a lifestyle of abundance, leisure, and freedom for everyone on Earth.

The O.C.C. Anarchist Study Group remains committed to researching and publicizing the history of the anarchist movement, classical and contemporary anarchist theories, and strategies and tactics of implementation of a worldwide voluntary/cooperative system. Networking and communication with other related groups is also an interest. The group plans to publish a journal, tentatively called (R)EVOLUTION, with a first issue out some time in March.

Anyone interested in aiding and abetting or communicating with the group can write to Dale R. Gowin in care of the Syracuse Peace Council

-Dale Gowin

## Kath Buffington & the IRS

This is the second installment in the continuing saga of war tax resister Kath Buffington and the IRS. On November 20, she appeared at the IRS office in Olean, NY, bringing with her a personal finances form the IRS had asked her to fill out. She left it blank except for her name and address. She returned December 17, again with an almost blank form. On January 2, an IRS agent appeared at the Catholic school where she works as a long-term substitute teacher, to levy her salary. Two weeks later Kath received her first "adjusted" paycheck, giving her \$81 per week. The IRS will seize about \$1100 over twenty weeks. They claim she owes \$124 in taxes from 1981; \$213 in interest and penalties from those unpaid taxes; a \$500 fine for claiming a war tax deduction on her 1982 tax form; \$57 in interest on that; and \$173 in back taxes from 1983. Fortunately the school principal and parish priest have been helpful and understanding.

When asked what we can do, Kath suggested joining the War Tax Resisters Penalty Fund. Any war tax resister can apply to the fund and members will try to reimburse the person the amount of money seized by the IRS. For more information, write them at Box 25, North Manchester, Indiana 46962. You can send friendly greetings to Kath at Bucher Hollow, Allegany NY 14706.

-Carol Baum

## Toxic Victims Seek Justice

The tragedy of people exposed to toxic substances without their knowledge has been recognized for many years. Children of women who took DES, people who have worked with asbestos or other toxic substances, and people whose homes were built on a toxic waste dump (such as Love Canal) have suffered the excruciating pain not only of their illnesses, but also of being denied access to the courts to sue the companies which produced these substances, often while knowing their potential harm. This situation has led to the formation of a Toxic Victims Coalition to fight for the passage of a bill in the New York State Legislature which would allow these people access to justice.

The Toxic Victims Coalition was organized mainly

through the efforts of NYPIRG, the New York Public Interest Research Group, which has been working on this legislation for the past 4 legislative sessions. While current law requires toxic victims to sue within three years of exposure to hazardous substances, cancer and other diseases caused by such exposure usually do not show up for decades. The proposed legislation (which in some form currently exists in 43 states) would allow victims to file suit from the time of discovery rather than exposure.

People who are interested in supporting this legislation should contact NYPIRG at 476-8381 for information on letter-writing campaigns and community action.

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## Power and Violence: The Reality of Colgate Fraternities

Colgate University with its beautiful rural campus and high quality education seems idyllic. However, being a student these past three years has exposed me to a violent, sexist and racist reality I had no idea existed there.

The Colgate fraternity system is the major perpetrator of this distressing situation. There have been numerous instances of sexual abuse and gang violence that can be linked to the fraternities. Yet the university's administration continues to propagate the myth that fraternities are a positive part of Colgate life.

Fraternity violence works on many levels. Although there are only ten fraternities, they set a mood of abuse which taints the entire campus. Violence ranges from day to day verbal abuse and harassment to assault and rape. Furthermore, alcohol abuse, which is encouraged as a fraternity norm, contributes to the violent behavior.

In December there was a series of gang-like brawls between the fraternities. Specifically, a group of DKE brothers roamed the streets terrorizing members of other fraternities. This eventually led to the hospitalization of seven students.

"Cocktail rape" is commonplace. "Cocktail rape" is a rape which occurs at fraternity parties. These rapes rarely get reported, given the circumstances. The common sentiment is: 'if the woman went to the

party, she must have deserved it.'

Physical abuse of gay students also happens frequently. Last spring a gay man was beaten outside a fraternity while walking home, and had to be hospitalized.

For a woman, simply walking down fraternity row can be intimidating and dehumanizing. Frat members often hangout in front of their houses hurling insults and threats to passers by. No one is immune.

Recently the more serious of the offenses have been made public. Late in January, the administration closed DKE for starting gang fights; while one fraternity member was put on Colgate probation for sexual harassment. However, the so-called lesser problems have been ignored. The administration continues to simply slap hands and allow the fraternities to continue in existence. The new awareness on campus of the abuses is important, but the wrongness of the system is obscured.

The connections between the fraternities and the larger reality of patriarchal control must be made clear. In fraternities, members lose their identity to the "brotherhood" which stresses loyalty and conformity. Fraternities struggle to dominate and exert power over each other and other groups. But this system is just one symptom of the larger systematic oppression of patriarchy.

Clearly we live in a time when militarism and nuclearism threaten our planetary existence. This



**"The measure of a man's real character is what he would do if he knew he would never be found out."**

ideology of power over and domination that has brought us to the brink of nuclear annihilation is the same ideology that informs the fraternity system. Both these institutions have their common denominator in the patriarchy, and are supported and perpetuated for the benefit of the patriarchy.

As with nuclearism and militarism, money plays a large role in the continued existence of the fraternities. The administration cannot get rid of the system for fear of losing huge amounts of alumni donations. Although the fraternities are violent and oppressive, they generate much of the university's money.

Both fraternity violence and militarism are informed by a way of thinking in which the need to dominate and have power is crucial. Until we change this way of seeing our society and the world, true peace and social justice cannot emerge.

*-Marybeth Fougera*

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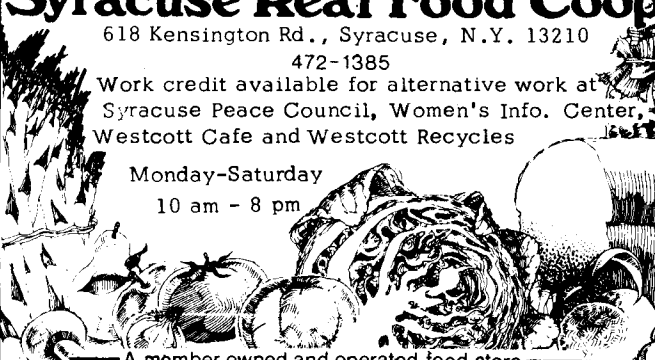
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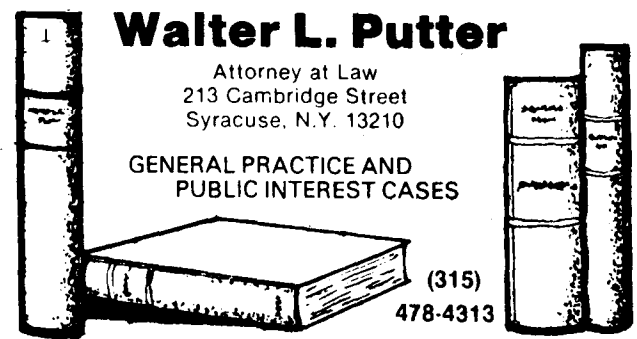
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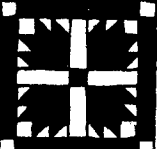
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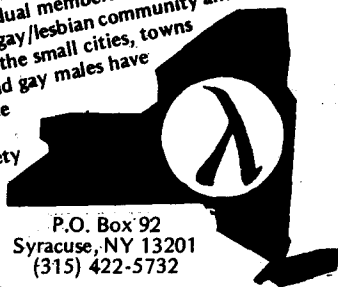
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Russian translators needed for Syracuse-Soviet penal project. We expect a response from the USSR this summer. Please call or write Chuck Lochner at 463-4314, The Pairing Project, Box 253, Syracuse, NY 13215.

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March 9: Workshop, Interconnections part 1. Women's Health, 1-5pm at Women's Info, \$8.  
Film, "Choosing Children," on Lesbian parenting, 7, 9:15pm at Women's Info, \$3.  
Pancake Breakfast, 9-1pm at EOC, \$2

March 10: Film, "Choosing Children," 4pm at Women's Info, 7pm at May Memorial, \$3.  
March 23: Workshop, Interconnections part 2. Creativity and Spirituality. See above March 9.

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**-LETTERS-****Another Public Resister**

After making my resistance to the draft public at the sentencing of Andy Mager, I feel that I must make my reasons known. Like Andy, I believe very strongly that even registering with the Selective Service is a step towards militarism and an agreement with the policies of our government. With the intervention in Central America and the proliferation of deadlier nuclear weapons, I would have to betray deeply held beliefs if I was to register, even though this refusal violates the law and could mean serving time in jail.

Perhaps Leo Tolstoy said it best when he responded to a young Hessian draft resister: "For a person who understands the true meaning of military service and who wants to be moral, there is only one clear and incontrovertible answer: such a person must refuse to take part in military service no matter what consequences this refusal may have."

"But how can one refuse to do what everyone does, what everyone finds unavoidable and even necessary? Or, must one do what no one does and what everyone considers unnecessary and even stupid and bad? No matter how strange it sounds, this strange argument is the main one offered against those moral acts which in our times face you and every other person called up for military service. But this argument is even more incorrect than the one which would make a moral action dependent upon considerations of advantage."

***We all must put an end to war  
or war will put an end to all.***

"For these reasons I answered your question whether one has to refuse to do military service with a categorical 'yes' - if you understand the meaning of military service and if you want to behave as a moral person living in our times must."

We all must put an end to war or war will put an end to all. Andy carried this message, I plan on continuing it.

-Brett Beeman

**Love That PNL!**

Dear SPC,

Hello! I'm from Syracuse but now attend art school in Baltimore, Maryland. One of the many things I miss about Upstate New York is the Peace Newsletter, which I've always enjoyed greatly. It's going to be nice to read it again - Looking forward to the next issue.

-Mick Allison

**Progressive Cop Show?**

To the Editor,

Considering the concern in this community with the role of media in this country I'm somewhat surprised with the Syracuse Peace community's infatuation with the TV series Hill Street Blues. Week after week, suspects are routinely slammed up against walls or thrown to the ground and referred to as slime, scumballs and so forth during arrests. We seem to accept these actions as not only routine but even necessary. The impression created is that following "due process" is a nuisance and if anything, impedes the quest for justice. The officers at Hill Street seem to have

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an uncanny knack for knowing when a suspect is guilty even when hard evidence is lacking. One would think that if we would simply untie the hands of the police, they could do their jobs, justice would be served, and the streets would be safer for all of us. (This is what Alphonse D'Amato and other right wingers would have us believe.)

On top of the aforementioned concerns, Hill Street, consistent with the rest of television, presents and maintains racial and sexual stereotypes. Although I haven't done a statistical analysis, I suspect that if I did, I would find, more often than not, that blacks and hispanics are portrayed as slime and vermin, or perhaps worse, weak and helpless, while whites are strong... yet gentle.

I share these thoughts somewhat tongue-in-cheek. After all, we need to give our political consciences a rest from time to time and I've even been known to enjoy a few politically incorrect delicacies, as anyone who knows me will be quick to attest. However, I was somewhat taken aback recently when a friend of mine tried to justify the show on the basis that it presented progressive messages. I decided that when my friends on the left start to believe the propaganda they see on television that it is time for concern. It seems to me that Hill Street Blues simply reinforces what the rest of television says about the causes and solutions to our social problems. It's packaged a lot better than most of television, but I believe that its repeating the same old story.

-Richard Gardner

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In this issue we have three articles dealing with womyn's issues: censorship and pornography, the feminization of poverty, and racism and sexism. We also have an article on Indian politics, a review of the South African play "A Lesson from Aloes," a report on Andy Mager's sentencing, and some updates on events occurring in March. Be sure to check out the reviews of three upcoming films on p.9 and of Si Kahn's latest album, "Unfinished Portrait."

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## Kaethe Kollwitz - Featured Artist

Kaethe Kollwitz was born in Konigsberg, Germany in 1867. During her nearly 78 years of life Kaethe dedicated herself to the belief that "Art for the average spectator need not be shallow" (Kollwitz, 1916.) Her works, often done as graphics or posters, focus on the situation of the poor of her day and the oppressiveness of poverty and war. Her works are featured this month in honor of International Womyn's Day.

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## News from The SPC House

Many physical changes have occurred at the SPC house in the last few weeks. First, there's the gorgeous new sign in front. Gone are the days of "I looked and looked, but just couldn't find 924 Burnet"! Then, the front two rooms have been repainted -- "whale ivory" walls, with "summer sand" trim. It took four coats of paint to cover the "sunshine yellow" in the second room. And downstairs in the Press are freshly-built shelves, a cart bought recently at an auction, and a snazzy new electric stapler. We've started using the xerox machine in the basement, so the Press has had to cope with a steady stream of visitors. What a joy to just go downstairs for copies!

In anticipation of spring, we've brought the amaryllis out of its dark winter home. Little green leaves have begun to poke out of the bulb. Allen spent a day fixing the sump pump and was rewarded by a dry basement during the recent thaw. The plastic is starting to fall off some of the windows, so spring had better come soon!

-Carol Baum

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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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**Stepping Pretty ?**

Do you have a rug in your attic that you meant to give away but never did ? Would you be willing to give it to us? Bare boards are in evidence in the back office. Allen and Cindy would appreciate a cover, both for insulation and for esthetics. Call and we will arrange to come pick it up.

**924 Burnet Ave.**

You will no longer drift away down Burnet Avenue, missing 924. Our location is now beautifully indicated by the NEW SIGN made and installed by Paul Pearce. Thank you, Paul.

**Use us**

Did you know that the Peace Council receives about 80 periodicals and newsletters, maintains files on Toxic Wastes, Star Wars, El Salvador, Animal Rights ( to name only a few), and has a small library with books about opposition to war and on social justice issues ? These are your resources. Come and see what you have.



**Say Cheese !**

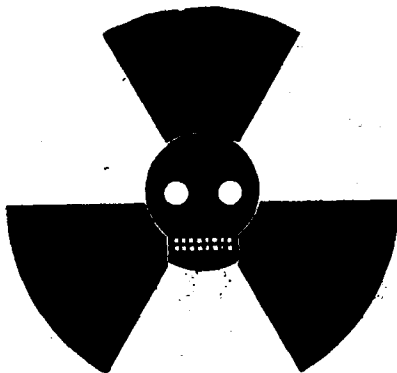
The Peace Newsletter editorial committee would like to increase the use of photographs. A good way to do that is to take our own pictures. Do you know of a camera that is 1) for donation, 2) for sale at a low price ? Please keep your eyes open and help us increase our "seeing" power.

**Staff Opening**

The Peace Council currently has a staff structure that has set but flexible roles for three staff people. The job opening up on May 15th is the Organizational Maintenance position, commonly referred to as OM. Primary duties include keeping track of the varied sources of money that flow into the Peace Council. OM is also responsible for initiating the budgeting process, and making sure we stick to it. The OM staff and the OM committee also oversee the numerous yearly SPC fundraising events, including dinners, garage sales, phonothons, and concerts.

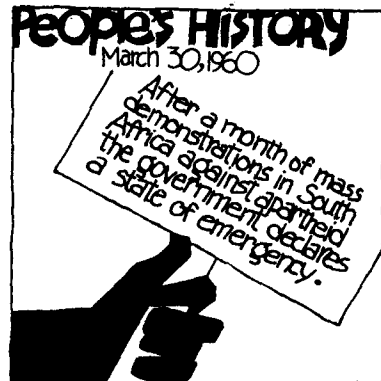
All staff people take turns doing the basic office chores of answering the phones, responding to the mail and meeting with volunteers. Everyone is also active in working on specific issues. While some of this work is dictated by a staff person's interest and the necessity of responding to a current crisis, SPC does meet as a body and decide to do certain work which staff people also work on.

People interested in the position should contact the SPC House.



**Carry It On**

How many times have you heard people wonder how the death camps in Germany during World War II existed without visible protests from the persons living in nearby towns and cities ? We have a "death camp" near us - Seneca Army Depot, storage site of the Neutron bomb and probable transshipment port for the Pershing II missiles going to Europe. Every Tuesday morning members of the Finger Lakes Peace Alliance leaflet the personnel entering the Depot, protesting the death machines at the site. You can participate. March 26th is the Syracuse Peace Council's turn to protest - we are members of the Alliance and this is our day to help call attention to the possible birthplace of the ultimate holocaust. Call 472-5478. You will be back in Syracuse in time to go to work.



# Unfinished Portrait

## Si Kahn

Flying Fish Records \$7.50

By Peter Jorgensen

My first reaction to the music of Si Kahn came when I was doing the sound for a John McCutcheon concert in Knoxville, Tennessee. John sang one of Si's best known tunes, which I had not heard before, called "Aragon Mill." Halfway through the song I found myself joining in the refrain. "This is music for everybody to sing," I remember thinking. Si Kahn's latest album, Unfinished Portraits is likewise, music which comes from us all. I can't imagine another songwriter who can express so well such extremes as "Take Me Back To New York City" and "Send Me Back To Georgia." These two songs, and the others on the album are expressions of the common feelings of people everywhere.

For a long time Si's music has been a direct extension of his true vocation of community organizer. He writes and sings songs about mill-workers, miners, and nine-to-fivers. He has given us songs about being a woman in the mines and about occupational hearing loss. And he does so in a way that speaks to each of us directly. There are songs of this kind on Unfinished Portraits too. Songs like "The Victim Gets the Blame" and "What You Do With What You've Got" remind us

Peter Jorgensen is a producer of folk music concerts and former host of a public radio folk music show.

"What's the use of two good ears  
If you can't hear those you love?"

His message in "Forever" though, goes further now in asking

"Did a bomb fall in the forest  
If no one heard it fall?  
If there's no one to remember  
Did we ever live at all?  
Will all the rooms we live in  
Be emptied out and dark -  
Not just for the night  
But forever?"

He makes strong statements against war and human disrespect for human. He provides a conscience voice which I find both reinforces and renews my personal convictions and ideals. He, in his own words, "...appeals to the common feelings and hopes that bind a group together." And the group is us.

The third, and most recently developed, side of Si Kahn's music is about life and love. On this album he presents two especially beautiful songs of love, "Easy and Slow" and "Fiddle and Bow." The refrain from "Easy and Slow" says it so well:

"So let me down easy and slow  
Kiss me once 'fore you leave  
don't you know  
I've spent years on my own,  
never felt so alone  
As I feel now whenever you go."

Recently he has added a new dimension to his music by showing his family's past ("Crossing the Border" on Doin' My Job.) He continues in this direction with "Children of Poland" and "When the Land and They Were Young." These songs apply to everyone's Great Aunt Nellie and Uncle Al.

An album of songs is more than just lyrics, and this album is indeed, much more. The tunes are in Si's familiar cross between Shape Note Hymn, country and broadside. They all demand joining in the refrain, and make it easy to do so. The back-up work by The Red Clay Ramblers, Claudia Schmidt, John McCutcheon, Chris Frank, Howard Levy, and David Wood gives this album the feeling of a late evening gathering of old friends. The voices blend like layers of coals supported by solid instrumentals. No one is showing off, no one has to, the group effort shines.

Si Kahn writes the songs that we all feel in our blood. He binds us with them into an ever-growing family. He paints our lives with his words and tunes. You and I become part of his Unfinished Portraits.

Si Kahn will perform in Syracuse on Friday, March 29 at 8pm with Susan Freundlich, sign language artist. Tickets are available in Rochester, Ithaca, Lyons and Syracuse. Call 315/472-5478 for info.

for Community Organizers

## Workshop with Si Kahn

author of *Organizing: A Guide for Grass Roots Leaders*

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*How do we bring people into our organization?  
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How do we keep people excited and involved?*

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# Reflections on Seeing the South African Play

## 'A Lesson from Aloes'

By Ed Kinane

The aloe is a medicinal plant, a purgative and skin balm, native to South Africa and adapted to drought. For playwright Athol Fugard, a white South African, drought is a metaphor for apartheid. The lesson of the aloe is survival and adaptability for those opposing the harsh Afrikaner regime. But such survival takes its toll — the aloe is spikey and bitter and often exists in remote isolation. Sometimes it can be identified only when conditions allow it to flower.

'A Lesson From Aloes,' the current Syracuse Stage production (see ad), has a cast of three: a white woman of English descent, her Afrikaner husband, a black man, just released from six months in prison for violating his banning order, who is about to leave with his family to make a new life in England. The Afrikaner, like Fugard himself, is determined to stay in South Africa despite his loathing for apartheid. His wife, after a midnight

police raid in which her deepest privacy has been violated and after having her 'brains fried' by shock treatment, is battling for her sanity. The two men, once loving comrades, are now separated by their different choices and by the black man's suspicion that the white was the informer who caused his arrest.

Like Fugard's other plays, 'A Lesson From Aloes' is based on real people. Although the play is set in the early sixties — just after the massacre at Sharpeville and after the then nonviolent African National Congress (ANC) was banned and forced underground — it is as timely as today's news.

On February 17th, when 'Aloes' first previewed in Syracuse, police, beginning at 3am, raided homes throughout South Africa arresting six opponents of apartheid for high treason. On the same day seven blacks were killed and scores wounded by police at Crossroads, the black shantytown outside Capetown. The residents of Crossroads vehemently oppose plans to move them from their homes to Khayelitsha, a government-built 'location' further from Capetown. The government-owned, but blacks-only locations, with their deliberate isolation, limited access, and tiny cloned huts, are built to military specification to contain and quickly suppress black revolt.

Such is the soil, irrigated with blood, out of which Fugard has sprung and about which he insists on writing. I recently read his 'Master Harold and the Boys,' based on Fugard's treatment of his family servants when he was a youth. It's a scathing study of the white arrogance behind liberal intention. But Fugard is only one of a remarkable handful of South African writers — black, Afrikaner and English — who keep blooming in the drought. Their work, like intelligence reports from behind enemy lines, may be our best way to understand apartheid.

I'll just mention here the several South African writers I've begun to know. The late journalist Can Themba, in The Will to Die, writes with wit and poignancy about urbanized blacks in the Johannesburg townships. Mangane Serote in To Every Birth Its Blood, with lurid yet lyric intensity, describes urban guerrillas in death struggle with the South African police. The short stories of Ezekiel Mphahlele provide biting portraits of life under apartheid.

Andre Brink and J.M. Coetzee are the authors of several novels directly or implicitly critical of apartheid. Both are Afrikaners (descendents of the Dutch, German

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## South Africa

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and French settlers who speak Afrikaans, a Dutch dialect which along with English is one of the two official languages of South Africa) who write in English.

Brink's An Instant in the Wind is sensual and mythic. Set in the 17th century, it tells of fear, love and dependence between a white woman and a black slave lost together in an arid wilderness. The novel works both as narrative and as allegory, an analysis of both sexual and racial politics. Brink's A Dry White Season, set in modern Johannesburg, tells of one (Afrikaner) man's determined but brutally resisted attempt to uncover the truth about a (black) acquaintance's alleged suicide in detention. Coetzee's Waiting for the Barbarians challenges white South Africans to ask if it isn't they who are the barbarians.

After Alan Paton the South African writer best known in the U.S. is Nadine Gordimer. Many of her novels and short stories reveal white liberalism hammered to its limits on the anvil of apartheid.

Each of these writers — even when they never mention 'apartheid' — teaches us about their native land. Each has been reviled and sometimes banned there. Their courage, integrity and literary prowess merit our support. Besides reading their work, we can ask our bookstores and libraries to stock them. And we can see 'Aloes' before it ends March 17th. While there don't miss the excellent mezzanine display on South African militarism.

*Ed, like almost everyone else at SPC, wishes he had much more time to read.*

*The pitter cries out for water to carry  
And the person for work that is real.*

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- 3/28 Slideshow and discussion on South Africa moderated by South African exile and Director of the AFSC Project on Human Rights & Militarism, Thabo Raphoto, joined by Ed Kinane, at Petit Library (off Westcott St), Syracuse, 7:30pm, free & open to the public.
- 4/4 Anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.  
National Protest Day for South African Divestment. \*
- 4/19 April Actions for Peace, Jobs & Justice in Washington to DC, San Francisco & Los Angeles. U.S. policy in
- 4/22 Southern Africa is a major theme of this nationwide protest.
- 4/21 Anti-apartheid Strategy Conference in Washington at Georgetown University, 10am - 5pm. \*

\* For resources and more information, contact: American Committee on Africa, 198 Broadway, NYC 10038, phone (212) 962-1210.

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Thurs. March 7 7:30 & 9:30 pm  
 Fri. March 8 7:30 & 9:30 pm  
 Kittredge Aud./Syracuse Univ. \$2.

March 9 2 pm Community Folk Art  
 Gallery East Genesee St.

"Sugar Cane Alley" is a refreshingly sanguine film about black cane cutters of the Caribbean French colony, Martinique. It is a brilliant production adapted and directed by the young Martinican Euzhan Palcy in her debut as a filmmaker.

We are introduced to the alley through the exciting childhood adventures of Jose and the other children. In one unforgettable scene, under the influence of half a bottle of white rum, the children almost burn down Black Shack Alley. Because of this incident, the children, when not in school, are taken to work in the canefields alongside their parents.

Jose is a brilliant student, and he wins a partial scholarship to attend secondary school in the capital city. Eventually, due to the perseverance of Ma Tine, he gains a full scholarship. It is a journey not without obstacles, however, such as racism at his school, the hardships of urban slum living, and personal tragedy.

The camerawork of this film is remarkable in capturing the bittersweet aura of Caribbean reality. It brilliantly frames the beauty of the island and the intimate hubbub of the alley, while simultaneously accentuating the poverty of plantation life and colonialism.

Review excerpted from The Guardian, June 20, 1984. By Courtney Munroe.

(103 min. color, 1983)

"Sugar Cane Alley" is sponsored by NVS Films in celebration of INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY.

### Choosing Children

A film by Debra Chasnoff and Kim Klausner, with music by Holly Near.

Sat. March 9 7 & 9:15 pm  
 Women's Info Center 601 Allen Street

Sun. March 10  
 4 pm Women's Info 7 pm May Memorial  
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(Please note: Sat. 9:15 pm and Sun. 4 pm shows are women's audiences. Men are welcome to both nights 7 pm shows.)

"Choosing Children" takes an intimate look at the issues faced by women who become parents after coming out as lesbians. Six families share their experiences with donor insemination, non-biological motherhood, adoption, co-parenting with gay men, the impact on the children of growing up in a lesbian household, and much more. A warm and engaging film that challenges myths about gay people and children and expands popular images of the family.

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 -Karen Rosenberg The Boston Globe

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### the GOOD FIGHT

Thurs. March 21 7:30 & 9:30 pm  
 Fri. March 22 7:30 & 9:30 pm  
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Sunday's show will feature a talk with Lincoln Brigade member Maury Kolow of Woodstock NY. 2pm reception, 2:30 film 4:15 talk. \$4 adults, \$2.50 under 18. Sponsors: SCWP, Peace Council, KKS.

"THE GOOD FIGHT MAKES HISTORY DANCE!"  
 Boston Globe Editorial, February 17th, 1984

Produced and directed by Noel Buckner, Mary Dore, and Sam Sills. (98min. 1984)



Julia, a Puerto Rican woman, her lover Cheryl, and their three daughters, participated in the making of "Choosing Children".

# ECONOMIC RAMPAGE

By Sharye Skinner



*"All other things being equal, if the proportion of the the poor who are in female-headed families were to increase at the same rate as it did from 1967-1977, they would comprise 100% of the poverty population by about the year 2000."*

This prediction, made by the National Advisory Council on Economic Opportunity in its 12th annual report, Critical Choices for the 1980's, speaks of the accelerating trend of poverty among women -- particularly those heading households. This phenomenon was termed "the feminization of poverty" back in 1978 by sociologist Dr. Diana Pierce. In 1985, it is a reality which can easily be documented. The causes at times are explainable, and the solutions are near and yet so far. They can be articulated

Sharye is the Director of Community Outreach for the YWCA in Syracuse.

but seldom executed. It is a societal problem to which no one is to be blamed, but everyone.

According to a June 1984 Onondaga County Fact Sheet: 36% of all female-headed households live in poverty. Of Syracuse families with children: 21% are poor, 50% of female-headed families with children are poor.

This fact sheet was produced in conjunction with a series of hearings on the feminization of poverty sponsored by NYS Secretary of State, Gail Shaffer, and Ronnie Eldridge, Director of the NYS Women's Division.

Many women testified here in Syracuse at the hearings and their stories spoke of hunger and humiliation, anger and frustration:

"I am an American Indian and I am a single parent, mother of three children...there is a shortage of housing. If you find an apartment to rent you have three strikes against you, you are on full or partial welfare, you are a single parent with three children and landlords do not want children, landlords want a first and last months rent plus security deposit which I feel is unrealistic to expect."

"I am a thirty-five year old divorced mother of three. I am educated and I do want to work. In one incident, I had worked quite a few hours overtime and was so tired that I wasn't aware of my youngest sons needs and that he was doing poorly in school and giving everyone a hard time. Seeing to my son's needs and keeping a full-time job just kept me so exhausted from the constant turmoil, I just got to the point of not being able to cope with my responsibilities. I'd be worse off and poorer than being on social services."

The causes of the feminization of poverty are economic as well as social. Several factors frequently combine to keep women in poverty. According to a report by Wider Opportunities for Women, Inc. of Washington, D.C.: continued sex role stereotyping and counseling in the educational process; sex discrimination in education, training and employment; and, problems relating to child care, transportation, housing and health care, all contribute to the problem. The most significant factor by far and the one which contributes most directly to the impoverishment of women and female headed families is marital dissolution. In recent years, 25% of White women fell below the poverty line after their marriages ended and 55% of Black women entered the poverty ranks under the same circumstances.

The loss of the husband's earnings is usually accompanied by the woman's increased responsibility for the support of children at a time when she is the most vulnerable economically. Recent statistics indicate that 41%

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of all single female-headed families have never been awarded any child support. Among Hispanic women the figure is 56% and for Black women, 71%. Of those women who are awarded child support, 30% are never able to collect and 25% receive only partial payment. Most women in this situation must look to public sources for their and their children's survival. In recent years, this has become an increasingly difficult option.

Reducing female poverty is a challenge that must be met. The following recommendations from the report by Wider Opportunities for Women, Inc. would have a measurable positive effect on female poverty:

- \*\* the development of a national dependent care policy and the funding of systems to increase access to quality, affordable dependent care;
- \*\* programs which directly target the employment and training needs of women and result in jobs which can provide economic self sufficiency;
- \*\* valuation of the unpaid labor that women perform in the home and systems to decrease the economic vulnerability of women who perform this work;
- \*\* a strong national front reaffirming the nation's commitment to equal employment opportunity and affirmative action, adequate funding for aggressive enforcement of civil rights legislation and data collection systems on race, sex and economics which can provide an adequate information base for monitoring and enforcement;
- \*\* a national policy on comparable worth in recognition of the income needs of women and their families, the under evaluation of "women's work" and the increased role of the service sector in the U.S. economy;
- \*\* reform of welfare and public assistance programs to provide a route out of poverty to economic self-sufficiency;
- \*\* better incentive for employer investment in retraining and upgrading activities. In 1981 the annual expenditure on training by American firms was \$300 per worker, versus over \$3,000 per worker in capital investment.



Here in Syracuse there are many groups working to combat the feminization of poverty. One such effort is the Neighborhood Women's Project. The project's intention is "the empowerment of poor and working-poor grass-roots neighborhood women." Syracuse area Catholic Charities Neighborhood Division initiated this innovative project in June, 1984. The Neighborhood Women's Project organizes and trains neighborhood women leaders, enabling them to incorporate women's perspectives and priorities into community economic development. Neighborhood Women seek to identify the various barriers which prohibit female economic security/independence and contribute to unsafe deteriorating neighborhoods. In developing strategies, Neighborhood Women form working partnerships with policy-making, professional, agency and academic sectors of society. For more information on this project contact Barbara Floramonti or Stacy Jo Smith at 455-7096.

Another grassroots coalition focusing on the problems and solutions of Women and Poverty is the Religious Network for Equality of Women/Syracuse. They will hold a day long workshop on Economic Justice for Women: Changing the Trends of Poverty. The keynote speaker will be Sister Marjorie Tuite from Church Women United Social Action Committee. Workshop leaders include Sue Vaughan of the Child Care Council, Roberta Harrington of NYS Human Rights Commission, and Rosalyn Bilford from Metropolitan Commission on Aging. The workshop will be Monday April 29th at the First Presbyterian Church on West Genesee Street. A \$10.00 fee includes lunch and child care, with scholarships available. For more information contact Sharyl Skinner at the YWCA, 445-2200.

The Feminization of Poverty is a problem that affects all race ethnic, and religious lines. It is of growing magnitude and needs to be arrested before it totally eats away at our society like the cancer it represents. To quote Dorothy Campbell-Hiney who testified at the hearings last June, "It's embarrassing and degrading to receive a Christmas basket when we want an opportunity. Poverty is every bit as damaging as battery or rape."

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# CENSORING PORNOGRAPHY

By Deana Cunningham

## Is there another way?



*In the photograph, the power of terror is basic. The men are hunters with guns. Their prey is women. They have caught a woman and tied her onto the hood of a car. The terror is implicit in the content of the photograph, but beyond that the photograph strikes the female viewer dumb with fear. One perceives that the bound woman must be in pain. The very power to make the photograph (to use the model, to tie her in that way) and the fact of the photograph (the fact that someone did use the model, did tie her in that way, that the photograph is published in a magazine and seen by millions of men who buy it specifically to see such photographs) evokes fear in the female observer unless she entirely disassociates herself from the photograph: refuses to believe or understand that real persons posed for it, refuses to see the bound person as a woman like herself. Terror is finally the content of that photograph, and it is also its effect on the female viewer. That men have the power and desire to make, publish and profit from the photograph engenders fear.*

These words are a description of a pornographic photograph entitled "Beaver Hunters" found in Andrea Dworkin's

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kin's book Pornography: Men Possessing Women. Her views on the inherently violent nature of pornography are shared by many feminists, and studies have been done which support this view of pornography. One such study done by Edward Donnerstein at the University of Wisconsin showed that 30-40% of men viewing violent pornography, when asked if they would consider raping a woman, responded yes. The fact that even nonviolent pornography gives both men and womyn a false sense of womyn's sexuality is accepted by most feminists. The statistics are there for all to see: In this country a reported rape occurs every 6 minutes. It is estimated that only 1 out of 3 rapes is reported. "Violent pornography is an expression of something profoundly real in male psychology," writes Nikki Craft, a feminist activist who destroyed the publicity packet for a series of pornographic prints at the University of Santa Cruz library in March of 1980. "Violent pornography is the theory, rape is the practice. To expect womyn to tolerate the protection of this sadistic chic... is unreasonable."

Recently, a group of feminists led by Andrea Dworkin and Catherine MacKinnon have developed a legislative strategy for dealing with pornography. Last year, a bill

drafted by these womyn was introduced into the Minneapolis legislature which would allow for rewarding monetary damages to a person who could show that a particular pornographic image caused them harm. The bill also allowed for an injunction to be placed on the sale of the item. The reasoning behind the bill was that womyn's opportunity for equality of rights in education, employment, property rights, public accommodation and public services was damaged by the false portrayal of womyn in pornography, especially by showing womyn as sexually subordinate to men. The bill was passed twice in Minneapolis, and each time it was vetoed by the mayor. A similar bill was signed into law in Indianapolis, only to be ruled unconstitutional in Federal Court. The case is currently being appealed by that city.

In Suffolk County, New York, a bill patterned after the Indianapolis statute was introduced and rejected in September of 1984. While the language of these bills varies slightly, their purpose from a feminist perspective is to stop violence against women. However, feminist support for these bills has been split over the issue of censorship.

The Feminist Anti-Censorship Taskforce (FACT) was begun to oppose these legislative steps. FACT supports the view that censorship is in itself anti-feminist, and claims that support for these measures from the right wing is dangerous. This support has not been sought out by feminists. This alliance has caused concern most recently in Suffolk County, where the bill was introduced by county legislator Michael D'Andre, who has campaigned against the ERA, gay rights and legal abortion. D'Andre called the bill a "move to the right," one which he feels is mandated by the current political climate.

The threat inherent in this thinking is obvious. D'Andre and other non-feminist supporters of anti-pornography legislation view their role as that of protecting the "public morality." This attitude has led to the repression of womyn and their expression of their sexuality throughout history. Censorship laws have been used to ban the dissemination of information about birth control, abortion, lesbianism and other issues of concern to women. The attitude of self-righteousness which is shown by these supporters of the legislation is not a feminist attitude.

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Lisa Duggan of FACT views the issue another way. While anti-pornography legislation is a worthwhile goal, the problem lies in the relationship of womyn to the state. Theoretically, the state is supposed to protect the rights of its citizens. In both the contemporary and historical sense, however, the state serves the interests of its most wealthy and powerful institutions and individuals. Anti-pornography legislation would allow civil court judges to determine what is or is not pornographic, and what materials are degrading to womyn.

By seeking redress through the courts, womyn are turning to the same patriarchy which exploits them through pornography. This is not to say that legal gains made by womyn over the past few decades are meaningless; civil rights laws have had a positive effect on womyn's position in society. However, a false analogy has been drawn where pornography is concerned. In the case of a violation of a person's civil rights, judges are asked to rule on an individual's behavior. Where pornography is concerned, however, judges are being allowed to rule on images. There is no guarantee that any two individuals will view a given image the same way. Traditionally, allowing the courts to decide what materials will or will not be available to the public has led to the institutionalization of those values which are held by those in power. Given the current administration, allowing censorship at any level seems a dangerous precedent.

The issue over censorship of pornography is not a simple one. Most feminists do not disagree about the harm done by pornography. The real questions which must be answered by every feminist deliberating the issue are: does the goal of eradicating pornography justify empowering the state to censor materials as they see fit? Is there another way to fight pornography without relying on government?

Some feminists have carried on this struggle through the use of direct action. Nikki Craft's personal decision to destroy a piece of pornography is one example. Her decision empowered her; she destroyed that article which caused her harm. Other feminists have taken similar actions, and their creative responses to this problem have led to many discussions on the nature of pornography itself. If the goal is not only to eradicate pornography but to end acts of violence against womyn, then the means to that end must focus on individuals, not on the state. Feminists, and womyn in particular, need to regain the power over their lives that society has denied them. To do this we must continually fight, not just to change laws, but to change attitudes. Herstory has shown that individual morality cannot be dictated by legal sanctions. We must continue to debate the issues involved in pornography in a creative, open manner, building towards a non-sexist society that will not tolerate the degradation of womyn for economic or sexual reasons. If we decide to choose between the two evils of censorship or pornography, we will lose. For, in the words of Nikki Craft:

"I agree that censorship is a deadly menace. It silences us and destroys our spirit. When it is enforced, people live in fear of expressing themselves. But violence against womyn is the ultimate silencer - it destroys womyn's lives. It makes us afraid, not only of expressing ourselves, but of being ourselves. And when night closes in, it comes like a prison." ♀

*Feminists must work together to find creative alternatives to censorship in the effort to free ourselves from pornography. Together we become empowered, divided we become ineffective. If you are interested in joining a feminist study group on pornography, contact Deana at the Peace Council (472-5478).*

*Andrea Dworkin will be speaking at the Shanahan Chapel on the LeMoyne College campus on Wednesday, March 6 at 8p.m.. For more information about events at LeMoyne during that week, contact the Syracuse Peace Council at 472-5478.*

# DOUBLE JEOPARDY

Editor's Note: The following is a condensed version of "Double Jeopardy" by Liane Rozzell originally published in "Sojourners" in November, 1984.

Women in almost every culture and segment of society experience violence - from both individuals and institutions - that is directed specifically at them as women. In the United States, women of color - Hispanic, Afro-American, Asian and Native American - experience violence that is specifically focused against them because of both their race and their gender. When misogynist violence combines with racism, the result is a unique and deadly threat to women of oppressed races.

Throughout the world, and especially in war, rape has been an instrument of racial conquest and oppression. Groups of men from one race have attacked women of races they deemed inferior. The toll has included Jewish women who were raped by German troops, Chinese women raped by Japanese soldiers, Bengali women ravished by Pakistani soldiers, Native American women raped by white settlers, Afro-American women raped and terrorized by the Ku Klux Klan and other groups, and Vietnamese women raped by U.S. soldiers. These systematic attacks on women often included mutilation and murder, and they were part of a general pattern of terrorism against the population involved.

In these cases, the racist underpinnings of the assaults are beyond doubt. The attacks against women represented an extreme humiliation of the race to which they belonged. Women, in the minds of their attackers, were either property to be sabotaged or subhuman because they belonged to an enemy race.

***So the force is marshaled and the terror is executed. The men are conquered, castrated, killed. The women are raped, tortured, sterilized, killed.***

Susan Brownmiller, in her book "Against Our Will," quotes a Vietnam war veteran who in a panel discussion described the systematic rapes that were conducted by U.S. troops under the pretext of "searching" Vietnamese women. After the veteran described the mutilation and murder of one particular woman, the moderator asked him, "Did the men in your outfit, or when you witnessed these things, did they seem to think it was all right to do anything to the Vietnamese?" The veteran replied, "It wasn't like they were humans.... They were a gook or a Commie and it was okay."

The dehumanization of women of other races in the instances mentioned above has been closely linked to use of pornography and pornographic images. Martha Langelan, in an article on the political economy of pornography, notes that:



-Kaethe Ko Litwitz

In Nazi Germany, the Reich targeted Jewish women in pornography as a means of generating anti-Semitism. In Bangladesh, pornographic movies were shown in the Pakistani army camps during the war in 1971, when hundreds of thousands of Bengali women were being systematically raped by Pakistani troops. In the U.S., pornography gave Asian women special treatment during the war in Vietnam.

The "special treatment" Langelan mentions consisted of images that reinforced stereotypes of Asian women as child-like and submissive.

In the United States, violence against women of color has been consistently linked to the dehumanization, lowered status, and degrading images forced upon them by racist structures. During slavery, for example, black women were especially vulnerable and were exploited and abused in every conceivable way. White men could assault black women with impunity, and did. No legal concept of the rape of black women existed.

The pattern of exploiting black women did not end with slavery. An anonymous black woman writing in 1912 testifies to the abuse that she and many others suffered:

*I remember very well the first and last work place from which I was dismissed. I lost my place because I refused to let the madam's husband kiss me... I was young then, and newly married, and didn't know then what has been a burden to my mind and heart ever since, that a colored woman's virtue in this part of the country has no protection... I was present at the hearing, and testified an oath to the insult offered me. The white man, of course, denied the charge. The old judge looked up and said: "This court will never take the word of a nigger against the word of a white man."...I believe nearly all white men take, or expect to take, undue liberties with their colored female servants.*

Myths and degrading images about Afro-Americans abound, particularly concerning their sexuality. The notions of black sexual savagery and licentiousness grew especially strong during and after Reconstruction, when many whites sought to curtail the political and economic advances free blacks were making. As Andrea Dworkin wrote in "Pornography: Men Possessing Women":

*This is the paradigm of racist sexual ideology -- every racially despised group is invested with a bestial sexual nature. So the force is marshalled and the terror is executed. The men are conquered, castrated, killed. The women are raped, tortured, sterilized, killed.*

It was in this climate that the Ku Klux Klan and other groups used rape and lynching as weapons of terror against the black community.

Black men were also victims of this racist sexual mythology, which pictured them as vicious rapists. This characterization served as a general justification for thousands of lynchings. In addition, 89 percent of the men executed for rape in the United States have been black. Not one white man has ever been executed for raping a black woman.

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***Its advertisement portrayed two black women, naked, (kneeling) in chains, and a white man standing over them with a whip.***

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Stereotyping of black, Latin and Asian women continues today, as both pornography and mainstream media regularly present warped portrayals of women of color. Asian women are often characterized as submissive and eager to please men - an image taken advantage of by the illicit traffickers in Asian "mail order" brides. Hispanic women are frequently stereotyped as sultry, passionate, and wanton.

In pornography, the use of slave images reinforces the degradation of women that is common throughout the industry. For example, one writer on pornography noted in 1980 that a popular Berkeley theater recently featured a pornographic movie titled "Slaves of Love." Its advertisement portrayed two black women, naked, (kneeling) in chains, and a white man standing over them with a whip. The poster created only scant outcry in the surrounding community.

Few positive images in popular culture can be found to offset these pervasive characterizations. Black women's roles are usually limited to variations on a narrow range of caricatures: the overweight, loyal "mammy" figure (80 percent of the obese women on television are black), the temperamental, emasculating, often matriarchal character; or the sophisticated seductress.

Aside from the psychological damage these images inflict, and the climate they both reflect and create, distortions of the character of women of color obscure the realities of their lives, including the violence they face. For example, black women are 18 times more likely to be victims of rape than are white women. Furthermore, such stereotyping affects the public and institutional response to that violence.

Black and other women of color in the movement to end violence against women attest to the indifference of police and other institutions toward their plight. The experience of one black community in Boston in 1979 is often cited as an example. Eleven Afro-American women were raped and

murdered over a period of months. The twelfth victim was white. Only after she was found did the police respond with seminars and films about rape - a good response, but one that by its timing failed to address the needs of the black community.

But rape, assault, and murder are not the only forms of violence directed specifically at women of color. Sterilization abuse is another insidious example of how the lives of these women have been devalued. Angela Davis discusses it at length in her book "Women, Race and Class."

Population control strategies have focused on poor women, particularly poor Native American, black, and Hispanic women. In 1939, the Birth Control Federation of America planned a "Negro Project," saying that "the mass of Negroes particularly in the South, still breed carelessly and disastrously." It should be noted that these programs were not designed simply to advocate the right to individual birth control, but instead were a means of controlling specific populations.

More recently, U.S. Agency for International Development money has funded and promoted sterilizations of Salvadoran women. According to an article by journalist Chris Hedges, 30,000 women were sterilized in El Salvador during 1983. This was the result of both the promotional campaign and of the policy of sterilizing women at hospitals after they gave birth. A similar policy has been used in the United States, against Native American women in particular.



-Kaethe Kollwitz

Whatever form it takes, violence against women of color in this society has its own unique deadliness. But the common denominator in the violence experienced by all women is suffering, which knows no boundaries.

It is clear from the historical and current experiences of women of color that racism is an inextricable factor in this violence. They reject, therefore, analyses that blame only sexism and patriarchal structures for violence against women. The problems of misogynist violence can only be fully addressed when the experiences of all women are incorporated into the perspective of the movement for change. Both racist and anti-women stereotypes and attitudes must be overcome before society can become a safe place for all women. ♀



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# India's Sikhs: A Struggle for Cultural Integrity

By Kartar Singh Khalsa

Throughout the world, distinct cultural and ethnic groups are being savaged by governments that feel threatened by freedom and diversity. Too often, these populations are portrayed as terrorists, and the horror of their circumstances does not reach public awareness.

This situation prevails today in the Punjab state in Northern India, home to 11 million Sikhs. It is of deep concern that those of us who do care about human rights, freedom, and safety from governmental violence have an understanding of who the Sikhs are, and what has been happening to them since last June.

## Who They Are

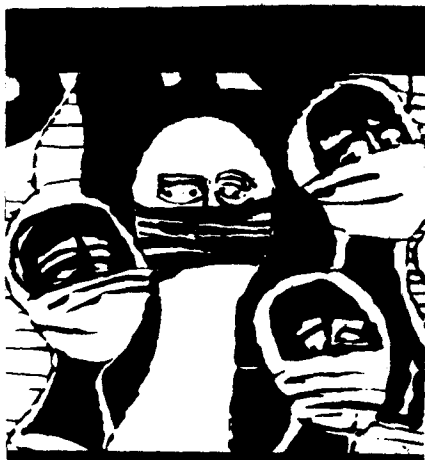
The Sikh path began with Guru Nanak, a 15th century saint who preached an egalitarian spiritual message that denied distinctions based on race, religion, sex, or social status.

The U.S. press has made much of the Sikhs martial traditions, and has incorrectly implied that there is something in the Sikh teachings that justifies murder.

The Sikhs took up arms in the 17th century to defend India's Hindus from the violence of the invading Muslims. Their code of conduct in regard to the use of arms includes stringent principles of restraint and non-aggression. Properly understood, the Sikh path is a path of peace which does not shirk from confrontation when the demands of the soul conflict with the demands of the temporal world.

## Background of the Current Struggle

In 1947, India obtained its independence, and the Moslem nation of Pakistan was carved out of the Sikh's Punjab, depriving them of over 60% of their most valuable farmland. Rather than pressing for their own distinct nation, the Sikh negotiators relied on Hindu promises of autonomy within India.



Since then, these promises have not been kept. Specific issues include:

\*Recognizing the Sikhs as a separate religion. The 1950 Indian Constitution designates the Sikhs as a sect of Hinduism and imposes Hindu laws and customs upon them.

\*Self-determination. The Punjab is the only state where the Indian central government has taken over the regulation of river waters, a crucial resource.

\*Representation. The Punjab is the only state in India without its own capitol.

The Sikhs have been working peacefully and legally toward these and other goals since 1947.

## The Golden Temple

Did the terrorism perpetrated by the militant Sikh leader Bhindranwale justify the Indian government's attack on the Golden Temple (the Sikhs' holiest shrine) on June 6, 1984? Indira Gandhi was not above the authoritarian tactic of encouraging the radicalization of her opposition in order to justify subsequent repression. According to "South" magazine, "Mrs. Gandhi encouraged Bhindranwale's rise to undermine the Akali Dal coalition government in the Punjab." (The Akali Dal is the Sikh's legal political party.) "Newsweek" explained that "members of Gandhi's Congress party...used him [Bhindranwale] for their own purposes. Hoping that he would split the moderate Akali Dal...they covertly provided him with support."

The ferocity of the Indian government's offensive against the Punjab during and since the raid on the Golden Temple leaves no doubt that its intention was, and is, to destroy the Sikhs as a cultural and political force, and not just to apprehend a few terrorists. Simultaneously with the attack, a complete martial law, along with total press censorship, was imposed on the Punjab, making it difficult to know the full extent of the violence. There is, however, much to suggest that the population as a whole is being brutalized into submission, a la Vietnam, Guatemala and Afghanistan.

Although the highest official estimates of the dead ran to 1,200, Simranjit Singh Mann, a former Commandant in the Indian Police Service, claimed on July 2 that over 20,000 had been killed and 50,000 were missing.

Sikh doctors that examined 400 of the bodies removed from the Golden Temple claim that 100 were women and 15 were children under five. This pattern of indiscriminate killing was repeated at 40 other Sikh temples that were attacked at the same time.

There have been reports that many of the dead were found shot in the head with their hands bound.

The Siri Singh Sahib (the Sikhs' equivalent of a pope) Harbhajan Singh Khalsa, has confirmed in recent speeches that the brutality and repression have continued unabated since last June; to date over 50,000 people, mostly innocent civilians, have been killed.

Admittedly, some of the claims remain unproven because the Indian government has not allowed the international press free access to the area, nor has it allowed agencies such as the Red Cross and Amnesty International to investigate conditions. The U.S. government has remained mute, some say in return for the Indian government's promise not to interfere with our military bases in Sri Lanka. Unless pressure is brought to bear, the subjugation of our brothers and sisters in northern India will continue unchecked.

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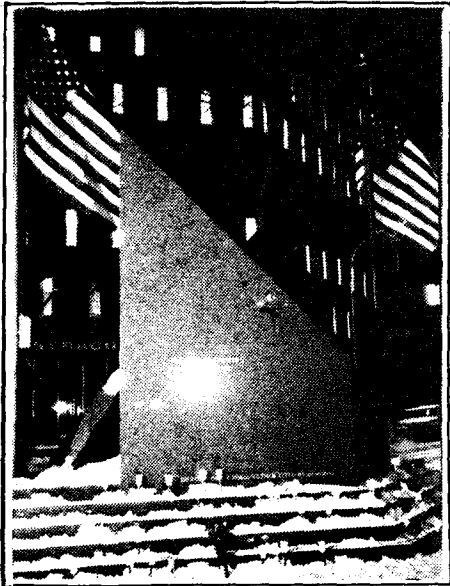
# "... Lest We Forget."

On Tuesday, January 8th, supporters of Andy Mager held a candlelight vigil at the newly dedicated Korean/Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Local television evening news broadcast "Live Eye" coverage of this "protest" focusing on "protesters" walking on the memorial. The following day's news featured a "growing controversy" between local veterans and the peace community. An outraged veteran who felt the memorial had been abused, speaking for other outraged veterans, made outright threats of violence against any other "protests" at the memorial.

Circumventing an obvious attempt by the television station to inflame their "controversy", a collective decision was made by Upstate Resistance to decline the station's offer of a half hour TV debate -- Veterans vs. Peace People. We suggested their air time would be better spent covering Andy Mager and the issue of war resistance.

Taking a direct approach, UR member and Korean veteran, William Griffen, wrote an eloquent letter in-

viting conciliation rather than confrontation. This was sent to local veterans groups, newspapers, and the committee directly involved with building the memorial. I talked to a committee member who invited me to present the issue to the monthly



Paul Pearce

meeting of the local Vietnam Veterans of America chapter. I was given the opportunity to speak for Upstate Resistance as well as to present my feelings as a veteran/activist. Our message was received with more respect than I anticipated although the response was not warm. The problem appears to be mutual misinterpretation and insensitivity. They gave me the following messages to take back to the peace community: the federal building is a better place to exercise free speech, the memorial is considered sacred, some veterans will never see justification for a "protest" or vigil at the memorial, and please leave our memorial alone.

We are all veterans of Vietnam and Korea and we will all be veterans of the next war. As a combat Vietnam veteran who was drafted into "service," I was highly supportive and moved by the candlelight vigil. In retrospect, my next vigil for peace and war resistance at a Vietnam memorial will be as it has been and perhaps, should be, in private.

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## Human Rights Alert:

Protest actions by farmers and students in Manila during the first two weeks of February were brutally dispersed by the military. 16 farmers are missing and two youth leaders are among those arrested.

The farmers protested outside the Ministry of Agriculture office February 5-10 for rollbacks of price increases on essential pesticides and fertilizers. Confirmed missing after the military assault are:

- \*Jimmy Tadeo, president of the Central Luzon Peasant Association; and
- \*Dante Laya, coordinator of the Nationalist Alliance for Central Luzon.

On February 13 students protested both the military abuses committed against the farmers and the visit of U.S. Senator John Melcher (D-Montana). Senator Melcher is a close friend of President Marcos. The military again violently dispersed the demonstration. Scores of students were injured and arrested. Among those arrested:

- \*Leandro Alejandro and J.V. Bautista, both officers of the Coalition of Organizations for the Realization of Democracy (CORD). They were part of the negotiating panel for the demonstration.

### URGENT ACTION REQUESTED:

Please write as soon as possible to President Marcos:

- \*Request an immediate investigation of the cases of Jimmy Tadeo, Dante Laya and the 14 other missing farmers. Demand that their whereabouts be made public immediately if they are in detention.
- \*Demand the immediate release of Leandro Alejandro, J.V. Bautista and all other students arrested during the demonstration.

Write to your representatives in Congress:

- \*Ask them to protest the escalation of repression in the Philippines by writing directly to President Marcos.
- \*Urge them to vote an unqualified NO! on the Reagan Administration's proposal to provide \$87 million in military assistance to the Marcos regime.
- \*Demand that they send a clear signal to the Reagan Administration that the American people will not support a repressive dictatorship in the Philippines with our tax dollars.

Representative George Wortley  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Senator Alfonse D'Amato  
Senator Daniel P. Moynihan  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

President Ferdinand Marcos  
Malacanang Palace  
Manila, Philippines

For more information on this case, and the continuing work of FFP, send a SASE to the address above for the FFP Syracuse Newsletter.

**Demand Human Rights! Stop U.S. Military Assistance!**

# The Resistance Continues

Over 100 people gathered outside the Federal Courthouse at 12:30 p.m. February 4th to show our support for Andy Mager. We sang and held banners and rainbow-covered posters displaying most of the 2600 signatures of people signing the Trial Solidarity Statement. At one point we circled the courthouse. By 2 p.m. we were all upstairs, awaiting Andy's final statement and Judge Howard Munson's sentence. Andy presented the signed Trial Solidarity Statements to Munson and asked those of us in the courtroom who had signed the statement to stand. With the exception of a few reporters, everyone stood. Andy reiterated his belief that he should not be sentenced in any way for his refusal to participate in war.

In his ten minute address, Judge Munson referred to the many letters he received in Andy's behalf, most of which urged him to consider sentencing Andy to community service or nothing at all. He recognized that sentencing Andy to jail would not alter his commitment; he did not doubt Andy's sincerity. The law might be wrong, but it is still the law. He then handed down the longest sentence given under the 1980 draft registration program; three years - six months in prison and 30 months probation. As fellow war resisters and supporters held hands, raised banners and sang, Andy was taken out of the courtroom.

We gathered again outside the Federal Courthouse, comforting each other and singing. At that time, eight of us went quietly into the Federal Building (which is right next to the courthouse). Four people occupied the U.S. Attorney's office asking for an agreement to stop the prosecution of war resisters. They were arrested after the building closed. The other four entered the Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS), held a banner stating, "The War Stops Here: No Registration/No Draft/U.S. Out of Central America," passed out a very few leaflets, and were arrested within half an hour. All eight were charged with criminal trespass and were arraigned February 5th in Syracuse City Court. The occupiers of the U.S. Attorney's office, Karen Beetle, Kate Larch, Carolyn Mow and Jim Pfeiffer, had a pretrial hearing February 21st before Judge De Joseph in City Court. They were given a motion date (March 15) and will probably have a trial sometime in April.

Carol Baum, Lyn Larson, Liam Mahoney, and Will Siegfried (the people who held the banner in the MEPS) had a motion hearing with the same judge February 22nd. Their motion to have the case dropped in furtherance of justice (on First Amendment grounds) was denied. Their trial is

set for Monday, April 1st at 2 p.m. and may continue through Tuesday morning. Please come - the trial will be in one of the courtrooms on the second floor of the Public Safety Building.

Andy remained in the Public Safety Building Jail in Syracuse until February 14th when he was transferred to a Manhattan jail for further processing before being sent to Lewisburg Camp in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, his final destination. While in the PSB, he was invited by five other prisoners to join them in a hunger strike protesting the very serious overcrowding. The strike lasted six days and generated a number of newspaper articles and concern about jail conditions.

You can write: Andy Mager 01432-052, P.O. Box 1000, Camp, Lewisburg, PA 17837. If you're interested in visiting him, please contact Carol Baum to find out about visiting hours, directions and the paperwork you need to do to become an "approved visitor." Carol can be reached at the Peace Council (472-5478).

-Carol Baum and Karen Beetle



-Paul Pearce



-Paul Pearce

Since Carter passed the current draft registration law in 1980, 17 indictments have been handed down out of at least 500,000 cases of non-registration. Out of the nine sentences that were handed down, only Andy Mager is currently serving time in jail. Five other resisters have been sentenced to prison, for terms ranging from six months to three years. There are currently two cases which have been stayed pending appeal; all other prison sentences have been served. Andy's sentence of three years, six months of which is to be served in prison, is one of the harshest sentences to date. The PNL will continue to bring you updates on Andy's case and other cases of draft resistance in Upstate New York.

## Madre to Madre: Update

Madre to Madre is a national organization whose purpose is to send both material and spiritual support to the people of Nicaragua. Madre raises money and material goods for hospitals, schools and health centers, sending them to Nicaragua to help build that country. Madre also coordinates a pen pal system so that women in the United States can send spiritual/moral support to women in Nicaragua.

The Syracuse chapter of Madre has raised money for a day care center in Leon, Nicaragua. Three members of Syracuse Madre were able to spend three weeks in Nicaragua last summer. In Nicaragua they saw a country in the process of building a society with concern for providing space for children to be cared for while their parents work. Madre is continuing to raise money for a center in Leon, Nicaragua to help support this concern. As part of the fundraising effort Madre will sponsor a benefit concert to support both the center in Nicaragua and the Plymouth Day Care Center in Syracuse. The concert performer is Marcia Taylor, a folk singer with the group Bright Morning Star. The concert will be held on Sunday, March 10, at the Plymouth Church from 5:30 to 6:30. Plymouth Day Care Center will provide food and drinks. A raffle is planned for the evening, with first prize a hand knit hat and mitten set. Second prize is a dinner for two at Cafe Zapata and third prize a dozen giant chocolate cookies from Plymouth Day Care Center. Raffle tickets are available at Cafe Zapata, On The Rise Bakery and Plymouth Day Care Center. Please join us for an evening of food, drink and music!

-Joni Meyer

## Celebrating King's Life

On Tuesday, January 15th, a standing room only crowd attended a rousing Celebration Service honoring the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. The event was organized by a broad range of religious and community groups including the Syracuse Area Interreligious Council, the Inter-Denominational Ministerial Alliance, the Northeast Baptist Association, the NAACP, the Syracuse Black Leadership Congress, the Hispanic League, the Human Rights Commission of Syracuse and Onondaga County, and others.

The service, which included several readings, and prayers, and recognition of community leaders, was highlighted by wonderful and inspiring gospel music by accomplished soloists, chorus and everyone else present. The keynote address was given by the Rev. Dr. Kelsey Jones, Professor of Political Science and Special Assistant to the President, The University of Washington, D.C.

Dr. Jones, while giving an energetic and scathing attack on the Reagan administration and its fellow travelers, insisted that each of us must come to grips with our individual role in this society; that we must each act individually to bring about universal changes. He referred to his past activities in the Civil Rights movements of the 50's and 60's, and to the activity going on right now around the South African embassies, pointing out that the time is never past for taking individual risks.

We would like to thank the Rev. Forest Adams and the Tucker Missionary Baptist Church for hosting this inspiring tribute to Dr. King.

-Liam Mahoney

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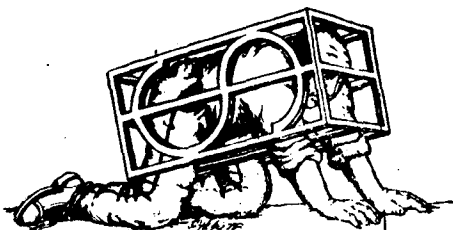
# The Great Robbery: Nine Mile II

In 1971, Niagara Mohawk claimed that the Nine Mile Point II nuclear power plant near Oswego would cost \$357 million and would begin operating in 1977. Now, after a dozen upward cost revisions and almost a decade overdue, NiMo has announced a \$5.35 billion price tag. Their promise, "absolutely the last time," regarding the cost increases, has been broken so many times, it is now a cruel, publicly-acknowledged joke.

Believe the latest projections? Canatun, the monitoring firm hired by the New York State Public Service Commission, presently warns of continued cost overruns and delays, despite an overhaul in management. They cite continued low productivity, mountains of back-logged paper work, a high rate of defective welds and high worker turnover.

In order for Nine Mile II to begin operating in October 1986, as projected, fuel-loading would have to take place ten months after the reactor's critical hydro test, outperforming the industry record by five months. Missing this deadline will result in over \$1 million per day in interest! Not surprisingly, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission listed Nine Mile II among the top eight out of about 80 nuclear power plants presenting the "most worrisome problems."

Will the energy be needed? No. New York State has over 40% excess capacity, and growth in electricity demand has fallen from 7% per year a decade ago to under 3% today.



Incredibly, the PSC has decided that Nine Mile II construction shall continue because of the large investment already made. This is a shocking rationalization since enormous cost increases can occur when a plant is nearly finished. When Long Island's Shoreham Nuclear Plant was 90% complete, it required an additional \$1.5 billion, and another \$1 billion after it was 99% done! NiMo claims that Nine Mile II is 85% complete.

Who will pay for this debacle? We will. By NiMo's own estimate we can expect a 20% increase in our utility bills and it will almost certainly be even more. And what will its effects be? For multitudes, especially the one hundred

thousand plus customers who are already a couple of months behind, how much more hardship will have to be endured as people are forced to choose between heat and food, medical care and clothing? How many more small businesses will go bankrupt? How much reduction in services and increase in taxes will towns, cities and counties legislate due to higher utility bills?

For the sake of our communities and families, we must stop Nine Mile II now and prevent the drastic increases in the monthly bill that will surely follow if construction continues. It can be done. Nation-wide, 28 nuclear plants already under construction have been cancelled and another half-dozen face the same fate. We must stand up for the most vulnerable segments of our community, who experience real hardship, and in some cases face shut-offs, due to such greed-motivated blunders as Nine Mile II.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Friday, March 15, 1985 at 6:30 p.m.--

Meet at NIMO Headquarters, 300 Erie Blvd. West, and caravan to the residence of a NIMO executive for a silent vigil. For ride or info., call Jim Doherty at 492-9326 or Jim Ellis at 476-1536.

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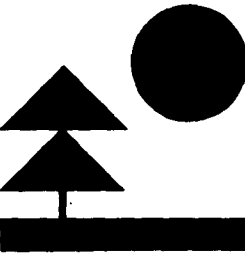
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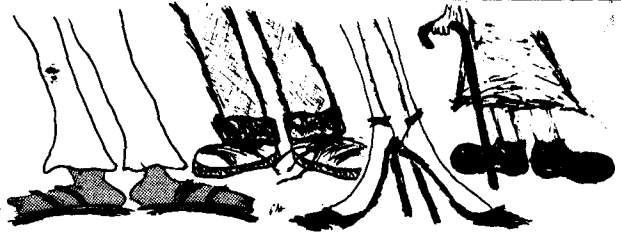
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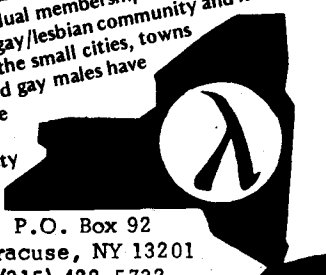
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**Wanted:** A ride to Alaska or the West Coast in April. Will help with costs and driving. Please call Michael at 315/824-1744 or leave a message at 315/458-5013 in the Syracuse area.

Russian translators needed for Syracuse-Soviet penpal project. We expect a response from the USSR this summer. Please call or write Chuck Lochner at 463-4314, The Pairing Project, Box 253, Syracuse, NY 13215.

Filmmaker producing two videotapes on the Finger Lakes area, one on local agriculture and the other on the disarmament issue. For both, an opening shot from an airplane is needed, preferable, one that could dip close to the ground. If there is a pilot out there who is interested (remuneration will be included), please contact Brian Coyle, 431 West 121 St. 4C, New York, NY 10027.

The Lisle Fellowship is once again sponsoring—in cooperation with the Gandhi Peace Foundation, a program of Intercultural Education and Experience in India from June 15 to July 26, 1985. For further information, contact: Rev. Mr. Carl Kline, 802 11th Ave., Brookings, SD 57006, or the Lisle Fellowship, 145 College Rd., Suffern, NY 10901.

WISE (Women Independently supported) Each Other will have an **open forum night** to explore the personal/political issues concerning women today. Join us for this informative evening on **Thursday, March 21, 7:30 p.m.** at the **Manlius Village Center**.

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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 am-4pm weekdays.

The Quebec New Democratic Party is organizing a demonstration against Ronald Reagan when he visits Quebec City on March 17-18. We would enthusiastically welcome an American contingent. Details can be obtained by calling 514/483-2827 or the provincial office at 514/271-0613 and asking for Brian Umansky or Shaun Lynch.

Quiet, considerate, non-smoking member of the PNL editorial committee seeks a room in the home of an older or physically challenged person in the Westcott/University Area in exchange for low rent and general usefulness (snow shovelling, taking out the trash, etc.) References. Ed Kinane, 425-0247 (please persist).

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The National Women's Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 335, Seneca Falls, NY 13148, is interested in books for their new library. Any books about women, preferably American women and their accomplishments, would be greatly appreciated addition to the library.

Dorothy Day House, Center for women and children, has an opening for household coordinator. Live-in and stipend. Some experience in crisis counselling with women essential. Some knowledge of the Catholic Worker philosophy helpful. Call volunteer center for contact and we'll get back to you. 474-7011.

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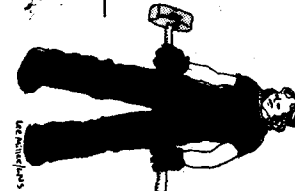
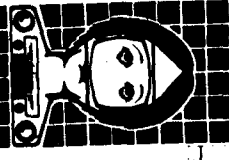

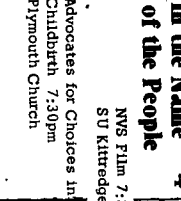

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10	<b>Marcia Taylor Concert</b> Benefit for or of Bright Morning Star benefit for Madea 5:30 - 8:30 Plymouth Church	11	Feminist Lit Study Group Women's Info 7pm Disabled in Action mtg 7pm ECOH New Environment Assoc. Study Group 7:30pm 12000 Euclid Ave 446-8009	12	Upstarters Against Corporate Blackmail Mtg 422 Hubbard Ave 7pm Childbirth Support mtg Plymouth Church 422-7791	13	JUNY 'N' R mtg 446-2128 7:30pm Women's Info Ev Wed Int'l Lunch SU Int'l Living Ctr 12pm	14	SPC 50th Anniversary Committee mtg 5pm SPC Every Thurs: Vigil for Central America 7:30am Federal Building Ev Thurs Women's Info newsletter mtg 7pm	15	Gay/Lesbian Conference 6:30 supper and meeting Church Center 422-5732 STOP NINE MILE II DAY see p. 21	16	Village Singers 2:30pm Palme Library free Womyn's Peace Camp Registration Mtg. 10 am Workshop: Health Issues for Today's Women 9-12 475-5554		
17	 NYPHG Lobby Day for higher education in D.C. John 476-8381 People for Animal Rights (PAR) mtg 7pm 478-8521 Every Mon: Contra Dancing 8:30-11pm Grace Episcopal Church	18	Greater Syracuse NOW mtg 8pm 446-2229 May Memorial Society Film: "We Will Not Be Beaten" 7pm Room 215 SU Hall of Languages	19	NAACP mtg 7:30pm 100 New St 470-3300 Educators for Social Responsibility mtg 7:30pm Laubach Library Gay Husbands & Fathers mtg 422-5732	20	Poetry Reading by Alex Jacobs of Aleswasine Notes Erwin Methodist Church	21	<b>The Good Fight</b> NVS Film 7:30-9:30pm \$2 SU Kirtledge Auditorium National Council of Negro Women mtg 7:30pm SU Bird Library 12:30pm free Film: "Pink Triangles" 7pm Room 215 SU Hall of Languages	22	Women's Studies Seminar SU Bird Library 12:30pm If your calendar event changes time or place please inform SPC	23	Pex Christi mtg 10:30am 208 Slocum 446-1693 Cathy Winter Concert 7pm Cornell, Sperry Hall 256-080	24	<b>Workshop with St Kahn</b> see page 6
25	<b>Women's Info Benefit</b> Women's Info Benefit 5-8pm Westcott Cafe \$4-8 Pn., Production Land a hand, learn a new skill Every Sun: Mental Patients Alliance mtg 3pm Plymouth Church	26	Cesarean Prevention Movement mtg 7:30pm 428-0933 Upstarters Against Corp Blackmail 7pm 476-1536 422 Hubbard Av Every Tues: Vegetarian Dinner \$4.50 Westcott Cafe	27	Finger Lakes Peace Alliance 7:30pm 100 Exchange St (716)243-4002 Seeing Red Film 7pm 680 Allen St	28	<b>St Kahn Concert</b> 8pm May Memorial \$5-8 NVS Kirtledge Auditorium NVS Films 7, 9, 11pm Women's Studies Seminar 12:30pm SU Bird Library Spector Room	29	<b>St Kahn</b> Mini Academic Olympic 9-5 Dandorh School 472-6935	30					
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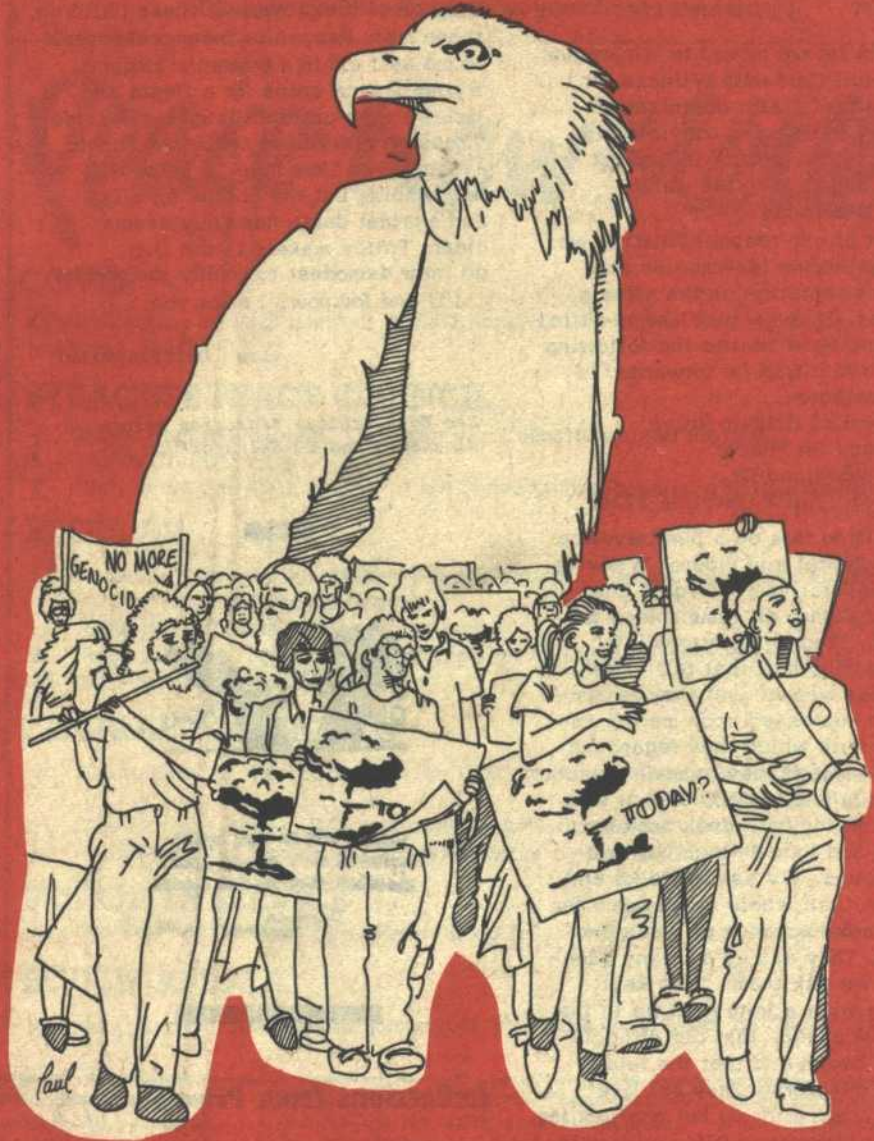
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**"Why can't you stop Reagan!?"**

Greetings:

On March 1st we moved to Nicaragua to work full time with Witness for Peace, an interfaith organization dedicated to working nonviolently to change U.S. policy in Central America and to stop the war against Nicaragua.

As part of our responsibilities, we will be gathering testimonies and other documentation on the effects of the war. If you would like to write us, please send mail to the following address and it will be forwarded to us in Nicaragua:

Liz and Ed Griffin-Nolan  
Witness for Peace  
1414 Woodland Dr.  
Durham, North Carolina 27701

I'm writing this on a bus traveling between Ocatel and Ficaro. We were at the cooperative yesterday. The women of Ficaro all remembered me and said, "You have returned." I can't describe how that felt. I hardly know those women, yet they remembered. It impressed upon me the importance with which they regard our visits. I believe they remember each one of us who come and expect that we are working hard upon our return.

We've had long dialogs with women's groups. We ask for talks and they have their whole group come for a very frank exchange of ideas and feelings. They ask us as many questions as we ask them. They kept stressing what a long road we in the U.S. have ahead, that our struggle has only begun and that the repression will get worse. They act like mothers, caring for us but challenging us. One old woman, filled with pain at the death of her son, burst out with "Why can't you stop Reagan?!" She was very angry yet sang with us at the end. Again we heard our mandate. The words of these women were as important as the way they met with us... women to women.

A final point. One Nicaraguan woman asked us why North American women have so few children. It took us half an hour to answer... We are so used to asking them why they have so many. She turned the tables on us!

I wonder how things are in the States. I feel very out of touch with news. I am exhausted at this particular moment but am once again filled with the faces and voices of the people on the border. They are so beautiful, so filled with love, wisdom and life. I think that I am in disbelief, unable to remember and comprehend that our government actually funds the killings of these women, these children, these men. Reagan is incomprehensible to me as I sit in a woman's kitchen, frying banana chips for a fiesta and listen to the children laughing outside. Somehow everything seems so simple as we spend time here. I know it's not simple, but the choice for life and against death certainly seems clear. Policy makers in the U.S. do their damndest to muddy the waters.

I'll end for now. I miss you.

-Liz Griffin-Nolan

See Ed's article "Agrarian Reform in Nicaragua and El Salvador" on p.9.



History tells us that every oppressed class gained freedom through its own efforts.

-EMMA GOLDMAN

**Reflections from Prison**

Dear PNL:

I write to you from Lewisburg Prison Camp, a minimum-security federal prison. The government has chosen to put me here as punishment for my refusal to register for the draft.

My feelings about being here are very mixed. I don't want to be here; I don't feel that I deserve to be punished, yet being here is in many ways an opportunity to reflect on the work I and we have been doing. Being away from the hectic day-to-day life of an activist allows me to focus on the more personal aspects of my work, seeking a balance within myself I recognize the way I have neglected this on the outside.

Life in a minimum-security jail is really quite strange. It feels like summer camp for adults. We live just outside the massive walls of a brutal penitentiary, but are surrounded by rolling hills and picturesque farmland.

Here, as anywhere in our world, I have received a mixed reaction about my resistance to war. People tell me about the other "protesters" who have been here. There is certainly some support, often from Viet Nam veterans. The most common reaction is something like, "You wouldn't sign a piece of paper to stay out of jail?" It is difficult for most people to really understand my willingness to be here to stand up for my beliefs.

I have yet to experience a real physical threat during my time in jail. Fights do occur and people are abused both by other prisoners and by guards. I think that most men going into jail can weather the experience and learn from it if they come in with confidence in themselves and self-respect. (I can't speak about women's prisons.)

I continue to feel clear about my refusal to participate in war. Being here in no way makes me regret the risks I have taken. The mere fact that people here learn why I've been imprisoned feels like justification enough to me. And in the process I am learning more about what the violence of our society means to people's lives. The lessons are at least as valuable as any I've learned in school.

Keep up all your good work and thanks for the continued support.

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## In This Issue

'Think globally, act locally' — a wise strategy the PNL values highly. We stress the link between activism here and liberation struggle throughout the globe. This month we bring you reports on the various forms of resistance happening in Central NY, as well as news of the national mobilization, Four Days in April. And we sound the alert against the impending draft.

A few moments' thought should show how these reports directly connect to this month's articles on South African and Israeli propaganda, resistance to U.S. nuclearism in New Zealand, and land reform, real and fake, in Central America.

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## News from The SPC House

Last October I placed ten bulbs in cold, black dirt just to the left of the back door of the SPC House. Feeling cruel, I left them there, abandoned to the ice and snow. Today, they have sent greenish purple tips up out of the cold ground. Spring?

A lovely new rug covers the middle room floor. Being too large to cover the bare spots in the back office as intended, it now adds warmth to the Front Room.

Another addition to the Front Room is Alan McCann who recently joined the Collective. Alan hails from San Francisco.

Katie, a TFR mainstay, is now splitting her time between the Front Room and the SPC Press.

Carol traveled to see Andy in jail and carries back his greetings to all of us. Be sure to read Andy's letter on page 2. With better weather we can all reach out and strengthen connections.

-Cindy Sangree

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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

## Happy 49th Birthday !

Come celebrate on May 18th

Plans are being finalized in regards to the approaching Peace Council 49th Birthday dinner. The planned speaker is Dr. Mita Pardo de Tavera, a prominent Filipino physician, teacher, and author on health issues. She is chairperson of Health Movement for the People, a community based primary health care program designed to set up health care centers in rural-poor and urban-poor areas. She is also a member of the prestigious six-member International Medical Commission for Health and Human Rights which includes among its members, Mother Teresa and Bishop Desmond Tutu. Dr. Tavera is also active in the political opposition movements in the Philippines as a member of the National Council of the two million-member Coalition of Organizations for the Realization of Democracy. She will speak on Saturday evening, May 18th, at a site yet to be chosen. Mark your calendars now for a fun and informative evening.

## A Book on SPC

That's right there will soon be a book written about the Syracuse Peace Council. The Syracuse Cultural Workers Project received a grant to support Jack Manno as artist in residence to author a book on the history of SPC. The grant was from the New York State Council on the Arts. The plan is to have the book ready in the summer of 1986.

Jack Manno, Neil Katz and Dik Cool, with the help of many others, will act as coordinators of the project. They urge people to go through any old material they have that relate to the Peace Council as well as any peace and social justice activities in Central New York. Old leaflets, posters, photographs and articles are in big demand. If you would like to help either in donating materials, or time and money, please contact Neil Katz at 423-3870 or 446-6851. The Cultural Workers Project can also be contacted at P.O. Box 6367, Syracuse NY, 13217.

## We Have Sound

The Peace Council owns a complete sound system with big speakers and an amp/mixer. It is perfect for sound at rallies or speaking engagements. It is presently stored at the house of Corrine and Peter Jorgensen, who both keep it in working order and handle renting it out. If you would like to use the equipment, please call them at 476-5205.



## Peace Council T-Shirts

We are still accepting designs for a possible Peace Council t-shirt. We would like ideas to include peace as well as perhaps something on the rapidly approaching 50th anniversary. Can all you interested artists out there pull out your pens and pencils and give this a try? Send your designs care of the house and hopefully we can start production before the summer. This would be a great contribution in building SPC identity and raising consciousness about our unique history.

## Need a Ditto Machine ?

Over the years that Peace Council has aquired a number of ditto machines. We used to use them for printing the Peace Newsletter and fliers. Yet with the growth of the Peace Council Press in the 70's and now the addition of a copy machine, we no longer need the machines. If you would like to purchase any of the machines drop by the SPC house and see them. Make an offer.

### SPC COUNCIL MEETING

The next SPC Council meeting will be held in early May. The next Peace Newsletter will have more details. Please come!!! This is the time for Peace Council members to help plan our future. Items on the agenda include staff structure and salary; report on the Norman Whitney Peace Fund; plans for our 50th Anniversary; and a financial report. Please join us for this important meeting.

## Philippines Solidarity

On February 5, the Reagan Administration submitted to Congress a proposal for \$102.25 million in military assistance for the Philippines. This is the largest military aid request for the Philippines ever, exceeding last year's appropriation by \$60.25 million.

The request comes at a time of increased popular opposition to the Marcos regime, and increased repression by the regime. In short, it is a decision by the Administration and Pentagon to intervene in support of an unpopular and unstable dictatorship — a first step toward more direct military intervention in the future.

Defeat of the Administration's proposal in Congress is essential to send a clear signal to the Administration, Marcos and the Philippine military that the American people will not support U. S. intervention in the Philippines.

Friends of the Filipino People (FFP) is working in coordination with other national solidarity groups in a campaign to oppose this aid request. In Syracuse, FFP asks people to write letters to Rep. Wortley at 1259 Federal Building, Syracuse 13260, to Senator D'Amato, 1259 Federal Building, Syracuse 13260, and to Senator Moynihan, 111 West Huron St., Buffalo 14202, urging them to support a resolution calling for a cutoff of all military assistance to the Marcos regime. FFP is also collecting signatures on petitions with the same request that will be presented during a National Lobby Day in May, before the full House and Senate votes on this request.

For more information or to offer help, contact FFP, P. O. Box 1746, Syracuse, N. Y. 13201.

-Jim Zwick

## Syracuse Alternative Media

Media technology will help promote social change, according to the members of the Syracuse Alternative Media Network (SAMN). SAMN's presentations are designed to enable people to work for social change and social justice through the illumination of the structural causes of social problems. A core group of people has been working on two documentaries slated for completion this spring. Both pieces make use of the creative energies of a wide variety of social change activists.

"DISARMAMENT: STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL" includes such diverse elements as Library of Congress footage of Hiroshima; footage from last year's Bread and Puppet parade, and appearances by many experts in nuclear disarmament including Dr. Helen Caldicott, former Admiral Gene La Rocque, Phil Berrigan and members of the Griffiss Plowshares.

The videodocumentary, "WITNESS FOR PEACE (WFP)" was initiated by local WFP members who visited Nicaragua in November 1984. Several members of the WFP delegation are involved at all levels of production including photographic and videocamera work.

Future plans include producing two full length videos in Nicaragua entitled "Los Indispensables" and "El Process." The videos will include interviews with people essential to the making and carrying out of the revolutionary process in Nicaragua.

Those wishing to become involved, initiate a project, or otherwise support the work and growth of the Network can contact Jim Dessauer at 425-8806.

-Jim Dessauer

## A "Gift" to Wildlife ?

A slick promotion of the "Return a Gift to Wildlife" program urges us to check off a box on our NYS income tax form and make a donation, supposedly to benefit animals. The campaign's cute owl logo and jingles give the impression that our donation will help wildlife. In reality, only 9 or 10 of the 31 projects funded by RGTW do that. The others directly or indirectly result in the killing of animals by guns, bows and arrows or steeljaw, leghold traps. The RGTW Fund is controlled by two advisory councils - both of which are dominated by hunters and trappers. Members of the NYS Conservation Fund Advisory Council are required to hold a hunting, trapping, or fishing license for at least three years prior to appointment to the Council. The majority of people, who don't hunt or trap, is giving a gift to the minority who does.

For this reason, People for Animal Rights, Syracuse, and several other organizations, are asking people to boycott RGTW. We want the Fund to be designated only for wildlife programs which truly benefit animals, such as wildlife sanctuaries off-limits to hunting and trapping. We want the members of the advisory council to have a non-consumptive relationship with wild animals.

We ask that you:

- 1) Do not donate to RGTW on your NYS tax form.
- 2) Write to Department of Energy Conservation Commissioner Henry Williams at NYSDEC, Room 602, 50 Wolf Rd., Albany 12233, telling him why you are boycotting RGTW.
- 3) Join People for Animal Rights in leafletting in front of the Office of NYS Taxation and Finance Department on Friday, April 12. Phone Jane Begley at 478-8521 or Linda De Stefano at 475-0062.

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# Ten Years Ago This April . . .

... the war in Vietnam ended. However, the militaristic policies of the Reagan Administration are frighteningly reminiscent of that era. This April people will again take to the streets to demonstrate their opposition to these policies and prove that there is a multi-issue, multi-cultural coalition forming which is becoming a powerful political force.

The April Actions for Peace, Jobs and Justice are scheduled for April 19-22 in Washington, D.C. These actions focus around four issues with four specific demands. These demands are:

- No Intervention; Stop U.S. military intervention in Central America.
- Build a Just Society; Create jobs; cut the military budget.
- Reverse the Arms Race; Freeze and Reverse the arms race.
- Oppose Apartheid/End Racism; Oppose U.S. government and corporate support for South African apartheid and overcome racism at home.

The April Actions are broad based, focusing on a variety of issues each distinct, yet firmly connected in our vision of a future of peace and justice. Individuals and groups from diverse political and personal ideologies and experiences will join together as we voice our opposition to Reagan and the Right. Because of our differences, a variety of tactics will be employed to express our views, and bring our messages to the elected officials in our nation's capitol. Cultural events will be interspersed throughout the four days of events. A timetable of events is as follows:

## Friday April 19

3:30-5:30 Picket and Civil Disobedience at the South African Embassy, 30th St. and Massachusetts Ave. N.W.  
6:00 Multi-faith service to kick-off the Four Days events.

## Saturday April 20

Mass demonstration and rally. This demonstration will be different from previous mass actions in that it will begin with a Festival of Resistance from 10:00 am till 12:00 pm on the Ellipse. This Festival will involve continuous performances by dancers, poets, musicians, singers and speakers. This will be followed by a march passed the White House, rallying at the Capitol.  
8:00 Fundraising concert and reception featuring prominent national and local artists.

## Sunday April 21

12-5 pm Lobbying training session.  
12-4 pm Civil Disobedience training session.

## Monday April 22

Lobby day. Individual appointments by local groups with their Congressional Representatives will determine time and place.

Civil Disobedience. Nonviolent civil disobedience will be performed at the White House. A march beginning at 7 am will precede a 9 am CD action.

## Local Action

Locally, groups are organizing buses to go to Washington D.C. to participate in the Festival, march and rally on Saturday March 20. The buses will leave late Friday March 19 from the Bishop Harrison Center (1342 Lancaster Ave.). They will return Saturday night following the rally. The fee is \$30 round trip. For reservations and information please contact AFSC 475-4822 or SPC 472-5478.

The Upstate Freeze Campaign has reserved "sleeping bag" housing for those wishing to participate in more of the Four Day's events. Car pooling will also be available for those wishing to stay. For more information and housing requests call Suzanne McAuffey at 422-6541 or 637-6588 and leave a message by April 13.

For those who cannot attend the Monday Lobby Day the local Freeze is circulating "proxies" which will bear messages opposing further funding of the MX missile and Reagan's Star Wars policies. These proxies will be hand delivered to Representative Wortley and Senator D'Amato and are available at AFSC (corner Euclid and Westcott), SPC (924 Burnett Ave.), the Westcott Cafe or by contacting Diane Swords at 479-5658.

Ten years ago this April the war in Vietnam ended. We recall that war and what it took to stop it. We know our protests make a difference, and when we stand with the struggling people of the world we have the strength to turn the tide. Join us for four days of public protest, action and witness. Come with determination and hope for a world of peace and justice.

-Deana Cunningham and Katie Froehlich

I would like to go to Washington; enclosed is \$30 to cover the cost of the bus.

I cannot attend, but would like to support this action. Enclosed please find \$\_\_\_\_\_ to sponsor others who wish to go but cannot afford the fee.

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# Going Back To The Land:

## Agrarian Land Reform in Nicaragua & El Salvador

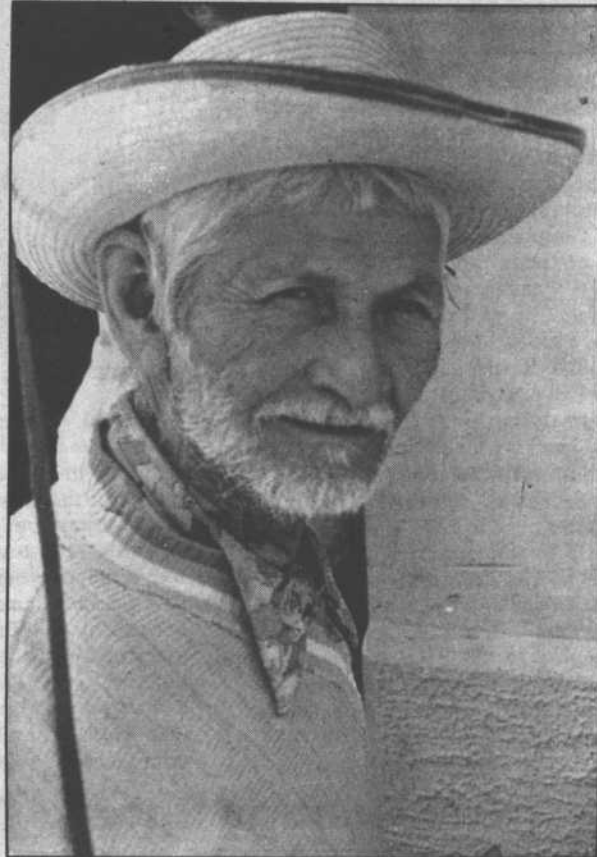
By Ed Griffin - Nolan

The 1979 Nicaraguan revolution opened a new chapter in agrarian reform in Central America. Less than a year after the Sandinistas began massive land redistributions the Salvadoran government announced its own land reform program. Five years later, it is clear the two programs have little in common.

The need for land reform in both countries was obvious. In Nicaragua, the Somoza group alone controlled one-fifth of all arable land, including the nation's richest soil. In El Salvador, six wealthy families held more farmland than the poorest 130,000 peasant families. Numbers of rural people without land mushroomed as export crops expanded through the 1960's and 1970's. In El Salvador the landless grew from 11.5% to 40% of the population.

The two reforms began in vastly different political settings. Nicaragua's reform followed a revolutionary insurrection that was supported by the rural poor. In El Salvador, a military government authorized the reform while fighting a growing revolutionary movement. The two reforms differed in purpose from the outset. The

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-Larry Boyd/INS

*An old peasant in Matagalpa, Nicaragua.*

Nicaraguans valued agrarian reform as part of their commitment to a basic restructuring of the economy. The Salvadoran motive for handing over some land was to gain popular support and to stave off the possibility of revolution.

In five years, the Sandinistas distributed nearly 40% of Nicaragua's arable land. In El Salvador, the figure is between eight and twelve percent. Nicaragua converted lands left behind by Somoza into state farms, which now employ 60,000 workers. El Salvador expropriated 300 large estates under Phase I of the reform, and gave this land to 30,000 members of newly formed co-operatives. Because private owners were allowed to keep nearly one-third of their acreage, the co-ops received the worst of the estate lands. Almost 50% of the co-op land is non-productive. In contrast, the Nicaraguan reform turned over the best lands.

Both reforms gave special atten-

tion to the problems of land renters. Nicaragua's reform set the rent ceiling 80% lower than pre-revolution rates. In El Salvador, land titles were offered to 117,000 renters as a means to gain their support in the war. Unlike Nicaragua, which places no limit on the size of rental plots, the titles in El Salvador were limited to 17 acres. The average parcel distributed under the Salvadoran program is less than 4 acres, well below the minimum size needed to sustain a family.

Washington designed the rental part of the Salvadoran land reform as a way to gain the government sympathy from small renters. One AID official said, "there is nothing as conservative as a small farmer. This program will breed capitalists like rabbits." A 1984 State Department report stated that "enactment of the land reform has removed one of the key issues attracting the rural poor to the violent left." However, as much as 50% of titled

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plots are not being worked due to evictions by former landowners, the war, and the poor quality of the distributed land.

Three aspects of the land reforms deserve emphasis. First, the Nicaraguan reform depends on the grass roots organization of farmers and farm workers. The July 1981 agrarian law which subjects underutilized lands to expropriation grew from the efforts of these organizations. When fully implemented, this law will bring into production one fourth of Nicaragua's idle lands and benefit 100,000 families. The peasant and worker organizations are charged with identifying lands that fall under the law, and with running the co-ops on the expropriated lands.

In El Salvador, the army took over the estates and ordered the peasant workforce to form co-ops. At the same time, the army was actively engaged in the repression of people's organizations, including many peasant groups. In the Nicaraguan case, agrarian reform was a stimulus to the organization of the campesinos and farm workers while in El Salvador it was a threat.

AGRARIAN REFORM (1979 - 1983)		
	Nicaragua	El Salvador
Percent of arable land involved	40%	12%
State Sector	20%	0%
Individual Title	18%	NA
Cooperatives	2%	8%
Percent of Rural Families Benefitted	24%	6%
Number of Co-ops Functioning	3,820	277
Co-op Members	62,359	29,755
Percent of Farm Workers Benefitted	44%	16%

Second, the commitment of resources to the newly established farms varies. In Nicaragua, agricultural credit in the first two years of the reform increased more than five times over the 1978 level. About 80% of loans went to small farmers (compared to 4% under Somoza). In El Salvador, dozens of co-ops are bankrupt and starved for credit.

Third, in El Salvador, the reform benefited very few of the landless who make up perhaps 60% of the rural population. In Nicaragua, more than

one third of landless families have been given access to the land. The agrarian reform in El Salvador is paralyzed. President Duarte has conceded that there will be no further reforms. Nicaragua's leaders see their process as just beginning and consider it the first step towards equitable economic development. While Nicaragua faces the future, El Salvador's land reform looks more and more like the little Dutch boy with his finger in the dike, desperately trying to hold back the tide of change. ☛

## The Contras Speak: CIA Terrorism in Action

### ON ATTACKS UPON CIVILIANS

Eduardo Lopez Valenzuela, member, Democratic National Front (FDN): "We arrived at the road at 4:30, and proceeded at once to set up our roadblock. A blue Jeep with 13 people appeared. The 13 people got out and lined up in front of us. Among them were three nurses. Jimmy Leo, Polo and Ruben proceeded to rape all three. The women pleaded with them to stop but no one paid any attention to them. After the rape, they fired salvos of 20 shots from their FAL (a type of automatic rifle-eds.) in the breast and head of each woman.

Then Jimmy Leo went up to one of them who looked like a foreigner, who said, "Stop this shooting, we are civilians. I am a doctor from Germany. Don't murder us!"

Jimmy paid no attention to this, and as the foreigner once more cried, "Don't murder us," Jimmy proceeded to fill him with lead from his FAL, from his head down to his chest. After he shot him, Jimmy turned to me and said, "Now it's your turn." So I went and killed a person wearing blue pants and a white shirt. One shot after another from the machine gun, five in the head and five in the chest.

When they were all dead, we were satisfied. We were happy, and shouted out many times: "With God and Patriotism we will overthrow the communists" and "Long live the FDN."

### ON RECRUITING NEW SOLDIERS

Emerson Uriel Navarrete Medrano, member FDN: Rice is so expensive, because the Sandinistas send all the rice to the Soviet Union and Cuba. That's how we explain it to them. Look, you know as well as I do that peasants' heads are filled with nothing but straw. The peasant doesn't think things over like someone who has been to school.

Two or three things, well explained, and he joins up.

The above are from a collection of first-hand interviews published in West Germany by Dieter Eich and Carlos Rincon in *La Contras* publ. by Konkret Literatur Verlag, Hamburg, 1984. Excerpts transl. by Richard Schaufli, as printed in *Central American Alert*, Feb. 1985.)

The men just quoted are the counter-revolutionaries waging an illegal war of terror against the people of Nicaragua and its democratically-elected government. These men are Reagan's so-called "freedom fighters" who have murdered well over 7,500 Nicaraguans, mainly civilians. They have also destroyed hundreds of millions of dollars worth of produce and productive facilities to further their policy of economic destabilization.

The U.S. government has supported, trained, organized and armed the contras since 1981, including 80 million dollars of funding. Reagan is presently exhorting Congress to resume 14 million dollars in aid.

According to a front page series in the "New York Times" (beginning 3/17/85), the results of the vote on contra aid will greatly influence future U.S. policy toward Nicaragua, i.e. whether to increase or decrease U.S. military involvement.

From all reports, this is a KEY vote. Therefore, it is up to us to DEMAND AN END TO ALL U.S. AID TO THE CONTRAS. Bring pads, envelopes, stamps, addresses to your work, school, friends, family. WRITE and urge others to write also.

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-Elana Levy

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Meanwhile, the terrorist army organized, supplied and directed by the CIA continues its campaign of kidnapping, rape, torture, and murder in northern Nicaragua.

In Honduras, the U.S. military proceeds with its task of transforming that country into a giant military base for U.S. action in the region; and in Guatemala, the government carries out its attacks against the majority Indian population while the Reagan Administration asks Congress for \$35 million in military aid to facilitate the killing.

Among the American people, however, opposition to our country's intervention on the side of dictators and "contra" terrorists continues to grow. In the latest Washington Post-ABC News poll, a full seventy percent of respondents opposed our government's attacks on Nicaragua. More importantly, larger and larger numbers of Americans are speaking out and taking concrete action against U.S. intervention.

The Sanctuary Movement is continuing its vital work in the face of government intimidation and "legal" repression; the national solidarity networks sponsor public demonstrations, confront policy makers, carry out "people to people" aid campaigns, and send brigades of Americans to forge links with the people of El Salvador and Nicaragua; Witness for Peace delegations have actually stood on the Nicaraguan border with Honduras and put their bodies between the Nicaraguan people and the CIA-sponsored army attacking them; and the April actions in Washington will bring tens of thousands to tell our government we want an end to the U.S. war on Central America.

Contingency plans are also being made throughout the country for a massive nationwide response to any major escalation of the war. In a unique national effort, more than 50,000 Americans have already signed a "Pledge of Resistance" to direct U.S. intervention in El Salvador or Nicaragua. In the event of such intervention, people across the country will participate in vigils, rallies and non-violent occupation of Congressional field offices; many will go to Washington to engage in large-scale civil

disobedience, and U.S. citizens in Nicaragua will initiate their own nonviolent action.

In Onondaga County, a local Pledge of Resistance coalition -- including members of FOCUS, the Syracuse Sanctuary Committee, MADRE, People for Peace and Justice, Pax Christi, Witness for Peace and others -- is finalizing local plans to respond to the national call.

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# Do You Feel A Draft?

## Selective Service is Ready Even if You Are Not

By Gillam Kerley

When Jimmy Carter reinstated draft registration in 1980, the Selective Service System was in "deep standby." Today the task of "revitalizing" Selective Service is complete. Draft boards are trained and prepared to open; rules and regulations are up-to-date, and military reservists are ready to serve as temporary staff at induction offices across the country. Selective Service waits only for the Congressional nod to begin calling up young men.

That authorization could come as the Administration's foreign policy objectives push against the limitations of the U.S. armed forces. The two million GIs currently on active duty may not suffice if Ronald Reagan decides to do all he wants to do. Though military recruiters are meeting or exceeding their quotas, thanks largely to high levels of youth unemployment, the All-Volunteer Force will be strained if the Commander-in-Chief chooses to go all out in implementing his interventionist agenda.

The President has already defined the Sandinista government of Nicaragua as a threat. An invasion, however, would require the United States to commit 100,000 to 150,000 troops for a sustained period, according to Colonel Edward King, a former Pentagon analyst. Casualties would be high in the 'village-to-village, hill-to-hill' fighting. The corresponding reduction in U.S. troop strength in NATO countries and the Middle

*Gillam is a founder of the Madison (Wisconsin) Draft Resistance Coalition. In September 1982 he was indicted for refusing to register for the draft. Handling his own legal defense, he pled "not guilty by reason of sanity." The article is a condensation of one which originally appeared in the March 1985 issue of The Progressive magazine.*

East would become so intolerable, King predicts, that Washington would resume conscription within three to four months of launching the attack.

But reviving the draft, under this or any other scenario, entails a serious risk: It threatens to renew antiwar politics at home. National leaders are wary of reawakening campus activism that has been relatively dormant since the last chorus of 'Hell no, we won't go!'

help during a national emergency.

Behind the scenes, however, Federal officials have wasted no time gearing up for the real thing. 'There is a contradiction between what they are saying to the public about their minimal role and the preparation work they are doing,' notes Kathy Gilberd, who heads the National Lawyers Guild's Military Law Task Force.

Selective Service is now fine-tuning its plans — plans described

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In such a climate, it seems, the Administration has three options: make do with existing clout, renounce Third World meddling (an unlikely choice), or pursue a gradual return of the draft, thereby averting full-scale political rebellion. Under the last course, which several of the think tanks endorse, the President would ask Congress for induction authority in advance — to offset a projected shortfall in recruitment, for example, or as a tradeoff for reaching an arms control agreement.

Once Reagan had been granted the authority to enlarge the military through conscription, he would have the 'flexibility' to intervene around the globe with or without domestic support. He could pursue war by administrative fiat. And that is the greatest danger of the draft: It tempts the Government to call on the soldier rather than the diplomat in resolving international conflict.

'There are no plans for a draft at this time,' assures the Selective Service System in one of its brochures. 'The only purpose of registration is to gather a list of names of people who might be called to

in documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act and in public records. It is not just laying the groundwork for limited conscription that would supplement the All-Volunteer Force; instead, it anticipates an all-out mobilization — 100,000 men in basic training within thirty days of a declared emergency.

Because many of the men who receive induction notices will be deferred, fail their physical examination, or simply not show up, at

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**LOCAL ANTI-DRAFT NEWS**

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The Syracuse Military Counseling Service is using the AFSC phone number for draft and military counseling concerns. Please call us.

Upstate Resistance is involved in draft resistance advocacy work locally. For more information contact Karen Beetle, 478-8521.

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least half a million men are targeted to receive orders to report in the first month.

Those tapped — twenty-year-olds, at first — will have only ten days from the date their draft notices are mailed to appear for physicals. If accepted, they will be put on a bus to basic training camp the same day. Applications for deferments and exemptions must be submitted in the initial ten day period.

Some of the deferments that existed during the Vietnam era have been abolished or curtailed. In 1971, Congress scrapped the student deferment, which had allowed the sons of middle- and upper-class parents to remain safely in college. Under new regulations, college students can delay their induction only until the

instance, an individual who neglects to file the correct Selective Service form within ten days of being called up will lose all rights to reclassification. This provision, among others, places a premium on advance preparation and the advice of a draft counselor or lawyer — services less accessible to the poor.

'People who are not armed with good information and who don't know enough about how the system works to fight it will be in basic training before they know what hit them,' warns Gilberd. Men who can speak to a lawyer or counselor, she adds, 'will have a decent chance at a range of deferments and exemptions.'

Good information will be in high

readership, and provides no information about medical exemptions. Draftees are not told who is eligible for such a release or what documents they should bring to their physicals at the Military Entrance Processing Stations.

Those claiming conscientious objector status will face a similar obstacle. Like the Classification Information Booklet, the questionnaire to be filled out by potential COs is incomplete. 'The form itself doesn't ask anybody to state their beliefs, which is required by law,' says CO adviser Charley Maresca. A qualified applicant could answer each question and still fall short of making a valid claim.

Despite its extensive preparations, Selective Service may have a tough time forcing America's young men into uniform. Opposition to the registration program continues to plague the agency. By official estimates, almost 400,000 men have not registered. Furthermore, millions of registrants have moved without notifying Selective Service of their change of address.

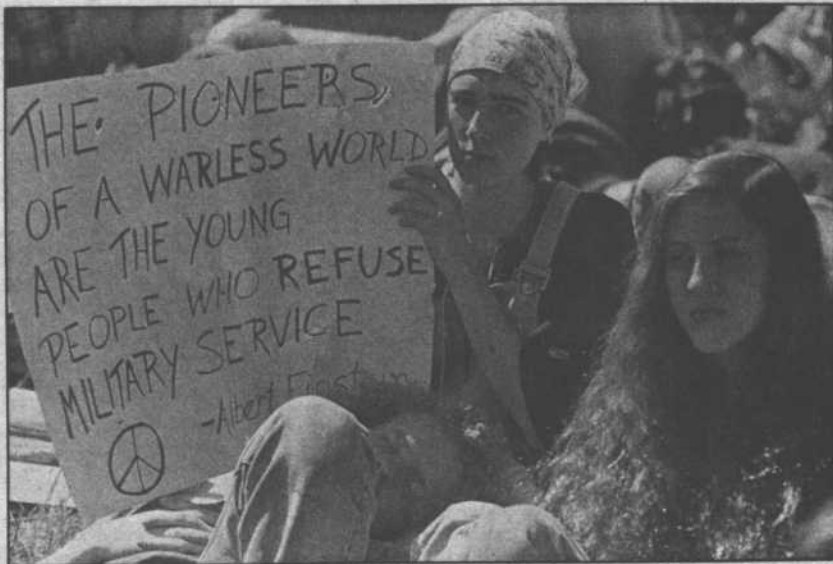
Failing to register is the only Federal crime punishable by the denial of Government aid. Applicants for Federal student loans and grants, and persons seeking Job Training Partnership Act benefits, are required to certify that they have either registered or were not required to do so.

Selective Service also purchases lists of licensed drivers from most states and compares these lists to the registration rolls. (Only Montana has consistently refused to cooperate, according to agency officials.) Suspected nonregistrants identified in this way receive a series of warning letters before their names are transmitted to the Justice Department for prosecution.

So far, the Justice Department has received more than 200,000 names, giving it a backlog that could take decades to reduce. The Government hoped to intimidate the anonymous resisters by cracking down on the openly defiant. But that strategy backfired as antidraft activists took advantage of the publicity surrounding these cases.

Recognizing the futility of 'high-profile' enforcement, the Government backed away from further prosecution

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Two of 100,000 people at a rally at the Pentagon to protest U.S. intervention in El Salvador.

end of their current semester or, in the case of seniors, until the end of the academic year.

This gesture toward fairness is more than offset by new restrictions on the hardship deferment, most often used by low-income draftees. Nor will conscription solve the inequity of the present 'volunteer' system, which actually depends on economic conscripts — minorities and poor whites who cannot find work in the civilian sector. A wartime draft will merely supplement the poverty draft; poor men will continue to volunteer (or re-enlist) so long as opportunities outside the armed forces remain limited.

The very speed of the planned mobilization threatens to bring confusion as well as arbitrary and discriminatory inductions. For

demand and short supply in the days following a mobilization. Draft counselors will be swamped with inquiries from tens of thousands of men. Many draftees will, at their peril, rely on materials provided by the Selective Service System.

For most young men, Selective Service's Classification Information Booklet will be the primary source of information about exemptions and deferments. Eight hundred thousand copies of this ten-page brochure are waiting in a warehouse at Fort Sheridan in Highland Park, Illinois; the Government plans to distribute them through post offices in the event of mobilization.

The booklet is written for a well-educated, middle-class

# EXORCISM: An Analysis of Jamie Uys'

By Peter Davis

*GODS is a rare item: an unusually popular film imported from white South Africa. As we go to press, it's into its twelfth week at Manlius Cinema. This review has been condensed from a longer article.*

It was embarrassing to cross the chanting picket-lines outside the 57th St. Playhouse where THE GODS MUST BE CRAZY was showing -- "Don't see this racist movie, you're giving money to apartheid!" As we hesitated, a woman coming out assured us it was in no way racist, just a very funny film. We decided to give the film the benefit of the doubt.

The audience loved the film, and I found it often funny. However, inside and outside its gags, GODS is saturated with the mindset of apartheid.

GODS is a film whose underlying assumptions are racist. It does not deliberately set out to dehumanize blacks, but South Africa is a society where racism is as natural as breathing. Jamie Uys, the producer-director-screenwriter, is not a Gordimer, Fugard or Brink, not one who examines his society like a plague bacterium on a slide. He probably believes, in his jolly way, that he is striking a blow against apartheid when he shows a befuddled white scientist aided by a canny black jack-of-all-trades and when he contrasts the enviable simplicity of Bushman (San) life with the rat-race in white towns. These are things he does consciously.

What he does unconsciously is far more intriguing. Beneath a simplistic tale of the search for the tranquil life lies an attempt to exorcise the Black Devil by laughter.

The surface tale consists of several intertwining plots: 1. The story of !Ky, the San man of Botswana, an independent black nation just north of South Africa. Uys shows the life of the San as idyllic until an aviator drops a Coke

bottle into their midst. This unfamiliar but surprisingly useful object causes such friction that !Ky determines to return it to the gods whence it came. 2. In a neighboring black-governed country, Sam Boca attempts a coup. He fails and flees with his black followers into Botswana. 3. A white journalist, frustrated by her city job, goes to teach in a black school in Botswana. There she meets the male lead, a shy, awkward biologist. These three plots fuse when the revolutionaries seize the schoolteacher and her black pupils, and the biologist and the San man rescue them.

For the inner meaning, it is necessary to know something of South Africa's domestic and foreign policies and of the singlemindedness with which South Africa is using apartheid to shape its future. Within its borders, South Africa has for almost four decades been creating a new territorial and demographic entity -- pushing the black population into 10 supposedly independent bantustans composed of 98 fragments of land. For all its surface amiability, GODS is an expression of this aspect of apartheid.

Uys' Botswana exists only in his imagination -- features of the landscape, dress and custom are not found in the real Botswana. Uys' Botswana is a dream of a happy-go-lucky bantustan -- those equally fictitious homelands that the South African government is shaping all over South Africa, literally out of dust, for the dumping of black people.

In GODS, all the people scurrying around southern Africa, colliding in pratfalls, constitute a distorted microcosm of the clash of peoples and ideologies that is in reality deeply tragic. The film creates the never-never-land

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tions. While thirteen resisters were indicted in the second half of 1982, only three were charged in 1983, and one was prosecuted last year. [Andy Mager is the only U.S. draft resister now in prison. —Ed.]

Many activists believe opposition to registration has helped thwart a return to the draft. Still, it would be naive to conclude that Selective Service is on the run. Most draft-age men have registered, and the percentage of nonregistrants has dropped in the past two years. Economic coercion and stern warning letters appear to be effective, politically safe enforcement mechanisms. The level of noncompliance may, in fact, no longer be high enough to keep Congress from

authorizing conscription.

Many progressives, lulled into thinking that conscription is a remote threat, have moved on to other issues. Groups opposed to U.S. intervention in Central America have paid little attention to the connection between a draft and a war. Meanwhile, registered men have tended to drift away from political action, believing that they have betrayed the anti-draft movement's call for noncooperation. Those men, paradoxically, should be on the front lines of opposition if they are to avoid the front lines of battle.

Only heightened public awareness and resistance will derail Selective Service's plans for conscription. Religious groups, civil rights acti-

vists, student organizations, and anti-interventionists need to understand the likelihood of a draft and recognize their stake in the issue. Activists already working against registration and the Government's harassment of resisters must look ahead to the draft itself. Some are beginning to do this, developing contingency plans, emergency response networks, and educational materials for draftees.

But if the President were to ask for induction authority tomorrow — and such legislation has been introduced before — the Congress might agree, not because the nation faces a legitimate threat to its security, but because opposition to conscription is not as visible as it should be. ☉



# film "The Gods Must Be Crazy"

that the architects of apartheid would have us believe in, where South Africa's intentions are for the good of everyone, where entire villages drop their work to sing a hymn of welcome to a white teacher, where the attitude of black toward white is gratitude, of white toward black, protective paternalism. This peaceful dependent relationship would continue forever were it not for the guerrillas.

In this best of all possible worlds, the white scientist comes to the aid of the kidnapped children. Their own families and government, being black, cannot be relied upon to protect them. They must be rescued by the ingenuity of a white man, assisted by IKy, the San. Here we have in little what is actually being done on a large scale by the South African army. The San are used by the South African army in Namibia to track down SWAPO guerrillas -- using one indigenous people against another.

In the film, the guerrillas are well-armed while the white hero goes unarmed -- a precise reversal of the white-black situation. South Africa is neither unarmed nor non-aggressive. It has by far the best equipped and most efficient fighting force on the continent. It is used as a tool

of policy: South Africa has often invaded its neighbors, killing hundreds of black civilians. It has paid and equipped black insurgents to destabilize its neighbors.

Who are these "gods" who are crazy? They are the technologically advanced whites whose very garbage is a source of wonder to the Third World. In their wisdom, the San reject what white society has to offer. However admirable, the kind of decision this rejection represents is absent from the lives of the indigenous peoples of South Africa. The dispossessed Tswanas, Zulus, Xhosas, and San have little control over what they can accept or reject. That decision is made by the government in Pretoria, and that decision-maker has never concerned itself with what the majority population wants.

There is savage irony in the Rousseauesque depiction of the San. The Afrikaners have within a few generations catapulted from subsistence farming into the foremost industrial economy on the African continent. From peasants they have become bureaucrats. Uys shows his whites suffering from all the ills of big cities, slaves to their technology, alienated by stress. It is a predicament all of us of the First World recognize. In the good old days, back on the farm, life was less complicated, more enjoyable -- so the nostalgia runs. Not only in GODS but in reality this pastoral fantasy is projected onto blacks. How else call anything as hellish as the dumping-grounds by the sweet name of "homelands?" Out of their imaginations, Afrikaners create entire countries, Fantasy Islands, and then move millions of their subject peoples there -- to a lazy idyll enforced by no work, no facilities, terminal soil erosion, inescapable malnutrition and tuberculosis. Like Nazi Germany, the horror of South Africa is this power to turn the mad dream into reality.

GODS is not a harmless little comedy at all. A little knowledge of the sociopolitical realities of South Africa enables one through this film to get a glimpse of the psyche of the white. Down there lurks the Black Bogey. With the laughter conjured up by GODS s/he can be exorcised for a time. For a time. ☪



## April 4th - National Protest Day Against U.S. Investment in South Africa

In April protests against U.S. investment in South Africa will be held at scores of campuses and in major cities throughout the U.S. These actions are part of a broader effort building to April Actions For Peace, Jobs and Justice in Washington DC (April 19-22) that includes South Africa as one of its four major focuses.

On April 4 -- the anniversary of Martin Luther King's assassination -- protests for divestment of university funds linked to South Africa will occur at Harvard, Stanford, Yale, Columbia, Notre Dame, Dartmouth, Princeton, Hamilton, Amherst, and state campuses in California, Colorado, New York, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Georgia, Louisiana, Missouri and Wisconsin.

On the same day there will be protests against U.S. investors in South Africa in Albany, New York, Chicago, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Detroit, Memphis, Portland, Seattle, Baltimore and Washington DC.

Detroit demonstrators will picket the General Motors

headquarters, the NYC march will rally outside Mobil Oil headquarters, and the Minneapolis action will target the First Bank of St Paul for its Krugerrand sales.

Recent actions in Pittsburgh, New York, Oakland, Boston, Newark and San Francisco have brought the total of public funds to be divested of South Africa-related companies to over \$1.2 billion. Legislation is pending in 28 states and many cities across the country. Recent university divestment actions at Harvard, Yale, the City University of New York, Western Washington University and Evergreen State have brought the campus divestment total to \$180 million since 1977. (Syracuse University reportedly has over \$6,000,000 invested in companies trafficking with South Africa.)

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## Disarmers Update

Peace activists continue to disarm instruments and systems of destruction, despite increasing risks. On Nov. 12, 1984, Frs. Carl and Paul Kabat, Helen Woodson, and Larry Cloud-Morgan (the Silo Pruning Hooks) damaged a Minuteman Silo NS at Whiteman AFB near Kansas City. They were found guilty of not only destruction of government property and trespassing, but also of sabotage ("national defense premises"), for which they could face a maximum 25-year prison sentence. U.S. Attorney Robert Ulrich calls these disarmers "arrogant terrorists." The four will be sentenced March 25.

Locally, nine activists, part of Pax Christi, protested at Griffiss AFB Dec. 28 in recognition of the Feast of Holy Innocence, which commemorates King Herod's order to kill all male babies. The nine offered symbolic gifts of life and the human family such as bread and photo albums of children's images to the base commander. After one hour, they were arrested. Griffiss' claims that the protesters were blocking traffic were proven completely unfounded when Bill Griffin presented photos of the action. First offenders, Mimi Woolever, Mary Keough, Carolyn Graydon, Bob Belge, Carla Berrigan, and Dan Finley, were acquitted. Pat Bergen received a one-month suspended sentence and probation and one month alternative service. Jerry Berrigan and Bill Cuddy will be sentenced 9:30 a.m., April 3, with a vigil preceding at 9 a.m.

Meanwhile, the Griffiss Plowshares 7, sentenced in July 1984 to two-three years imprisonment for disarming components of cruise missiles Thanksgiving 1983, will be eligible for parole within the next year. Liz McAllister's parole date

is in March '86; Kathleen Rumpf, Jackie Allen and Clare Grady in December '85; and Vern Rossman, Dean Hammer, and Carl Smith in February. Dean argued an eloquent appeal of the case Feb. 25 before two (of three) judges of Federal 2nd District Appeals Court in New York City based on denial of due process during the trial. The judges have not yet reached a decision.

Several of the Pershing Plowshares; who received three-year prison sentences for their April 22, 1984 actions of hammering and pouring blood on a Patriot missile launcher, cutting wiring and hydraulic hoses; have had their parole hearings recently. Patrick O'Neill, Todd Kaplan, and Paul Magno all received the maximum 25 months. At Paul's hearing, the most recent, the parole board said if they could've, they would've taken away his "good time" as well, since the Plowshares were a "threat to national security." There is good news however. Sweden and the U.S. recently signed a treaty that allows for prisoner exchange beginning in July. Per Hengren is hoping to return to Sweden through this exchange. (Per's parole hearing will be held in the third week of April.)

In other trial news, the two groups arrested and charged with criminal trespass at the sentencing of draft resister Andy Mager Feb. 4 will appear in court soon. Carol Baum, Liam Mahony, Lyn Larson, and Will Siegfried, who entered the Military Processing Station with a banner and passed out leaflets, will be tried April 1 at 2 p.m. The occupiers of the U.S. Attorney's office, Karen Beetle, Kate Larch, Carolyn Mow, and Jim Pfeiffer, will go to trial 2 p.m. April 2.



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War tax resisters support the need for laws to protect society and for taxation to provide for its needs. They oppose laws which lead to the destruction of society, such as laws which provide that large corporations pay negative taxes while ordinary wage earners pay a huge proportion of their income in taxes which go through the Pentagon to these same giants. For example, in 1981, (the same year for which local war tax resisters are being pursued for refunded taxes plus penalties) General Electric made a profit of \$2.66 billion and received a tax refund of over \$90 million! In that year, taxpayers were paying \$3 million daily to GE for war-making equipment. Corporate greed is buying Armageddon, from which there are no "loopholes" or "ex-emptions" for rich or poor.

Taxpayers who send a note with their tax return saying that they are conscientiously opposed to paying taxes which are being used to prepare for nuclear war may be fined \$500.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court tells us that it is unconstitutional to limit what a political action committee can spend on behalf of presidential nominees. This limit would infringe on freedom of speech, they say.

Apparently freedoms are protected for one group and fined for another.

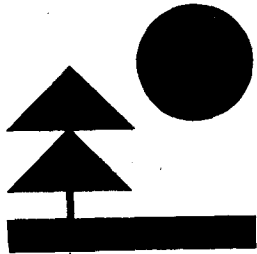
Around the nation, more and more people are refusing to participate in the purchase of annihilation. As of January, 1985, 4,148 people have signed a military tax resistance resolution sponsored by the Conscience and Military Tax Campaign (CMTC) saying that they are refusing to pay

military taxes now or will refuse when CMTC notifies them that there are 100,000 signed resolutions on file. Currently 681 people have redirected their military taxes to the CMTC escrow account which holds their money until enactment of a bill in Congress, (The Peace Tax Fund), which would allow conscientious objector status for taxpayers while using the interest for life-affirming programs. Many communities have similar "alternative funds."

A National War Tax Resistance Co-ordinating Committee has formed to co-ordinate activities and gain media recognition for war tax resistance as a national movement. Last year's list of local actions around April 15 (tax day) included 150 organizations. This year the list is expected to be longer.

Locally, the Syracuse Military Tax Resistance Support Group plans an action at the Federal Building on April 8. Past tax-day vigils at the main post office have received good media coverage. This year an event before the 15th is planned to stimulate taxpayers to consider their compliance with war taxation. On the 8th, two members of the group will make public their attempt to pay previously withheld 1981 war taxes (which the IRS is now pursuing) in a way that does not conflict with their conscience. The action will include leafletting in front of the Federal Building and at other sites downtown, and a striking demonstration of the extraordinary size of the military budget. Please join us from noon to 1:00 in front of the Federal Building at the corner of Washington and Clinton Streets.


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Project Wild - a new statewide curriculum teaching that animals are renewable resources (promotes hunting and trapping); Animal experimentation in classrooms ; Humane Education Law; Humane Education resources. Short presentation followed by discussion. For information call Ian Shapiro 475-2202 (home), 432-3788(work).

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## "A Feminist World is a Nuclear Free Zone"

On February 6, the U.S. Women's Movement began a national "girlcott" -- a positive consumer action to buy New Zealand products, in protest against President Reagan's threatened trade reprisals against that country because of its refusal to permit U.S. ships carrying nuclear weapons to refuel in New Zealand ports. As of February 15, the girlcott was active in 23 major American cities across the U.S.

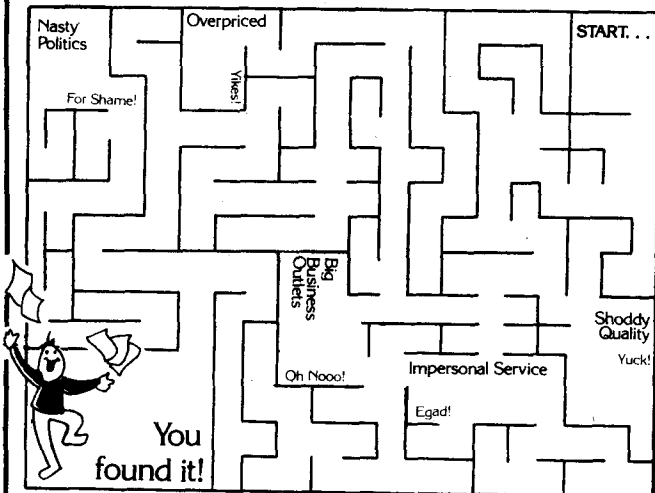
New Zealand, the first country in the world to grant women suffrage, has now become the first nation to refuse access to a great power regarding nuclear weapons. Although that country has long been a nuclear-free zone, it was not until June, 1984, that the issue came to a crisis involving the United States. At that time, Marilyn Waring, a 33-year-old feminist Member of Parliament, brought down the N.Z. government -- and her own party, the National Party -- by a one-vote margin, when she crossed the floor to vote with the opposition against permitting U.S. ships carrying nuclear weapons access to N.Z. ports for refueling. One month later, in national elections, the Labour Party was swept into power by an overwhelming margin, organized by and largely due to the women's vote. On February 5, 1985, Labour Prime Minister Lige informed the U.S. that New Zealand would stand by its anti-nuclear position. President Reagan responded by threatening trade reprisals

against that country, whose sole major industry is agricultural products.

In support of Waring, the woman who started it all by her principled vote, and in support of the idea that "A FEMINIST WORLD IS A NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE," U.S. women are deliberately buying N.Z. imports to offset the Reagan threat (lamb, wool products, fruits -- kiwi-fruit, strawberries, blueberries -- beer, cheese, Aulsebacker crackers, etc.), and are writing to the White House and their Congressional Representatives to tell them of the girlcott. They also are protesting that a punitive raise in duty by the Reagan Administration on N.Z. products actually punishes the U.S. consumers -- who are mostly women. And they are sending petitions to Rep. Stephen J. Solarz (D.-Bklyn), who will soon be convening hearings on this issue by the House Foreign Affairs Asian Subcommittee. Furthermore, they are pointing out that in no way does N.Z. policy violate the 1951 ANZUS Treaty, which merely requires the three signatories (Australia, New Zealand, and the US) to "consult if one of them is threatened."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS OR OTHER FUTURE ACTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S SOLIDARITY, WRITE TO: The Sisterhood Is Global Institute, c/o The Women's Action Alliance, 370 Lexington Ave., NYC 10017.

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### MONTHLY FORUM

"The CIA: Covert Action in the Eighties" with Ron Shuffler of FOCUS.

Sunday, April 14 at 3 pm

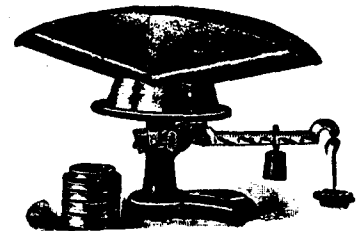
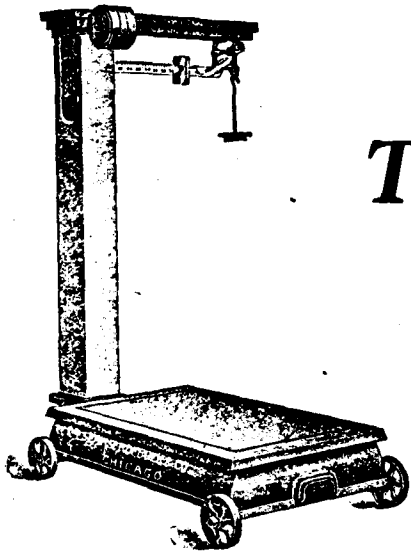
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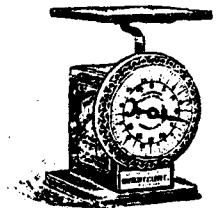
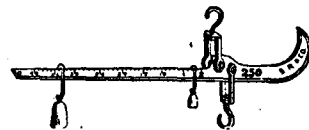
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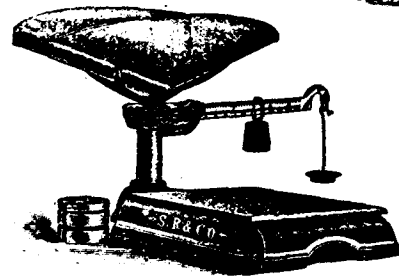
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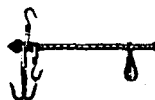


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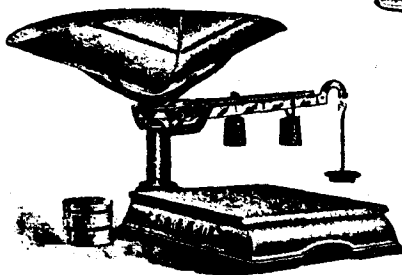
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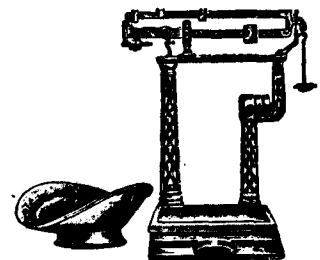


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# From Time Immemorial

Joan Peters 1983 1984 Harper & Row

## By Mid-East Study Group

From Time Immemorial by Joan Peters is a recent major work about the Middle East. It purports to explain the Arab-Israeli conflict over Palestine by offering historical proofs of both the legitimacy of Israeli claims and the illegitimacy of Palestinian and Arab counter claims. From Time Immemorial has been widely hailed in the mainstream press and equally attacked in the progressive media. It is a dangerous, disturbing and flawed book.

Joan Peters is a journalist and former government advisor on Middle East issues. According to Peters, her sympathetic feelings towards the Palestinians were changed by the results of her research. Her central thesis is that Palestinian and Arab claims in the area are based on historical fallacies and are not "true". Therefore these claims cannot be used as justification for Arab and Palestinian actions. More specifically Peters argues, with lengthy and redundant historical documentation, that there is no Arab group that can truthfully be identified as Palestinian; that Palestinians are essentially a post-1948 political creation; that the deplorable refugee camp problem is primarily Arab caused and manipulated by Arab governments; and that pervasive and historical anti-Jewish sentiments underlie regional conflicts. The truth, according to Peters, is that Palestine has been continuously occupied by an indigenous Jewish population for 2000 years and the U.N. approved creation of Israel was historically valid and just. Furthermore she argues that Israeli actions since 1948 are almost entirely reactive to Arab hostility and have also been valid and just.

Why is a book claiming to be a study of the origins of the Arab-Israeli conflict over Palestine evoking such strong reactions? What Joan Peters has written in the name of accuracy

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A Palestinian Woman.

and justice is far more than a static history. About an area charged with hatred, conflicting political and religious ideologies, superpower surrogate confrontations and nationalism, Peters has written an argument for one side, an argument that in this tortured area Israel is "more correct". What Peters has done is to present an implicit moral justification for war by Israel.

We in the Middle East study group find Peters' polarizing arguments extremely disturbing. In a book that offers no practical suggestions for future directions her argument can serve only as one more in a series of highly partisan positions that preach to the converted. Are her arguments defensible? They are not.

Two ways to criticize From Time Immemorial are to question its accuracy and to question the implications suggested by the book.

Reviews in the progressive media have stressed factual inadequacies and apparent lies in Peters' work. For example, Norman Finkelstein, in the September 1984 issue of "In These Times", describes the book as "one of the most spectacular frauds ever published on the Arab-Israeli conflict." He carefully shows that Peters' use of documents and demographic data follows a consistent pattern of distortions and lies. Finkelstein's examples are too numerous to mention and we urge interested readers to see his review in full.

It is of paramount importance to us in the Middle East study group that in a four hundred page narrative swollen with an additional two hundred pages of footnotes, Peters devotes only a few paragraphs to what should be done. Her suggestions are bland re-treads of positions completely repudiated by the Arab world, that Jordan could be the home of the refugees and that a gigantic Marshall type relief plan would solve the problems of the area. History without prescription for action begs the issues. Peters innocently leaves implications of her position to others.

What kind of currency does Peters' style of argument have? To prove that Palestinians do not exist in the abstract cruelly ignores the fact that Palestinians are there. Peters manages to bury the most natural questions which arise about the Middle East from both a political and humanitarian point of view. After reading her book we have to ask, and now what?

The real question in the Middle East is not the one this self-righteous and devious author addresses. The real question is not whether the Palestinians exist or where the Palestinians who are living near or within the borders of present day Israel came from, the real question is where are they going?

The state of Israel came into being in an explosive situation that has continued for thirty seven years. Israel cannot survive without peace. Peace will never come without the legitimate rights of the Palestinians being honored.

From Time Immemorial is a dangerous book. We fear that it will not be read nearly as much as its laudatory reviews are read. We fear that this misleading book will be taken by some as truth. From Time Immemorial is not true. Beware of it! ☸

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### Two Films in Tribute to Truffaut

Francois Truffaut (1932-1984) was one of the creators of New Wave filmmaking.

## 400 BLOWS

Friday, April 5 7:30, 9:30

Truffaut's first film focused on the life of a troubled and rebellious 12-year-old boy and his experiences at home, in school and on the streets of Paris. Believed to be autobiographical Truffaut was able to draw the story from the boy's perspective. (1959, 98 min.) French with English subtitles.

## JULES AND JIM

Friday, April 12 7:30, 9:30

Jeanne Moreau, Oskar Werner, and Henri Serre star in this complex story of the love of two men for one woman. Set in Paris around 1912 the bohemian life style provides the perfect backdrop for the philosophical and emotional exploration of love. (1962, 104 min.) French with English subtitles.

## THE TIMES OF HARVEY MILK

Thursday, April 18 7:30, 9:30

Friday, April 19 7:30, 9:30

Relying on news footage and interviews this powerful documentary (nominated for an Academy Award) relates the events surrounding the 1978 death of San Francisco supervisor and gay activist Harvey Milk's personality and political positions, particularly his support for the growing homosexual community, contrast sharply to the conservative positions of his murderer Dan White, a former San Francisco supervisor. "Harvey stood for something more than just him," someone remarks in *The Times of Harvey Milk* and this warm, well-made documentary makes that eminently clear." - Janet Maslin, *The New York Times*. (Robert Epstein, 1984, 87 min.) Cosponsor: Gay and Lesbian Student Association. **PREMIERE.**

## TIME STANDS STILL

Thursday, April 25 7:30, 9:30

Friday, April 26 7:30, 9:30

Growing up in the oppressive atmosphere of Hungary after the Russian Occupation, a group of young boys rebel through a passion for American styles and music. Best foreign film of the year, NY Film Critics. "An extraordinary work Dazzling, sexy, bitterly funny and haunting. You can't and won't want to shake it off." - *Newsweek* (Peter Gotthar, 1982, 99 min.) Hungarian with English subtitles. **PREMIERE.**

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	<p>8 Film: "In the Name of the People" &amp; discussion. 7:30 Westcott Cafe \$2 Ron 475-1403 Feminist Study Group. 7 pm Women's Info. Janet 475-7190 War Tax Resistance Support Action. See page 18</p>	<p>9 Upstarters Against Corporate Blackball mtg 7 pm 422 Hubbell Ave. Jim 476-1536 Childbirth Support meeting Plymouth Church 422-7791</p>	<p>10 James McFadden &amp; Ron art Menozza (Witness for Peace delegate) 7:30 pm Onondaga Indian School Rt. 11 Barb 474-1795 or 475-7190 Dr. Helen Caldwell: 8 pm Colgate U. Memorial Chapel (315)824-1000</p>	<p>11 Film: "Nuclear Weapons &amp; Mass Media" 8pm SU Newhouse Bldg 1 Rm A-1 446-2380 free</p>	<p>13 Women's Info workshop: "Furtive" &amp; Relationships" 1-5pm 601 Allen St. 38 478-4636 "Central &amp; South Africa" panel &amp; discussion. 2-5. United Methodist Church at Bowers Cemetery, Baldwinsville. Free Thru 475-4622</p>
<p>14 Socialist Forum: C. L.A. Covert Actions in 80s. 3 pm Westcott Cafe Carl Mellor 476-4441 or 475-1403. Free Film: "Nuclear: No Pasaran" 8 pm Westcott Cafe. \$2 donation. Ron 475-1403.</p>	 <p>16 Greater Syracuse NOW meeting 8 pm May Memorial, 3800 E. Genesee Registration/Deadline for Strategy-Planning Conference to Stop 9 Mile II Corinne 422-1659</p>	<p>17 NAACP meeting, 7:30 pm 100 New St. 470-3300. Gay Housewife &amp; Fathers meeting: 422-5732 Educator for Social Responsibility meeting: 7:30pm Laubach Literary Bldg. 673-1083</p>	<p>18 "The Times of Harvey Milk" NYS Film. 7:30 &amp; 9:30 SU Kirtrede Aud. \$2 "Women under Apartheid" talk 3-4:30 pm 475-4622 SU IIS College Place Rappo Crisis Center Beer &amp; pizza Party 5 pm, Copper Kettle restaurant \$9 422-7273.</p>	<p>19 "The Economy of Pain: Female Involvement in 19th C. America" 12:30 Bird Library SU free Protest in DC see page 7</p>	 <p>20 April Action see page 9</p>
<p>21 Sermon by South African Seattle Mohalepula Chabaku 10am Grace Episcopal Church 819 Madison Film: "The Thins of Harvey Milk" 2pm \$4-8 Westcott Cafe Women's Info Art Gallery Opening: Laurel Tewes 2-6pm</p>	<p>22 Education about Nature: The Project WILD Curriculum 6pm 821 Enclave Friends Meeting House</p>	<p>23 Upstarters Against Corporate Blackball mtg 7pm 422 Hubbell Avenue Coastal Prevention Movement mtg 428-0933 "Equal Opportunity Bees: What are your Rights on the Job?" noon CIVIC Ctr</p>	 <p>25 SPC's 50th Anniversary mtg 5pm SPC House 9pm Cornell University Annex Taylor Aud. 6pm \$7-9 387-9603</p>	<p>26 "Time Stands Still" NYS Film 7:30 &amp; 9:30pm SU Kirtrede Aud. \$2 Women's Studies in Britain &amp; Europe 12:30pm SU Bird Library Spector Room free</p>	<p>27 Pax Christi mtg 10:30am 208 Stockton Av 446-1693 Stop 9 Mile II Vigil. meet at NIMCO bldg 7pm, then car pool to an executive's home Chris Williamson &amp; Trent Pure concert 8pm Mynderse Academy Senior High School Seneca Falls 1-568-6238</p>
 <p>28 Strategy-Planning Conference to Stop 9 Mile II 10am-5pm SU Maxwell School Corinne 422-1693</p>	<p>29 Women's Info Benefit Dinner 5-9pm \$4-8 Westcott Cafe Peace Newsletter Production 4/29-5/1 volunteers welcome!</p>	<p>30 People for Animal Rights mtg 7pm 478-8521.</p>	<p>1 May 2nd, 9th &amp; 16th Infertility Workshop \$7.50 total 7-9pm Planned Parenthood 1120 E. Genesee St</p>	<p>2 Talk: "Ambivalent Plurality: Seneca Falls Women After the Generation of 1848" 12:30pm Spector Rm SU Bird Library Pieces for Peace Gathering Fayette Park 12 noon 474-1132 Ladies Against Womanyn see page 6</p>	 <p>4 Every Wednesday Gay AA mtg 8pm Grace Epis Ch Every Thursday Women's Info newsletter mtg 7pm Every Thursday Massage Group for Women 7:30 BarbDDee 478-5522 Every Thursday noon-1 Taste of the Arts free Plymouth Church 1st Friday every month Square Dance 8:30 Grace Episcopal Church</p>

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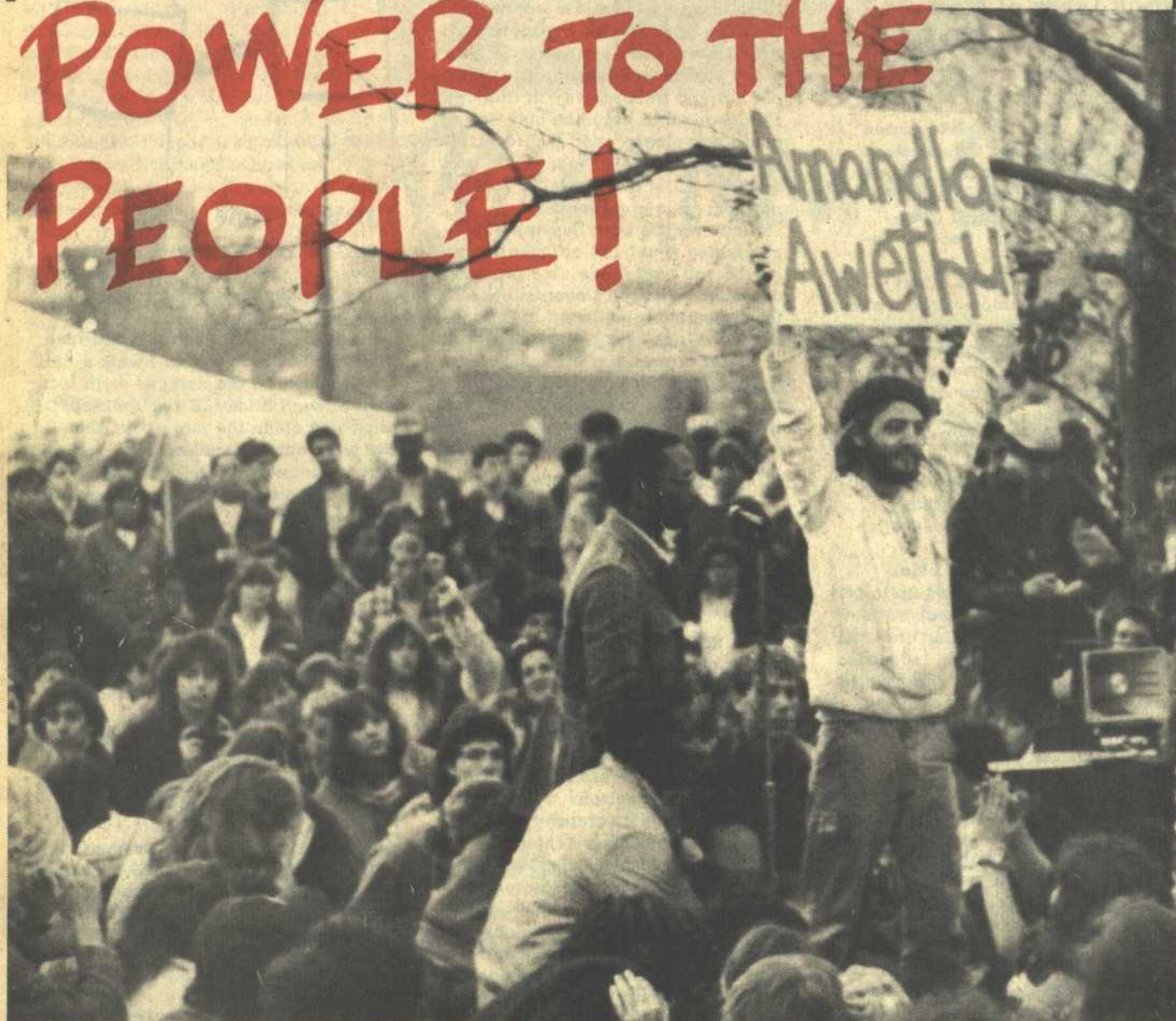
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## Help Abolish Slave-like forced Prison Labor at Attica

Dear Peace Council:

Supporters/organizers are urgently needed to end slave-like forced labor in NYS prisoner industries at Attica and other major NYS prisons, e.g. Auburn, Clinton, Comstock, Sing Sing & Bedford Hills (the state's only maximum security female prison).

Prison labor industries divert jobs from outside union workers and the meager prices of prison goods are unfair competition to union laborers (prisoners only earn about a dollar a day, therefore their products can be sold at prices no union shop or minimum wage shop could meet).

Futhermore, scores of inmates are maimed each year in prison labor / industries, as OSHA and state safety regulations and laws are ignored.

Most NYS prisoners are Black or Hispanic and have wound up in prison as a direct result of lack of decent jobs and the frustration and acts that stem from this. Prison industries steal these jobs from the Third World community, and a vicious cycle is perpetuated.

Making license plates, soap, stop signs, nightsticks, etc., never rehabilitated a robber, rapist or thief, But therapeutic, educational and meaningful vocational programs will help to realize this goal. Certainly, it is worth the effort, as little else will prepare these prisoners to return to society as useful citizens. And they will return!

Help unionize or abolish labor industries. Make rehabilitation the true goal of prison, and leave industries to free union workers.

Volunteer lawyers, teachers, clericals, students, and others, please contact:

-Ronald Davidson  
76 A1166  
P. O. Box 149  
Attica, NY 14011

## Thanks for Efforts

Dear Syracuse Peace Council:

Recently (August 1984) I arrived at Texarkana Federal Prison and met another inmate who wants to sell T-shirts with an anti-nuclear theme. Basically it's a skeleton head holding a crystal ball which shows an atomic bomb blast and in the foreground is N.Y. and the Statue of Liberty crumbling from the blast. Plus there are some lines to an anti-nuclear war song (he also wrote) under the picture. It's a pretty good statement. Anyway since I've been feeling guilty about not helping in some way in this cause I've decided to help him out. So could you please send the advertising rates of your paper? Also could you send me a list of other anti-nuclear newspapers and magazines?

Since we are both inmates and penniless (I get 11¢ an hour here) maybe you could give us a prisoner discount. We aren't even supposed to be running a business in prison, but we'll cure that by having a brother or sister or mom run it for us.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and keep up the good work. I like your paper and look forward to continue receiving it.

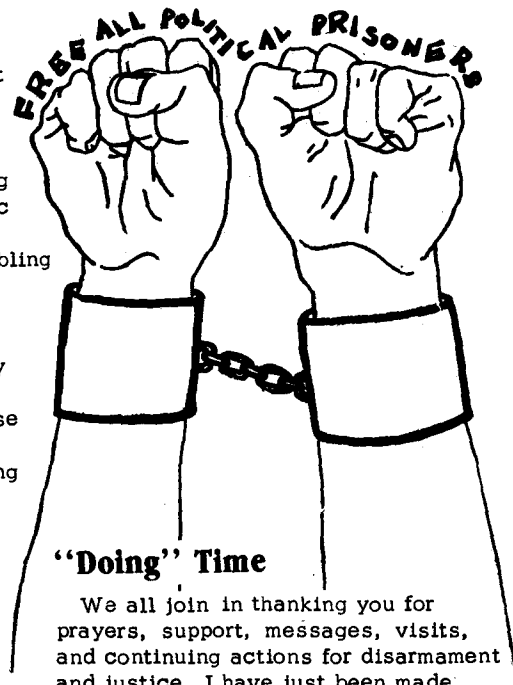
Sincerely,  
Har Barhan Singh Khalsa  
aka Bruce Perlowin 91239-024-E

## from Danbury

Dear Friends:

We are restless here. We do not regret our actions; in fact, we believe more strongly than ever in them. We rejoice in the four actions which have taken place since last Easter (1984) and in the 26 of our friends who are in prison or awaiting trial for "plowshare actions." As well, we are especially grateful for all those who have risked their freedom through acts of civil disobedience. But we feel somewhat isolated here from the action, and we feel acutely aware of how the arms race continues to become more and more accelerated and unmanageable. It continues to spin out of control. We pray, we write letters and articles and make phone calls, all to say with all our hearts, "Act now! Build on our actions with your strength and imagination. Go beyond us. Act differently if you will, but act now before it is too late!"

-Dean Hammer



## "Doing" Time

We all join in thanking you for prayers, support, messages, visits, and continuing actions for disarmament and justice. I have just been made orderly for the Grounds Maintenance buildings, which means I walk a half a mile down to the garages each Monday through Friday. I sweep, mop, dust and clean the large bays that we work out of, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00p.m., but it doesn't take all that time. There is usually some time for reading and writing. I seem to end up doing all the typing for the boss, and also type letters, legal documents and appeals for the men. This means I don't get out into the freezing cold now to shovel snow, unless there is a real blizzard.

This experience of imprisonment is turning out to be several kinds of opportunity: 1) By letters, articles, phone, we continue our witness to nuclear disarmament as best we can; 2) A monastic type retreat with prayer, Bible study, meditation, and for me study in 14th and 17th century mysticism and devotion; 3) Graduate study with readings in Hans Kung, Lawrence Kohlberg, Michael Harrington, etc; 4) Pastoral ministry: I talk with inmates a lot and do some counseling. It is ironic to say so, since we are "doing time", but there is never enough time.

-Vern Rossman

(Dean and Vern, with five others on Thanksgiving Day 1983, entered Griffiss Air Force Base, Rome, NY, and "disarmed" with hammers and labeled with blood a B-52 bomber fitted with cruise missiles. See peace prisoners' addresses on p.14.)

## In This Issue

In this issue we have several articles on prison conditions/reform. Harold Hammond shares with us his experiences as part of the recent Public Safety Building hunger strike. Maude Pantaleoni writes about prison conditions, and Marsha Weissman talks about alternatives to incarceration. We have also included the addresses of 'prisoners of peace.'

This issue also includes reports on the April Actions in Washington D.C. and Crossroads the anti-apartheid encampment at Syracuse University. Protests at the Federal Building against war taxes and U.S. militarism are also covered.

Linda DeStefano, who recently returned from Honduras shares her experiences as does Elizabeth Thaele-Rivkin in writing on Women and apartheid. Health conditions in the Philippines is the subject of an article by Friends of the Filipino People and is also the topic for the upcoming SPC birthday dinner in May (see page 5).

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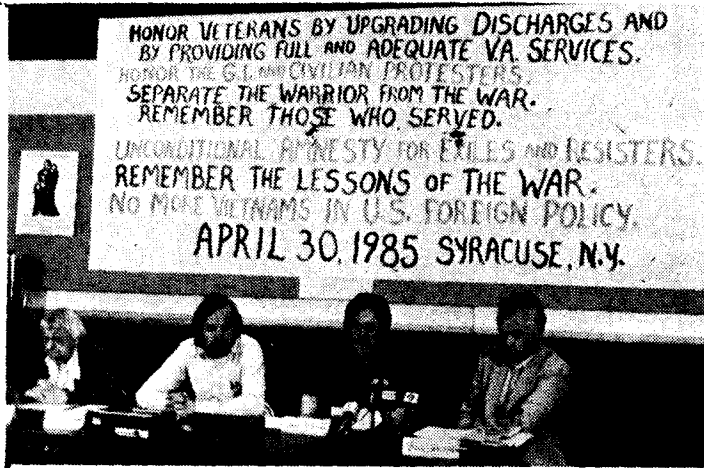
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Lillian Reiner, Dik Cool, John McGuire, and Bill Griffen at an April 29 press conference commemorating the 10th anniversary of the end of the Viet Nam war. Photo by Jan Phillips. See p. 17 for a related article by Bill Griffen.

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# Syracuse Peace Council

## News from The SPC House

The phone rings at the Peace Council house. For years this has been followed by variations of the shout, "IT'S FOR YOU." The most challenging shout has been the relay, in which the message is shouted from the second floor to the first floor to the basement. No more! In our continuing quest for a more pleasant environment, we have installed intercoms -- one on each floor.

The Press, not to be outdone, has also continued its physical improvements. Last Saturday Laurie, Jeff and Katie installed two fans to help with ventilation. The third fan is destined for the darkroom and its chemical-laden air.

Everyone in the house (except Carol) went to the April 20 March in Washington. Deana, Katie and Allen stayed for the civil disobedience Monday and were arrested. We were grateful to see their smiling but sleepy faces on Tuesday.

Carol's mother came to visit and spent a day doing some boring but necessary Front Room tasks. Thanks, Mom!

Radell visited her family for a week, and returned to tell us she would take the PNL job when Deana leaves in June. Yahoo!

And it's spring. The cherry tree in the backyard is in full bloom and we haven't begun spring cleaning yet.

-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

## Update

Your PNL will have a new editor soon. Deana is leaving the staff in June but as Radell is taking her place there will be a smooth transition. Radell has spent the major part of her time on PNL work this winter. The transfer of P and E responsibilities will also be easy as Cindy will turn over work at the end of July to Kath Buffington who is no novice to peace work in the Syracuse area. Recently Kath and Carol created their own "conscience event" by leafletting near the Olean, N.Y. Post Office on tax day. This was a first for Olean.

Allen leaves in June. The search committee is still in the process of looking for a new OM staff member. In the meantime the affairs of SPC will be in the competent hands of Corinne Kinane who has offered to fill the OM staff position for an interim period.



Carol Baum and Kath Buffington break new ground leafletting for war tax resistance at the Olean, NY Post Office.

## There Will be a Future

Are those who do not remember the past doomed to repeat it? Is this merely a cliché? At any rate, this summer we will remember. People all over this country will participate in events reminding us of the first atomic massacre at Hiroshima and Nagasaki forty years ago. At that time the threat of war was forever changed in its very nature. Commemorative events this summer include: May 4 the local tie in of the Peace Ribbon; May 12 (Mothers Day) the local bells will ring for Peace; May 26 the state tie in of the Peace Ribbon; June 9 Visions of Peace Festival; July 6 Six Minutes to Midnight Women's Action at Seneca; August 4 the tie in of the Pentagon with the Peace Ribbon; August 6-9 commemorative events in Syracuse including street theater, films, vigils, ecumenical services; August 10 Finger Lakes Peace Alliance rally and walk around the Seneca Army Depot. For details on these events call 472-5478.



## Council Meeting - May 22nd

Come and see where Gary Weinstein has been working for the past year. The Council meeting will go to the west side. We will meet in the Huntington Family Center (where Gary works) at 405 Gifford St. The building is completely accessible. The Agenda will include Staff discussion, Financial report, plans for the 50th Anniversary of SPC, house improvements past and future. The meeting begins at 7:15 p.m.

## Happy Birthday SPC

Plans for the 50th Anniversary are proceeding. We hear from the Committee that many people are willing to help with specific events and celebrations. However, more heads are needed in the planning and coordination. Come to the next meeting

## Spring Cleaning

Come help us spruce up the rest of the SPC House and grounds. We need to make the inside and outside live up to the new improved Front Room Book Store portion of the house and to the new beautiful sign, insofar as it is possible. Pleasor do not expect that everyone else will come. Clean up tools are provided and good company. Also, do you remember that you can fulfill your co-op food store work hours with SPC work? The date is Wednesday, May 15th. Time 9:30am ...

## Alternatives to Violence — Training in Creative Conflict Resolution

Staff and Syracuse Peace Council members are often called on to assist other groups in planning for demonstrations and other events. We have a reputation, deserved, for knowledge about non-violent approaches to follow when conducting rallies or events involving nonviolent resistance and civil disobedience. We who have been involved in sharing these skills and those of you who want to become involved can join in workshops that help us keep in practice or learn new ways to participate. The Alternatives to Violence Project is offering training sessions in various parts of New York State in the coming months. This training program developed by Quakers has been used in both prison and community contexts. There will be a workshop in Syracuse on June 7 - 9. To find out more about this week-end and similar sessions conducted by Quakers and members of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, call the SPC house 472-5478 and ask for Cindy. There are also workshops on Creative Conflict Resolution in The Classroom.

We can help teachers encourage these skills in our children.

# New York City? Never Heard Of It

## A Song for Central New York by Si Kahn

A full house heard and saw Si Kahn and Susan Freundlich on March 29th in a concert sponsored by the Peace Council and Friends of Traditional Arts in Central New York. Thank you to all the people who helped, in Syracuse, Ithaca, Rochester, and Wayne County. The concert was part of a national tour organized by Community Music in Washington, DC. Community Music provided ongoing support in the form of timelines and suggestions and answers to all of our questions. If your town or group has the chance to do a concert with their co-ordination, we heartily recommend them!

SPC and Grassroots Leadership, Inc. (where Si works) raised some money with the concert and a workshop the next day. Thank you to all who sponsored the concert with an extra contribution, and who advertised their businesses and services in the program booklet (wasn't it beautiful? !)

Someone at the concert gave Si a hard time because he sang a song about New York City especially for us. The next day I mentioned to Si that TV satellite receivers in Central NY always point southwest -- a good thing to know if you're lost. So that very afternoon Si wrote a song for Central New Yorkers. Listen for it to be sung at future SPC Potluck Sing-alongs and Morris team parties. (Or contact me through SPC to get the music.) -- Glenda Neff

They were singing old songs up in New York that night  
The voices rang out sweet and loud  
But I slipped off alone for a walk in the woods  
And I wandered away from the crowd  
Then all of a sudden the singing had stopped  
The forest stood silent and black  
I was lost and alone in the dark of the night  
With no way to find my way back.

I looked to the sky to point my way home  
But the clouds covered up all the stars  
And I started to panic the way that you do  
When nobody knows where you are.  
I sat down by a tree, it was over for me  
And started to make my last wish  
When I lifted my eyes, and there in the distance  
I saw it -- a satellite dish.

When you're lost in the woods up in Upstate New York  
Just staggering and wandering about  
There may not be moss on the north of the tree  
But the satellite dishes point south.

When the Erie Canal isn't going your way  
And Interstate 90's shut down  
When the maples and walnuts have nothing to say  
And you can't find your way back to town  
When Oneida Lake won't give you a break  
And the Finger Lakes won't point you home  
Just remember the satellite dishes point south  
And you'll never be lost and alone.

## Visions of Peace

Second Annual Community Peace Festival

Thornden Park, June 8, 1985

Parade starts at 12:00 Noon at Euclid and Westcott

This year's festival is sponsored by Visions of Peace, Open Hand Theatre, and Syracuse Cultural Workers. We invite you to join in and help build the festival.

Planning Meetings are:

- Tuesday, May 14 - Friends Mtg., 821 Euclid Ave.
- Tuesday, May 28 - E.C.O.H., 826 Euclid Ave.
- Tuesday, June 4 - E.C.O.H., 826 Euclid Ave.
- Publicity, Graphics, Entertainment Networking - call Visions of Peace at 446-8920 or 479-5977. • Parade Building - call Open Hand at 472-1777. • Childrens Art Exhibition - call Syracuse Cultural Workers at 474-1132.



"WE NEED PEACE" is a watercolor by Oksana Malashkena, age 11, from the Byelorussian Republic, USSR. This piece is one of many children's art works from the Visions of Peace US-USSR Youth Art Exchange, a Project of CONNECT, Minneapolis. Art Work from Soviet children and local children will be displayed at the festival and in galleries around Syracuse during the month of June.

"WE NEED PEACE" is available as a 17x24 full-color poster by mail for \$6.50. Write: Syracuse Cultural Workers, Box 6367, Syracuse, NY 13217



Peace is taking loving care of ourselves, each other, our Earth.



# Poverty and Health:

## Stark Inequalities in the Philippines

An Asia Development Bank Report ranks the Philippines as the 14th largest food producer in the world. The same paper, however, reveals that the country has the lowest daily food consumption in Asia and has the second lowest per capita calorie intake of any Asian people. This inconsistency is common when one talks of conditions in the Philippines — a land of stark inequalities between the rich and poor.

Today economic conditions have deteriorated to very low levels. An average family of six can afford only about two pesos and 63 centavos (one centavo = \$.13) for primary needs per person per day. With only 1% owning 50% of all arable land, the vast majority of the 54 million Filipinos have insufficient access to such basic health care needs as potable water and adequate nutrition, housing and clothing. In the urban areas 86% of families can barely afford basic shelter. 62% of the people drink unsafe water and only 5% have the benefit of adequate public sewerage systems.

These impoverished conditions result in serious health problems in the Philippines. Infant mortality rates have gone up to 80 per 1000 (compared to 12 per 1000 for white Americans.) Malnutrition and poor sanitation have made the people highly susceptible to infectious disease, with pneumonia and gastroenteritis as two of the top ten killers. The country also has the highest number of cases of tuberculosis, schistosomiasis, and polio in the Western Pacific region.

While it is clear that the Filipino people are in abject poverty and badly need medical care, the Marcos government continually discounts health as a top priority in the annual budget. Government records show that of the total health allocations for 1981, 420 million pesos were never released to the

*This article was written by a Filipino who is active with Friends of the Filipino People. The writer asked that no name be used to avoid repercussions in the Philippines.*



- Pintig RCPC

Ministry of Health. Furthermore, the bulk of the country's meager funds go to military and 'defense' although there is no threat of foreign aggression.

The situation is further aggravated by the fact that most funds allocated to the health sector go to the construction of showcase medical centers. The country boasts of having the Lung Center and the Heart Center of Asia. These facilities may be medically advanced, but unfortunately they address health problems of more developed economies and not those that affect the 80% of the population living below the poverty line. With 146 hospital beds and 36 doctors for every 100,000 people, what are needed are more rural health units and income support for health workers choosing to work in the rural sectors.

Recognizing the urgent and unmet needs of the rural and urban poor, a group of medical and nursing students, health professionals and religious organized, in 1975, the Community-Based Health Program (CBHP) on non-governmental health care. This group is now operating in communities in 40 provinces. Its health program is built around the lives of the people and with the full participation of the communities where the health team serves. The CBHP fosters preventive, self-reliant, primary health care using resources local to the region.

Working with the health teams benefits the communities in more than just their health needs. The people soon realize that they can actually affect social change within their own communities. The CBHP programs help the poor to see that as a group they have the capacity to move towards change in their

health and economic conditions.

The government regards the CBHP teams with suspicion. It views as subversives, medical and health workers who choose to work in the rural areas. In 1983 the government allowed the blatant murder by military authorities of a young physician, Dr. Bobby de la Paz, while he was working in his health unit in Catbalogan, Samar. On March 31, 1983 a medical graduate of the University of the Philippines, Dr. Juan Escandor, was tortured and killed by military authorities.

The harassment and incarceration of other health workers have given impetus to the formation of grassroots movements. One of these is the Philippines Health and Medical Campaign (PHMC) whose primary objectives are to reach out to overseas Filipino and North American health workers, to organize a Philippine health support network which will maintain a strong concern for the health situation of the Filipino people, and to raise financial and material support for the CBHP.

Working closely on the medical campaign in the Philippines and in the U.S. is Dr. Mita Pardo de Tavera, founder of the AKAP, a primary health care and tuberculosis program. Dr. Tavera, herself a human rights activist, is now touring the U.S. She will give a series of lectures and will share with U.S. communities her extensive experience in the expanding grassroots movement in the Philippines. Dr. Tavera will be in Syracuse on May 18 and will speak at the Syracuse Peace Council's Annual Dinner. She hopes to elicit concern for the plight of the Filipino people and to gain support for the CBHP, the PHMC and the AKAP.

# Resettlement: The State vs. South African Women

By Elizabeth Thaele-Rivkin

Resettlement is the forced removal of African women, children and other dependents from their homes. According to the South African regime, it is wiping out "black spots" in "White areas." In reality, it is creating "black spots" by sending, in the words of the Minister of Labour, "superfluous appendages of the male unit of labor" to "homelands."

The "homelands" are 80 scattered fragments of land grouped together (in the imagination of the regime) into nine administrative units. These fragments are the most barren and undesirable parts of South Africa. In 1913, an Act of Parliament was passed claiming 87% of South Africa for the occupation of Whites, who are less than 20% of the population. Although Africans live throughout "white" South Africa, by 1984, 3,372,900 African people had been uprooted and "resettled."

*It is exactly a year since police descended in the dark on the resistant people of Mogoqa and forcibly removed them from their ancestral land near Ventersdorp to a resettlement camp at Pachsdraai. From home to home one hears the same heavy reflection: "Life is hard." It is hard because they have no land to plow. It is hard because the pensions of the old and sick stopped when they moved. It is hard because there are no wells, no pumps, no pipe water. "We drink from a place where the water comes from the ground into something like a tank. Where we drink the goats and the donkeys and the dogs also drink. The children are sick all the time with tummy problems."*

--The South African Star 2/14/85

Behind this tragic scene family life is being destroyed. No longer can husband and wife work together for the well-being of the family. Women are being separated from their husbands to become the heads of households made up of children, the aged, the sick and the unemployed and sent to areas fit only for vultures. In 1913, the Tomlinson Report called those areas soil-



from Barbara Rogers, Divide and Rule

eroded and over-populated. Then, they supported only three million. In 1985, they are expected to support more than 20 million people.

The overall situation for women in rural areas is poignantly described by Phyllis Ntantala in The Plight of Black Women in Apartheid South Africa (U.N. 1981:4):

*It is the tragic story of thousands of young women who are widows long before they reach the age of thirty: young married women who have never been mothers, young women whose lives have been one long song of sorrow -- burying one baby after another and lastly burying her husband -- that lover she has never known as husband and father. To them -- both men and women -- adulthood means the end of life: it means a life without a future because there is no present.*

These women have been left in the "homelands" by men prevented by South African law from taking their

families to the places where they are employed for 15 years and more. Some men visit for a few weeks a year, then go back to the mines and factories. However, many others are chronically absent from their families for years at a time.

The magnitude of the injustice done to the African woman and her family is immeasurable. An example of how wealth is appropriated from African labor gives some idea. In Transkei, one of the largest of the "homelands," 400,000 out of 677,000 employable men work in "South Africa." (Quotation marks are used because Transkei is an integral part of South Africa and Transkeians are South Africans, despite claims to the contrary by the South African regime.) In 1984 the labor of black workers created about R3000 million (one Rand then equalled about \$.90.) Only R500 million went to the men in wages, of which R300 million was spent on board and lodging in "South Africa" with R200 million going to their families in the "homelands." Hence families receive less than 1% of the wealth created by the workers.

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**ANTI-APARTHEID RALLY**  
Join folks from all over Central New York converging on Columbus Circle, downtown Syracuse, 12 noon, Saturday, May 11 to protest apartheid and to show solidarity with South Africans struggling for self-determination.

The time is ripe to signal Washington and Pretoria that we will no longer tolerate the U.S. alliance with tyranny. For more info, call 479-7259 or SPC, 472-5478.

Elizabeth taught at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf in Rochester before returning to her native South Africa. There she taught at the University of Transkei before recently being deported. Elizabeth is now a graduate student at Syracuse University.

# Crossroads: students Make a Stand for Divestment

By Deana Cunningham

**APARTHEID:** (n) 1. A policy of racial segregation practiced in South Africa.  
2. An issue whose time has come.

On April 22 about 40 Syracuse University students erected tents in front of the S.U. Administration building and put up colorful banners like the one quoted above. This was the beginning of a week long nonviolent student encampment — called 'Crossroads' after the shantytown in South Africa where blacks are defying the apartheid regime (see p.8).

The encampment was organized by the newly formed S.U. Coalition to End Racism and Apartheid. The coalition presented the S.U. Administration with three demands: divest now; include student input on the divestment process; and set up a substantial scholarship fund for black South African students.

S.U. now has about \$14 million invested in companies doing business with South Africa. These funds yield hundreds of thousands of dollars a year in dividends. S.U. says it only invests in companies adhering to the Sullivan Principles. These guidelines for firms operating in South Africa were formulated by Reverend Leon Sullivan, a black General Motors trustee. They call for equal pay for equal work, increased education and training, and a non-segregated workplace.

According to Ed Kinane, a Crossroads participant who in 1984 spent two months in South Africa and its colony, Namibia, the Sullivan Principles provide only token reform. They only apply to the small minority of blacks who work for U.S. companies. They don't provide these workers with the civil and human rights denied them by South African law. "Such reforms only polish the workers' chains," Ed says. "The Principles serve apartheid by attempting to drive a wedge between the few relatively privileged workers affected by them and the great majority working under near-slave conditions. It's the old divide and conquer tactic."

While the Sullivan Principles are only cosmetic, divestment would "signal Pretoria that the U.S. is putting its money where its mouth is," according to Ed. While black South Africans must liberate themselves, withdrawal of the \$13 billion in direct and indirect investments and loans the U.S. now provides South Africa would mean real — not merely rhetorical — pressure from outside.

Pressure to divest has been building over the past six months throughout the U.S.. Cities, states and Universities are divesting and little new investment in South Africa is occurring. By educating the community about our stake in apartheid, the Crossroads Encampment at S.U. is part of this struggle.

Crossroads has sparked dialogue on racism and oppression on campus. According to Jim McShea, a sophomore involved with the encampment since its inception, the consensus decision making process did much to break down barriers between students. "Crossroads is a microcosm," says Jim, "an end in itself. By breaking down the split between the races

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—photo by Katie Froelich



and sexes, our small encampment has worked towards a community free of oppression."

At noon on April 25, three days after the encampment had begun, Vice Chancellor Clifford Winters gave the Coalition an ultimatum: leave by 6:30 or face arrest. Students spread the word in the community. By dusk a thousand people had massed in front of the Administration building. Syracuse Police Chief Thomas Sardino addressed the crowd reaffirming the protestors' First Amendment rights and stating that no arrests would be made. Such respect for the law was a setback for the Administration. When Judge Alois refused to grant the University's request for an injunction, the Administration was forced to negotiate.

On April 27 the Administration agreed to the Coalition's demand for a scholarship fund and said it would permit the Coalition to make a 10 minute presentation at the May 11 S.U. Board of Trustees meeting. The Administration also stated (although they would not commit themselves in writing) that they were willing to discuss the formation of a committee to further research divestment. As demonstrators huddled under the tent in the chill that night discussing the offer, it became clear they had fought a hard battle. Although nerves were on edge, people respected the discussion process. The Coalition agreed to accept the offer and close Crossroads on April 29.

The Crossroads spirit at S.U. will continue. There is talk of taking the divestment issue into the students' home communities this summer and of working to raise money (which the University has agreed to match) for the scholarship fund next fall. By being involved in the encampment, people took a personal responsibility for apartheid. Crossroads expressed solidarity with student demonstrators across the country and with South Africa's black majority struggling to be recognized as human beings and as citizens. ♡

## Meanwhile, at Cornell

On Monday April 22, William L. Griffen voluntarily surrendered his diploma in protest of Cornell's investments in South Africa. He was one of 200 later arrested for refusing to leave the administration building. Griffen hopes his actions will set a precedent for other alumni. There have been over 1000 arrests at Cornell thus far.

## Third World

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"Homeland" conditions oppress and exploit African women. 70% of African women in the "homelands" are unemployed. Legal restrictions force them to accept undesirable work like agricultural labor and domestic service. Employers can get away with paying these women miserable wages as they are not protected by law. The women receive less than \$10 a month, often in kind, for agricultural labor. The average weekly wage for domestics is \$21 in large urban areas, \$13 in smaller cities and \$9 and less in rural areas.

Resettlement has mobilized women against apartheid like no other single issue since the defiance campaigns in the 1950s against the issuing of I.D. passes to women. Crossroads, on the outskirts of Capetown, is the embodiment of this resistance. Often referred to as a "squatters' camp," it had 20,000 inhabitants in 1977, when the regime announced its intention to move residents to the already overcrowded and impoverished Transkei. At that time, men lived there for an average of 18.2 years and their spouses 11.7 years. In response to the announcement, the women formed the Crossroads

Women's Movement. "For them it was Crossroads or nothing."

June 1978, 200 women marched to the "Bantu Affairs" Administration Board to present their grievances. Ten days later they were being called in by the police. This was followed by raids on homes and the arrest of women and children. In September 800 were arrested and three shot, one died. When the bulldozers arrived, the women sat down. Three were killed. The protests continued. In December the regime was forced to stop the removal attempts.

In February 1985 it was rumored that new attempts were going to be made. The men stayed home to protect their families. According to the South African press, clashes between the community and the police began on February 18 (Sunday Times, 2/24/85). Within two days, 18 were dead and 192 treated for wounds at the Crossroads Clinic (Cape Times, 2/26/85). The most serious cases were sent to a nearby hospital where the wounded were arrested, 35 in all (Rand Daily Mail, 3/2/85). On February 21 the regime offered a "new deal" — "qualifying blacks" would not be removed. The vast majority being

"illegals," this was no deal at all. Resistance is continuing.

In the last eight months nearly 350 people have died in South Africa in incidents like those at Crossroads. Resistance is fuelled by the brutality of the police. Men, women and children are uniting to destroy the system of apartheid — even through violence if necessary. From 1912, when the African National Congress was formed, to 1960, organized resistance was nonviolent. In the 60s, the liberation movement was forced underground. In the 70s, students and workers dominated the political scene reflecting a new militancy among African people. In the 80s, women are once more in the front ranks with men and children.

Throughout the struggle, women have fought together with men, but they have also had to fight to claim their right to be in the front ranks. In the 50s, during the defiance campaign, women showed their ability to lead. Now, forced removals have presented them with the opportunity of working as leaders with men. A new meaning has been given to the words South African women sing: "Now you have touched women... you have touched a rock." ♀



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*I learned  
long ago  
that being Lewis Carroll  
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more exciting  
than being Alice.*

— JOYCE CAROL OATES



# Mission to Honduras

By Linda DeStefano

Bordered by El Salvador, Guatemala and Nicaragua, Honduras is in the midst of the turmoil in Central America. With beautiful mountains, vivid flowers, tropical seashores, balmy breezes and Mayan Indian ruins, it has much to offer tourists. But life for the average Honduran is steeped in the realities of poverty. Life expectancy is 59 years; access to clean water is only 41%; fewer than 1/3 finish primary school; literacy is 47%. There is a small wealthy class, a small middle class and a large poor class. The top 10% of the population receives 50% of the national income while the bottom 20% of the population receives 3%.

What difference can a two-week medical mission, such as I was part of in February, make? In the overall picture, very little. For individual Hondurans, occasionally a great deal. For those who were served by the surgeons on our hospital team, a repaired cleft palate or a tubal ligation could change one's life. But our clinic team, which traveled to mountain villages each day to see hundreds of people, had a fleeting impact. I gave sweet, pink worm medicine to countless people, but I did nothing to get them clean water or shoes or sanitary facilities, which might prevent their reinfection with parasites.

While I'm glad I had the experience and think it's exciting and wise to see a situation for oneself, I think the more important service we citizens of the US can render to Hondurans is to influence our own government toward an enlightened policy in Central America. In the last four years, the US has had a massive military buildup in Honduras. Although only the size of Louisiana, Honduras has more US military airfields than any other country in Latin America. The ratio of humanitarian aid to military aid has decreased. Only 23¢ of every \$1 of US aid to Honduras goes for development or humanitarian purposes.

*Linda was a general helper on a Medical Group Mission with the Christian Medical Society in February in Honduras.*

This US military presence is part of the Reagan administration's policy to aid the "contras," insurgents trying to overthrow the revolutionary, elected government in Nicaragua. Many of the contras are using Honduras as a base for attacks on Nicaragua. In keeping with their terrorist acts against civilians in Nicaragua, the contras have been implicated in political disappearances and murders of Hondurans.

I talked with an Honduran church official about the contras, the government in Nicaragua and the US military presence in Honduras. He regards the contras as opportunists, seeking wealth — an impression made vivid when he saw a contra pay for a plane ticket to Miami with cash from a briefcase full of bills of large denominations. He sees the contras as mercenaries doing the fighting for the US and for wealthy Nicaraguans in exile who want a return to the old order in Nicaragua. Although not enthralled with the Nicaraguan government (political prisoners, insufficient freedom of the press, poor judgment in relating to the Mosquito Indians, and encouragement of church divisiveness, he says), he empathizes with the suffering which Nicaraguans endured to depose the Somoza dictatorship and wants the revolutionary government to have a chance. He recognizes the accomplishments, such as increased literacy.

He disapproves of the large US military presence in Honduras, which encourages an Honduran military elite; their arrogance and special privilege rankle him. Deploring the injustices in his country, he blames the selfishness of the Honduran rich class as well as the US government and US capitalism with their long history of economic, diplomatic and military intervention in Honduras. Between 1911 and 1925 there were six US military interventions. He tells this joke: Question: Why has there never been a coup d'etat in the US? Answer: Because there's no US embassy there!

US corporations control the Hon-



Mary Mullins

duran economy. About 50% of the arable land is used for export products — bananas, sugar, coffee, timber, beef. An idea of what this means to a poor rural family is gotten by quoting a former Peace Corps Volunteer who did nutrition work in Honduras in 1980-1982. "One of the saddest things in the world is to be in a house with a woman when her children are crying for food and she has nothing to give them. Absolutely nothing... I see all that land with cattle on it and think how nice it would be for my friends if it could be planted in corn, in beans, in vegetables — food crops that would stay in the country for the people."

In the industrial sector, an example of a US corporation which provided jobs for Honduran women but pulled out with no provision for these workers is NCC Industries. In May 1983, the 289 women who had been employed by the Hondra Crescent Corset factory at Puerto Cortes, Honduras, found the factory closed, no management in sight, and this telex in the office from an executive of NCC Industries, the parent company: "I have to inform you with regret that because of the economic situation of our enterprise and the failure of our endeavors to sell the company in Puerto Cortes, we are forced to close the factory. I should like to thank you all for your cooperation during these years." The women decided they would keep the factory open, and today a much reduced number of them holds on. ♣

*Sources: personal conversation; "Worker Co-op in Honduras," Dollars & Sense, Jan/Feb 1985; "Honduras: A Look at the Reality" from Christic Institute, 1324 North Capitol St., N.W., Washington DC 20002.*

# Caging Humans



-Christian Science Monitor

By Maud Pantaleoni

For centuries we've incarcerated individuals for breaking certain laws that this nation and its states, counties, and municipalities selectively enforce. This demoralizing and dehumanizing incarceration system demands change.

Overcrowding at all levels of the jail and prison system has intensified the more inherent problems of inadequate medical care, guard-inmate and inmate-inmate brutality, racism and filthy facilities. More than 463,000 prisoners currently live in federal and state prisons, with more than 200,000 additional people awaiting trial or transfer, and serving short sentences in county and local jails. Presently, on average, federal facilities operate at between 110-128% capacity, and state facilities operate at between 124-133% capacity. Some county and city jails operate at 150% capacity, burdened by both their own prisoners and prisoners who state facilities refuse to transfer because of state overcrowding.

In September of 1983 a judge said the San Quentin state prison in California operated "well below basic standards of human decency." 3,900 prisoners were serving lengthy terms in a prison built for 2,700. Sanitation and maintenance services fell far below minimum standards. 1,000 prisoners slept in wood and canvas tents outside, and roughly 350 inmates slept two people to a single-person cell. Many prisoners were confined to their cells 24 hours a day except for meals and showers. Prisoners ate three similar meals a day, consisting of two cold sandwiches, cookies, juice or milk. Violent attacks occurred often, prompting frequent lockdowns, and Warden Pulley suspended work and educational programs.

Other parts of the country report similar difficulties. In 1983, a Centralia, Illinois, jail used the gym to house prisoners, with a few makeshift three-foot high partitions of rope and blanket. In Texas, stabbings and murders of prisoners by prisoners have increased alarmingly in its packed prisons. Currently, Texas officials are under court order to end official brutality as a standard method of prisoner control. That state has also made strides in eliminating "building tenders," prisoners who routinely beat up other prisoners at the request of the guards.

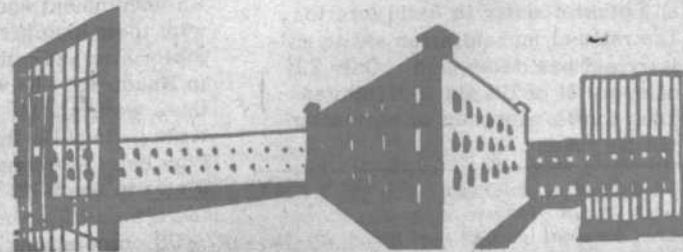
*Maud is active in prison issues with Jail Ministries, AFSC, and Upstate Resistance.*

After a hostage situation at Ossining Correctional Facility in New York, prisoners awaiting transfer to state prisons had their waiting period shortened from an average of five months to three and a half months. Officials also provided a new gym, and a visiting room. Panic had also set in when in February of 1983, a prisoner complained of an illness, and after several trips to the prison hospital, was allegedly accused of malingering. The prisoner consequently died of AIDS.

Prisoners and visitors at county and city jails suffer also because most of these facilities were built to house people for short stays, not the many months prisoners now face in these inadequate spaces. Although required by law to provide contact visiting, Oneida County jail in New York has no such space. Apparently one is currently under construction. The Oswego County jail, also in New York, has no visiting space for women, and so when possible, visits occur in the lobby under supervision. Oswego also has no recreational area protected from inclement weather, although law requires prisoners receive access to one hour of vigorous exercise per day. In Syracuse's Public Safety Building, prisoners receive both contact visits and secure visits, but the overcrowding complicated by an inefficient system requires that visitors wait in the benchless hallway from two to seven hours to visit, and the public restrooms are locked after 5 p.m. and all weekend.

Along with the overcrowding and dehumanizing conditions, another aspect of our justice system needs examination and change - the racism inherent in our nation as revealed in our prisons. Minority members have always been incarcerated at a much higher rate than the majority white members. Studies show blacks receive harsher punishments, higher bail or no possible bail, and in general more police and guard harassment than whites. For example, in Syracuse, 16% of the population is black, and county-wide the figure rests at 6.5%, yet the jail population for 1984 was 33% black. Whites make up 81% of the city population, and 91% of the county census, yet the jail population was only 62% white. How much of this discrepancy reveals the white criminal justice system's racial and economic prejudices? Our present system requires that offenders have both money to pay for the best lawyers, and education in order to have access to the language and rules the system uses. Yet blacks are overall poorer than whites, and have less formal education. We cannot confuse justice with the law or the system, but we must struggle to demand justice for all the people.

Disastrous incarceration problems have alarmed many officials and organizations. In 39 states individual prisons or prison systems are either under court order to improve conditions or are the subject of litigation, most of the cases brought to court by the American Civil Liberties Union Prison Project. However, the Justice Department files few suits charging minimum standard





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### A Brief History of the Viet Nam War to 1956

Invariably when I speak to groups about the Viet Nam war I am asked two questions. The first is, "would you go to prison again to resist the war?" (the answer is "yes, if necessary.") The second question is, "why was the U.S. in Viet Nam?" The answer to this question is a bit longer, but not as complicated as the war's "official" interpreters, including films, would lead us to believe. Given the media attention developing around the 10th anniversary of the war's end, it is more important than ever to restate the root cause of the war.

We hear many phrases used to describe the war: tragic; a mistake; well-intentioned but unwinnable; our hands were tied; and recently in a Post-Standard editorial (4/18/85), "... a war lost in the governmental halls . . . more than on battlefields half a world away." Infrequently do we hear any leader or media source say, quite simply, that the war was wrong, that it should not have been fought and that the Vietnamese have, and had, an absolute right to self-determination without the approval of the USA.

Prior to WWII Viet Nam was part of the French colonial empire. Japan occupied Viet Nam during the war with the collaboration of the French. The most reliable anti-fascist ally the U.S. had in S.E. Asia was the Viet Nam Independence League (Viet Minh) organized and led by Ho Chi Minh. (Ho, born May 19, 1890, is often considered the "founding father" of independent Viet Nam. He was a fierce nationalist and the founder of the Indo-china Communist Party in 1930.) The Viet Minh worked closely with the Office of Strategic Services (the OSS was the forerunner of the CIA) rescuing downed pilots. An

understanding evolved that the U.S. would support Viet Nam's independence after the war. On September 2, 1945, Ho Chi Minh issued Viet Nam's Declaration of Independence modeled after our own revered Declaration. Almost immediately the French, with British support, moved to reconquer Viet Nam. The U.S. did nothing. General Douglas MacArthur said: "If there is one thing that makes my blood boil it is to see our Allies redeploying Japanese troops to reconquer the little people (Vietnamese) we promised to liberate. It is the most ignoble kind of betrayal."

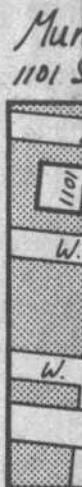
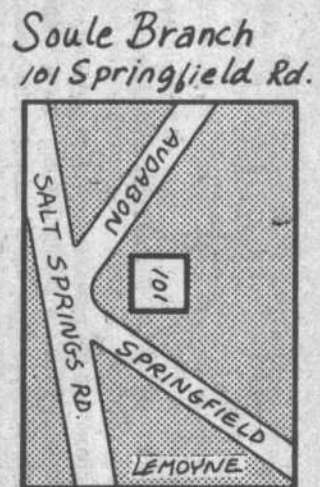
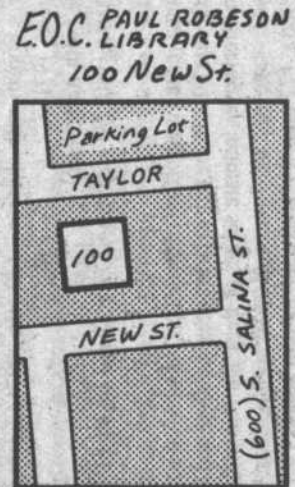
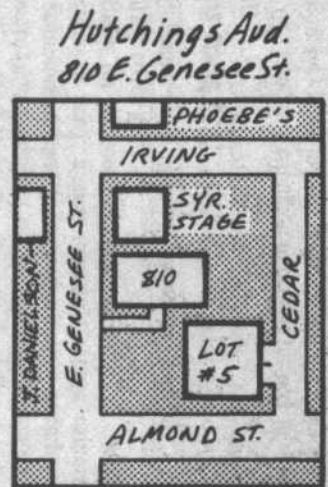
In 1950 the U.S. began massively supporting France's war effort. In 1954 the Viet Minh defeated the French at Dien Bien Phu. (Sec. of State John Foster Dulles offered the French two atomic bombs to use in this battle.) The French defeat led to the Geneva Convention which temporarily divided Viet Nam and set up elections for 1956. The U.S. made sure the elections were never held because, in the words of President Dwight Eisenhower, "at least 80% of the people would have voted for Ho Chi Minh."

In the next 20 years at least 3,000,000 Vietnamese and over 50,000 Americans died. Half the population of Viet Nam were made refugees. The social and cultural fabric of southern Viet Nam, especially Saigon, was completely destroyed. This is only part of the legacy of the U.S. war in Viet Nam.

An excellent book on this topic, especially geared to teachers, is *Lessons of the Viet Nam War* by SUNY Cortland education professors William Griffen and John Marciano, available at your library or by mail for \$9.75 postpaid from: The Front Room Bookstore, 924 Burnet Ave., Syracuse, NY 13203. Allanheld, Osmun & Co., New Jersey, 1980, 1984 (2nd edition).



### FILM LOC







## Films and Viet Nam

Films are both a product of and reflective of historical contexts. I've provided the above history in order to give a factual context for critically viewing films dealing with Viet Nam. This festival is screening two kinds of films: Hollywood or commercial feature length films; and shorter independent films often made with nonexistent financing. As a device for grouping the films, we have four themes within the festival: veterans and G.I.'s; the Vietnamese; dissent; and U.S. foreign policy.

Within the themes we have tried to select good films that deal with different periods and issues. For example in "veterans" there are films from 1964 ("Go tell the Spartans" is set in 1964, though made in 1978) through 1984 ("Going Back: A Return to Viet Nam"). In "the Vietnamese" theme are films made during the war ("Seventy Nine Springtimes . . ."; "Young Puppeteers . . ."), a postwar film ("Viet Nam: An American Journey" 1979) and a film about Vietnamese adjusting to life in the U.S. ("The Phans of Jersey City" 1980).

Hollywood dealt with the war in several ways: first, by ignoring it. The major studios, with one "macho-heroics" exception ("The Green Berets" 1968) simply avoided the topic as unbankable. Too many people didn't like the war. Apparently it never occurred to the studio execs to make entertaining films that wrestled with the issues. Second, the studios tried end runs—films that derived from the war's social context, but didn't deal directly with it ("Alice's Restaurant" 1969; "Easy Rider" 1969; "M\*A\*S\*H" 1969; "Woodstock" 1969). The third technique has involved harassing and attempting to suppress

films critical of the war. "Medium Cool" (1969) dealt with the Chicago police attack on demonstrators during the 1968 Democratic Convention. The filmmaker, Haskell Wexler, waged a running battle to keep his film from being gutted; and Peter Davis' "Hearts and Minds" (1974) was financed by Columbia Pictures which, after viewing the work, withdrew its support. Because of this a powerful, Academy Award winning film never had wide distribution and visibility. The final Hollywood technique, beginning about 1979, has been to produce ambiguous or racist films drawing heavily upon the tried-and-true war formulas. (The exception here is "Coming Home" 1978, which would not have been made without Jane Fonda's financial support.) The right wing's ascendancy, via Ronald Reagan, has only encouraged this trend. Examples: "The Deer Hunter" 1978; "Apocalypse Now" 1979; "Uncommon Valor" 1984. A partial exception here is a film many vets think is the best work yet dealing with their experiences as soldiers. It's called "Go Tell the Spartans" 1978, and I'll just bet you never heard of it even though Burt Lancaster stars! Perhaps its realism made the big boys a bit too nervous.

Please attend the films, engage in the discussions, share your opinions and express your feelings. Let's all try to continue to learn the real lessons of the war.

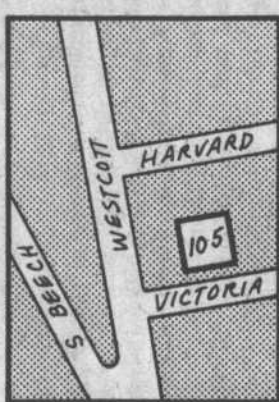
*Dik Cool has written and spoken extensively on the Viet Nam war. His opposition to the war began shortly after his graduation from Liverpool High School in 1961. He eventually did two years in federal prison for draft resistance. After prison Dik was a Syracuse Peace Council staff member for 11 years. He has been a film programmer for over 10 years and is co-founder and coordinator of the Syracuse Cultural Workers.*

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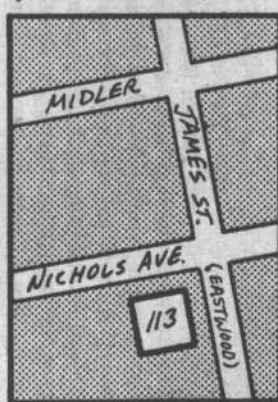
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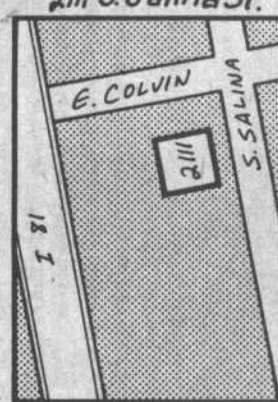
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**Schedule of film showings**

**Sat. May 18:**

2 pm, *Woodstock* (Hutchings)  
 7 pm, *The War At Home* (Hutchings)  
 Also: Viet Nam era protest poster slide show before  
*The War At Home*  
 9:30pm *Coming Home* (Hutchings)

**Sun. May 19:**

2 pm, *The Seventy-nine Springtimes of Ho Chi Minh*  
 and *Go Tell The Spartans* (Hutchings)  
 7 pm, *Coming Home* (Hutchings)

**Mon. May 20:**

12:15 pm, *Young Puppeteers of Viet Nam* (Central, Gates Rm.)  
 7 pm, *G.I. Jose* and *The Class That Went to War* (Mundy)  
 7 pm, *Viet Nam Requiem* and *Agent Orange: A Story of*  
*Dignity and Doubt* (Beauchamp)  
 7:30 pm, *The Deer Hunter* (Hutchings)

**Tues. May 21:**

7 pm, *The War At Home* (Paine)  
 7 & 9:15 pm, *Hair* (Kittredge Aud., S.U. Campus)  
 7:30 pm, *Young Puppeteers of Viet Nam* and *Viet Nam:*  
*An American Journey* (Hutchings)

**Wed. May 22:**

12:15 pm, *Women of Telecommunications Station #6* and  
*Warrior's Women* (Central, Gates Rm.)  
 7 pm, *Only the Beginning* and *Kent State* (Soule)  
 7 & 9:15 pm, *Hair* (Kittredge Aud., S.U. Campus)  
 7:30 pm, *Winter Soldier* and *Hearts and Minds* (Hutchings)

**Thurs. May 23:**

7 pm, *The War At Home* (Petit)  
 (no film at Hutchings)

**Fri. May 24:**

12:15 pm, *So The People Should Know* (Central, Gates Rm.)  
 7:30 pm, *The Deer Hunter* (Hutchings)

**Sat. May 25:**

2 pm, *Hair* (Hutchings)  
 7 pm, *Women of Telecommunications Station #6*, *Warrior's*  
*Women* and *Kim Phuc* (Hutchings)  
 8:30 pm, *Apocalypse Now* (Hutchings)

**Sun. May 26:**

2 pm, *Winter Soldier* and *Hearts and Minds* (Hutchings)  
 7 pm, *Viet Nam: An American Journey* and *Kim Phuc* (Hutchings)  
 9 pm, *Go Tell The Spartans* (Hutchings)

**Mon. May 27:**

3 pm, *Memory of Justice* (Hutchings) There will be a break  
 during the film for dinner,  
 possibly a picnic. Call 474-1132 for details.

**Tues. May 28:**

7 pm, *The Class That Went To War* and *Warrior's Women*  
 (Paine)  
 7:30 pm, *Apocalypse Now* (Hutchings)

**Wed. May 29:**

1 pm, *Part of the Family* (E.O.C.)  
 7 pm, *Part of the Family* (E.O.C.)  
 7 pm, *Viet Nam Requiem* and *Agent Orange* (Soule)  
 7:30 pm, *Why Viet Nam, Ecocide: A Strategy of War* and  
*Secret Agent* (Hutchings) Three shorts.

**Thurs. May 30:**

1 pm, *No Vietnamese Ever Called Me Nigger* and *G.I. Jose*  
 (E.O.C.)  
 6 pm, (same as above)  
 7 pm, *Secret Agent* and *Ecocide* (Petit)  
 7:30 pm, *So The People Should Know* and *The Holy Outlaw*  
 (Hutchings)  
 Plus a discussion with Jerry Berrigan, peace activist and  
 brother of Dan Berrigan.

**Fri. May 31:**

1 pm, *Going Back: A Return to Viet Nam* and *Kent State*  
 (E.O.C.)  
 7 pm, *The Phans of Jersey City* (White)  
 7:30 pm, *Woodstock* (Hutchings)

**Sat. June 1:**

2 pm, *Only the Beginning* and  
*No Vietnamese Ever Called Me Nigger* (Beauchamp)

**Mon. June 3:**

7 pm, *Going Back: A Return to Viet Nam* and *Kim Phuc*  
 (Beauchamp)

All film showings other than at Hutchings are free of charge. Hutchings Auditorium showings are \$2.50 on week days and matinees, and \$3 on weekend evenings. You may purchase a two-for-one ticket on weekends for \$5. Tickets at the door.

Please refer to maps for film locations. Free lot parking at Hutchings with attendant, enter on Cedar St. Phone 474-1132 for more information.

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Many of the film showings will be followed by a speaker and discussion. A partial listing of the participants are: Henry MacDonald (Viet Nam Veteran), Bill Griffen (educator, author of *Lessons of the Viet Nam War*), Dik Cool (draft resister, peace activist). Dates and times to be announced.

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## FILMS AT HUTCHINGS AUD.

The following films will be shown at Hutchings Auditorium, (with some extra showings at other locations throughout the city). See map for directions. There will be plenty of parking available in the main lot. An attendant will be on duty to direct you to the theater.

### APOCALYPSE NOW

More than anything else, this is Francis Ford Coppola's exotic and personal vision of the Viet Nam War. It is visually stunning and technically brilliant, but what does it tell us about the war or the people it affected? Not nearly as much as it might appear, unfortunately. Captain Willard (Martin Sheen) is a special forces officer who is sent to "terminate" a crazed Colonel Kurtz (Marlon Brando), a military golden boy who has become an embarrassment. Kurtz has set himself up as a god amongst a primitive, almost surreal tribe of people somewhere in Coppola's (and Joseph Conrad's) "Heart of Darkness," on which the film is loosely based. Kurtz is Coppola's metaphor for the war's toll on the U.S. military, while the "darkness" suggests confusion, the unknown, chaos, and terror. It also carries a subtle racism in the "civilization vs. savagery" myth. And once again (as with the other war epic, *The Deer Hunter*), there is barely a hint of the pervasive, clearly articulated opposition to the war that existed at most levels of the military. This is a harsh and disorienting film yet it is almost spellbinding. Its hollowness, however, renders a disservice to the American people who desperately deserve films sensitive to their real lives, not based on pretense. (153 min., 1979, Francis Ford Coppola, R)

Sat. May 25: 8:30pm Hutchings \$3

Tues. May 28: 7:30pm Hutchings \$2.50

### COMING HOME

With Jane Fonda, Jon Voight and Bruce Dern, *Coming Home* is a film that tackles a difficult subject with magnificent sincerity. About the problems people have dealing with lives shattered as a result of the Viet Nam War, this movie is a sensitively told and beautifully acted love story. The soundtrack features music by the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, and many others from the era. Academy Award winner. Directed by Hal Ashby. "Rarely have I seen anything so moving. The tears around me were tears of joy." Rex Reed. (127 min., 1978 R)

Sat. May 18: 9pm Hutchings \$3

Sun., May 19: 7pm Hutchings \$3

### GO TELL THE SPARTANS

Withdrawn from circulation almost immediately after its release, *Go Tell The Spartans* is regarded as "the best film yet about the Viet Nam War" (Jack Kroll, Newsweek). About an American platoon sent to an outpost abandoned by the French a decade before, the film focuses on this small group of soldiers and their relationship with the Vietnamese. "Powerful, convincing and haunting. It dares to tussle with devastating moral ambiguities." (Washington Post) With Burt Lancaster (114 min., 1978, directed by Ted Post)

Sun. May 19: 2pm \$2.50 Hutchings (with *The Seventy-Nine Springtimes of Ho Chi Minh*)

Sun. May 26: 9pm \$3 Hutchings

### HAIR

Director Milos Forman transformed this 60's musical into a rollicking, exuberant film experience. The memorable songs are performed in a variety of locations from Central Park to Wall Street, to a plane headed for Viet Nam. *Hair* takes a nostalgic

### SEVENTY-NINE SPRINGTIMES OF HO CHI MINH

A tribute to the life and struggles of Ho Chi Minh, with background music from the opera "Madame Butterfly." Programmed here in honor of the 95th birthday of the late political leader, who is often considered the "George Washington of Viet Nam." "If elections had been held in 1956, [as stipulated by the Geneva Accords] Ho Chi Minh would have won at least 80% of the vote."—President Dwight Eisenhower. (25 min., 1967, directed by Santiago Alvarez)

Sun. May 19: 2pm Hutchings (with *Go Tell the Spartans*)

### THE DEER HUNTER

Three young Pennsylvania steelworkers, Michael (Robert DeNiro), Nicky (Christopher Walken), and Steven (John Savage) carry their childhood friendship into the hell that was the Viet Nam War. Their small town, working class roots are lavishly and lovingly photographed by director Cimino, complete with beer fights, bowling, drag races, hunting and an ethnic marriage scene. In reality, however, the film trivializes working class life by ignoring its substance, its ideas, its conflicts and many of its real concerns. At the same time, the film spectacularly trivializes the war itself, while portraying the Vietnamese in the racist "yellow peril" mode of WWII Hollywood films. Cimino has made a film which does not even acknowledge the reality that this was the most unpopular war in U.S. history, and that it was lost. The film, as Cimino has said, could as easily have been about any war, but Viet Nam was not any war, and a film that won the Academy Award for Best Picture should have concerned itself with both image and *MEANING!* (183 min., 1978, Michael Cimino, R)

Mon. May 20: 7:30pm Hutchings \$2.50

Fri. May 24: 7:30pm Hutchings \$3.00

### THE HOLY OUTLAW

Daniel Berrigan (originally from Syracuse) is the subject of this film which documents his involvement in the 1968 Catonsville draft-file burning protest action. Included also are taped interviews with the Berrigan family, fellow peace workers and members of the underground who hid him after he was to have begun serving time in jail. Footage from wartime Hanoi, Father Berrigan's Germantown sermon delivered while in hiding, a few of his poems and a piece of newsreel footage dealing with his capture round out this historically important documentary. "The Holy Outlaw should prove invaluable in understanding those men and women who, in Father Berrigan's words, 'Have chosen to be powerless criminals in a time of criminal power.'" Roger Greenspun, New York Times, May 1971.

(59 min., 1970, Lenzer and Lockwood, directors)

Thurs. May 30: 7:30pm Hutchings \$2.50 (with *So The People Should Know*) with discussion led by Jerry Berrigan, peace activist and brother of Dan Berrigan

### THE SECRET AGENT

See listing under *The Viet Nam Vet*

Wed. May 29: 7:30pm Hutchings (with *Ecocide: A Strategy of War* and *Why Vietnam?*) \$2.50

Thurs. May 30: 7pm Petit (with *Ecocide: A Strategy of War*) no charge

### VIETNAM: AN AMERICAN JOURNEY

A highly emotional journey through post-war Viet Nam, by filmmaker Robert Richter. The film highlights an interview with a survivor of the My Lai massacre, a woman who lives because she had fallen beneath the bodies of family and friends. Scenes of people at work and play, of orphanages, rehab centers, cultural activities, and the landscape are intercut with footage of long-gone battles in a visual juxtaposition of then and now. (85 min., 1979)

Sun. May 26: 7pm Hutchings \$3 (with *Kim Phuc*)



connections to the anti-war movement at home. "Hair is for everyone." Newsweek (121 min., 1979, PG)

Tues. May 21: 7 and 9:15pm Kittredge Aud. \$2 (NVS Films)

Wed. May 22: 7 and 9:15pm Kittredge Aud. \$2 (NVS Films)

Sat. May 25: 2pm Hutchings \$2.50

### HEARTS AND MINDS

An Academy Award winning documentary which examines the American military and political consciousness (or lack thereof) which led to our involvement in Viet Nam. The filmmakers probe the logic behind the military actions that devastated one society and polarized another. Among the many fascinating and disturbing interviews included in this film are those with General William Westmoreland, Daniel Ellsberg, Secretary of Defense Clark Clifford, and the people of Viet Nam. *Hearts and Minds* provides an excellent examination of the role racism played in the war and serves as a valuable tool to counter present day attempts to re-write the history of the war. (112 min., 1975, directed by Peter Davis)

Wed. May 22: 7:30pm Hutchings (with *Winter Soldier*) \$2.50

Sun. May 26: 2pm Hutchings (with *Winter Soldier*) \$2.50

### KIM PHUC

During the latter stages of the Viet Nam war, a photograph of a young, naked, Vietnamese girl fleeing the horror of a napalm attack flashed around the world. It became a symbol of the atrocities of the war. That girl was Kim Phuc, and this new film, made for Dutch TV, tells her story. Kim still lives outside Ho Chi Minh City. Shown all over Europe, the film has been instrumental in raising medical aid for Viet Nam. "Kim Phuc" is a finalist in the American Film Festival and this is the New York premiere of the film. (Manus Van Der Kamp, 1984, 25 min., voice over dubbing)

Sat. May 25: 7pm \$3 Hutchings (with *Warrior's Women* and

*Women of Telecommunications Station #6*)

Sun. May 26: 7pm \$3 Hutchings (with *Viet Nam: An American Journey*)

Mon. June 3 7pm Beauchamp, no charge.

### MEMORY OF JUSTICE

Marcel Ophuls' (*The Sorrow and the Pity*) epic length film gives an in-depth exploration of the moral issue of collective versus individual responsibility. With newsreels and interviews, Ophuls takes us through the 1946-47 Nuremberg war crimes trials to an examination of war crimes in Algeria and Viet Nam. "The film has many of the elements of a trial—there is the evidence of crimes that range from the Nazi concentration camps to the torture of Vietnamese people. There are the unwitting accomplices, the little people who care little about politics, but find themselves witnesses to crimes committed in their name, held accountable for actions of those of whom they themselves were terrified or ignorant."\* From the friendly old German farmer who could not see the connection between his Nazi Party membership to the concentration camps; to the American medic who deserted the Army rather than be witness to the random murder of prisoners; to the wife of the dead Marine, who now proudly displays his medals in a glass case . . . Ophuls weaves a moral journey through modern history and helps the viewer to understand how by "combining the pressures of ideology, the needs of a wartime situation, and the easy accessibility of force, the war criminal is born."\*

\*Lenny Rubenstein, Cineaste Magazine (280 min., 1976)

Please note: There will be an intermission which we will use as a dinner break, possibly picnic style. Please call 474-1132 for more info.

Mon. May 27 (Memorial Day): 3pm Hutchings \$2.50 Call 474-1132 for details.

### VIET NAM-ERA PROTEST POSTER SLIDE SHOW

Michael Rossman's poster archive (Berkeley, CA) is one of the best in the country. These are first generation slides, photographed directly from the posters. They will be accompanied by an explanatory text.

Sat. May 18: 7pm Hutchings (before *The War At Home*)

### THE WAR AT HOME

A stirring history of American opposition to the Viet Nam War, focusing on the evolution of anti-war activity in Madison, Wisconsin. Using newspapers, interviews and music, this film captures the excitement of a time and a movement which holds important lessons for today. *The War At Home* earned an Academy Award nomination for Best Documentary. (100 min., 1980, directed by Glen Silber and Barry Alexander Brown)

Sat. May 18: 7pm Hutchings with Poster Slide Show of Viet Nam protest art. \$3

Tues. May 21: 7pm Paine

Thurs. May 23: 7pm Petit

### WARRIOR'S WOMEN

This film compellingly explores the implications that a politically and morally confusing war has had on families in the United States. Wives of Viet Nam veterans candidly and emotionally reveal the problems they face and raise questions about society's neglect of their husbands. Aware of statistics which note that about 700,000 Americans who fought in Viet Nam are currently suffering from post-traumatic stress and/or Agent Orange exposure, and moved by her reaction to the film *The Deer Hunter*, filmmaker Dorothy Tod was inspired to produce this revealing documentary. (27 min., 1981)

Wed. May 22: 12:15pm Central, Gates Rm. (with *Women of Telecommunications Station #6*)

Sat. May 25: 7pm Hutchings (with *Women of Telecommunications Station #6*) \$3

followed by *Apocalypse Now* All films for \$5

### WOODSTOCK

This Academy Award winning documentary takes viewers back to August 1969, when a half a million people attended the 3-day rock festival in Woodstock, New York. The film recaptures one of the most incredible cultural happenings of the 60's, with musical performances by Crosby, Stills and Nash, Joe Cocker, Arlo Guthrie, Joan Baez, Jimi Hendrix and many others. The largest musical gathering of the time, Woodstock became known as a symbol of peace and love for the anti-war movement. ". . . absolutely dazzling." Saturday Review (184 min., 1970, Michael Wadleigh)

Sat. May 18: 2pm Hutchings \$2.50

Fri. May 31: 7:30pm Hutchings \$3

### WOMEN OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS STATION #6

Young North Vietnamese women learning the skills that enabled them to take an active part in all areas of their country's defense. The film touches on the more personal aspects of the women's lives and their transformation from a role of bondage to one of full participation in their country's struggles, and a feeling of independence and liberation. The Vietnamese counterpart of *Rosie The Riveter*. (20 min., 1968)

Wed. May 22: 12:15pm Central, Gates Rm. (with *Warrior's Women*)

Sat. May 25: 7pm Hutchings (with *Warrior's Women* and *Kim Phuc*) \$3

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## FILMS AT LIBRARIES

The following films, listed by theme, will be shown at area branch locations of the Onondaga County Public Library, the Central Library and the Educational Opportunity Center. Please refer to the key for location information. Phone 474-1132 for further info. All showings are free to the public.

### *The Viet Nam Vet*

#### THE CLASS THAT WENT TO WAR

This film focuses on the people who fought and protested, a prisoner of war and a VA nurse, the war and the scars it left, all through the microcosm of one high school class.

(35 min., 1977, directed by Richard Gerda) Presentation and study guide available.

Mon. May 20: 7 pm Mundy (with *G.I. Jose*)

Tues. May 28: 7 pm Paine (with *Warrior's Women*)

#### G.I. JOSE

This film follows a young Puerto Rican man through his optimistic introduction to military induction and then discovers him again after he has returned from the War in Viet Nam. His attitude is now one of bitterness and hatred against a system that forced him to kill another oppressed people for his own survival.

(20 min., Norberto Lopez)

Mon. May 20: 7 pm Mundy (with *The Class That Went To War*)

Thurs. May 30: 1 pm E.O.C. (with *No Vietnamese Ever Called Me Nigger*)

#### VIET NAM REQUIEM

A group of veterans, all decorated by the military during the war, and now all serving prison sentences for a variety of crimes, discuss openly and honestly their individual stories—the problems they had readjusting to civilian life, and what experiences they'd had in Viet Nam which may have led to their inability to cope when they returned home. An honest and moving film.

(58 min., 1982, Jonas McCord and Bill Couturie)

Mon. May 20: 7 pm Beauchamp (with *Agent Orange: A Story of Dignity and Doubt*)

Wed. May 29: 7 pm Soule (with *Agent Orange*)

#### AGENT ORANGE: A STORY OF DIGNITY AND DOUBT

Agent Orange was one of many toxic chemicals used on Viet Nam between 1961 and 1975. In this film the vets and their wives talk openly about their resultant health problems from exposure to Agent Orange, and about their frustration in attempts to bring their medical and legal problems to an unsympathetic government and a chemical company which refuses to be accountable for its product.

(28 min., Jim Gambone)

Mon. May 20: 7 pm Beauchamp (with *Viet Nam Requiem*)

Wed. May 29: 7 pm Soule (with *Viet Nam Requiem*)

#### WARRIOR'S WOMEN

(27 min., 1981) See Hutchings listing for write-up.

Wed. May 22: 12:15, Central, Gates Rm. (with *Women of Telecommunications Station No. 6*)

Tues. May 28: 7 pm Paine (with *The Class That Went to War*)

#### NO VIETNAMESE EVER CALLED ME NIGGER

This is an examination of racism in the US and abroad. Filmed at the Harlem Fall Mobilization March in 1967, it lets the people in the streets speak about the march, life in New York's Black Ghetto, and the connections between racism and war. A group

#### YOUNG PUPPETEERS OF VIET NAM

Teenagers in the south Vietnamese areas liberated by the NLF make beautiful intricate puppets from the scraps of downed US warplanes. Armed with these puppets, they travel through the countryside, performing for village children even as American planes continue to fly overhead. "... Wherever the people have been liberated, children and grownups sing and dance, recite poems, stage plays, visit exhibitions. Art has become a need, a vital necessity; artistic expression is inseparable from the struggle for freedom." (25 min., 1969)

Mon. May 20: 12:15 Central, Gates Rm.

Tues. May 21: 7:30 pm Hutchings (with *Vietnam: American Journey*)

### *Dissent: Civilian and G.I.*

#### ONLY THE BEGINNING

April 1971, thousands of GI's came to Washington to protest the war. In a dramatic gesture of non-collaboration, they stood in front of the Capitol and threw away their medals. This film is the story of both the GI movement and the devastation of the war on the Vietnamese people. "A guy comes to Nam and finds out that a communist is an 18 year old kid or a woman with children." (20 min., 1971) International Award; Moscow Film Festival, 1971.

Wed. May 22: 7 pm Soule (with *Kent State*)

Sat. June 1: 2 pm Beauchamp (with *No Vietnamese Ever Called Me Nigger*)

#### PART OF THE FAMILY

This fine example of "cinema verite" is a portrait of three families who lost someone in the bitter struggles of the late 60's, in the war, at Jackson State College and at Kent State University. The film interweaves intimate scenes of these families with home movies, reminiscences and footage from the three events. A compelling document of the turmoil of the late 1960's. (77 min., 1971, directed by Paul Ronder)

Wed. May 29: 1 pm and 7 pm E.O.C.

#### WINTER SOLDIER

"Without a doubt the most moving testimony available on war atrocities by American GI's" \* Part of the Winter Soldier Hearings held by the Viet Nam Veterans Against the War in Detroit in the early 70's during the height of the movement by anti-war GI's. (15 min., 1971) \* AFSC Film Catalog

Wed. May 22: 7:30 pm Hutchings (with *Hearts and Minds*)

Sun. May 26: 2 pm Hutchings (with *Hearts and Minds*)

#### KENT STATE

A chronicle of the events at Kent State University following President Nixon's announcement of the Cambodian invasion. Student protests against the war and the calling out of the National Guard culminated in the deaths of four students and the wounding of nine others. A rare film sequence of the actual shooting plus additional stills trace the incidents of this turbulent weekend. (23 min., produced by Alva Cox, Jr.)

Wed. May 22: 7 pm Soule (with *Only the Beginning*)

Fri. May 31: 1 pm E.O.C. (with *Going Back*)

#### THE WAR AT HOME

(see Hutchings listing for write-up)

Sat. May 18: 7 pm Hutchings Aud.

Tues. May 21: 7 pm Paine

Thurs. May 23: 7 pm Petit

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interview with three angry black vets provides factual background to the different treatment Black GI's received from white soldiers and from the Vietnamese.

(68 min., 1968, directed by David Loeb Weiss)

Thurs. May 30, E.O.C. (with *G.I. Jose*)

Sat. June 1: 2pm Beauchamp (with *Only the Beginning*)

### GOING BACK: A RETURN TO VIET NAM

The story of a remarkable journey by the first American combat soldiers to return to Viet Nam since the end of the war. As the vets visit war shrines, hospitals and the streets of Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, they candidly share their personal feelings and deepest reactions. Says Michael Harbert, who bombed Hanoi, "Everybody is building monuments to war. What comes out to me is . . . why is killing the only way?" The London City Limits newspaper calls *Going Back* an "Extraordinary film . . . What is so refreshing is their openness, their wide-eyed vulnerability."

(52 min., 1982, directed by David Munro)

Fri. May 31: 1pm E.O.C. (with *Kent State*)

Mon. June 3: 7pm Beauchamp (with *Kim Phuc*)

### THE SECRET AGENT

We've dumped it on the forests of south Viet Nam and on the back roads of Missouri. And now this powerful documentary exposes the horrible legacy of the devastating chemical defoliant, Agent Orange. *The Secret Agent* recounts the stories of the suffering experienced by American Vets and their families, years after exposure to the deadly contaminant, as well as investigation into the class-action suit filed by 12,000 veterans against Dow Chemical. "An extraordinary documentary" (Boston Globe), ". . . A horrifying expose of the most pernicious bureaucratic vice of our era: the sin of nonaccountability." (Boston Phoenix)

(56 min., 1983, directed by Jacki Ochs)

Wed. May 29: 7:30pm Hutchings (with *Why Vietnam?* and *Ecocide*)

Thurs. May 30: 7pm Petit (with *Ecocide*)

### The Vietnamese People

#### THE PHANS OF JERSEY CITY

At the war's end, the 20 member Phan family moved from Saigon to a small house in Jersey City. This film records not only how the various family members coped with a new society, but also how the new society perceived the family. In their homeland, the Phans had money and status; here they are forced to be on welfare. This is a complex interpretation of the American dream, both inspiring and disturbing.

(49 min., 1980, Fink, Foreman, Fraker and Lanson)

Fri. May 31: 7pm White

#### WOMEN OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS STATION #6

(20 min., 1968) See Hutchings listing for write-up

Wed. May 22: 12:15pm Central, Gates Rm. (with *Warrior's Women*)

Sat. May 25: 7pm Hutchings (with *Warrior's Women* and *Kim Phuc*)

#### SEVENTY-NINE SPRINGTIMES OF HO CHI MINH

See Hutchings listing for write-up.

Sun. May 19: 2pm Hutchings Aud. (with *Go Tell the Spartans*)

#### KIM PHUC

(25 min., 1984) See write-up in Hutchings listing.

Sat. May 25: 7pm Hutchings

Sun. May 26: 7pm Hutchings

Mon. June 3: 7pm Beauchamp

An informative film produced during the trial of Daniel Ellsberg and Anthony Russo, who were indicted for releasing the Pentagon Papers to the American people. The trial is explained, and the larger implications of their actions are brought out. Perhaps the most interesting part of this film is a series of "on-the-street" confrontations between Ellsberg, Russo and some of the people of Los Angeles. (30 min., 1972)

Fri. May 24: 12:15pm Central, Gates Rm.

Thurs. May 30: 7:30pm Hutchings Aud. (with *The Holy Outlaw*)

### WHY VIETNAM?

A U.S. Department of Defense film produced in 1965 for use in "educating" troops being sent over to Viet Nam. This technically slick film presents the official case for U.S. intervention in Viet Nam. Includes Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Secretary of Defense Robert MacNamara. *Why Vietnam?* shows the role of propaganda in building support for the unjust and disastrous war. (32 min., 1965)

Wed. May 29: 7:30pm Hutchings Aud. (with *Secret Agent* and *Ecocide*)

### ECOCIDE: A STRATEGY OF WAR

Dr. E. W. Pfeiffer, zoologist, made five trips to Indochina between 1969 and 1973 to document the effects of the war on the environment. Marked by huge craters filled with stagnant water, the land was sprayed with defoliants, herbicides, and pesticides; thousands of acres of timber were methodically leveled in an attempt to destroy the jungle in which the enemy hid and the fields that fed them. *Ecocide* vividly documents the effects of these tactics and shows some of the efforts by the people of Viet Nam to rebuild their land. (23 min., 1981, produced by Green Mountain Films) Red Ribbon, American Film Festival 1982.

Wed. May 29: 7:30pm Hutchings (with *Secret Agent*)

Thurs. May 30: 7pm Petit (with *Secret Agent*)

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violations. A federal probe uncovered massive violations of prisoners' rights in Michigan, but the government did not even ask a court to order charges.

In the 1970s, rehabilitation goals seemed unrealistic to most people, as crime rates increased and prisons began overflowing with inmates. Some individuals fear the recent two-year crime rate drop reflects demographic changes, not a more efficient justice system. Simply stated, 18 to 25-year-olds commit the most crimes and the number of people in that age bracket has decreased. But do our present rehabilitation programs have a chance of working? Most inmates do not attend classes nor do they work full time, partly due to the tremendous overcrowding. And with training programs that do not teach employable skills, prisoners do not have much incentive to successfully complete training. Many prisoners make license plates and refinish furniture for the state, the latter of which provides some possible employment. But, for example, labor and business have lobbied against allowing prisoners to take part in the multi-million dollar road construction sign business - after all, finding employment without a criminal record has its difficulties also. A few states, such as Texas and Kansas, have improved their training programs, but they remain inadequate. Meanwhile, when prisoners are released from our degrading warehouses, few support groups exist to help in the transition period. Even if out on parole or on probation, the overwhelming caseload for these departments make probation and parole officers' jobs impossible to carry out effectively.



Paul Spina, LNS

Much of the reason for our refusal to improve our incarceration system seems to come from anger, and a lack of alternatives. We spend \$50 to \$75 a day to cage people who may have raped our daughters. Even as statistics suggest that perhaps 80% of people convicted for sexual abuse were abused as children, crime-victim support groups insist that convicted criminals receive the maximum penalty the law allows. Any person whose friend or relative has been abused or murdered knows how that feeling of anger and helplessness invades all parts of life. But, the system also ignores the victims, who until recently had little voice in the justice system. Some prisons are implementing a new program whereby victims of burglary, for instance, meet with the prisoner who committed the crime, to talk through feelings and

discuss restitution. But only recently have alternatives to incarceration begun to receive the attention they deserve as workable, financially responsible methods of solving prison system problems.

Many states have responded to the overcrowding problem by dedicating money toward building new facilities. California has allocated \$1.2 million to build roughly 19,000 new cells in the next three years. At least six states have activated an early release program, although many victim support groups have protested this development. Yet, even if more and more cells eventually solve the overcrowding problem, what of the idea of prison itself? Will a bed and cell for each prisoner guarantee adequate medical care, educational opportunities, adequate sanitation standards, an end to racism, ample food, an end to physical and verbal brutality, a fruitful re-entry into community life, and human decency for each prisoner? Are we solving the crime problem, or are we bandaging the symptom of other problems with the vengeance of cages? ♡



*The Syracuse Peace Council, Mother's Legal Association, American Friends Service Committee, Upstate Resistance and Jail Ministries have formed a coalition to improve jail conditions at the Syracuse Public Safety Building. In addition to our vigils, we hope to put out a fact sheet for visitors, prisoners, and other people to encourage communication and access to information. For more information or to make contributions, contact Maud Pantaleoni, 213 Cambridge St., Syracuse, NY 13210.*

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## Prisons

### PSB Blues

I wake up at 6:30 a.m. Not because I have conditioned myself to wake at this hour, but because the bright lights have been turned on in the cell block. I rub the stiffness out of my neck, that has settled there from sleeping on a two-inch mattress that is supported by a wooden board. I look out the bars at the other men who are sleeping on mattresses on the floor. They are covering their heads with their sheets to keep the bright lights from hurting their eyes. I am one of the lucky ones, I have a cell.

I wash my face and flush my nostrils out with cold water (there is no hot water) to clear the dust that has settled on me during the night. The six men on the floor take turns using one sink-urinal combination unit. I sit back on my bunk and wait for breakfast. The deputy yells "chow" and the breakfast trays arrive. The main course is scrambled eggs and toast. The eggs are hot, but hard and rubbery on the top, wet and slimy on the bottom. The toast is almost always cold and hard. This is caused by being re-heated in a microwave oven. The rest of the meal consists of coffee, juice, and a corn-bread muffin. All of which you would have to be very hungry to eat.

My name is Harold Hammond. I have been an inmate in Syracuse's Public Safety Building jail since December 28, 1984. I am waiting to go to a State Correctional Facility. I am one of six men who went on a hunger strike back in February. A few things were accomplished, but after a week or so things got even worse. Deputies still ignore our request for phone calls. The ventilation system is still clogged with dust. The medical staff is very unconcerned with our medical problems. I was in here two years ago. I asked one of the nurses for two tylenol; I received two aspirin. I had to be taken to an outside hospital and was injected with adrenalin. I am highly allergic to aspirin. The court-appointed lawyer said there was nothing I could do about it, legally. Myself and other inmates put in requests to see the doctor and don't see him for weeks. The doctor doesn't show up when he is supposed to, twice a week.



Some of the deputies agreed with a few of our grievances during the hunger strike. Most of them had bad attitudes towards us, because reports had to be made when we refused meals. I held out for six days. Two weeks later I went on my own hunger strike to support the vigil Father Bill Cuddy was holding against conditions of the jail. The administration decided to make an example out of me. They put me in "A" block. "A" block is for mental and problem inmates. Chief Pirro stated in the Post Standard I was placed in there because they wanted to keep me on frequent watch for my health. I was not put on frequent watch, I was put in a cell where I had no contact with the deputies. I was in a cell that was designed for inmates they want out of their hair. They pressured me into eating again.

I would like people to know that this place is hell. When their sons or husbands are arrested they're treated like animals in here.

-Harold Hammond  
PSB Jail  
Box 976  
Syracuse, NY 13201

### Beyond Bars — Keeping in Touch

Our friends serving prisons sentences would like to keep in touch. Let's keep those letters and visits coming!

#### Griffiss Plowshares:

Despite Dean Hammer's appeal on Feb. 25, the sentences of the Griffiss Plowshares 7 were upheld.

#### At FCI, Box A, Anderson, WV 24910:

Jackie Allen--01265-052

Cottage 24

Clare Grady--01264-052

Kathleen Rumpf--01262-052

Liz McAlister--01263-052

Cottage 22

#### At FCI Camp, Danbury, CT 06810:

Dean Hammer--01267-052

Vern Rossman--01266-052

#### At Allenwood FCI, Box 1000, Montgomery, PA 17752:

Karl Smith--01268-052

#### Pershing Plowshares:

#### At FCI, Box A, Anderson, WV 24910:

Anne Montgomery--03827-018

Cottage 11

Christen Schmidt--03826-018

Cottage 11

#### At FCI Camp, Danbury, CT 06810:

Jim Perkins--03825-018

Todd Kaplan--03828-018

Per Hengren--03824-018

(Per recently had his parole hearing and received 14 months. His tentative exit date is Sept. 23, pending final decision).

#### At Allenwood, FCI, Box 1000, Montgomery, PA 17752:

Paul Magno--03829-018

#### At Petersburg FCI, Petersburg, VA 23804:

Tim Lietzke--03830-018

#### At FCP Box 150160, Lakewood Station, Atlanta, GA 30315:

Patrick O'Neill--03831-018



# Changing the Legacy of Prisons

By Marsha Weissman

Most public opinion polls list crime as one of the high priority issues concerning the American public. Citizens express fear of crime in their streets, homes and even community institutions.

For reasons buried deep in our national psyche, prisons have been routinely proposed as the answer to the crime problem. Prisons are intended to satisfy the need for public safety, deter other crimes and act as a means of punishment.

A visit to a prison will immediately make clear that to live in a prison is indeed punishment. But what about the other concerns--public safety, in particular? How effective is incarceration in addressing the problem of crime?

Both in New York State and nationwide, the increase in incarceration (the state's prison population has almost tripled in the decade since Attica) has not affected the crime rate. Crime has increased over the past decade despite prison expansion and longer sentences.

The reason for the continued growth of crime remains alarmingly obvious--poverty and social disintegration. However, the search for long and short-term solutions, after decades of social malaise is a complex one. Long run solutions will require extensive and expensive investment in education, job training, and job creation. Interestingly, the public does in fact support investment in these areas to combat crime. A recent New York Times poll found that most people cited job training and better schools as the most effective means for combating crime. This sentiment must now be made politically effective in order to counter the Reagan administration's cutbacks in social programs while devoting larger sums of money to building and maintaining prisons.

Yet social investment, while certainly the long term response to crime, does not satisfy the immediate need for a more effective approach to crime and punishment. The fact that prisons have failed to meet the goals of sentencing is becoming increasingly obvious. Along side of the growth in prisons has been increasing interest in "alternatives-to-incarceration." Community service, work release, restitution, victim offender mediation, are innovative methods of holding an offender accountable for his or her illegal behavior.

The objective of the New York Center of Sentencing Alternatives, (NYCSA) in affiliation with the National Center on Institutions and Alternatives is to provide alternative sentencing plans for individuals likely to receive a sentence of incarceration. The Client Specific Planning Project develops alternative sentences for an offender when the defense attorney indicates that without a comprehensive alternative incarceration is likely. The program tries to help the Court and prosecutors accept the alternative disposition by including in each plan specific controls on the defendants, restitution and relevant treatment services (education, job training). The overriding goal of each plan is to avoid or minimize incarceration by establishing conditions for accountability.

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supervision and personal responsibility.

Sentences of community service require a specific number of hours of work with a non-profit organization in lieu of a jail term to repay the community. NYCSA strives to match offenders' skills with tasks needed. Offenders have worked cleaning daycare centers, renovating housing projects, providing transportation for the elderly, and helping teach computer skills to workers and children in minority areas. But community service is too often used only with offenders who were not prison-bound.

Offenders may apply for work release through the state corrections system when they are eligible for parole. NYCSA looks at work release eligibility criteria, and advocates release into work situations which they help locate for clients. But with limited work opportunities, there is little incentive to accept applicants into the program.

The court often orders restitution without adequate involvement or discussion with offenders or victims. Probation boards are then authorized to collect repayments. NYCSA sometimes initiates victim-offender mediation, refers clients to RESOLVE (a dispute mediation service), and tries to contact victims and work with offenders after the court orders restitution. This way it becomes more than just a court order. Restitution can allow victims to confront offenders and to vent frustration and anger, and allow offenders to see the victims as actual human beings who have been caused real pain. NYCSA also sets up payment schedules for the restitution, since financial hardship motivates much crime.

Surveys show that victims, and the community in general are surprisingly open to such alternatives as long as some accountability is provided.

To further the alternatives movement, not only does attention need to be focused on program design and rethinking concepts of punishment and control, but also on resources. Alternatives will continue to be either add-ons, or insignificant pieces in a criminal justice policy unless significant resources are shifted away from prisons to community programs. The only systemic success in alternatives development has been in those states, such as Massachusetts and Minnesota, where funding has been moved into community programs.

The move toward alternatives is still in its early stages. Efforts must be made to ensure that programs are adequately funded and well designed; care must be taken to ensure that these efforts are not judged prematurely. The legacy of prisons has been with us for centuries. As a society we have spent billions on prisons yet we still do not feel safe. Long term investment and social commitment to equality and opportunity in combination with alternative programs will do more to accomplish the important goal of safe and secure communities than expanding imprisonment. ♡

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*For more information or to help in finding alternatives, call the Center at 422-5638.*

# Arms Control Talks: A Cruel Hoax ?

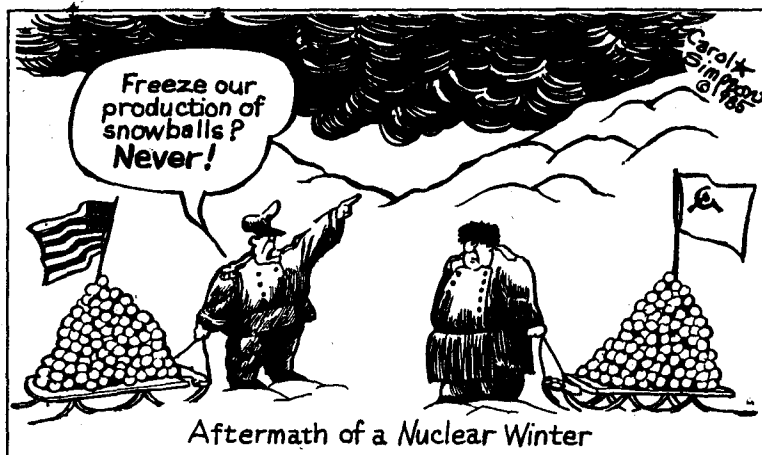
By Cindy Sangree

Some people are not aware that two of the U.S. arms control negotiators at Geneva are members of the Committee for the Present Danger, an elite group which organized in 1976 to lobby against the Salt II treaty. Max Kampelman, who is the U.S. chief negotiator in Geneva, is on the Board of Directors of this anti-Soviet group. Paul Nitze, another negotiation team member, is a co-founder. This committee has as one of its main activities the support of the Five Year Defense Plan drafted by the Reagan Administration's Department of Defense. This plan was revealed to the public in 1982 by Richard Holloran writing in the May 30 New York Times, and it speaks of prevailing in a nuclear war. This is an important change in perspective from that of previous administrations.

The thrust of the Five Year Plan is to WIN. The plan's designers conceive of the world as a stage for competition between the United States and the Soviet Union on all fronts. Economic dominance and military dominance are the goals rather than deterrence.

The plan calls for pressure on the Soviet economy by all means possible, including a mammoth arms race to strain Soviet resources. It calls for the arming of China to keep pressure on Soviet borders. The plan calls for arranging the capability of "decapitating" the USSR in early stages of military confrontation so

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as to knock out political leadership and communication systems. This capability must of necessity include first strike weapons. The plan calls for expansion of military preparedness into space - in part, as mentioned above, to strain the Soviet economy. Nuclear war is considered a possibility and the plan calls for intent to win in case of a protracted nuclear exchange between the U.S. and the USSR.

The revelation of the Five Year Plan has been one of the important reasons for the growth of peace activism in recent years, including increased support for the local Syracuse Peace Council, the proliferation of Nuclear Freeze chapters across the country, and the entry of mainstream individuals into the peace movement in groups such as Physicians for Social Responsibility and Hi Tech Professionals for Peace.

Prominent supporters of the Five Year Plan are representing the United States at the arms control talks. Is this a cruel hoax? Do we have representatives who intend to negotiate arms reduction or do we have persons who intend to WIN at any

price? Talk of "bargaining chips" is all too familiar. Similarly designated were the MIRV in 1969 and the cruise missile in 1972. Neither "chip" was allowed to be a part of the "bargaining." It became too "valuable" and instead became the first move in a new round of arms build-up. Now we have the MX. Will this round of talks also be somewhat successful only to be followed by larger arsenals and less real security? This time the arming would extend even into the heavens.

The Soviets have offered a unilateral freeze on middle-range missile deployment with a waiting period to see if the U.S. will respond in kind. Will the U.S. negotiators follow this procedure, a path that many Americans have in fact been urging our own government to initiate? Or will our representatives and this administration stick to the Five Year Plan? Is our presence at the Geneva arms control talks a cruel hoax? Do the American people believe that our negotiators are there with the intent to seek peace? In reality they are there with the intent to dominate, to be "victorious."



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# Lessons of the Viet Nam War

By William Griffen

The lesson the U.S. should learn from the Viet Nam War has been called the "Viet Nam Syndrome" — the unacceptability of global management by force. But the Viet Nam Syndrome may be receding before the current jingoism and rush to cold war militarism.

Reagan continues to hard sell Congress on the need to keep arming — in Central America, the Middle East, the Pacific theatre, Europe, at home, and finally, the heavens. And with only a bit of shallow peace posturing, the Congress buys it. Congress continues to vote for trillion dollar programs meant to protect us from the "evil empire."

Wherever Reagan and his cronies sense U.S. (read: corporate) interests threatened, the response is the same — a government White Paper with little relationship to reality and a series of big lies. Our present leaders battle the Viet Nam Syndrome with cries of "national security" and "Soviet and Cuban aggression" and then put billions of tax dollars into gun boat diplomacy, rapid deployment forces and nuclear weaponry overkill.

The increasingly servile media, more concerned with guarding their own corporate flank, play along and the next level of cold war hysteria and disastrous military spending is reached. The lessons which should have prevented this deadly process haven't been learned because they aren't being aired.

Time, Newsweek, the New York Times and the TV networks all present ten-years-after histories heavy on narrative, light on analysis. They portray all those exciting, depressing, heroic, nostalgic, incredible, indelible images of the war. But their "objective" reporting insulates against critical analyses. Don't expect to encounter any lessons in the establishment media from Gloria Emerson, Howard Zinn, Noam Chomsky, Ed Herman, Gareth Porter, Marilyn Young, Paul Joseph or Don Luce.

Bill is the co-author of the book *Lessons of the Viet Nam War*. Watch for his article in the June '85 *Progressive* magazine on his and other SPC activists' lawsuit against Griffiss Air Force Base.

The media refuses to acknowledge South Viet Nam was a puppet-state. The Pentagon Papers noted that "South Viet Nam (unlike any of the other countries in Southeast Asia) was essentially the creation of the United States." In the rewriting of the Viet Nam War, South Viet Nam's U.S. origins are minimized and the "invasion-from-the-North" view crowds out that of the war of national liberation. It is always the "fall" of Saigon and South Viet Nam, never the liberation. And again, the arrogance of the question: "Who lost Viet Nam?"

Other common threads: We are told Viet Nam veterans have acquired a new, positive image. Certainly, veterans deserve attention, including real benefits and not merely romanticizing their roles on TV and in films. This romanticizing feeds the macho-militaristic patriotism which is reviving "the military is in" outlook.

The scorn and neglect visited on Viet Nam veterans should have been



-Wright in the Miami News

directed at the architects of the war; instead revised histories are taking the heat off those "best and brightest" war criminals. But then, war crimes are what other nations commit....

Absent from current accounts of the Viet Nam War is our record of conducting it and foreign policy secretly, in blatant disregard for the Constitution.

There is a continual hammering in

the media on how poorly the Vietnamese are now managing their society.

It is not even hinted that the plight of the Vietnamese today is linked to U.S. conduct yesterday:

- two million Vietnamese killed,
- nearly three million wounded,
- 15 million tons of munitions exploded,
- millions of victims poisoned by Agent Orange or other defoliants,
- diseases festering in the country's 25 million bomb craters,
- 40% of the arable land laid waste,
- 18 million gallons of poisonous chemicals sprayed over six million acres of South Viet Nam,
- hundreds of millions of pounds of live bombs imbedded in the countryside taking their daily toll on the Vietnamese ten years after the war's end -- and the list goes on.

Why haven't the Vietnamese built their socialist utopia yet? asks the media. Might it not have something to do with America's role? As part of the Paris Peace Agreement of 1973, the U.S. agreed to contribute \$4.75 billion in reconstruction aid to partially amend for the death and destruction described above. Viet Nam has yet to receive one cent of American aid. The U.S. has used its influence to deny or reduce aid to Viet Nam from other countries. Our government continues its campaign to impose diplomatic isolation on our former adversary -- America's post-war "bleed Viet Nam" program.

The Reagan administration has learned all the wrong lessons. Its interventionist foreign policy, particularly in Nicaragua, is indebted to Major General (ret.) John E. Murray, who urged that, "the next war we fight, we ought to do it like the Mafia: contract it out."

The peace movement must resist Godfather Reagan and struggle to end a U.S. foreign policy of military force; a policy more concerned with corporate interests than with justice and human progress. ☸

## Help David Truong

In 1978 David Truong, a Vietnamese man living in the United States, was convicted in a Federal Court on several counts of espionage. At the SPC Birthday Dinner 1979 we heard David speak about the trial and his work for U.S.-Viet Nam reconciliation. The Justice Department had a very flimsy case but strong political motivation for putting David Truong away.

As reported in *The Nation* (3/2/85), David is scheduled for release in August, 1986. Immigration plans to deport him to France. Why not do so immediately? Letters requesting his parole can be sent to the National Appeals Board, U.S. Parole Commission, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

# Taking to the Streets: The April Actions for Peace, Jobs and Justice

By Deana Cunningham

We are at the moment when our lives must be placed on the line if our nation is to survive its own folly. Every person of humane convictions must decide on the protest that best suits their convictions, but we must all protest.

and we will not sit idly by while the poor, minorities and women of this country are oppressed by unjust laws and policies.

On Saturday April 20, 26,000 people (by the official police report) spent the morning in Ronald Reagan's back yard enjoying a Festival of Resistance. Throughout the morning, people wandered between the five stages set up on the Ellipse listening to speakers, dancing to and singing with musicians, watching theatrical and dance performances, and laughing with comedians. The Festival had a good mix of well known U.S. performers (such as Pete Seeger and the Atomic Comics) and performers from third world cultures (such as a Nicaraguan poet and a Salvadoran Dance team).



Two protesters at April 20 demonstration.

These words, spoken nearly 20 years ago by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., still hold true today. April 19-22 saw tens of thousands of people traveling to Washington DC to answer this call. From all across the U.S. and Canada people brought this message to the Reagan administration: we will no longer accept policies which support apartheid in South Africa and racism at home; we will not tolerate aid for the contra forces in Nicaragua or other U.S. intervention in Central America; we call for an immediate end to the arms race;



Rally at the Capitol Building.

Despite the 90+ degree heat, protestors were still lively as the march past the White House to the Capitol Building began. At the Capitol, the Reverend Jesse Jackson estimated our numbers at 100,000.

On Monday the lobbying effort on Capitol Hill was accompanied by a nonviolent blockade of the Pennsylvania Avenue entrances of the White House. In blockading the White House we sought to disrupt business as usual and dramatize the holding of Ronald Reagan personally responsible for the policies we were protesting. Many of us hung signs and banners on the fence with messages to the President, only to have them immediately ripped down by the police. 330 people were arrested amid songs and chants of resistance.

These actions were a successful start to what hopefully will be a summer of active opposition to the increasingly dangerous policies of the Reagan administration. By combining issues and tactics, these actions drew the support of many diverse groups. By bringing together people of color and people from a wide range of social and economic backgrounds, the April Actions helped open the door to a new era of activism in which we are all united in the struggle for Peace, Jobs and Justice. ♻️



Danny Carlson and Tekla Lewin at April 20 rally.

Deana was one of 330 people arrested in Monday's blockade.

## Vigil for the Children

Nuclear weapons threaten not only our future: children are suffering today because federal funds are taken away from essential children's programs and lavished on the military.

Consider these facts:

\*Each week, 211 American children die from poor maternal/child health and nutrition. Congress underfunds preventative health programs by \$6.2 million per week, and buys MX missiles at \$7 million per week.

\*One out of 12 Americans suffers from malnutrition. In Onondaga County, the Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC), for lack of funds, serves only half those who apply.

\*The \$1 million annual subsidy for the Pentagon's four executive dining rooms would buy 833,333 school lunches.

Congressman George Wortley's vote is our voice in the affairs of the nation. In 1984 he voted against seven out of 10 key programs for children. He also voted for every nuclear weapon since 1981.

How can we illustrate this vital connection between weapons and the well-being of children? How can we show Mr. Wortley and the public, that "Money for Weapons is War on Children?"

The Nuclear Weapons Freeze of Central New York is sponsoring five "Vigils for the Children." Each vigil features a specific need of children.

Many people - social workers, teachers, parents - have provided data and ideas for these vigils. Please join us. Bring your children, or a picture of your family.

### 1) CHOOSE LIFE

Saturday, May 4, 12-3 PM. Fayette Park (at Townsend).

In communities across the nation on this day, sections of "The Ribbon" will be assembled. The whole will be wrapped around the Pentagon on August 4, 1985. Come see the Central NY section. The Program includes music and puppets, and ends with a quiet Vigil.

### 2) MOTHERS, INFANTS, CHILDREN

Sunday, May 12, 1-2 PM. Columbus Circle.

On this Mothers' Day, around the globe, bells will be ringing to end the arms race. Jack Mayer, MD is author of this "Peace Bell Treaty."

### 3) FOOD FOR CHILDREN

Friday, May 17, 4-5 PM. Farmers' Market at Camillus Mall.

### 4) JOBS, TRAINING AND ECONOMIC SECURITY

Wednesday, May 22 12-1 PM. NYS Employment Office (677 S. Salina St.)

### 5) DAYCARE AND EARLY EDUCATION

Sunday, June 2, 12-1 PM. Federal Building Plaza.

For more information:

Nuclear Weapons Freeze of Central New York  
PO Box 394  
Syracuse, NY 13214

Vigil Project Phone: (315) 475-1416

\*Sources: Children's Defense Fund, "Children's Defense Budget FY 85," and "CDF Voting Record for 1984." Call CDF at (202) 628-8787.

-Steve Lapham



The 1984 Visions of Peace parade.

## Visions of Peace Festival

On June 8, the people of Central New York will once again have the opportunity to gather together and share their hopes for peace as we celebrate the 2nd annual VISIONS OF PEACE FESTIVAL. We invite you to join us in creating a small piece of the peaceable kingdom right here in Syracuse.

This year's festival will begin at 11:00 AM with a parade down Westcott Street from Euclid Avenue to Thornden Park, featuring the magic pageantry of Open Hand Theater. The theme of the parade will be "See the Earth," and will explore our vision of the earth as a delicate interconnected whole.

Beginning at noon, there will be a full day of music and dance, performed by local artists in the amphitheater at Thornden Park. In addition to these performances there will be participatory activities such as group singing and dancing, mural painting, and juggling. Art work by local youth, expressing their vision of a safe and friendly world, will be displayed in the amphitheater. There will also be resource tables sponsored by a wide variety of community organizations.

This year's festival is jointly sponsored by Visions of Peace, Open Hand Theater and the Syracuse Cultural Workers Project. Our goal is to create an atmosphere in which people of all ages can experience and celebrate peacemaking, and to instill within us a vision which will empower us to take concrete steps towards a peaceful world.

There is still much to be done to achieve this goal. If you would like to help or participate in any way (publicity, site work, typing, organizing) contact Gloria Cox at 479-5977. To help in creating the parade call Geoff Navias at 472-1777. In addition to the festival itself, the Syracuse Cultural Workers are arranging a display of an international children's art exhibit in various locations throughout the area. To help with this display call Brian Prendergast at 474-1132.



-Kartar Singh Khalsa

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## Local Activists Sentenced

On April 24, Carol Baum, Liam Mahony, Lyn Larson, and Will Sigfried were sentenced for holding a peace banner in the Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) Lobby in the Federal Building in downtown Syracuse Feb. 4, after draft resister Andy Mager's sentencing. City Court Judge Brian DeJoseph sentenced the four to a "one year conditional discharge," meaning should they be arrested again anytime within the next 12 months, Mr. DeJoseph retains the power to resentence them to up to 90 days in jail and fine them \$500.

Earlier in the month, Kate Larch, Carolyn Mow, Karen Beetle, and Jim Pfeiffer received identical sentences for their simultaneous action the U.S. Attorney's office in the Federal Building. All eight activists were charged a \$40 mandatory court fee.

The trials of the two groups were quite different, and should tell us something about our judicial system. The four who sat in the U.S. Attorney's office until after the building was closed explained the political and moral reasons for their actions and challenged the judge to take a moral stance himself. The other group, in a trial that lasted two days, built a strong legal case defending their exercise of free speech in a public place, citing many legal precedents and producing many witnesses to prove that the MEPS Lobby was indeed public. The intent was to make it as convenient as possible for Mr. DeJoseph to do the right thing.

To no avail. The verdict and sentence show us once again how inflexible people in power tend to be when political protest is involved.

-Liam Mahony

## Tax/Budget Demonstration

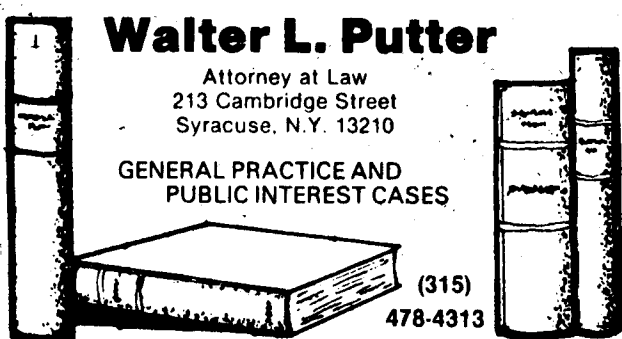
Over 40 supporters of the Military Tax Resistance Support Group demonstrated outside the Federal Building here Monday, April 8, a week before income tax day, while Diane and Peter Swords met with officials inside. The actions exposed the new Federal budget's 64% share for the military, and supported the Peace Tax Fund and war tax resistance and protest.

Despite blustery cold weather, the group unrolled four paper strips on the courtyard to graph the FY 1968 US budget to a scale of \$3 billion/ft. (\$10 billion/meter). The categories of general government (25 ft or 7.6 m), physical resources (13 ft or 4m), and human resources (49 ft or 14.6m) were measured against past and present military expenses (160 ft or 48m)--nearly the length from the doors of the building to the street!

Meanwhile, Diane and Peter tried to pay the military portion of their 1981 tax (which had been withheld from their pay, refunded by the IRS, sent to the Peace Tax Fund, and recently pursued), with a guarantee from Congressman Wortley that this money would not fund weapons of mass destruction or deprive anyone of basic human rights. Wortley's aide would not accept a check made out to the congressman, and referred Diane and Peter to the IRS, where collection officials welcomed the check but frankly admitted they would ignore any such guarantee. So the tax remained unpaid. (A last effort to pay the tax and get the guarantee is being made by direct mail.)

The actions closed outdoors with a circle. They achieved good media coverage.

-Diane Swords




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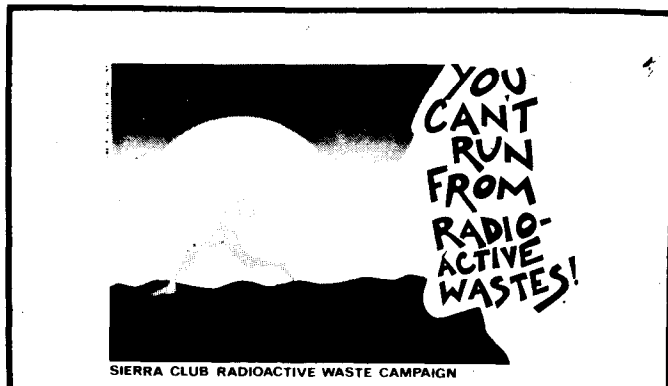
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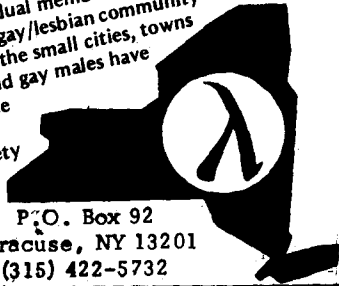
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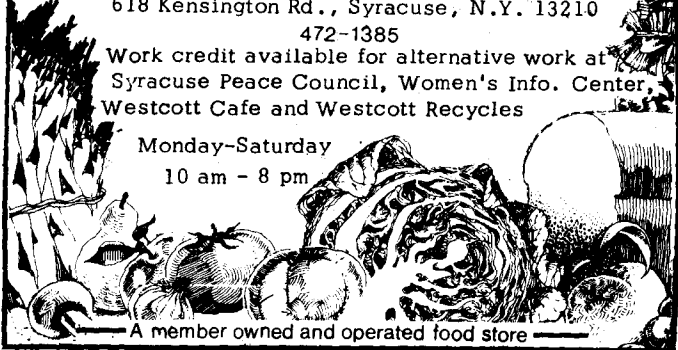
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## Peacemaking in the Eighties

Friday May 25th at 8 p.m.  
at the LeMoyne College Chapel  
Admission \$4.00 at the door

George Zabelka, the chaplain who blessed the men who dropped the bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, recently walked 6000 miles on a pilgrimage for nuclear disarmament. Zabelka will speak from experience about his search for consistency in peacemaking.

Regular

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I need someone who is knowledgeable in bicycle mechanics to teach me basic repair and maintenance. Please call after May 20th, Poste at 487-7244.

Kath Buffington, new SPC staff person (July 1), looking for small house, apartment or room near woods or water. Prefer close to Syracuse and cheap (anybody can dream). Contact Kath, 716-372-2558 collect, Bucher Hollow, Allegany, N.Y. 14706, or Carol Baum at SPC.

Lady will do heavier housecleaning. Experienced. Leave your phone number with Florence at 471-3352.

**WANTED:** Used office equipment. Syracuse Cultural Workers are moving to Women's Info on 601 Allen. In desperate need of filing cabinets, desks, chairs, shelving units and general office furniture. We can pick up if necessary. Call Jan at 474-1132.

This Spring will mark the 10th anniversary of the end of the Viet Nam War. A two week long festival of films, videos and guest speakers is being planned for May by the Syracuse Cultural Workers, in commemoration of those who fought, those who opposed and all whose lives were affected by the war. Your input, energy, and financial support are all needed. Call Diana at 474-1132 if interested in helping out.

Roommate wanted for a two-bedroom apartment (must see apartment). Rent \$75 + utilities or will trade for work. Call Eric, 472-0981, 6-9 pm.

**CNY Events Clearinghouse:** Planning an event? Call the Syracuse Cultural Workers and we'll put it on our Big Calendar and tell you if any conflicts exist. Plan ahead! SCW, Box 6367, Syracuse, NY 13217. (315) 474-1132.

The program in Nonviolent Conflict and Change and Syracuse University Summer Sessions presents the Twelfth Annual Institute on Creative Conflict Management. Courses involve three classes: Communication Skills and Creative Problem Solving (May 21-31); Negotiation and Mediation Skills (June 3-13); and Conflict Management for Leaders, Individuals and Groups (July 22-26). For more information, call 423-3870.

SPC staffperson needs housing before June 1. Would prefer collective, non-smoking, quiet household of women in or near Westcott area. Call Radell at SPC, 472-5478.

## SPC Potluck

Friends Meeting House 821 Euclid  
Information: 472 - 5478

DINNER at 6pm DISCUSSION from 7 - 9pm

## May 13th Countering Recruitment in the Schools

Upstate Resistance will give the latest information on countering military recruitment in the schools. There will be time for questions and discussion with Karen Beetle, Marge Rusk, and others from Upstate Resistance.

## May 20th Native Americans: Another Spring

A brief presentation will be followed by opportunity for questions and discussion with individuals experienced in the struggles of the Native American peoples for justice. Every year the struggles continue.

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19	Socialist Forum: Chiles, Revo- lution, Counter-revolution & Resistance. Leonardo Vargas, 3 pm. Westcott Cafe, Ron 478-0793. New Environment Association meetings: Potluck 5:30 pm & Rolling Presentation 6:30 pm. Friends Meeting House.	20	Viet Nam Film Festival: "Young Pupettes" of Viet Nam" 12:15pm, free downtown library	21	Viet Nam Film Festival: "The War at Home" 7pm, Pettit Library, Free	22	Viet Nam Film Festival: "The War at Home" 7pm, Pettit Library, Free	23	Viet Nam Film Festival: "The War at Home" 7pm, Pettit Library, Free	24	Viet Nam Film Festival: "The War at Home" 7pm, Pettit Library, Free	25	Viet Nam Film Festival: "The War at Home" 7pm, Pettit Library, Free
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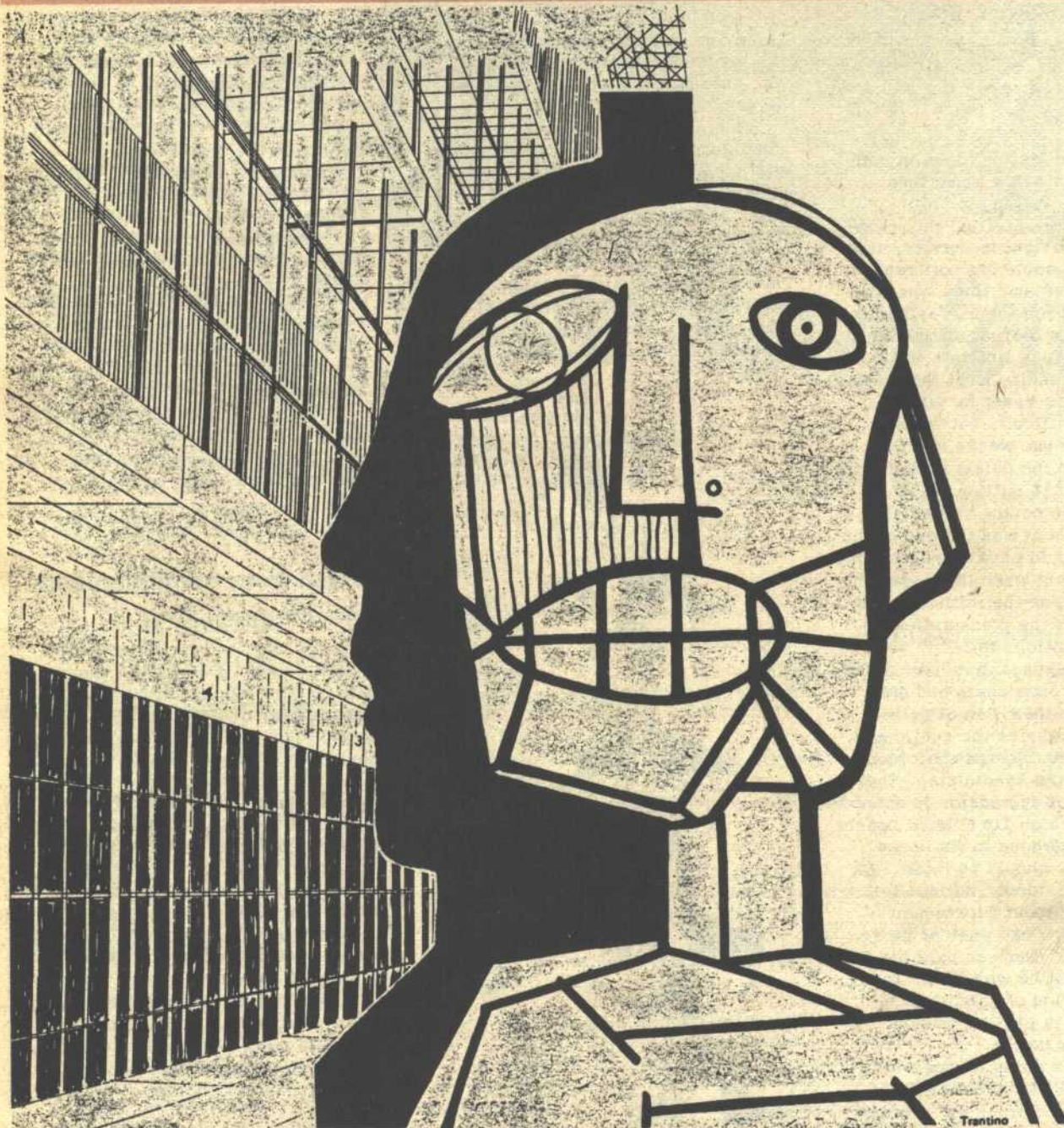
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**49th Birthday Dinner**  
Syracuse Peace Council  
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## Freeing PRISONERS —and VICTIMS

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# LETTERS



## Inside Nicaragua

Dear SPC:

It is an odd feeling to be on both sides of a war at the same time. Here we are, working to help North Americans see that this revolution has the right to survive, that Nicaragua's people are no threat to us, and at the same time, tomorrow we could be back there, paying taxes and supporting the war effort with our silence. Such liberties make fully comprehending what the pressure of this war has meant for Nicaraguans more difficult, but we try.

It was only two weeks ago that we celebrated the defeat of Reagan's plan to send \$14 million worth of death to the contra mercenaries. No one thought it was the end of the war, but it could have been a turning point, a moment when the movement could have taken the initiative and begun to make the pressure for bilateral negotiations felt.

Instead the Reaganites have seized the initiative once again and are marching with their flag of anti-communism, stirring the public and the Congress to support their blood feud against the Sandinistas. The latest tactic of aggression is economic blockade which Tip O'Neill boasts will bring Nicaragua to its knees overnight. Tip should be made aware that President Coolidge felt the same way about Nicaragua. General Sandino had another idea and many U.S. marines paid the price of learning that he was right. Today a new generation of Sandinistas stand willing to pay the price of freedom in Nicaragua.

That price is going higher and higher. The blockade comes at a time of economic troubles - prices have risen since subsidies have been eliminated. Materiel which could have been used to construct new housing is being diverted to take care of those displaced by battle. 60,000 young men and women are in military uniforms instead of school uniforms, defending the country instead of producing for the rest of

the population. All of these effects of the aggression are deeply felt.

On top of that, Nicaraguans must face the prospect of longer lines, of empty shelves, machines that will not run due to lack of spare parts, a possible nationwide shortage of soap and cooking oil (because lye for soap and much of the seeds for oil must be imported from the U.S. at present).

Nicaragua has been preparing for this for a long time, by reducing its dependence on the U.S. But Uncle Sam is still a powerful neighbor. They can, as Richard Nixon said of Chile, "Make the economy scream". But the Nicaraguan people are a strong and determined people, Reagan will learn, sooner or later, that the economy may scream, but this people will never cry uncle.

With love,  
Ed Griffin  
Managua, Nicaragua



## Still Thinking of SPC

Dear friends at SPC:

I haven't written to you in about 4 years - since I moved to Syracuse and picked up my first copy of your newsletter at Burnett Pharmacy. At that time I was in my first year

of law school at S. U. Since then, whenever I've had a few bucks that I could scrape together, I've sent them your way. I wish there was more money. Since then (1981) I've graduated law school and taken the N.Y. State Bar exam. Now I'm hanging on, biting my nails and hoping they give me a license to practice law. Hopefully in the next few years I'll have a little more money and maybe even some useful skills to toss your way.

In any event, I want you to know that your organization, your work and your sincere and just efforts are an inspiration. They have been ever since I opened my first issue of the newsletter.

Although I'm now \$60,000 in debt, I believe in the cause. Thus, enclosed is my check for \$20. That won't pay your NiMo bill this month, but perhaps it'll help a bit.

Give my best wishes and congratulations to all the members. Without good people like you this world might not even exist. Keep up the good work!

Teresa Brickett  
Syracuse, N. Y.

## Praise from the Philippines

Peace Newsletter:

I got a copy of your Peace Newsletter through a friend and I found it to be very helpful for my work as a researcher in St. Joseph Social Service Inc. Our office is a human development agency whose work is to promote the integrated development of Filipino workers here in Manila through skills training, research and social services. Your magazine contains a lot of information which we could use in our skills training seminar and in our data bank and not to mention that it provides us a view of anti-war movement activities in your country.

In this connection, please include us in your mailing list wherein we could receive a free copy as unfortunately we are restrained by our finances in periodical acquisition.

Sincerely yours,  
Nap S. Genato  
Manila, Philippines

PNL readers: This is your page! We welcome and need your responses and reactions in our continuing effort to create dialog and development in the PNL and within the Peace Council. Write to us: Letters, Peace Newsletter, 924 Burnet Ave, Syracuse, N.Y. 13203. We may edit for clarity and brevity.

## In This Issue

This issue follows up last month's articles on prison themes. Tom Boland, in "Can't We Do Better than Caging Humans?" exposes the justification for prisons as a myth. Richard Hennessey discusses options available to victims of violent crimes and Kristin McCauley-Goldman shares her experience as a victim. We hope these articles will encourage people to look for creative ways to humanize our "justice" system.

In "Destabilization: Nicaragua Under Fire," Ron Shuffler refutes Reagan Administration lies and describes U.S. plans for military aggression in Central America.

Ed Kinane gives a brief sketch of Soweto, the black township about to observe the 9th anniversary on 6/16 of the slaughter of hundreds of her children by South African police. Ed also provides an update of anti-apartheid legislation now in Congress. Our active support for these bills may end U.S. support for apartheid forever!

## Production Workers

Kathy Randall, Ivan, Kevin Senn, Charlotte Haas, Gary Weinstein, Allen Smith, Carol Baum, Karen Beetle, Jeff Schwartz, Laurie Goldman, Karen Kerney, Virginia Lawson, Corinne Kinane & the Editorial Committee: Deana Cunningham, Radell Roberts, Ed Kinane & Angus MacDonald.

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Graffiti in Berkeley, California. /Photo by Karen Beetle

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# Syracuse Peace Council

## News from The SPC House

SPC House Cleaning Day was luckily one of those beautiful Syracuse Spring days - not hot but with sunshine and no rain. The garage "collection" was sorted and resulted in 1) several trips to the recycling center, 2) a huge "donation" to the city dump truck, with loading assistance from friendly city DPW employees, and 3) a residue of valuables for the upcoming garage sale (see p. 5). The walls of the conference room are cleaner, the kitchen now is cleaner, the basement and back porch are safer, and the yard grass/bushes are neater.

Carol has been to visit Per Hengren in Danbury, Ct., who will be released on September 23rd. She has also been again to see Andy Mager in Lewisburg, Pa., who comes home on June 20th. Both Per and Andy are doing well while doing time.

Excitement is in the air as we share the enthusiasm of Deana who leaves soon for Michigan and of Allen who heads for the "Big Apple" after a brief visit home. It will be good to have Corinne Kinane working in the House for some weeks; and we all look forward to welcoming Kath Buffington when she returns to Syracuse and SPC.

Cindy Sangree

## 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.

**Syracuse Peace Council**  
924 Burnet Ave.  
Syracuse, N.Y. 13203

(315) 472-5478

## SPC Collectives, Committees & Projects

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

### Staff Collective

Deana Cunningham, Radell Roberts,  
Cindy Sangree & Allen Smith.

### Steering Committees:

#### Organizational Maintenance

Pat Hoffman, Brent Bleier, Peter  
Scheibe, Margaret Gelfuso & Allen  
Smith.

### Front Room Bookstore Collective

Carol Baum, Jean Wittman, Katie  
Froelich & Dik Cool (collective  
member emeritus.)

#### Program & Evaluation

Ann Tierney, Tim McLaughlin, Gary  
Weinstein, & Cindy Sangree.

### The SPC Press

Jeff Schwartz, Laurie Goldman &  
Katie Froelich.

### Peace Newsletter

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Cindy Sangree	472-5478	Karen Beetle	475-4822
<i>SPC Posters:</i>		<i>NVS Films:</i>	
Dik Cool	474-1132	Dik Cool	474-1132
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Jan Peterson	476-6103	<i>SPC Film Committee:</i>	
<i>Middle East Study Group:</i>		Margaret Gelfuso	476-6909
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<i>Syracuse Men's Group:</i>		Linda DeStefano	475-0062
Paul Barfoot	425-6933	<i>AFSC Anti-Apartheid Project:</i>	
<i>Educators for Social Responsibility:</i>		Thabo Raphoto	475-4822
John Freie	446-8508		

# the peace council page

## Dinner a Success

On Saturday, May 18th, the Peace Council celebrated its 49th Birthday with a potluck dinner. Over 75 people attended and were treated to an evening of good food, good community and an enlightening speaker. Mita Pardo De Tavera told us much of the situation in the Philippines, both in her talk and the extensive question and answer period that followed.

Another high point of the evening was the presentations of the annual Peace Awards. Upstate Resistance, On The Rise Bakery and Bill Griffen were presented with the awards to recognize the work they do for peace and ways they inspire the rest of us by their example.

People left the evening feeling full and happy with the work we do for peace.

## Staff Opening at SPC

The Peace Council still has a job opening for the fall. The job is the Organizational Maintenance position and would start in July. Primary responsibilities include fundraising, finances and bookkeeping, in coordination with the Organizational Maintenance Committee (OM). The committee meets twice a month and is composed of several dedicated SPC members. Other work includes political organizing around specific issues: South Africa and Central America are two possible examples. The current pay is \$85 a week, with a raise to \$100 planned for the beginning of 1986. For more information, including a job description and application, please contact SPC.

## SPC Garage Sale SOON

The annual Peace Council Garage Sale is set for July 27th at the United Baptist Church, 718 Beech Street. This is always a huge event, very successful as a fundraiser and a day of community recycling. Included in the sale are books, kitchen items, furniture, rugs, records and much more. But to make it a success we need your help! Please consider donating some items. Simply bring them by the Peace Council and we will help you unload them and store them in our garage. If you have large items that are difficult to move, or would like us to help you in transporting items, give Corinne a call at SPC. Your help will make this a successful event.

## Help Plan Hiroshima Day

At 7pm, June 3rd people planning the local events encouraging us all to remember the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki will meet again. The meeting is being held at the Quaker Meeting House, 821 Euclid Av. Events being planned include a vigil, an ecumenical service, a panel presentation and discussion of the first use of the atom bomb, the Shadow Project, a parade and films. These will occur during the days from August 6th through the 9th. Come to the planning meeting and help in the commemoration. We must remember in order to prevent the use of these ultimate weapons that could destroy the world and all life as we know it.



## Our New PNL Staffperson

— Radell Roberts —

I was tempted to simply reprint my "hello" from November, not because nothing has changed, but because too much has changed to begin to explain. To say I've learned a lot about SPC, political work, and especially myself, since I started interning here seven months ago would be a gross understatement. Some things, however, remain the same. I'm still very interested in music, theatre, and poetry, and would like to spend part of my time at SPC bridging the illusory gap between the arts and political work. I'm also still very committed to feminism and non-violence. And somewhere in the dim recesses of my memory I recall that I am still from Shelby, Ohio, and graduated with a journalism degree some 12 months ago.

And it's still the people who keep me in Syracuse and at the Peace Council. It is also a gross understatement to say that I will miss working with Deana on the PNL. I guess I'll have to take responsibility for my own sanity during production (and always) now.

Staff changes and goodbyes will be difficult, but change is also exciting, and I'm anxious to work with Kath and Corinne, and have high hopes for the potential of SPC and the PNL.

## The PNL Hits the Streets

SPC depends on volunteers to distribute 3600 of 5000 PNLs around the community every month. Since the PNL is both a valuable alternative publication and SPC's most consistent means of outreach, getting issues on the street as soon as possible is a most significant job. We'd like to thank our loyal distributors for their valuable role. But we still need to find distributors for the Eastwood, Erie Blvd./Dewitt, Downtown North, and Salt Springs areas. Once we formulate a list of drop points, you only need to contribute about one hour of time per month. Also, if you'd like to see PNLs in a new location, let us know. Call Radell at SPC, 472-5478.

# PNL Transitions: 'Twas the Last Night . . .

By Deana Cunningham and Radell Roberts

*'Twas the last night of production and all through the house,  
Only three creatures were stirring, Deana, Radell, and the mouse.  
The headlines were hung by the typewriter with care,  
In hopes that volunteers soon would be there.  
The Editorial Committee was nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of italics danced in their heads.  
When the third typewriter ribbon broke with a snap,  
We went to the kitchen for a Newsletter rap.  
When up in the layout room there arose such a clatter,  
We jumped to our feet to see what was the matter.  
Through the Front Room we flew in a flash,  
Tore up the stairs and kicked through the trash.  
When what to our wondering eyes should appear,  
But Edward Kinane and eight volunteers.  
It's Angus, it's Carol, it's Gary and Jeff.  
It's Sheena, it's Ivan and even Glenda Neff!  
At the top of the stairs, we stood near the wall,  
Now dash away, dash away, dash away all.  
To the typewriters they go, to the layout table too.  
Some work with wax, and some work with glue.  
As we turned our heads and looked around,  
Ed strode to the "to be proofed" pile with a bound.  
He was dressed all in flannel from his head to his foot,  
And his clothes were all covered with glue and layout soot.  
A box of graphics he had flung on his back,  
He looked through for photos (of which there's a lack.)  
His eyes how they twinkled, his dimples how merry.  
As he finished with photos, he grabbed his dictionary.  
The end of a pen he held tight in his teeth,  
And the ink, it encircled the words like a wreath.  
His droll little mouth drawn up like a bow,  
He'd hand them to Angus, with hair white as snow.  
Angus is witty and bright, a right jolly 'ole elf,  
And I smiled when I saw him in spite of myself.  
With a wink of his eye and a twist of his head,  
He finished the corrections the rest of us dread.  
And as the long night finally drew to a close,  
The sound of the music in the layout room rose.  
All spoke not a word, but went on with their work,  
And filled all the pages then turned with a jerk.  
Some began to dance, others to sing,  
To celebrate another PNL, and the coming of spring.*

This variation on the famous Christmas poem differs only slightly from reality. Production of the Peace Newsletter depends greatly on the help of volunteers every month for typing, layout, and proofreading. However, production itself is only the hectic culmination of weeks of work by authors, artists, photographers, and, coordinating all aspects, the PNL Editorial Committee. (We always welcome and encourage participating observers on the Committee.)

The PNL rarely needs to search for articles. Between reprints, requests, regular items and articles sent to us, we would have no trouble filling the Newsletter. However, we often focus entire issues on single topics (such as prisons, nonviolence, feminism) for which we do need to find authors. Anyone who has an interest in writing for the PNL or has a specific topic they would like to see included should call and let us know. While the members of the Editorial Committee proof for grammatical and spelling errors, we don't always have the knowledge to check facts, so resource people are helpful.

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*Deana has been the PNL staffperson for the past 11 months, but will be leaving in June. Radell, who has been interning with the PNL since October, will be filling the position. The Editorial Committee wishes to thank Deana for her contributions to SPC, the PNL, and each of us personally. We wish you the best of happiness. SPC is planning a good-bye party for Deana and Allen Smith (who is also leaving staff in June) the first week in June. Call SPC, 472-5478, for details.*



-The Women's Press, from Everywoman's Almanac

At the first weekly meeting of every monthly cycle, the Editorial Committee composes a rough outline of what articles will go in the next month's PNL. We also discuss the previous month's meetings and production period, and discuss ways to avoid repeating any problems which may have arisen. We then each take responsibility for certain articles, according to our interests and contacts. Occasionally, we agree to write articles ourselves, but mostly our job is to work with authors in shaping their articles.

In the second weekly meeting, we discuss correction copy notes. These are the corrections, criticisms, and comments gathered from PNL copies readers have marked and submitted to the Committee. All readers are encouraged to return such copies. These notes deal with everything from layout mistakes and copy editing to the politics of our coverage. The major changes in the last 10 months have originated from correction copy notes.

Next, we deal with the nitty-gritty of space allocation. Trying to divide the 12 or so pages we have available for articles between a couple dozen proposals can be tough, especially when we are committed to publishing the best written, most informative pieces possible. Somehow, we reach a consensus.

At our fourth meeting, we finalize plans for the issue. There are always articles that come in too short or (more often) too long, graphics and photos to choose, cover art to create, and headlines and italics to gather. Our headlines are typeset at the Scotchman. Any time an author or editor sends in a headline late, it requires another trip out to East Syracuse. Any italics, as used for writers' IDs, captions, and photo/graphic credits, have been typed on the IBM Selectrics at AFSC. But Mike Chamberlain recently donated IBM typewriters, so we can now type our italics at the touch of a button. We're looking forward to a lot more time and flexibility.

After the three crazy days of production, the PNL is off to Lakeside Printing in Skaneateles. When they return two days later, PNLs are cut and sometimes stuffed with fliers, stapled and mailed at the mailing party. Volunteers distribute another 3600 at drop-off points around the community.

We are continually trying to improve the Newsletter,



to better serve our functions: to offer alternative news analysis, to inform SPC supporters of actions and activities within the local peace community, and to discuss movement issues. The Editorial Committee wants to include more long, information-packed articles. We think this change will allow us to better educate and stimulate thought, while short reports then offer opportunities to act on such thought.

We are also trying to improve the PNL's appearance. Our newsletter must compete with other publications for attention. Without visual appeal, readers may not be drawn to read our articles. We are always looking for effective graphics and photos to illustrate our writers' words.

In one of Radell's wildest dreams, the PNL would be printed on paper of substance, complete with four-color photos, and typeset copy of investigative reports. In reality our articles are typed on fading typewriters, and pasted down with weak wax, providing a printer's nightmare. The PNL is then printed on newsprint, the cheapest and roughest quality paper, with one additional color of ink monthly, dependent on the ink already on the press. We are lucky to find local experts, although we could always use more resource people.

So we keep our eyes open for cheap typewriters,

typesetters or headliners, work with our graphics files, screens and gradings, and a few generous local artists. But our most important goal is to reach you, the reader, with worthwhile ideas. The PNL has prevailed for 49 years, 517 issues as a valuable political medium, but to continue to be effective we need to continue to grow. We need to better know our readership, including the 3615 readers who are not on our mailing list. We need to become more financially stable in order to have more creative options. PNL advertising rates are substantially lower than those of most alternative media of comparable size, purpose and circulation, and only a small percentage of the 2400 of 5000 PNL's that are directly mailed are actually paid subscriptions. Still, the PNL costs SPC approximately \$800 per issue. Also, the PNL needs to reflect not only the proud history of the Peace Council, but also its evolution and its diversity. We invite your ideas and participation, and we look forward to the challenges ahead, even as we approach yet another transition.

*Then out to the driveway Radell and I flew,  
With a box full of pages and the calendar too.  
And they heard us exclaim, as we drove out of sight,  
"See you next month, and to all a good night!"*

## Goodbye and Good Luck !

I've had the pleasure of working closely with Allen Smith for two years on SPC's Organizational Maintenance Committee. Although staff turnover is expected at the Peace Council, I'm sorry to see him leave.

Allen is a serious activist. One has to be, frankly, to be an SPC staff person. The demands are many, the frustrations great, and the tangible rewards sometimes few and far between. To be a serious activist is to recognize that more than ideological commitment is needed. It is to understand that the ceaseless grind of meetings, phone calls, deadlines and work play as large a role in SPC business as an understanding of issues. Allen brought to the Peace Council both sensitivity to issues and the capacity to work, and we are the better for it.

Allen has been the staffperson for the Organizational Maintenance Committee, long thought to be the least glamorous staff position. The well-kept secret can now be revealed: maintaining the financial integrity of SPC is the work that holds the Peace Council together. The budget has been stable and staff salaries have continued their slow climb to the subsistence level.

Allen's Peace Council legacy may well be his push

towards grant writing and his hope that successfully written grants hold the key to SPC financial growth and subsequent programming growth. In some ways Allen put to the side some of his personal political interests to fulfill the demands of the OM position. To his credit he did so with reasonable good cheer and a respect for the skills he developed at SPC.

On a personal level I will miss the good humor, openness and trust that Allen brought to our OM Committee work. For better or worse, an individual's personality plays a large part in progressive work, and after a few cautious early OM meetings we discovered we were kindred spirits. The entire committee has taken a vow not to reveal some of what was said at many meetings, and though sorely tempted I cannot break this vow.

The entire OM Committee and I give Allen our best hopes and wishes as he moves to a larger city and continues his activist career. We realize that a move to the big city, with its many opportunities, will perhaps realize one of Allen's fondest dreams: a second pair of shoes that actually fit. Good luck Allen!

*--Peter Scheibe*



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## South Africa

# Divestment Now A Mainstream Issue

South Africa is a major issue in the 99th Congress. Over a dozen South Africa bills have been introduced in the House, and for the first time strong anti-apartheid legislation has been proposed in the Senate. This high level of Congressional activity is due largely to the increased visibility of the black liberation movement in South Africa, as well as its dramatic repression by South African police. Also, mass demonstrations on campuses across the country this spring sent Congress a signal it dare not ignore. The Congressional Black Caucus has played a major role in assembling anti-apartheid legislation.

The current grassroots anti-apartheid momentum must be translated into concrete policy changes. The battle to end U.S. support for apartheid will be neither swift nor easy. The South African government, U.S. corporations, and the Reagan administration are mobilizing against sanctions legislation. The following legislation in the House of Representatives needs your support:

The key bill is HR1460 which would bar new corporate investment in South Africa, bank loans to the South African government, Kruggerand coin imports, and computer exports to the South African government or its agencies. When HR1460 was debated in the House on 5/21 local Republican Rep. George Wortley opposed economic sanctions against South Africa. Wortley claimed sanctions would provide Pretoria with a "rationale for the entrenchment of apartheid." The vote on HR1460 is scheduled for June 4th.

Three other important bills in the House are:

HR997: Sponsored by Rep. Ron Dellums (D-CA), this bill would mandate immediate corporate disinvestment from South Africa, a trade embargo, and additional sanctions.

HR1133: Sponsored by Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY), this bill would ban nuclear-related exports to and coop-

eration with South Africa.

HR1135: Also sponsored by Rangel, this bill would prohibit coal and uranium imports from South Africa and Namibia.

In the Senate anti-apartheid measures face a tough battle in committee and on the floor. Like last year, the Senate will be the main battleground for anti-apartheid sanctions legislation. The one main bill, S635, is identical to HR1460 described above. It may come to a vote in the first week of June. Because of the conservatism of the Republican-controlled Senate, there has been no counterpart of the Dellums disinvestment bill.

Significantly, none of these bills mention the Sullivan Principles, the 'fair' employment code used to excuse continued corporate investment in South Africa. The Reagan administration will probably offer the Sullivan Principles as an alternative to serious sanctions against South Africa.

Without massive, visible and vocal public support these bills will not pass in Congress. Contact your Congressman and Senators now urging their support for sanctions against South Africa (U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC, 20515; U.S. Senate, Washington, DC, 20510.) Encourage your representatives to co-sponsor these anti-apartheid bills. Tell them to oppose the inclusion of the Sullivan Principles in anti-apartheid legislation. Emphasize your support for mandatory corporate disinvestment. Act now to ensure that grassroots opposition to the U.S. alliance with apartheid is translated into law.

*For a taped message giving a weekly update on anti-apartheid legislation, call the 24 hour Action Hotline, (202) 546-0408.*

*This article was largely drawn from an 'Action Alert' circulated by the Washington Office on Africa, 110 Maryland Avenue N.E., Washington, DC 20002, phone (202) 546-7961.*

## June 16: 9th Anniversary of Soweto Uprising

Soweto is one of the largest 'cities' in Africa and yet appears on few maps. This invisibility stems from the fact that, by law, only black people live there — about 2,000,000 of them.

Soweto sprawls like a morose giant in tormented sleep on the southwest outskirts of white Johannesburg, the industrial/financial/commercial heart of apartheid South Africa. Soweto is separated from 'Jo'burg' by several miles of no-man's land, a heavily patrolled barrier sealing off black servant quarters from the white good life.

In May 1984 I visited Soweto. I had to do so illegally since by law no whites are permitted in the black townships without an official permit.

The contrast between affluent Jo'burg and destitute Soweto was stark. In Soweto there are few paved streets, little electricity, few shops — few amenities of any kind. Smog hangs like a black lung over Soweto because the people must burn coal to cook and keep warm.

On June 16, 1976 during a demonstration against the oppressive Soweto school system (designed by apartheid's architects to foster slavishness), police began shooting unarmed students. During the following months of protest, several hundred youngsters were slain. The protest against schooling was the pivot around which larger issues revolved: economic exploitation, denial of citizenship, forced removal

from the land, the pass system, and the destruction of black family life.

Soweto is only the peak in a whole range of police atrocities committed against unarmed black South Africans. In March 1960 at Sharpeville, another black township near Jo'burg, 69 blacks were shot dead — many in the back — during a peaceful demonstration. This spring at Langa township near Port Elizabeth, where blacks work for U.S. auto firms, 18 blacks were mowed down by police in armored vehicles.

As long as people yearn for freedom and justice, Soweto and June 16th will be linked in infamy.

-Ed Kinane

## PATRICIA LIBERDAD AFFINITY GROUP

*Only the Nicaraguan people are entitled to choose the political structures governing their lives.*

Yet for 45 years, the United States imposed the Somoza dictatorship on Nicaragua. Now the United States is hostile to Nicaragua's new government, born of popular struggle and elected by a large majority. In defiance of international law, the United States has financed terrorist contra attacks on the Nicaraguan people. The contras are mostly led by former commanders of Somoza's National Guard who are eager to reinstate the old tyranny.

The reality of Nicaragua -- its representative government, growing literacy, expanding health care, abolition of the death penalty, and its agrarian reform -- is being distorted by the Reagan Administration. If Nicaragua is "exporting revolution," it is not by the gun, but by example. Other Central Americans are learning that in Nicaragua children are being fed and vaccinated while in their land children are still dying of malnutrition and polio.

We, the members of the Patricia Libertad Affinity Group\*, are shamed by the bullying and lies of our government. Our affinity group is one of several locally who are part of a nationwide network of 40,000 people who have signed the PLEDGE OF RESISTANCE. By it, we are committed to protesting with nonviolent acts of resistance the subversion of Nicaragua's right to nationhood by the Reagan Administration.

As citizens of a sovereign nation -- also born of popular struggle against tyranny -- we feel compelled to insist that our government respect the sovereignty of every nation. We urge the United States to abandon its unrealistic cold war perspective and to abide by the Contadora peace process which will allow Central Americans to determine their own future.



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*Patricia Libertad (second from left) is a nine-year old girl who lives in Ocotal, Nicaragua, near the Honduran border. She was born during the insurrection; her name signifies her parents' long struggle for a "Free Land."*

*We use her name to identify ourselves with the continuing effort to keep Nicaragua free.*

*\* An affinity group is a close-knit group of concerned people who unite to support each other in political action.*

## Syracuse Pledge of Resistance Coalition

On May 7th the Syracuse Pledge of Resistance Coalition staged a Nicaraguan "Coffee Break" in the office of Congressman Wortley to symbolically break the embargo imposed on Nicaragua by the United States. As we go to press (May 29/30th) the Coalition, like its counterparts across the country, is holding a 24 hour vigil and fast at Columbus Circle and the Federal Building in downtown Syracuse to further protest the embargo and the Reagan Administration's escalating war on Nicaragua.

For more information about the Pledge of Resistance, please contact Martha Swann, 478-7779.

# Destabilization:

By Ron Shuffler

In Chile, in 1973, a Central Intelligence Agency "destabilization" campaign coordinated at the highest levels of the U.S. government resulted in the overthrow of the democratically-elected Popular Unity government. In the days that followed the coup more than 50,000 Chileans lost their lives; more than a decade later, the fascist junta headed by General Agosto Pinochet still rules that country.

Today, newly independent Nicaragua, free at last from decades of U.S.-sponsored dictatorship, is the victim of another U.S. destabilization program. Destabilization is a new kind of warfare; it encompasses political propaganda and economic and military attacks aimed mainly at the civilian population of a country. Its strategy is to cause as much suffering as possible among the people in order to turn them against their government.

The U.S. war against Nicaragua is proceeding on all three fronts: political, military and economic.

## Propaganda:

### The Home Front

In the attempt to win the support of Congress and the American people for its Central America war policy, the Reagan Administration has been carrying on a massive disinformation campaign against Nicaragua. According to President Reagan, this tiny, struggling democracy is a "totalitarian dungeon" that represents an "extraordinary threat to our national security," as well as a "grave threat to its Central American neighbors." From offices inside the White House and the State Department pamphlets are issued calling Nicaragua a "terrorist nation;" non-governmental "foreign experts" are enlisted to write articles attacking Nicaragua; the Sandinistas are subjected to a

barrage of false charges of religious repression, election fraud, human rights abuse, anti-Semitism — the list is long. As each lie is exposed, a new one takes its place (and all the old charges reappear later on.)

The mass media has been largely complicit, giving wide dissemination to all the misstatements, distortions, and outright lies from official government sources. U.S. reporters in Managua seldom leave the Hotel Internacional, preferring to get their information by phone or dispatch from the U.S. Embassy.

The propaganda seems to have worked on the Congress; in the contra aid debate, even opposition Democrats found it necessary to denounce the Sandinistas. Ever fearful of being red baited or charged with "losing" Central America (to its own people), speaker after speaker began their arguments by "deploring the Marxist totalitarians" of Nicaragua.

## The Contra War

The military aspect of the destabilization campaign is the direct attack on Nicaragua by forces organized, trained, supplied, and directed by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. President Reagan calls these counterrevolutionaries "freedom fighters" and "the moral equivalent of our founding fathers." In reality, these "contras" are led almost exclusively by ex-National Guardsmen of the Somoza dictatorship. They are carrying out a campaign of kidnappings, torture, rape, and murder against the civilian population of northern Nicaragua. Health clinics and schools, peasants, doctors, teachers and the clergy are the targets of their terror. They recruit by kidnapping, and execute those who refuse to fight for them.

Late in March President Reagan proposed a "peace plan" for Nicaragua, "in order to stop the killing." (Apparently no one told him that the best way to stop the killing was to stop funding the killers.) For sixty

days, all aid to the contras would be of a "humanitarian" nature; all the Sandinistas had to do to stop the aid from turning lethal was to negotiate with the terrorists killing their children and renounce their elections — that is, to give up their sovereignty! ("Drop dead or we'll kill you!" was how the Nicaraguans characterized this offer.)

The proposal was even too outrageous for the Republican Senate, so it was modified to a direct request for \$14 million in "humanitarian" aid (to be administered by the CIA, that well-known charitable organization). The Senate voted in favor of the request on April 23rd; but the next day it was defeated by a wide margin in the House of Representatives.

The Congressional vote should be seen as a victory for the anti-intervention forces in this country, but that victory may be short-lived. Several members of the House have already expressed their willingness to change their votes when the matter is brought up again this month. As an excuse, they point to Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega's visit to the Soviet Union. House Speaker Tip O'Neill said that many Representatives were "personally embarrassed" by Ortega's trip. (Ortega himself has not commented on any embarrassment he may have been caused when Speaker O'Neill made the same trip the month before.)

President Reagan himself intends to ask Congress for a total of \$42 million for his terrorist friends, but he deeply resents having to go to the legislature at all: "We have to get where we can run a foreign policy without a committee of 535 telling us what we can do," Reagan told Republican legislators at the White House.

## Economic Warfare

*Make the economy scream!!  
-- Henry Kissinger, planning  
the death of democracy  
in Chile*

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*Ron works with FOCUS, Friends of Central America United in Support, and can be reached at 471-6677.*

# Nicaragua Under Fire

Angered by the initial defeat of his contra aid package, President Reagan on May 1st ordered an embargo on all trade with Nicaragua. The announcement of the embargo set off a wave of protests throughout the U.S. and Europe. Tens of thousands of Europeans took to the streets during Reagan's visit to demand an end to U.S. intervention in Central America; one third of the delegates to the European Parliament, wearing signs reading, "Hands off Nicaragua!" walked out on Reagan's address; 25 Portuguese legislators followed suit in Lisbon. In this country, more than a thousand protestors were arrested in actions from San Francisco to Boston.

The Economic War against Nicaragua however is not a new development. In 1983 the U.S. sharply reduced Nicaraguan sugar imports (down from \$28 million in 1982 to \$2 million last year). Heavy U.S. pres-

sure has consistently been applied to international lending institutions to deny development loans to Nicaragua. And of course the major attack on the Nicaraguan economy has come from the counterrevolutionaries. The U.S.-contra war has had a devastating effect, as more and more of Nicaragua's resources have had to go to defend the country, to relocate those living in the war zones, to rebuild schools and health facilities.

The destructive impact of the war escalated dramatically last year. According to a report by the Central America Health Rights Network, military destruction by the contras in 1983 was equal in value to about 30% of Nicaragua's total export earnings; for 1984 the figure is 70%. The Reagan administration of course tries to place the blame on the economic policies of "Marxists" in the Nicaraguan government.

Nicaragua will certainly survive

the trade embargo. Even Secretary of State George Shultz has admitted it will probably have very little effect. More ominously, Shultz described the actions as "just one more step in our efforts." What will be the next step? And the one after that? The warning signs are easy to see.

## Beyond Destabilization --All Out War ?

Last month General Wallace Nutting, head of the U.S. Army Readiness Command, responsible for preparing American forces for overseas deployment, ordered a comprehensive study of plans for direct U.S. military action in Central America. He asked for representatives from the Air Force, Navy, Marines and the CIA to join in the study. And in a "secret" document sent to two Congressional committees, the Administration said that "direct application of U.S. military force must realistically be recognized as an eventual option, given our stakes in the region if other policy alternatives fail."

The embargo is already a failure, condemned by our Latin neighbors and our European allies as well; the "covert" war also has failed - the contras, with no support in Nicaragua, have not been able to hold any territory inside the country. The "next step" is clear; so must be our determination to stop it now, before it's too late, before the nightmare of another Viet Nam is upon us. We must stand with the people of Nicaragua, who paid, and continue to pay such a high price for their freedom and will never give it up. They know well the words of Augusto Cesar Sandino, in the face of a U.S. Marine ultimatum:

*I will not surrender and I await you here.  
Give me a free country or give me death.  
I am not afraid. I can count on the  
ardent patriotism of those who are  
with me.*

Sandino then fought the marines for six years until they left Nicaragua. ☪

## El Salvador: The Other War

*At first the Air Force dropped bombs that knocked down trees and houses, killed people, and made a three-meter crater. Then they began to drop bombs that exploded before hitting the ground and others that made craters eight meters deep to kill us as we hid in our shelters. Now they use the worst bombs of all - the flaming liquid.*

*--Salvadoran refugee  
Christian Science Monitor  
4/27/84*

While Nicaragua is constantly in the headlines, there is a more deadly war going on in Central America, though the U.S. media do not see fit to report it. It is a massive air war being conducted against the civilian population of El Salvador. On a daily basis, U.S.-supplied fighter-bombers and helicopter gunships strafe and drop 500-pound bombs, napalm, and anti-personnel weapons on villages and camps in

the third of the country under the control of the democratic opposition forces. Since last spring thousands of Salvadorans have died in the most intensive aerial bombardment this hemisphere has ever seen. U.S. reconnaissance planes, flown by U.S. military personnel coordinate the air strikes.

Congress will soon be voting on an additional \$400 million in military aid to the government of El Salvador to facilitate the slaughter. The Reagan administration is also requesting military aid for Guatemala, with a government so brutal that such aid has been prohibited for the past seven years due to "intolerable abuses of human rights." All this aid must be stopped; the war against Central America must stop. These poor people are not our enemies.

*-- Ron Shuffler*

## Can't We Do Better Than Caging Humans ?

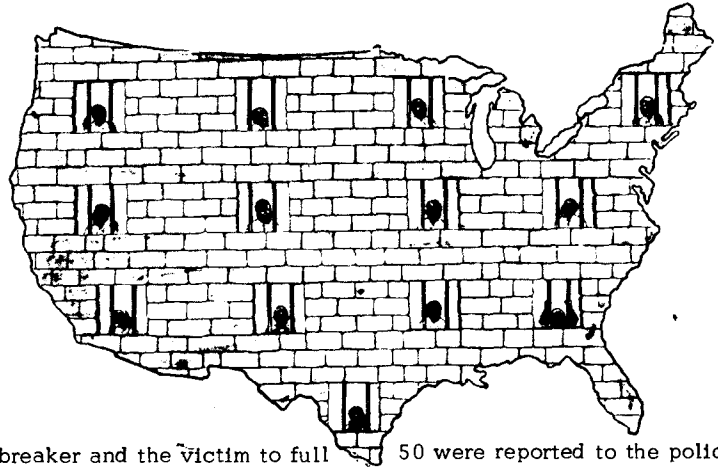
By Tom Boland

Back in April I visited the Attica Correctional Facility, that most infamous of our state prisons where 43 guards and prisoners were killed in the 1971 uprising. The massive and imposing gray walls of Attica appear so out of place amidst the green countryside dotted with farmhouses. As unnatural as it may look to have a medieval-like fortress in the midst of such a pastoral setting, Attica's presence there is accepted because prisons have been an integral part of the way we handle questions of crime and punishment in American society.

Prisons are a growth industry in America, with private corporations now joining the state in building, fitting, and operating jails and prisons. This growth industry is making us a nation of jailers and the jailed, as well as diverting our resources from more life-giving pursuits, such as better schools, a cleaner environment, creating jobs, and fighting poverty. Instead, we spend billions of dollars each year to keep people in cages.

For as long as there have been prisons in the United States, though, there have been people who believe they should be abolished. Our emphasis on prisons shows that we are letting go of the ideal of embracing the sinner even as we reject the sin. Instead of working constructively with those who behave irresponsibly, we lock them up and throw away the key. Prison abolitionists challenge us to envision and work concretely for a more creative way of dealing with those who commit crimes in our society.

In 1976, the Prison Research Education Action Project of Syracuse wrote Instead of Prisons: A Handbook for Abolitionists, a comprehensive treatment of the idea of prison abolition. Its preface states that "the abolitionist ideology is based on economic and social justice for all, concern for all victims, and reconciliation within a caring community." Abolitionists seek to restore both



the lawbreaker and the victim to full humanity, to lives of dignity and integrity in a caring community. This can only truly come about through reconciliation, not through imprisonment. No reconciliation, no healing between the wrongdoer and the wronged can occur when one of them is languishing in a cell.

Instead of Prisons exposes the stated objectives of prison — rehabilitating the prisoner, deterring crime and protecting society — as the myths that they are. First, how can rehabilitation and humanization occur in the dehumanizing situation of being caged in a cell? If anything, the isolation, deprivation, and alienation of a prison cell renders an individual even less capable of coping with society than before incarceration.

Second, the National Advisory Commission on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals reported that prisons punish, but they do not deter; that they change the offender, but more negatively than positively, by placing the offender in an exclusively criminal environment for a long period of time. "The prison, the reformatory, and the jail," wrote the Commission, "have achieved only a shocking record of failure. There is overwhelming evidence that these institutions create crime rather than prevent it. Their very nature insures failure."

Finally, prisons do not help protect society. Almost three-fourths of all crime in the United States goes unreported. In a study of 100 felony crimes cited in Jessica Mitford's Kind and Usual Punishment,

50 were reported to the police; in 12 cases a suspect was arrested, six were convicted, and one or two went to prison. Such a study illustrates the lie that prisons keep criminals off the streets. And we incarcerate selectively, sending to prison mostly the poor, minorities and those stereotyped as criminals. Mary "Mother" Jones once said, "I asked a man in prison how he happened to be there, and he said he had stolen a pair of shoes. I told him if had stolen a railroad, he would be a United States Senator."

Prisons do not protect us, say abolitionists, save in one way — they protect us from the responsibility of finding creative and effective ways to deal with crime. Barbara Deming, the late activist and writer, has said, "The act of putting a man [or woman] in jail remains essentially the act of trying to wish that man [or woman] out of existence." Abolitionists say that the only way to reform the prison system is to put it out of existence.

As part of the "persistent and continuing strategy to diminish the power of prisons in society," abolitionists propose what they call the attrition model (attrition's root meaning is "rubbing away" or "wearing down" by friction):

First, an immediate moratorium on all jail and prison construction.

Second, decarcerate. Get as many prisoners out of their cages as possible. This can be done by abolishing indeterminate sentences, by establishing a sentence review and release process, and by allowing restitution by prisoners instead of further prison time.

*Tom is a part-time worker with Jail Ministry of Syracuse.*

One of the few examples of decarceration of a prison system occurred in Massachusetts in the early 1970s. After a year of trying unsuccessfully to convert the system of existing juvenile institutions into more humane settings of decentralized therapy, Dr Jerome Miller, Commissioner of the Department of Youth Services, in 1972, began closing the institutions. He replaced the state-run system of programs with a variety of community-based alternative programs and community-based residences for the youth. An overall decline in punishment by both youth and staff in the community programs, as opposed to the traditional institutions, attested to the fact that Dr Miller's strategy was largely successful. At the same time, a survey of youthful offenders showed that 61% of those in the traditional institutions believed that their program would rather control youth than help them; whereas, only 28% of those in the community programs believed control to be the only goal.

Follow-up recidivism data in 1975 also showed the new community-based programs to be successful.

Secure care programs showed a high (60%) recidivism rate, i.e. the rate at which criminals lapse back into crime, while the more open, community-based programs had lower rates — 19% for those in foster care, 23% for those in nonresidential treatment, and 27% for those in group homes. The results showed that it is possible to keep the majority of youth in non-confining settings without incurring a high recidivism rate.

Third, excarcerate. Stop putting people in cages. Abolitionists call for, among other things, the decriminalization of crimes without victims (e.g. prostitution, marijuana smoking), the establishment of community dispute and mediation centers, and the imposition of suspended sentences, fines, and restitution.

Abolitionists recognize that there will always be a very small number of violent people who need to be limited in their activity for a while. Instead of Prisons suggests that a monitoring and review procedure be created for them, "with the goal of working out the least restrictive and most humane option for the shortest period of time." Above all, though,

prison abolitionists emphasize that we must build a caring community. Alternatives to incarceration must exist in order for abolition to become a reality. The caring community means creating community support services for ex-offenders, such as alcohol and drug treatment programs, peer groups for ex-prisoners, and victim assistance, restitution, and compensation programs.

Prison abolition won't happen tomorrow. It is a long-range goal, part of an ever-continuing struggle to bring about greater justice in society. What can and must change now, though, is our way of thinking. If prisons are to become obsolete, we must begin to explore alternative and creative ways of working with those who commit crime. As long as there are prisons, said a prisoner once, society is a prisoner, too, because it has to spend part of its time, its energy, and its resources watching the imprisoned. As John Vodicka, Director of the Louisiana Coalition on Jails and Prisons, wrote, "We have the power to create, and we must free that power as it has never been freed before."

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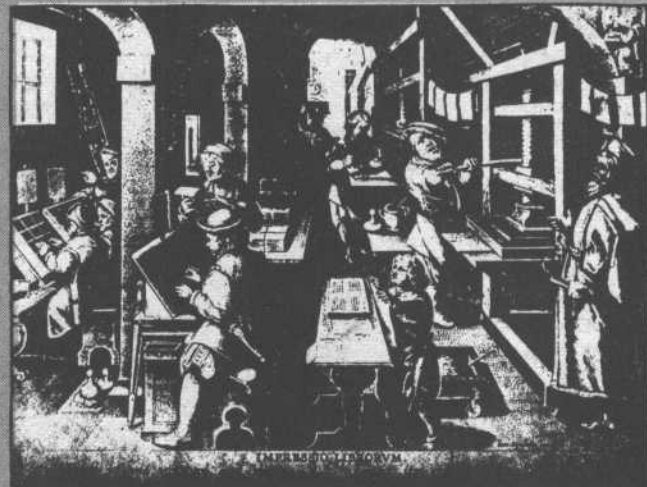
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# Victims Have Rights Too

During the last decade, crime has become the metaphor for fear and insecurity. In one way or another, every day each of us is aware of the threat of being a victim. The ultimate fear is that we will become like Kitty Genovese, a victim screaming in the night on whom strangers turn their backs. As much experience has shown, the concern that city residents have about who would help them in a crisis is a real one.

Every citizen of the country is more impoverished, less free, and more fearful because of the ever-present threat of crime. In the United States every 23 minutes, someone is murdered; every six minutes a woman is raped. Yet to truly grasp the enormity of the problem, these figures must be doubled, because more than 50 percent of violent crimes goes unreported.

Until recently, little official attention has been paid to the rights and concerns of the crime victim, whose involvement in the criminal justice process has been as a "witness" to the offense.

As a result of victimization, people may suffer emotionally, physically and financially. Recognizing these factors, the Onondaga County District Attorney's Office in conjunction with the Volunteer Center, Inc. has operated the Victim-Witness Assistance Center (VWAC). The Center is staffed by volunteers and Assistant District Attorneys and has been in operation since 1977. VWAC's purpose is to aide the victim/witness through the various stages of the criminal proceeding by helping victims file complaints, retrieve stolen property, obtain medical and psychological aid and provide a supportive environment.

Recent legislation mandates that judges obtain the views of crim victims before they pass sentences. This "victim impact" statement will sensitize judges to the needs of crime victims. Laws have been enacted to protect victims and witnesses from intimidation and harassment.

As a career prosecutor the following are representative of the comments I have heard through the years from the victims of crime:

*"During the crime, I was frightened beyond anything I had ever known. Afterwards, everything was in a fog."*  
--A robbery victim

*"After I was assaulted, I was afraid to answer the door, I couldn't sleep at night, I'd cry over the littlest thing."*

--A sexual assault victim

*"I was overwhelmed with feelings of fear--would I become a victim again? Would I ever be safe in my own home again?"*

--A burglary victim

*"I know I'm lucky to be alive. The police told me that 85% of rapists use a weapon or threat of physical force. But, I don't feel lucky..."*

--A sexual assault victim

This Office will continue to treat victims of crime with the dignity and respect they so rightfully deserve. Our goal is to insure that the system doesn't make them a victim the second time.

--Richard A. Hennessy, Jr.,  
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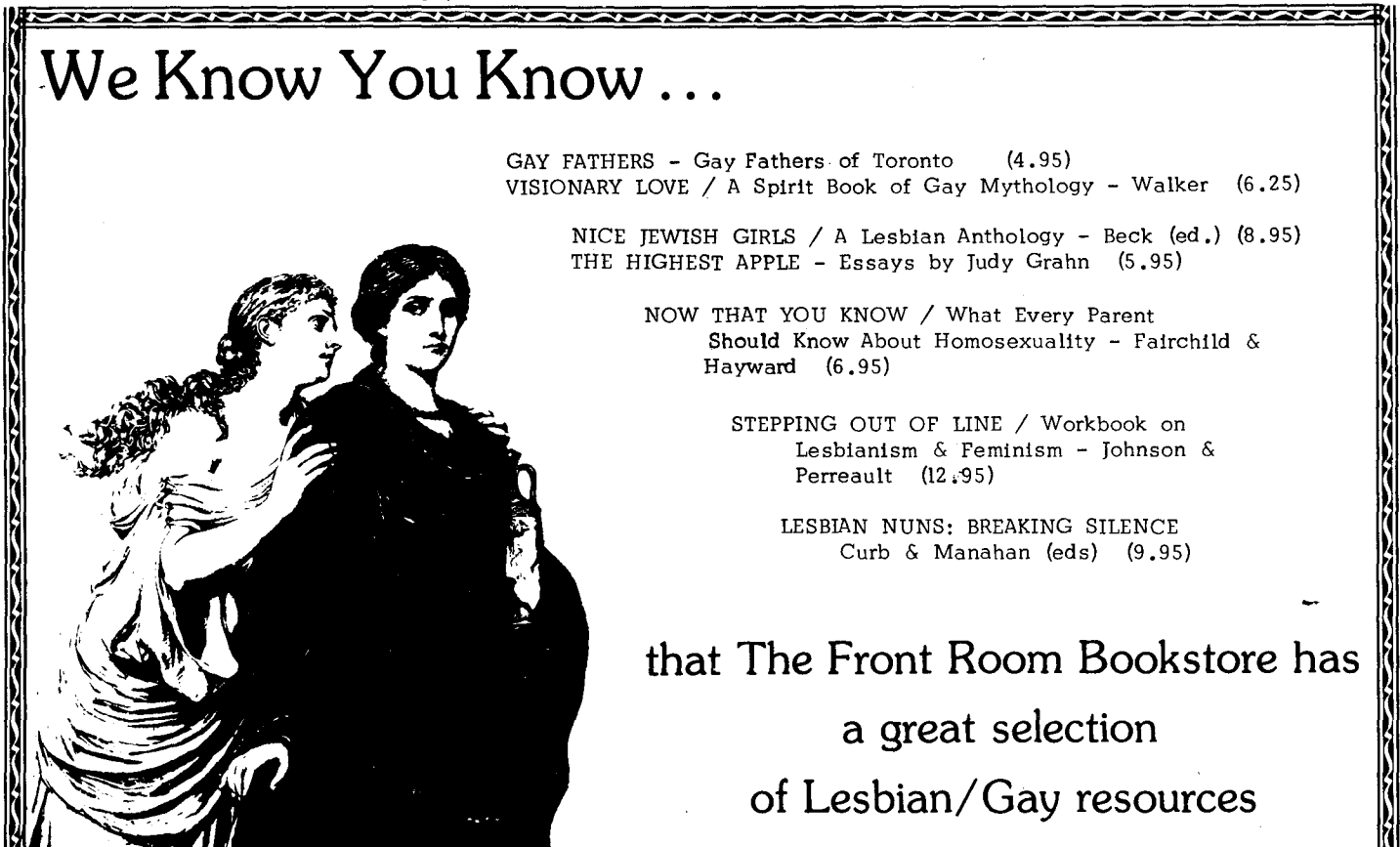
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# Broken Glass

By Kristin McCauley - Goldman

*This article is an excerpt from a much longer version which was presented to the administration and faculty of Simon's Rock on May 16, 1985. It is my attempt to help people understand what I have gone through. I need people to understand Battered Woman Syndrome. I need my family, my friends and my community to know I suffer from a real illness, that is both mine and society's. As members of that society, it is your job to educate yourselves in the nature of our illness. If we all spoke out at once, many people would be surprised at how many abused women are their girlfriends, or sisters, or daughters. We shouldn't have to keep our secret. If more people were educated and able to help us, we wouldn't have to.*

I am 19 years old. I was a battered woman (girl) from the age of 16 to the age of 19. I was beaten and raped for for two and one-half years and no one was able to help me.

In the past five months, I have been forced by family and friends to realize my illness. I have for the first time talked honestly about what has happened to me. I have tried to understand the dynamics of such a trauma, and tried to find the courage in myself to say what I feel needs to be said. I believe my cause is a good one. I want my pain to end, but that would never happen when I see before my eyes other people experiencing the pain I felt. I am a good person. I am intelligent, attractive, energetic, young and kind. And I am strong. But I am also a young girl who has been very badly hurt by someone I am still in love with.

The hardest part of my situation was that I knew when I asked for help everyone would ask why I hadn't told anyone sooner. And I know at the time I'd have had no answer.

The issue of concealment of our pain is extremely complicated. We are not just talking about a girl who gets hit, stands up again, gets hit and stands up again. There are many sexual, emotional and psychological factors at play in the situation. Asking for help is not as simple as it sounds. The first thing you must realize is that no matter how well educated any girl or woman, no one will ever tell you she's being beaten until it's too late.

It might be easier for you to understand the situation if you thought of both members of the relationship as alcoholics. When anyone with that kind of problem asks for help, you know they are there because the pain has become unbearable, and the damage has already been done. No one would ever ask an alcoholic "Why didn't you tell us?" and no one should ask me.

To illustrate exactly how trapped I felt, I want to use my own experiences. When I began seeing my boyfriend I had never had a boyfriend before. First loves are not uncommon on Simon Rock's campus. I was innocent, idealistic, and very naive. I had no way of judging what our relationship was supposed to be like. Specifically, I didn't know that the way we fought wasn't like other lovers argued, and I didn't know that sex didn't have to hurt. Of course I knew that he did things that made me cry, these things that hurt. But from what he told me, I did things to make him cry as well. I was the one with the happy family, the good friends, and a lot of money. We both agreed I had nothing to complain about.

*Kristen came to Syracuse in January from Simon's Rock of Bard College. She is a senior, visiting student in education.*

I also knew hitting was bad. But I didn't recognize what he did as bad. He always cried afterwards, I thought that made it OK. The fact that a boy would cry over me became more important than that that boy would hit me. It wasn't until a close friend of mine told me that in fact, sex didn't have to hurt, and that most boys didn't hit their girlfriends, that I thought something was wrong and that maybe it wasn't my fault. In a society that centers so much around sex and male dominance, it isn't surprising that an adolescent girl would believe that the reason she doesn't like sex is because something is wrong with her and not that the sex she is having most people would call rape. I didn't ask for help until I was in so much physical and psychological pain that I could no longer function.

We battered women have a disease which is real, self-destructive, and extremely dangerous. We carry a tremendous secret. We lie. We manipulate. We protect our offender in order to protect certain values, ideals and beliefs of our own. Like alcoholics, we don't recognize our problem.

The battered woman's offender, however, is not herself, but her lover. This is someone who at one time she admired, loved, trusted, and respected. Someone whom she believed in and someone she insists on protecting.

The way in which these relationships perpetuate themselves is complex. Initially, the woman must feel an imperfection in the relationship, which isn't always easy. But secondly, she must recognize an imperfection in her lover. To admit to anyone your lover is less than perfect is admitting your own fault. This is the fault that your judgement was less than perfect. This isn't easy for anyone. Nonetheless, the longer the relationship continues, the more mistakes are made, and the more mistakes we have to admit. It becomes a trap. If we ask for help, not only will we be exposing our own faults, but also the faults of someone we love. We find our only choice is to solve our problem ourselves. This choice of course is the natural decision, since society strongly enforces the notion that the woman is the main caretaker. It becomes our responsibility to make the relationship "all better."

The battered woman is emotionally, physically, and sexually beaten down every day. Like every other severely oppressed person she has the desire to fight, but neither the methods nor the strength.

In order to fully understand the battered woman's situation, I ask you now to concentrate on the one person you most respect, trust and love. Think of that person's smile, that person's body and soul. Remind yourself of all the goodness you believe this person to possess. Now imagine if right now this person turned and struck you, for absolutely no apparent reason. Now ask yourself if your love would automatically disappear. I suggest probably you would scramble to find excuses for why it happened. You would probably be lost in confusion and shock. Well that shock doesn't turn to hate the second time, or the third time, or the twentieth time; and after that, it's very hard to turn back.

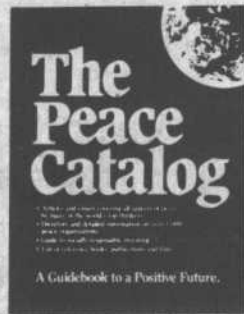
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To get a handle on just how much \$5.35 billion is, imagine every woman, man and child on earth filling by and putting \$1 in a huge box as a contribution toward 9 Mile II. The total would not cover the present cost estimate of 9 Mile II. This estimate, of course, would not cover the inevitable increases yet to come, much less the costs of repair time, waste disposal, or the costs of decommissioning. 9 Mile II has the dubious honor of being the most expensive nuclear plant in the world.

Why do we have this plant? The energy crunch of the early 70's scared utility planners into making unwise decisions; projections of electricity use were greatly over estimated. We do not need 9 Mile II. The Environmental Defence Fund's analysis states that New York State will have a 28% overcapacity in 1999, even if both the Shoreham and 9 Mile II nuclear plants are abandoned.

9 Mile II was a mistake but unfortunately, the planners apparently were — and are — not capable of putting their pride and company loyalty aside. If the plant is not completed, New York State ratepayers might be able to force stockholders and the Federal Government to pick up part of the tab.

What can we do about this dangerous monstrosity that we do not need? We can tell the Public Service



Commission, loud and clear, that we do not need, and know we do not want, 9 Mile II.

Take part in the upcoming PSC hearing (date for Syracuse has yet to be announced.) As part of those activities, we want to issue a community-wide invitation to a long overdue wedding ceremony between the Public Service Commission and the utilities owning 9 Mile II.

Join our "10-4 Campaign" — don't pay for 9 Mile II. For more information, call Jim Ellis at (315) 476-1536.

Join the work we are doing on the upcoming Prudence Investigation which will educate the public to the mismanagement and poor decisions made regarding Mile II. If you are interested in this work or want to add your name to the mailing list of the Safe Energy Conference of New York State call me at (315) 422-1659 or write c/o SPC.

-Corinne Kinane

## Draft Prosecutions Update

On March 19, 1985 the Supreme Court upheld, in the case of David Wayte, that selective prosecution of vocal non-registrants is constitutional. Any interference with Wayte's right to speak freely is "necessary to ensure registration for the national defense." To date, only 18 of the close to 500,000 non-registrants across the country have been prosecuted. Nonetheless, these few cases have been rapidly moving through the courts in the past two months.

On April 25th and 29th, public resister Rusty Martin of Iowa, and Ben Sasway of San Diego were sentenced. Ben affirmed his commitment to draft resistance, and was sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison. He will be eligible for parole in six months. Ben's address is Lom Poc Fed. Prison Camp, 3901 Klein Blvd., Lom Poc, CA 93436.

Rusty Martin received 3 years probation with three conditions: he register, pay \$10,000, and attend two citizenship swearing in ceremonies (to inspire his patriotism). For personal reasons, Rusty complied. Send letters of support to P.O. Box 504, Cedar Falls, IA 50613.

Public non-registrant Paul Jacob's trial began May 6th. The judge has agreed to hold an evidentiary hearing on selective prosecution. Although Paul has been public about his decision, he never wrote to Selective Service. This distinguishes his case from those of the other 17 public non-registrants. David Wayte of Pasadena, CA is still awaiting a trial date.

On May 10, an Iowa Federal Judge agreed to reconsider Gary Eklund's 2 1/2 year prison sentence if he agrees to register. Currently, Gary is not planning to register. He will be resented on May 30th. You can write Gary c/o Upstate Resistance, Box 6628, Syracuse 13217.

Local draft resister Andy Mager, who received 6 months in jail and 2 1/2 years probation on February 4th in Syracuse, will be released from prison on June 19th.

Locally, Upstate Resistance held a vigil on May 10th at the Federal Bldg. in Syracuse to protest the prosecutions, and the attempt to silence dissent by prosecuting only vocal draft resisters. We will not be silenced!!! To hear about our next public event, call Karen at 478-8521. As prosecutions continue — so does the ongoing work of outreach... and celebration. Please join us on July 20th!!!!

- Karen Beetle

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Draft counselor trainings and update sessions will be held in Rochester - June 22, Buffalo - June 24, Ithaca - June 26 & 27. An update session may be scheduled in Syracuse for June 23rd, and a training may be held in Binghamton on June 29th. For locations, times, and more information contact Jim Mang, Buffalo (716) 856-2100; Jack Sternburg-Spula, Rochester (716) 244-7191; Brett Beeman, Ithaca (607) 256-8206; Karen Beetle, Syracuse & Binghamton (and other cities) (315) 475-4822

## Six Minutes To Midnight—Reaching Out for Life

*...Perhaps it is up to all of us, to join our hands, our voices, to reach into a clear night sky where we can all walk without fear...  
--Starhawk, Dreaming the Dark*

At six minutes to midnight on July 6 at the Seneca Army Depot in Romulus, New York, women will reach into the dark with voices, hands and spirits joined to challenge the oppressions that fog the clear night sky. The Women's Encampment for a Future of Peace and Justice is calling women everywhere to join in this, our Day of Focus.

We will be taking part in the nationwide celebration of independence that the Fourth of July commemorates. We will recognize that some of us have the privilege to approach our oppressors without fear of violent harm, but we will also question our true independence from racism, sexism, homophobia, poverty and other oppressions. As a new nation-state on July 4th, 1776, the patriarchy declared the right to independence, self-determination and self-government. Now, on July 4th weekend 1985, we will call for the United States government to stop crushing the rights of independence and self-determination of countries in Central America, the Caribbean, the Middle East, and other parts of the world.

At the fence of the Depot, which is a transshipment point for the Pershing II missiles still being deployed to Europe, we will challenge the existence of these missiles, said to be able to reach their targets in 6 minutes. We, in the dark of midnight, will call for an end to the threat of "nuclear winter," and as women, reclaim the night and our freedom to walk without fear of rape, battering and abuse.

Our strength, our power, and our threat to our oppressors come from our connection with each other, uniting across the world in our diversity of race, class, age and sexual orientation. And as we rise connected we begin to see the connectedness of our oppressions. We will rise up together with the setting and the rising of the heavy moon in which we are all connected.

For more information call (607) 869-5825.

Brenda Miller

*So tonight I find myself feeling hope, I am feeling that exhilarating, scary sense of certainty, of a spell brewing, as if we were all part of a ritual that is now beginning to work. For the force that pushes us toward each other, flesh to flesh, heart to heart—that moves us to dance, to work, to birth, and to weave—is a power that never stops reaching out for life.*

—Starhawk, Dreaming the Dark


## Youth and Student Festival

Nothing is more important today than achieving peace and preventing nuclear war. To a great extent, reaching these goals depends upon cooperation between our country and the Soviet Union. The 12th World Festival, especially because it will be held in Moscow in late July, offers a unique opportunity for building friendship and understanding—bridges of peace between young people.

The Festival Movement was born out of the ashes of World War II. Young people from all over the world including young partisans—survivors of Hitler's death camps, orphans and refugees from the war gathered in Prague, Czechoslovakia in 1947 to hold the first World Festival of Youth and Students.

More than a quarter of a million delegates have since participated in the eleven Festivals that have been held. In each country, a National Preparatory Committee is set up to organize various activities to popularize the Festival ideals. The sum of these many activities in each country, multiplied by all the countries of the world, make up what is known as the "Festival Movement"—the united action of millions of young people for peace, friendship and solidarity. Concerts, parties, recreational and sports activities, art and science exhibitions, discussion centers, sight-seeing, meetings and rallies are all included at the Festival itself. This year, the Festival will focus on averting the danger of nuclear war.

On Sunday, July 14, 6-9pm, there will be a lasagna dinner at the Westcott Cafe to benefit local participants, \$5-\$8, sliding scale. For more information on local Festival activities, call 422-4219.



At SIX MINUTES TO MIDNIGHT we will gather to call for:

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# Visions of Peace is Happening

By Kartar Singh Khalsa

It's here! The long awaited Visions of Peace Festival is happening in Thornden Park Saturday, June 8, and promises to be a truly special event for Central New York. A lot of community has been built in the process of creating the festival, and those of us who have had the joy of building invite the rest of you to come and experience the feeling of connectedness that the festival generates.

The day begins with a wondrous parade created by Jeff Navias and Open Hand Theater. It's a story in motion and combines huge 30 foot puppets, moving scenery, stilts, flags/banners, musicians and dancers to present its three-part theme: See the Earth; Cry the Earth; Sing the Earth. See the Earth Sing, for it is the Seedtime of Peace. We are counting on lots of volunteers of all ages to make the parade work. If you want to take part, come to the parking lot of Erwin Methodist Church (Westcott and Euclid) at 9:30 on Saturday morning, June 8, and you will learn a part and be given whatever props you need.



One of the sections in last year's Visions of Peace parade.

The parade ends at the amphitheater in Thornden Park, where the festival itself begins. We've lined up an afternoon of the finest local talent: blues, rock and folk music; clowns and magicians; dancers and storytellers. Small group activities will include new games (non-competitive sports), dancing of all types, and participatory singing. For children there are story telling sessions, music making, pony rides, and mural painting. Not to mention the balloon launch, the face painting, and the break dancing!

Encircling the amphitheater will be a collection of art by local children, expressing their vision of a peaceful world. In addition to the local work, there will be several pieces by children from other countries, brought to the festival by the Syracuse Cultural Workers Project. These pieces are part of a group of fifty that will be on display in various locations throughout the city.

Visions of Peace is an organization with chapters in cities around the world. Its volunteers work with children in many ways to convince them that peace is possible, and that each of them has the power to make a difference. This festival is an outgrowth of that vision. Our intent is to create an atmosphere that is in itself peaceful, so that those who attend might each be inspired to work for a peaceful future in their own way.

*Kartar is on the publicity committee for Visions of Peace.*



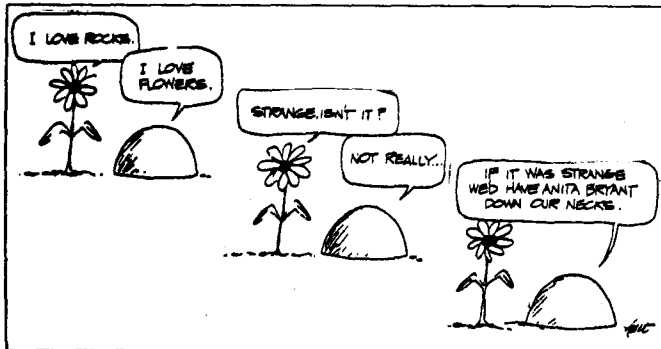
The sun, leading last year's parade.

## VISIONS OF PEACE FESTIVAL, SATURDAY JUNE 8 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 9:30 am: Gather for parade at Erwin Methodist Church parking lot, corner of Euclid and Westcott.
- 11:00 am: Parade begins, proceeds down Westcott St. to Thornden Park Amphitheater.
- 12:00 -
- 12:30 pm: Festival initiation and welcome, Amphitheater Stage.
- 12:35 pm: Irish Dancers.
- 12:40 pm: John and Ed Puma - folk rock
- 1:00 pm: Jackman Twins - Magicians
- 1:10 pm: Willie Mavin - blues
- 1:30 -
- 3:30 pm: Small group and participatory activities including:
  - Storytelling
  - Face painting
  - Pony rides
  - Music making
  - Singing
  - Art making
  - Dancing
  - New games
  - Balloon launch
- 3:30 pm: Steve Fadden - Native American folk-singer.
- 3:50 pm: Tracy Hinton Peterson leading children's dance group.
- 4:10 pm: Janine Rankin - blues, gospel.
- 4:30 -
- 5:00 pm: Community Chorus, finale and closing.

# Gay and Lesbian Pride '85

This year we have a lot to be proud of within the gay and lesbian community. We have come far from where we were last year, and extremely far from the Stonewall Riots of June 27, 1969. These riots began when police attempted to raid a Greenwich Village gay bar and met with resistance. They marked the beginning of gay men and lesbians fighting for their right to a lifestyle of their choice. Since then we have become more organized: politically, economically, socially and in the area of AIDS. It has not been easy for gay men, lesbians, and non-gay supporters to work together when we have fears of discrimination and violence, yet we are doing it.



In 1982 the New York State Lesbian and Gay Lobby was formed to work on these issues. This organization works primarily for civil and child custody rights. A lobby day was recently held in Albany and, while this legislation is not expected to pass this year, it was successful in terms of raising the awareness of this issue and mobilizing support among the community.

AIDS Task Forces have been formed in the larger cities of New York state under pressure from the gay and lesbian community. These task forces are funded by the NYS Department of Health. Gay men and lesbians are working with non-gays in bringing effective services, education, and resources to those who are diagnosed with or have concerns about the disease.

We also have sports groups like our local gay men and lesbian volleyball and baseball teams. We have educational, social and religious groups where we can participate and socialize with each other.

Through these activities, gay men and lesbians have

been becoming more visible. While some people have found it easy to be open about their lifestyle without repercussions, others have not.

One aspect of gay life I have found in the past five years of being an activist is the sense of family. While the conservative right would not appreciate me using that term, that is what we are when we care for and share with each other. We are leaning to work together and support each other, and this includes our non-gay, supporting family and friends.

With all of this - our political and economic clout, our work on AIDS, our openness, our family - we can be proud and rejoice. We need to celebrate who we are today and how far we've come in the last 16 years. On Sunday June 30, the Gay and Lesbian Pride March in New York City will bring together over 100,000 men and women to do just that.

In order to celebrate locally, a conference is planned for Saturday June 22 by the Gay and Lesbian Conference of Syracuse at the Plymouth Congregational Church, 232 East Onondaga St. in downtown Syracuse. Registration will begin at 12:30 for the workshops at 1:00. Topics to be covered in the workshops include; AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases, legal concerns, religion, relationships, gay/lesbian survival and more. At 6:00 there will be a dinner and entertainment. The cost for the whole day is \$8.00, workshops are \$3.00 and the dinner is \$6.00. There will also be an information fair, and lodging and childcare will be available. Discretion is assured.

-Stephen J. Jenteel



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# Coming Into Our Own

## Gay and Lesbian Literature Inspires Us All

By Karen Beetle

I suspect there are few of us active in peace and social justice work who haven't at some time or other felt a deep sense of isolation about who we are, what we celebrate or despair about, what we believe. The realization that we're not alone is a powerful one. As gay and lesbian people, this struggle for self-realization (called coming out) is particularly intense. With that intensity, there is both more pain and more power. That power can inspire us all.

In the following article, I review briefly five books, all coming out stories. *The Coming Out Stories* edited by Julia Stanley and Susan Wolfe was my first introduction to that genre. One of the earliest collections, this book became, for many women, an affirmation of their own painful and joyous process of coming out. More than any of the other four books, *The Coming Out Stories* reflects a diversity of women -- different ages, races, classes, and backgrounds. Each woman tells her story in her own words. Many left husbands, lived with children and did not realize any sexual or deep emotional connection to other women until quite late in their lives. Many of the stories in this book are difficult to read. The pain is real, and it doesn't end with the telling of these stories. This book gave me a powerful shove in the direction of exploring my own relationship to gay and lesbian issues, and supporting my gay and lesbian friends by challenging my own homophobia and that homophobia I saw around me.

In *Reflections of a Rock Lobster*, Aaron Frick writes about growing up gay in Cumberland, Rhode Island. Aaron's struggle through self-doubt to self-confidence is truly an inspiration. As he becomes conscious of his homosexuality, the antipathy of society becomes more real. Finally in eleventh grade Aaron met Paul, the only openly gay man at Cumberland High. Through Paul, Aaron met other young gay men and slowly became connected to the larger gay communi-

*One of Karen's fears in life is that she'll run out of good coming out stories to read.*

ty. "I no longer felt self-pity, I felt anger: anger at a world that makes adolescence, which is hard enough for most people anyway, so much harder for people like Paul and me." The story continues as Aaron comes out to his parents, sues the school for the right to take Paul to the senior prom, and wins. It's an unforgettable book!



Aaron says goodbye to Paul after the prom.

*Zami* is the story of black, feminist, lesbian Audre Lorde's youth in New York City in the late 40's and early 50's. Split from her parents, and on her own in New York, Audre works to survive, writes poetry, and becomes politically active in the Rosenberg's defense. The lesbian community, largely evident in the bar scene, becomes a mainstay of her life. However it was not without its contradictions:

*Downtown in the gay bars, I was a closet student and an invisible Black, Uptown at Hunter I was a closet dyke and general intruder. Maybe four people altogether knew I wrote poetry.*

The denials of racism within the lesbian community were as prevalent as racism itself. To be black, and female, and gay -- was to be virtually alone. And yet despite its limitations, "Lesbians were probably the only Black and white women in New York City in the 50's who were making any attempt to communicate with each other." Audre reflects on those years:

*We spent so much of our young womanhood trying to define ourselves as women-identified women before we even knew the word existed. All of us who survived those common years have to be a little proud. A lot proud.*

*Annie On My Mind* by Nancy Gardner is a spirited novel written for teenagers, but enjoyable for all. Liza, a first-year student at M.I.T., reflects on her senior year of high school when she met and fell in love with Annie. After several months of being apart, Liza still hasn't written to Annie. Before she can write, Liza needs to work through the love and pain that were both so strong in the last few months they were together. In the process of catching Liza and Annie making love, a school administrator discovers that two of Liza's teachers are lesbians. Both teachers are fired; Liza's parents are distraught; and Liza is confused. In the end, Liza remembers her lesbian teachers' advice as she dials Annie: *The very worst thing would be to be separated from each other. Or to be so worn down and torn apart, that we couldn't stay together. Please. Don't punish yourselves for people's ignorant reactions to what we all are. Don't let ignorance win. Let love.*

Liza and Annie's relationship is a treat, and the ending is up!

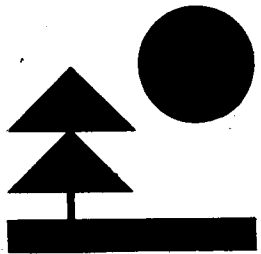
In *One Teenager in Ten*, edited by Ann Heron, twenty-six women and men share their fears, feelings and hopes. Their honesty is so compelling that this more than any other book has the power to touch parents, teachers, and others whose lives affect young people's so deeply. Allen, 16, Arkansas:

*Some good has come of all this. I'm more myself than I've ever been in my whole life... Many times I considered running away and even about suicide but then I decided I wasn't going to let other people's criticisms run me or destroy me...*

These books remind me again and again of how much we all share, gay and straight, in the struggle to find pride in who we are. David, 19, Baltimore, says it well:

*Coming out has been a slow but steady process over the last eight years for me, and yet it seems the road is never ending... Maybe we are given a lifetime simply to discover who we really are, and to help others in the same endeavor. At any rate, the struggle with oneself may never end, but it constantly provides a source of pride as we discover those qualities that make us unique and enable us to enrich the lives of those around us.*

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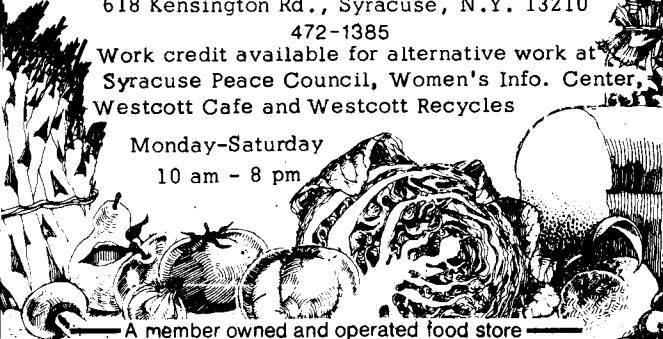
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Tuesday, June 11 7, 9:15  
Wednesday, June 12 7, 9:15

Chance, the gardener (Peter Sellers), views the world as he would TV. His simple and honest philosophy of life makes him a national celebrity and Hero. "One of the year's ten best." —Gene Shalit. From the Director of *Harold and Maude* and *Bound for Glory*. (Hal Ashby, 130 min., 1979)

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Wednesday, June 19 7, 9

### PINK TRIANGLES

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### SILENT PIONEERS

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Do you remember the Hills Building office? What about early booths at the State Fair? Do you remember where you were when you first heard about Pearl Harbor? Who are the people you remember from back then, particularly the young people?

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### Reagan's War Against Nicaraguan's Gains

The tanks are out in the streets of Managua again. Invasion plans make the front page of both the Village Voice and the New York Times. The Contadora peace process is in hibernation, the terrorized Congress is in full retreat - in short, any obstacle which might prevent Ronald Reagan from riding roughshod over the Nicaraguan Revolution seems to have melted away.

Except that same obstacle which the U.S. Marines confronted here in the 1920's, that which Sandino referred to time and time again in his war of national liberation - the nationalism of the Nicaraguan people. While Washington continues

to believe that it can buy or bully any country south of the Rio Grande, the social processes unleashed by six years of revolution here will not be rolled back easily, by blockade, contra war, or direct invasion.

Without a doubt, these are the most trying economic times that Nicaraguans have faced since the insurrection in 1979. The war, combined with the blockade and a series



of domestic economic problems, have combined to produce runaway food prices and continued scarcities. At times, watching families waiting in line at one of Managua's major markets, the situation can seem desperate. But such scenes shouldn't come as a surprise in a country where 40% of the national budget goes to fighting a war that has killed nearly 8,000 in four years. What is surprising is that the advances of this revolution continue in spite of the war.

In health care, two major campaigns this year have vaccinated tens of thousands of children against rubella and polio. In education, the number of students enrolled from pre-school to adult education has grown every year since the triumph, to a high of 1,127,000 in 1984. (In 1978, the last year under Somoza, the educational system took care of only 500,000 students, and there was no adult education at all.)

Agrarian reform, the backbone of the revolution's commitment to the rural poor, continues apace. Plans for 1985 call for the delivery of lands to 23,500 families. On June 14, following a series of protests by campesinos, the agrarian reform minister, Jaime Wheelock, delivered

titles to 1,700 families in Masaya, the most densely populated province in the country.

Politically, the revolution continues the process of institutionalization which gained so much momentum with the elections last year. This spring, a commission from the National Assembly began to work on a draft of a new constitution. On the Atlantic coast, the government has begun a process leading to the autonomy of the Miskito, Suma and Rama peoples, a process which the international press has deftly avoided noticing.

This autonomy, while yet to be defined in explicit political terms, is designed not only to redress some of the errors made by the Sandinistas in their dealings with the indigenous people of the East Coast, but also to address the historic land claims going back to English colonial days. It follows up on two important gestures: the release of 300 captured "contras" from the Coast, under a special amnesty, and the decision to allow residents of several Miskito communities along the Rio Coco to return to their lands. The relocation of these communities to the Tasba Pri area, a decision made in the face of an imminent contra attack in December 1981, has been the greatest source of friction between the Sandinistas and Nicaragua's indigenous people.

Internationally, Nicaragua has been extraordinarily successful in meeting its needs for petroleum, economic aid, and new trading partners in the wake of the Reagan embargo. For example, in the much publicized trip of Daniel Ortega to the USSR in May, Nicaragua obtained \$200 million in aid. On the same trip, Ortega secured \$202 million from Western European governments. The UN, the OAS, the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs, the Latin American Economic System (SELA) have all rallied to Nicaragua's side, and condemned the economic aggression by the U.S.

Ed Griffin  
Managua, Nicaragua

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## In This Issue

Ed Griffin-Nolan writes from Nicaragua, where he has been living since March, about the effects of Reagan's economic embargo on the local economy (p. 14).

Preparations for a U.S. military invasion of Nicaragua continue, and the Nicaraguan people are taking the threat very seriously, as the article compiled by Phil Klein illustrates (p. 12).

Here in the U.S., the struggle against military intervention and oppression in Central America continues. Thomas Parker describes the personal effects of bearing witness against militarism through civil disobedience (p. 16). Ways you can travel to Nicaragua to learn and teach and aid the struggle are listed (p. 17), and access to Nicaraguan products is still available despite the embargo (p. 15).

Ron Shuffler provides an update on the situation in El Salvador, where U.S. military intervention against the revolutionary struggle of the people continues to increase (p. 8).

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Men taking the initiative to end men's violence against women is emerging as one of the main issues of the men's movement. In St. Louis, over 200 men marched on June 22 as part of the Brotherstorm action, focal point of the 4-day National Men's Conference.

BROTHERSTORM  
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## News from The SPC House

This has been a month of goings and comings! Deana and Allen both left staff -- Deana vacationed in Michigan and is now back in Syracuse; Allen continues to sun on the Florida beaches (as he says, "Someone has to do it"). Corinne Kinane is working efficiently and energetically as the interim OM staffperson and has been bravely fixing the ever-broken garage door. Cindy is winding down her work at SPC (although she has been very busy with Hiroshima - Nagasaki activities), and Kath Buffington just started work as her replacement. Welcome! Also, this is Radell's first PNL as the PNL staffperson. She is being assisted by her new puppy, who stays in a puppy pen surrounding her desk.

Jeff was at Cranberry Lake for six weeks learning about plants. Laurie is on a trip to the West Coast, so Katie has been alone at the Press (and is doing a wonderful job). Carol got an unexpected "vacation" after she fell off her bike, breaking her collarbone and suffering a mild concussion. She's much better now and has been working for several weeks.

Katie and Cindy were both arrested during the Pledge of Resistance Action. Carol and Kath visited Per in prison for his birthday. He is scheduled to be released in two months -- we're hoping he can visit here before being sent home to Sweden.

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

## Pancakes for Peace

Members of area peace groups breakfasted together and shared information of what they are doing at a "peace breakfast" July 10. The 13 initial participants decided to make this a monthly event and to invite members of local peace and social justice groups to come.

Future peace breakfasts will be the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at AFSC, 821 Euclid Ave. Providing breakfast will be rotated among groups with a collection taken to pay for the breakfast.

Because of Hiroshima/Nagasaki week events, August's breakfast will be the second Wednesday, Aug. 14.

For more information or if you have any questions, please call Corinne Kinane at SPC or 422-1659.

## SPC Volunteers

Many times I have heard someone say, "I wish I could do something for peace!" Well, now we have a notebook listing tasks that will help the Peace Council.

The book includes tasks that will involve an hour, two hours, half a day, a whole day, once a week or twice a month. The tasks cover the gamut from being on the PNL editorial committee to making signs, painting the kitchen or mowing the lawn to making phone calls or stuffing envelopes to ordering books.

We particularly need donations and shift workers for our garage sale at the United Baptist Church, 718 S. Beech St., on Saturday, July 27. Donations may be brought to SPC before Saturday or dropped off at the church Friday, July 26, between 6:30 and 10 p.m. or on Saturday morning after 8 a.m.

We need trucks to make pick-ups of donations on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday and to transport things from SPC to the church on Friday evening. Shift workers are needed for loading Friday night at SPC from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and unloading at the church from 6:30 to 10 p.m. and for general help on Saturday between 8 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Please call SPC if you can give assistance.

--Corinne Kinane

## New P&E Staffperson

— Kath Buffington

When I asked what I was supposed to cover, Radell said I could do anything I want in this space--except skip it. So here are a few thoughts as I start work here.

I've been away from Syracuse for more than a year, spending 4 months traveling in Europe and the U.S. and have been in Allegany, N.Y., since August. I did a little bit of organizing, taught school as a long term sub, worked part time as a reporter on a daily paper, and spent a lot of money on long distance phone calls.

It's great to be back in Syracuse again and I'm looking forward to meeting the new faces and getting re-acquainted with old friends and co-workers.

I have a lot of goals and hopes for my time at SPC and must confess to being somewhat intimidated by the job to be done. I will appreciate any help or support you as an "SPC member" an offer.

--KB

## PNL Advertisers - - Yes!

The cost of producing 5,000 copies of the PNL each month is a major part of the SPC budget. Other than subscriptions, the only way to offset that cost is with advertising.

Each month, members of the Peace Council community and the larger Syracuse community spend money on advertising in the PNL. This brings in production money for us and we hope it brings in business and support for them.

We'd like to ask you to take a special look at our advertisers this month. If you do business with them or participate in their events, let them know you saw it in the PNL!

## Hiroshima/Nagasaki Activities

The Griffiss Air Force Base Open House this year is Saturday, August 3. If you would like to be part of a peaceful presence there, call Carol at SPC.

SPC has been working in coalition for months to help plan events for Hiroshima/Nagasaki week in Syracuse. Please see page 7 for more information.

AFSC and SPC are organizing a car caravan to the Aug. 10 events around Seneca Army Depot. Please see the box on page 6 for more information.

Buttons and posters for the events are available at SPC--call or drop in.

### SO LONG CINDY--

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From *Sisters Take Care of Sisters* by Naomi Martinez Littlebear, 1977

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# The Gay & Lesbian Conference of Syracuse

The Gay & Lesbian Conference of Syracuse works through education and outreach for the support of gay men and lesbians in Central New York, and for the furtherance of human rights everywhere. The Conference holds a potluck dinner meeting the second Thursday of every month. The Gay phone is staffed from 7:30-9:30 weeknights: (315) 422-5732 P.O. Box 92 Syracuse, NY 13201



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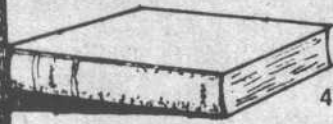


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# Wings of Peace — Hiroshima/Nagasaki Commemoration

A Peace Council supporter (Marjorie Banks) writes to us, "Wishing you success in making Hiroshima week an experience that affirms peace and joy and faith in each other and the future."

A coalition of peace and social justice groups has been working to bring about a week of events in Syracuse that will encourage people to have faith in the future and increase their efforts to make sure that nuclear weapons are never used again. We choose the paper crane as the symbol of this year's commemorative week. The paper crane represents sorrow over the past - the bombing of Hiroshima 40 years ago - and hope for peace. Sadako Sasaki, 12 year old victim of radiation loosed in the bombing of Hiroshima, wrote, "Paper crane I will write peace on your wings and you will fly all over the world."

The commemorative week begins on Tuesday August 6th with a Parade by Open Hand Theater. The Parade begins at Plymouth Church at 11:30am and ends at Columbus Circle where a vigil will be held from 12 noon until 1:00pm. Other events are, Tuesday evening: film sponsored by Physicians for Social Responsibility "Faith, Peace, and War in the Nuclear Age". A broad perspective on nuclear issues. For time and place call 446-2380 or 472-5478. Wednesday evening: Peace Community Dinner at May Memorial Church 6pm (donation)



tion) with music and poems by Yevgeny Yevtushenko, Pablo Neruda, Marge Piercy, Charlie King, Utah Phillips and others performed by Syracuse area musicians and peace activists; slide show with music by Jan Phillips. Thursday evening: Ecumenical Service at Willow Bay Area of Onondaga Lake Park, Liverpool at 7pm. Friday: The Park Central Presbyterian Church (corner of Fayette and Townsend) will be open for prayer and meditation 4:30pm to 7:00 pm. Throughout the week films will be shown 11:30am - 2pm at a downtown location to be announced, arranged by the Social Workers for Social Responsibility. Other coalition groups are American Friends Service Committee, Central N.Y. Nuclear Weapons Freeze, Intercommunity Center for Peace and Justice, Pax Christi, Syracuse Peace Council, United Campuses Against Nuclear War.

-Cindy Sangree

## New Central America Resource Center

The Peace Council is setting up a Central America Resource Center and would like to invite community participation. The center will be at SPC and open regular SPC hours.


We'd like to have a bulletin board with a sheet on each group giving a description, contact person and activities; information on slide shows, films, videos, speakers, etc. and availability; literature and information on the history and current status of situations; and a calendar of events.

If you have something you'd like to see in the resource center, please drop it off at SPC or call Kath Buffington.

If you'd like to learn more about Central America, what's happening there, and what area people are doing about it, please drop in beginning Aug. 15. We might even spring for a cup of tea for you! — Kath Buffington



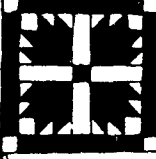
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# El Salvador '85:

By Ron Shuffler

The war in El Salvador still rages, fueled by U.S. aid and directed by U.S. advisors. While President Reagan rails against international terrorism, he spends more than a million dollars a day on a war of ever-increasing terror against the Salvadoran people. In the past four years, the Reagan administration has spent nearly two billion dollars backing a government that is responsible for the murder of more than 50,000 of its citizens.

The dominant factor in the Salvadoran war is escalating U.S. intervention. In the past year, the U.S. doubled El Salvador's helicopter fleet, tripled the number of jet fighter-bombers, introduced sophisticated AC-47 gunships into the conflict, and established a long-term strategy of "counter-insurgency" directed mainly against the civilian population in the countryside. As a result of the Salvadoran government's aerial bombardment, mortar shelling, and vicious ground sweeps into contested territory, El Salvador now has more than half a million internal refugees.

Terror is not an accidental by-product of the war; it is the essence. Faced with a popular insurrection, a tiny ruling elite, backed by the U.S. government, is attempting to destroy the guerilla army and to terrorize civilians who support the insurgents. Torture and murder, indiscriminate shelling and attacks from the air are all part of a deliberate policy of state terror.

President Reagan is now asking Congress for almost a billion dollars more to continue the slaughter in El Salvador.

## Flying Death Squads

*Thousands of noncombatants are being killed by indiscriminate bombardment from the air, indiscriminate shelling, and indiscriminate ground sweeps...As best we can determine, these attacks on civilian noncombatants in conflict zones are part of a deliberate policy...The cost of pursuing this policy, in terms of human suffering, is beyond measurement.*

AMERICAS WATCH REPORT  
August 1984

Ron is the cook at Cafe Zapata. His enchiladas are better than his syntax.



The cornerstone of the U.S. - sponsored war in El Salvador is a campaign of aerial bombardment that has taken the lives of thousands of civilians in the past year. More than 3,000 tons of bombs have been dropped in the most intensive air war ever seen in the Western Hemisphere. Fragmentation bombs, ranging in size from 250-750 pounds, are the most common weapons, but refugees and health workers report that napalm and white phosphorous are being dropped on villagers in the attacks which are occurring more and more frequently.

Last January, the U.S. Embassy declared that the civilians being killed or burned in the bombing raids lived in guerilla-controlled territory and thus were "something less than innocent bystanders." Outrage at this remark, and at Ambassador Pickering's implication that it is acceptable to kill civilians because of their political opinions, forced the Embassy to change its position: U.S. officials now deny any knowledge of deliberate murder of civilians in the air war, Claiming that only military targets are being attacked. But an American medical delegation visited one town that had been listed

as a military target and found that only peasants homes had been bombed.

A State Department official told the House Foreign Affairs Committee last August that "most bombing sorties are in close support of combat operations." The nature of these combat operations is revealed in a letter from a Salvadoran priest, Fr. Jose Rutilio Sanchez to the Catholic Legal Aid Office:

*According to the methods normally used by the government army, this bombing is called 'softening the ground.' Then the infantry columns advance. If they find popular forces, combat ensues; if they do not find any resistance, it is normal for them to go to the villages. When they are able to find inhabitants, they almost never order them to halt or to surrender. Instead they machine-gun them ...in the first bursts those who are standing die; then the others lie on the ground, sobbing and moaning, as the soldiers go around giving 'coups de grace' to the old people, men and young boys. The women are selected, collectively raped by several soldiers, and murdered.*

Operations have created hundreds of thousands of refugees--displaced persons wandering through the countryside. But then, that is the purpose of the terror campaign: it is part of a comprehensive "pacification" program, similar to the one U.S. forces carried out in Viet Nam

# The Terror Continues

two decades ago. The peasant population is to be terrorized out of their support for the opposition forces, Torn from their homes, then resettled in newly-built towns under government control. Agency for International Development (AID) officials are working with the Salvadoran government to develop a plan known as Project 1000, under which half a million people are to be housed in hundreds of these centers. A U.S. defense attache described the policy this way: "We are making life worse in the guerilla-controlled zones by keeping constant pressure on them. This can't help but make the government areas more appealing to the population."

Most Americans know nothing of this horror. The truth of what is happening in El Salvador is overwhelmed by the official lies, duly reported by the compliant American media. The air war has gone almost completely unreported, though journalists in San Salvador can sometimes feel their hotel shake from the bombing going on just beyond the capital. While reporting a surprising Christian Democratic sweep in this spring's legislative and municipal elections, the press and TV networks somehow overlooked the fact that less than 40% of eligible voters bothered to go to the polls! Twenty thousand Salvadorans marched in a massive May Day demonstration, chanting "Yankee invaders -- Out of El Salvador!" This resurgence of the mass movement went unnoticed by the American press. Perhaps they were too busy acting as public relations agents for the Salvadoran government and publishing puff pieces on the "great democrat" Jose Napoleon Duarte.

## The Talking Democrat

*A policy of systematic extermination is being carried out against a wide sector of the Salvadoran people....Responsibility for the extermination falls on the shoulders of the Salvadoran Armed Forces and the paramilitary groups. It is the Salvadoran Christian Democratic Party and its main leaders, Napoleon Duarte and Jose Antonio Morales, that must bear the responsibility for legitimizing and justifying (the killing).*

*--Catholic Legal Aid Office, San Salvador*

Jose Napoleon Duarte is the darling of the United States Congress. His

sincerity, his love for his people and commitment to the democratic process really impress them. So why does Noam Chomsky call him "one of the biggest hypocrites in history"? Duarte is the man, you may remember, who provided a "civilian" front for the military junta whose "security forces" murdered more than 30,000 people during his term of office (1980-81). Last year, Duarte was "elected" President of El Salvador (with the help of two million dollars in CIA funds.) He campaigned for his office on the promise of ending human rights abuses by the military, supporting the struggles of working people, investigating death squad activity and punishing those responsible, and beginning negotiations with the opposition to bring an end to the war. What happened?

The Salvadoran military is now engaged in a campaign of mass slaughter in the countryside. There are more than half a million Salvadoran workers without jobs, wages have been frozen, and strikes crushed, their leaders declared "subversive" and imprisoned. None of those responsible for the murder of more than 50,000 Salvadorans in the last five years has been brought to justice. When the former head of Salvadoran Armed Forces Intelligence testified that the death squads were controlled from the highest levels of the military, he was denounced by Duarte (not surprisingly, considering he produced evidence linking the President himself to the cover-up of the murder of four U.S. churchwomen).

As for negotiations, Duarte was forced to make good on his promise to hold talks with rebel leaders. He had no intention, however, of holding the kind of comprehensive talks that the opposition had been pushing for more than three years. He rejected every opposition proposal out of hand and offered instead an unconditional demand that the rebels lay down their arms and participate in elections--within a state of siege, with opposition newspapers blown out of existence, and facing an army that, through forced conscription, has tripled in size in four years to 50,000 men, (who naturally, would get to keep their guns.)

In the final analysis, President Duarte does not really control the reins of power in his country. Power emanates from three sources in El Salvador: the oligarchy, the military, and--at the top, the United States Embassy. Whatever power Duarte does control rests solely on his role as bagman--his proven ability to bring home the checks from Washington. To many Salvadorans the President is known as "El Bobo," the clown. Guillermo Ungo, political leader of the Salvadoran opposition, once explained his desire to negotiate directly with the United States by saying, "Why talk to the clowns when you can talk to the owner of the circus?"

## Americanization

*"Washington should not send too many advisors here. Otherwise, this will be seen as America's war."* --Jose Napoleon Duarte, 1981

Daniel Ellsberg once explained that it was a mistake to say that the United States fought on the wrong side in Vietnam. "The United States WAS the wrong side in Vietnam," he said. And so it is in El Salvador. The Salvadoran government, like the terrorist armies attacking the people of Nicaragua, would not exist without massive infusions of American aid. In fact, according to the New York Times, U.S. analysts privately admit that the opposition FMLN forces would have defeated the Salvadoran army two years ago in the absence of such aid. Today, U.S. military advisors control every aspect of the war in El Salvador: they train the troops, plan the strategy, oversee and participate directly in the bombing. Each military garrison in El Salvador has at least six American officers assigned to it--they direct the day-to-day combat operations.

The war against the people of El Salvador is stamped "Made in America." It is being fought with our planes and bombs, mortars and machine guns. It is coordinated by our Defense Department and paid for with our taxes. It is our responsibility to do everything in our power to stop it!


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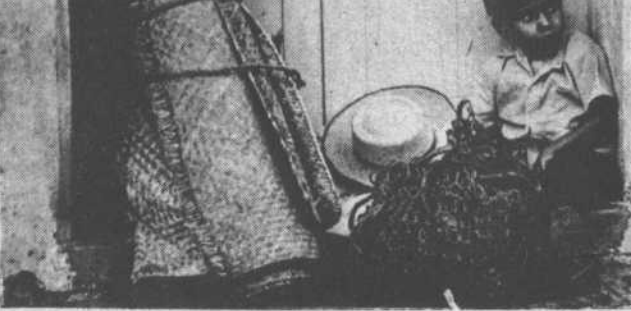
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## Sanctuary: Renewing the Underground Railroad



At a 1984 gathering of 200 military leaders at the National War College, a high-ranking general stated, "The greatest challenge to all that we do now comes from within the churches. A whole new way of thinking is developing in the churches and we have to know what to do with it." What they "did with it" was to use undercover agents, wiretaps, infiltration, informants wired with microphones, and the expenditure of thousands of dollars in an attempt to bring about the demise of the church-based Sanctuary Movement. Presently, 10 U.S. citizens and two Mexicans -- including two Roman Catholic priests, three nuns, and a Protestant minister -- are preparing for their Sept. 12 trial on charges of smuggling, harboring, transporting, and aiding and abetting illegal aliens.

This persecution of Sanctuary workers, initiated on the eve of the first National Sanctuary Symposium, speaks directly to the effectiveness of this movement. Founded on a 3,000-year-old Biblically based tradition of the Judeo-Christian faith to provide hospitality to people in need of refuge, the Sanctuary Movement addresses intolerable conditions in the home lands of the refugees. At the same time that the North American arrests were made, 60 refugees were arrested and named as unindicted co-conspirators. In every case, the refugees had fled the violence in their countries, a violence which has taken over 40,000 Salvadoran and 20,000 Guatemalan lives since January 1980. These refugees shared their stories in their Sanctuary communities, and thus publicly confronted our government's policies both toward Central America and the Caribbean, and toward refugees from that region.

## Local TV Covers Central America

For the past eight months, a very special media event has been happening. "Perspectives on Central America" is a weekly television program dedicated completely to an in-depth analysis of Central America. This is unlike the distorted, superficial, biased reports on commercial networks, in which commentators drop terms like "communist", "terrorist" or "freedom-fighter" combined with images of smiling generals shaking hands with the President and troops with guns moving through the jungles. It is based on interviews with eye-witness observers, missionaries who have spent years working there, refugees in sanctuary fleeing death squads, journalists from both the U.S. and Central America,

The Sanctuary Movement speaks to the legal and moral responsibility of every U.S. citizen. It stands firm in its belief that the U.S. government has violated human rights and demonstrated total disregard for the right of self-determination of the people in Central America. It also indicts the Reagan Administration for its illegal interpretation of the 1980 Refugee Act to foster its own political ends. All Sanctuary indictees, the 225 churches, synagogues and Quaker Meeting Houses that have declared public Sanctuary (an increase of 30 in the last six months), and 70,000 Sanctuary supporters have pledged to continue their efforts to aid these victims of U.S. foreign policy. Americans must be directly confronted with the reality of people's suffering, rather than allowing the war in Central America to remain technological, ideological, and distant.

Another indication of the growth in the movement is the development of two national Sanctuary support groups -- the National Sanctuary Defense Fund (present needs for Phoenix Trial is \$850,000) and the National Sanctuary Communications Council (plan media strategy and train media coordinators). The three-year-old movement's strength is clearly in its grassroots, autonomous Sanctuaries, but support and improved communication on the national level will increase its effectiveness.

On July 20 the Syracuse Sanctuary Project welcomed the "Freedom Train". This is a public caravan that took refugee families to Sanctuary sites from Phoenix to Northampton, Mass. With over 20 planned stops and press conferences, the caravan was a concrete statement that the movement will not be intimidated by the government's indictments. The Freedom Train shouted out that we will continue to grow, that the railroad will continue to move refugees across the United States, and that these courageous refugees will continue to touch the lives of North Americans.

The refugees are a gift from Central America. They share with us their faith, their love, their courage. And they tell their stories of institutionalized violence, the concentration of the wealth in the hands of a few and the denial of basic human and economic rights of the majority.

*"From the depths of the countries that make up Latin America a cry is rising to heaven, growing louder and more alarming all the time. It is the cry of a suffering people who demand justice, freedom and the respect for the basic rights of human beings."* --1979 Conference of Bishops, Puebla, Mexico

Sanctuary supporters will meet 7 pm, Tuesday, Aug. 20. For more information about how you can be part of the Sanctuary Movement, call Ann at 471-4672, or Peter Wirth at 476-3396.

-Ann Tiffany

and scholars who have come to understand the historical context of current events.

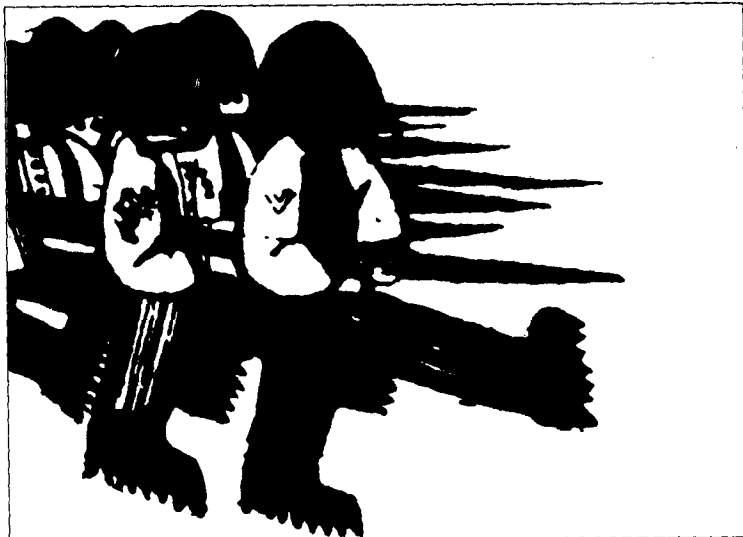
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# The Nicaraguans are Willing to

Compiled by Phil Klein



Should America choose to invade Nicaragua, the people of that country have a plan. According to a well-researched article in the June 25 issue of the Village Voice by Marcelle Clements, the plan is, simply, to prolong the battle as long as possible, to defend Nicaragua so ferociously that there will be the maximum number of casualties while the U.S. public and the world watches. Their weapon against the United States is their willingness to die. Clements was told, for example, by a working woman in her forties: "We know that they may win, but they will have to come to govern over skeletons and ashes. I would prefer that my children die rather than to live beneath a boot. We will keep fighting. Here it's until death. We triumph or we die."

It can be surmised that the Nicaraguans are speaking of a "Vietnamese" type of resistance; an attitude that enabled the people of that country to endure forty-one years of conflict with the French and American forces. The difference is that with the Nicaraguans on our doorstep and a relatively free flow of observers to that country, such a national state of mind can be observed directly. Even so, since

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only 26% of the American public comprehends which side the U.S. government supports (according to Clements), the impact and portent of the Nicaraguan national attitude eludes the American people, and is ignored or denied by the U.S. administration. A recent New York Times article quotes an intelligence official as saying an invasion would be "undesirable from a propaganda point of view," but, despite this, "if it became necessary, it would be like falling off a log."

The Nicaraguan's desperate willingness has not developed by chance. They have been accused of being paranoid, and indeed they are. But their paranoia has sprung from the effective results of a little-known policy of the U.S. administration known as "perception management." This program has been in place for some time, designed precisely to ensure that the Nicaraguans are kept in a constant state of anxiety, fearful that an American invasion is imminent. Tucked at the end of a New York Times article of March 30th, there was this passage:

"Nicaraguan officials have repeatedly said they were worried about a United States invasion, and since at least 1983 the Reagan administration has intentionally reinforced those fears, senior administration officials confirmed."

"A 1983 Defense Department document on 'Central American Initiatives'

mentioned a 'perception management program' to be 'coupled with the activities of Big Pine II military maneuvers held that August in Honduras. The Defense Department 'will take the lead' in the program, the document said, with help from the C. I. A. and the Defense Department.

"A senior State Department official confirmed this week that the program was still in place and said its purpose was to gain concessions from the Nicaraguan government. "Every time there's an invasion scare, they make some concession, he said. Another senior official said, "We do our best to keep them concerned."

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***"We Know that they may win, but they will have to come to govern over skeletons and ashes."***

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According to the Voice article, perception management takes many forms, some of them costly and elaborate. A senior administration official is quoted as saying that during military exercises in neighboring countries, U.S. troops "push in very close to the border, deliberately, to set off all alarms." Others are mere well-staged propaganda tours-de-force, such as the so-called MIG crisis in which Washington officials speculated publicly that a Soviet ship docking in Nicaragua "might" be carrying fighter planes. While in the U.S., this was merely another news item, in Nicaragua it had the effect of placing the entire population in a state of alarm. For instance, a brigade of 20,000 volunteers who had been about to depart for the countryside to pick coffee was reassigned to local militia to defend Managua.

Other elements of perception management have included President Reagan's "cry uncle" remarks, and Secretary of State Schultz's reference to a possible "agonizing choice" of whether or not to involve American troops in combat in Central America.

Perception management has achieved uneven results, however.

# Die: and The U.S. Will See to it

If its first goal is to strangle Nicaragua economically, to make its people poorer, anxious, dissatisfied and depressed, the program has been very successful. With 40% of Nicaragua's budget going to the contra war instead of desperately needed social programs, with every request for loans from world organizations vetoed by the U.S., and this last blow of the embargo, the Nicaraguan people are, indeed, as the Reagan administration wants them to be, pressured, tired and angry.

Yet there is an irony. Despite its success in reinforcing Nicaraguans' fear of an invasion, the frustration and anger may have boomeranged, strengthening popular support for the Sandinista's resistance to pressure from the United States. Clements reports repeatedly hearing the words "backfire" and "boomerang" when people spoke to her of the North American military and economic pressures. There was widespread bewilderment at U.S. policy in view of the fact that the Sandinista government has pleaded repeatedly, in every forum available to its spokespersons, for negotiations with the United States. People kept asking her, she reports, "Why would an elephant want to kill an ant?"

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## ***Whether or not the United States troops actually invade Nicaragua, hope, then, is what we are killing.***

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Still another result of perception management is its effect upon the American people. "What is good in Nicaragua never receives any attention in the media here," says Carlos Tunnerman, Nicaragua's ambassador to Washington. In the United States while there are many who oppose direct intervention, there are few who defend the Sandinistas, few who are even informed about the young revolution's extraordinary achievements in such areas as health and education.

The administration propaganda insists that the segment of the population that doesn't support the

Sandinistas is oppressed, and therefore support U.S. policy. They are ignoring the fact that in every society with a democratically elected government there will be some people not in agreement with the majority. Indeed, 1/3 of the voters did support other parties in what Clements terms "the freest and most democratic elections in Nicaragua's history."

Prior to that election, major news organizations reported that State Department officials were pressuring opposition candidates to withdraw. Yet, after the election, U.S. government officials declared the elections a "sham" because some candidates had indeed withdrawn. Certainly, no coverage was given to the detailed analyses published in such publications as *Envio*, the journal of the Central American Historical Institute, documenting the democratic conduct of the elections. Despite this and a good number of other factors, such as the ending of press censorship during the electoral period, the administration's purveyance of the "sham" concept contributes to the perception that there is a sizeable number of Nicaraguans who would "welcome" or "get out of the way" of an American invasion. All such suppositions fly in the face of the widespread existence in Nicaragua of such organizations as the Nicaraguan Combatants' Mothers Support groups. Asks Clements, in her *Voice* article: "Have the members of the National Security Council who have been informed that Nicaragua could be invaded as easily as falling off a log been told that any American citizen can wander about in Nicaragua and hear mothers, many mothers declare that they would rather have their children die than live in tyranny?"

This, she reports, is the mood of Managua, increasingly urgent in the last few months. Even a year ago, the pleas of Nicaraguan mothers for peace weren't as prevalent as this year, now that so many of their children have already died in the war against the contras. The clusters of people standing in the streets outside the houses where children's cadavers lie in simple coffins don't



Mourners at the funeral of victims of a contra attack, Nicaragua. —*Witness for Peace*

need anyone to manage their perception of the gravity of the threat against their country. Yet the words "We will all die before we surrender" fall from their lips, too.

The *Voice* article concludes: "United States aggression toward the Nicaraguans has caused tremendous disruption in their society, in their programs, in their personal lives. And yet, when you spend time among the Nicaraguans, you still get a sense of country that keeps its pride in the little it has. Some of the terms with which Nicaraguans express themselves seem dry to us, but mean life to them: health, education, nutrition, transport, agrarian reform. Whether or not the United States troops actually invade Nicaragua, hope, then is what we are killing."

"There are many ways to die, not just with bullets," said a Nicaraguan woman, when speaking about the effects of U.S. pressure. "We die a little every day." ❁

*Note: This information was drawn primarily from an article by Marcelle Clements which appeared in the June 25 VILLAGE VOICE. Another source of information on current preparations for U.S. military action in Central America is the book INVASION: A GUIDE TO THE U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN CENTRAL AMERICA. It is available from the American Friends Service Committee.*



# Embargo: The Newest Phase of War

By Brit Creelman & Ed Griffin - Nolan

At one minute past midnight on May 7, almost all trade between Nicaragua and the United States became illegal, due to an embargo declared by President Reagan on May 1. Using powers given to him by the International Emergency Powers Act, the President declared a National Emergency with respect to Nicaragua, and prohibited trade as well as the arrival in the U.S. of any Nicaraguan ships or planes.

Though this action has generated uncertainty and deep concern among a people already suffering economic hardships, every indication here is that Nicaraguans will face up to the embargo with the same determination that has sustained them over the past four years of a brutal war of attrition.

Last year, Nicaragua imported approximately \$112 million in goods from the U.S. and sold \$57 million of its own products to the U.S., which amounted to 17% of Nicaragua's total foreign trade. 26% of trade is with Western Europe, 20% with the Socialist bloc, and another 20% with Latin America. Although the U.S. is obviously an important trading partner, Nicaragua is much less dependent on the U.S. than it was under Somoza, when nearly half of its foreign trade went to the North American market.

What will the embargo mean for Nicaraguans? "It will be rough." "A hard blow." "We are in for difficult times." "Difficult, but not desperate." These are some typical comments heard on the streets and in the factories.

## Economic Impact

The ban on Nicaraguan goods entering the U.S. will not hit as hard as will the ban on shipments of U.S. goods to Nicaragua. Nicaragua's exports (primarily bananas, meat, shrimp, and coffee) can be sold to other countries, although probably at lower prices and with higher freight costs. Javier Gorostiaga, a Jesuit priest and economist here, estimates that these factors will mean a loss of 10% in profits from exports. Fortunately for Nicaragua, coffee and cotton crops are already harvested and shipped, and they will have several months to find new markets for next year's crops.

Imports, however, will not be as easily substituted. Much of Nicaragua's factories rely heavily on U.S. machinery, and many plants simply assemble imported raw materials into a finished product. Without raw materials, spare parts, and technology from other sources, many factories will have to cut production.

Two members of the Witness for Peace long term team, Brit Creelman and Paul Dix, visited the FANATEX (National Textile) plant in Managua, where they saw machinery that is almost entirely of U.S. origin. Francisco Gonzalez, the superintendent of machinery, showed them their 156 mechanical looms which were bought from the U.S. 15 years ago. "We have 1,500 employees," Francisco said, "That's 1,500 families that will be affected by the embargo."



Photo by Paul Dix

Jumuyca Cooperative near Susucayan

Consumers will begin to feel the crunch in the next few weeks. Cooking oil, an essential household item, is produced in five factories, all of which use U.S. machinery. When this machinery breaks down, workers will be laid off and oil will become scarce. Soap, already in short supply, will become a rare commodity, since the largest soap factory, PREGO, has only several weeks supply of lye and other necessary ingredients. Deodorants, detergents, toothpaste, matches and other household items produced in the country may soon disappear, until other sources of supply are found.

One of the cruelest blows will be to health care, an area in which the revolution has made some of its greatest advances. Brit Creelman, WFP volunteer, visited the Children's Hospital in Managua to investigate how the embargo will affect its services. He reports that the hospital is already lacking many materials. Disposable syringes are being re-used many times. Laboratory analysis is often done on pieces of broken slides. The hospital's four post-op drainage units are rotated among as many as six patients. Many crucial supplies are lacking such as potassium for IV's, scalp vein needles for starting IV's, nasal gastric tubes, and antibiotics. Half of the hospital's 18 incubators are out of order. Many prematurely born babies' lives will be put in jeopardy as they will go without needed hospital services. The transformers for the building, manufactured by General Electric, have broken down. The temporary transformers in use pose a fire hazard, and the hospital's fire alarm system is out of order. It is in the U.S. awaiting repair. Now, it will not return. "What else is there to do?" asks the director of maintenance: "If we don't use these transformers, the hospital will have to shut down."

Regarding medicine, the Ministry of Health has diversified to the point where only 5% of medicine purchased comes from the U.S. (excluding donated materials). 40% comes from Western Europe and Asia, 30% from the Socialist bloc, and the rest is produced locally.

SOLKA, the firm which makes aspirin, antibiotics, vitamins, and other basic medicines, has been shut since late March. The plant is being remodelled. Since many parts come from the U.S., plant managers are unsure if SOLKA will reopen on schedule if at all.

*Ed and Brit have both been in Nicaragua with Witness for Peace since March. Ed is from Syracuse, and started FOCUS, Friends of Central America United in Support. He is co-coordinator for Witness for Peace.*

**Private Sector Most Affected**

An irony of the embargo, as the State Department's Langhorne Motley has acknowledged, is that the embargo will hit hardest the 60% of Nicaragua's economy that is in private hands. Agriculture is a good example. Crop-dusters and tractors of U.S. manufacture are the mainstay of private farms, while the cooperatives and state farms (most of them on lands formerly owned by Somoza) use machinery from all over the world, the majority of it from Eastern Europe. Regarding exports, 65% of meat produced for foreign markets comes from private ranchers, as do most of the bananas. The Reagan administration, then, is hitting these private producers hardest, and many of them are bitterly opposed to the embargo.

By any measure, the next few months will bring great hardship to a country already straining under the burden of a wartime economy. 40% of production goes to defense, and 60,000 young people are mobilized for defense rather than working to produce. Farms have been destroyed, crops burned, plants blown up, and harbors mined, all by the U.S.-backed "contras."

The war has forced the government to cut subsidies of basic foods (rice, beans, milk, oil) and prices have doubled and redoubled since January. Social service budgets have remained frozen at last year's level and increasing amounts of housing and health care funds are going to take care of the 200,000 civilians displaced by the war.

How soon Nicaragua will feel some relief depends on how other countries respond. If Canada and Western Europe open their markets quickly, if Mexico and Brazil provide needed raw materials, technology and spare parts,

the worst effects of the crisis may be lessened in a few months. So far the international reaction has been very favorable to Nicaragua. Belgium has accepted a shipment of 70,000 boxes of Nicaraguan bananas that would have found their way onto breakfast tables in the U.S.

**The War Goes On**

The embargo signals a continuation of an economic war that has been going on for several years. The U.S. cut economic aid to Nicaragua in 1981, and ended credits for wheat purchases. They have been discouraging international organizations from making loans to Nicaragua. A recent example is George Schultz's letter pressuring InterAmerican Development Bank to deny Nicaragua \$56 million dollars of credit. U.S. investors and banks are discouraged from dealing with Nicaragua by not giving them Export-Import bank guarantees and insurance through the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

The Sandinistas have learned from this experience, and from the history of U.S. economic aggression against Latin America -- against Guatemala in the 1950's, Cuba in the 1960's, and especially against Chile under Allende in 1973, when President Nixon approved a destabilization plan designed to "make the economy scream."

The latest steps by the Reagan administration have shown that there is wisdom in one basic tenet of Nicaragua's economic plan: "We increase our independence by diversifying our dependence." ♣

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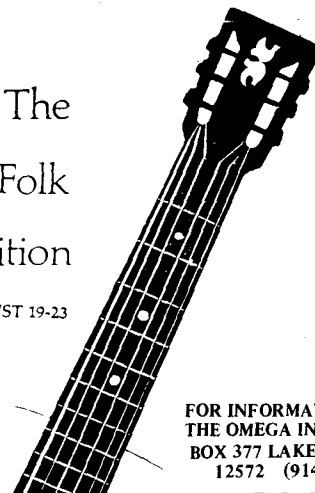
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## Resistance and Arrest - Taking the Next Step

### In The Senator's Office Released

We made it. A lot easier than we'd anticipated. No resistance from building security. About forty of us pack ourselves into this small office. Statements of purpose are read and handed over to Senator D'Amato's assistant.

It's a little scary to be here doing civil disobedience and risking arrest. So many unknowns. But we've been preparing for months, and I feel deeply about what we are doing.

Just to be here, to risk arrest, to witness to our representatives and to the community that we are deeply concerned about the war on Nicaragua, that it is cruel and unjust, and to reaffirm what Central Americans say so often: that they know many Americans are with them in their struggle and that they don't see the American people and the policies of the American government as the same, is worth the risk.

Many join hands and we sing songs of love, peace and resistance. These are stirring minutes. Voices sing sweet, soft and soulful and it feels like we're one -- focussed and vibrating together. The Senator's assistant seems moved. This feels like an ancient and deep power, one that can withstand much: the disarming power of non-violence.

### Under Arrest

Chief of Police Sardino comes in to announce the last chance for those who want to leave. He then informs us that we are under arrest: third degree criminal trespass. He informs us that we'll be issued "Appearance Tickets" and released.

Twelve men to a paddy wagon. You have to double up to crawl in, and once inside you're unable to sit up straight. I suddenly feel on the other side of the law, powerless and cut off. No more cheering, just locked in here. This is a moment of clarity and identification with Central Americans. For us, this is an uncomfortable but benign ride. For Central Americans, such a situation could mean life or death. There, you could disappear into this vehicle; you could die.

### Booking

We're brought into a 5th floor auditorium in the Public Safety Building for booking. We think the worst is over, but are hit with an unexpected snag: we must show positive ID to be released. Some of us don't have ID with them. Others choose not to show ID. The issue of solidarity is raised. The police get edgy and swiftly the tone shifts from cordial to harsh. It is sobering to experience this shift, and to watch how rapidly they isolate one vocal discussion leader and hustle him out of the room. They process us and prepare to take those without ID into jail.

### Taken Down

We're handcuffed, man-to-man and woman-to-woman, and taken downstairs. Going into the elevator an officer jabs his finger stiffly into the middle of my back. This is irritating and at the same time funny. In the lobby our support people think we're free, then realize we're being taken in. Automatic doors open and slam shut behind us. This is jail. I realize I'm not ready for this.

"Fresh stock for the boys tonight, gonna be a party

in the deuce," says an officer. We're handed paper bags and told to empty pockets, take off shoe laces, belts, glasses and so on. I tug up my loose trousers and an officer leers, "Don't worry, they won't let you keep 'em on long up in the deuce."

Fourteen of us are in a six by six room. Again I imagine a Salvadoran or Guatemalan campesino who gets scooped up off the street. How does he feel as he warily watches the movements of the police? Now I can feel what it might be like to ask if I will ever see my family again. In a way different from any other I've experienced, I'm touching the lives of the oppressed peoples, I can feel some of what they feel. It is overwhelming and humbling. How little we can do. How important that we do what we can.

### Release

They fingerprint us and take our pictures. My ID surfaces in an officer's hand. This must be a result of the perseverance of my affinity group, and I am very thankful.

I'm released with three women from my group and with great relief we rejoin the others who have been struggling for hours to find out what's happening to us. We form a circle with our arms around each other. We've begun.

### Afterword

The latest news is very bad. The masters of war seem bent on destruction. Sometimes I feel a bitterness, like all we do is whisper "please stop" to a huge rattling fire-belching engine of hell. But then I am reminded of the people -- people like us, all over, who want peace. And this is the real pledge. We are all pledged to each other. And this is the place from which we can take the next step.

*-Thomas Parker*

*Tom was one of 48 arrested for criminal trespass while occupying Rep. Wortley's and Sen. D'Amato's offices to demand an end to support for the contras. The local June 12th action was one of many nationwide called by the Pledge of Resistance. Signers of the pledge commit themselves to acts of non-violent resistance to the U.S. supported terrorism on the people of Nicaragua. Pledge actions will continue as long as the violence continues. To sign the pledge, or for more info, call: Ron Shuffler at 475-1403 or 424-9725*



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*Pledge of Resistance Vigil at the Federal Building mourning Victims of Contra Attacks*

## How YOU can get to Nicaragua (& be USEFUL !)

Since 1979 over 27,000 Americans have visited Nicaragua to witness the ongoing liberation of the Nicaraguan people. Such visits are precious — for the visitor, for the Nicaraguan people whom they encourage, and for those of us who have yet to visit a revolutionary society but are eager for first hand reports.

Despite the embargo (see p. 14) U.S. citizens can get to Nicaragua. The embargo doesn't ban travel to or from Nicaragua, nor the spending of money while there. Because of the embargo there are no longer direct flights from the U.S. But U.S. airlines fly to Mexico City where one is free to use Aeronica, the Nicaraguan national airline. Aeronica flies to Managua from Mexico City four times a week.

Two Central American carriers may also be used. The Honduran airline, TAN-SAHSA, flies from Miami to Tegucigalpa, Honduras and the Salvadoran airline, TACA, flies to San Salvador for daily connecting flights to Managua. You might make a point to use Aeronica so Nicaragua and not El Salvador or Honduras would get your scarce U.S. dollars.

Travelers to Nicaragua are subject to FBI and Customs scrutiny. Those going to Nicaragua should become familiar with Customs rules and know their rights. A primer for nomadic activists, Radical Re-Entry: Coming Through Customs, is available for \$1 from the Center for Constitutional Rights, 853 Broadway, NYC 10003.

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Marazul Tours  
250 W. 57th St. Suite 1311  
New York, NY 10107 phone: (212) 582-9570

To minimize frustration allow ample lead time for organizing your trip. Though not essential, knowledge of Spanish will be very useful. If you don't already speak Spanish or if you want to brush up, your trip can be an excellent opportunity to learn the language. Two organizations that provide on site intensive language training for North Americans are:

1. NICA: Nuevo Instituto de Centroamerica  
P. O. Box 1409  
Cambridge, MA 02238

NICA has 30-day sessions in Esteli, Nicaragua from 9/13 to 10/13, 10/18 to 11/17, and 11/22 to 12/22. Tuition is 5% of your annual income (\$875 minimum) which includes all classes, room and board, and program-related

transportation within Nicaragua. Participants live with Nicaraguan families.

2. Casa Nicaraguense de Espanol  
70 Greenwich Avenue #559  
New York, NY 10011 phone: (212) 949-4126

Courses for two or more weeks begin every Monday year round in Managua, where students board with local families.

One way to be especially useful is to join a voluntary work brigade. Brigades leave for Nicaragua throughout the harvest season (December through early March) and stay for two or four weeks. Volunteers pay their way. Brigades involve difficult living conditions, hard work and a rich opportunity to share in Nicaraguan life. For information contact:

Nicaragua Exchange  
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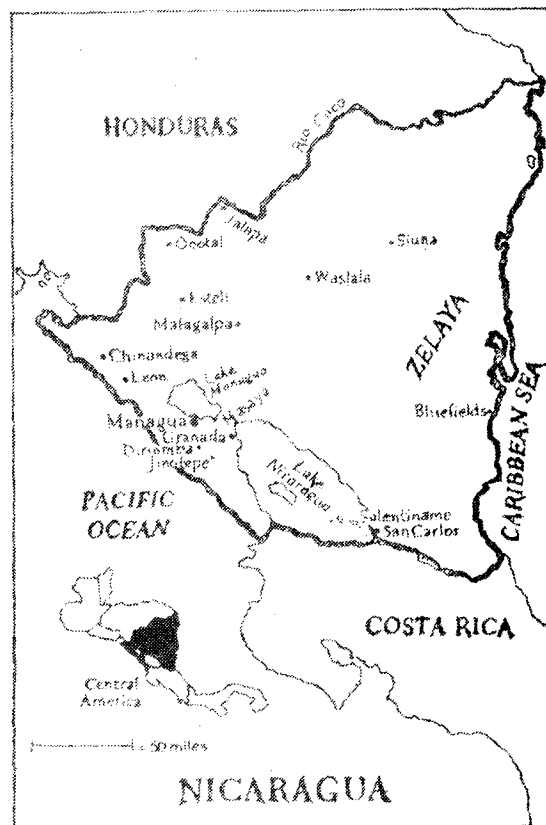
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All your land Andrés  
from the lakes to the Coco  
from the Cape to San Juan  
forms a single tear  
the country weeps.

Throw the rock.  
Throw it!  
One hundred years  
from where you stood, the enemy  
is the same.

*"Fernando Gordillo Cervantes has been a Nicaraguan since 1940, and although he died recently (on 24th July of this year) he is still a Nicaraguan.*

*He was 26 when he died. I don't know how long he had been fighting for. I got to know him in 1960 and for a long time he had been one of our best fighters. He was one of the best student leaders. When he was 20 he was almost paralysed by an illness, but he finished at the University, and what is more, went on fighting, writing, and loving."*

—from a letter, Managua, August 1967

*Andrés Castro is a Nicaraguan hero who fought against the U.S. invaders under the command of William Walker in the Hacienda de San Jacinto. Lacking munitions, Andrés seized a rock and with it he knocked down the first Yankee who tried to cross the barricade that protected the hacienda.*

## Heads and Tails

—Claudia Lars, El Salvador

Lofty vision of thornless sleep;  
deep vision nailed to reality.  
Upward thrust of yearning for straight flight;  
strength of footsteps in a broken curve.

Rose of shadows, rose of the morning,  
the one fallen, the other raised.  
Angels invisible at the corner  
where the present changes the guard.

The moment marches, symbol of height;  
bud of clean blood and pure flesh  
in a field endlessly renewed.

And in promise ineffable and true—  
Gabriel of annunciations and of hopes --  
a world without chains, without cries.  
D.D.W.

## Before The Scales, Tomorrow

—Otto Rene Castillo

And when the enthusiastic story  
story of our time  
is told,  
for those  
who are yet to be born  
but announce themselves  
with more generous face,  
we will come out ahead  
---those who have suffered most from it.

And that  
being ahead of your time  
means suffering much from it.

But it's beautiful to love the world  
with eyes that have not yet  
been born.

And splendid  
to know yourself victorious  
when all around you  
it's all still so cold,  
so dark.

*Otto Rene Castillo was born in Quezaltenango, Guatemala, in 1936. He was a student organizer from 1954 and was exiled for the first time at the age of 17. During the next ten years he was tortured and imprisoned several times, but managed to study both at the University of Guatemala, and at the University of Leipzig. In 1955, he shared the Premio Centroamericana de Poesia with the Salvadorian poet Roque Dalton. Castillo came back to Guatemala for the last time in 1966 and joined the ranks of the F.A.R. (the Armed Revolutionary Front). In March 1967, after eating nothing but roots for 15 days, his guerilla group was ambushed and captured. After four days of torture, Castillo was put to death and burnt on March 19th.*

## Let's Start Walking

—Otto Rene Castillo

Let's take a walk Guatemala, I'm coming along .

I'll go down with you, as deep as you say  
I'll drink from your bitter cup.  
I'll spend my sight so you may have eyes  
I'll throw in my voice so you may sing  
I'll die to give you life  
and your face will be on the bright horizon  
in every boll of the flowers born of my bones.

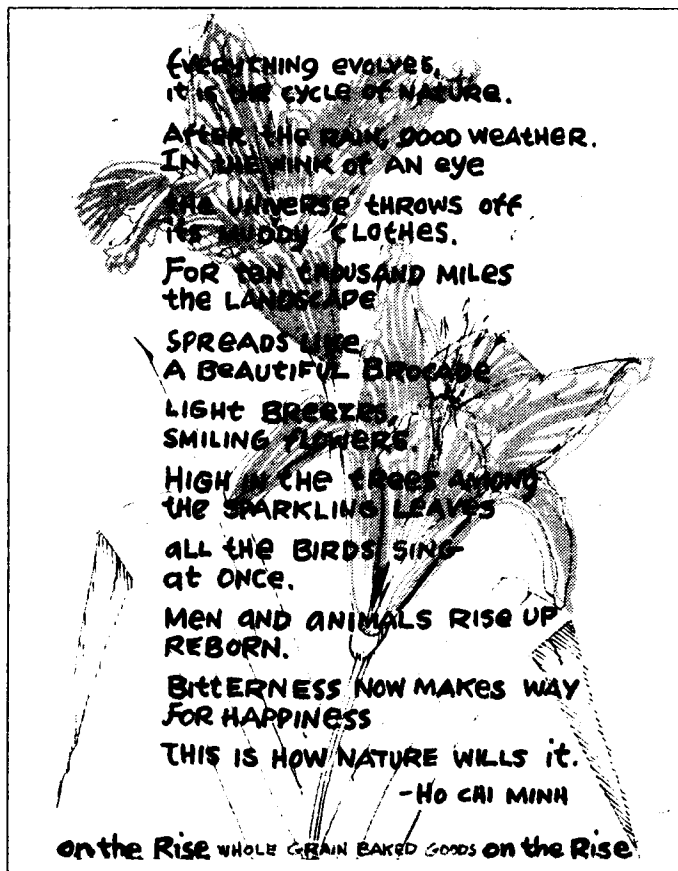
It must be this way, indisputably.

I got tired of carrying your tears around with me.  
Now I want to walk with you, strike lightning.  
Go to work with you help you do things because I am  
one of you, born in October for the face of the world.

O Guatemala,  
those colonels who piss on your walls  
we must tear out by their roots  
and hang them up on a cold tree of dew  
shimmering violet with the anger of the people.

I ask to walk with you. Always with  
the agrarians and the workers  
and with any man who has the presence to love you.

Let's start walking country, I'm coming with you.



# Weaving Yet Another Web

The walk from the Women's Peace Encampment to the Q zone (where the weapons are stored) was long and dark and no one along the way cheered us on. The Army asked us not to come, but we went anyway. We sang lots of songs and chanted and our spirits were definitely up. When we turned down the last road and our destination was in sight, we became a swift-moving river of women.

We had to be very particular though not to allow so much as one careless foot to fall on Mr. Pershing's property. Mr. Pershing lives in a brown mobile home set at an angle on his small plot of ground adjacent to the Depot fence. Mr. Pershing likes looking at the world's greatest stockpile of nuclear weapons. He doesn't like protesters, especially if they are women.

Behind the fence a narrow area was flooded with light and beyond that was darkness. Facing us, along the edge of the light, was a long line of blue-uniformed security guards -- civilians hired by the Department of Defense. Some women set up the huge cardboard clock with the hands set at six minutes to midnight. Many women pulled out their yarn and started to weave the web we would leave behind as a symbol of the connectedness of all things. Two mats were flung over the barbed wire on top of the fence.

I scaled the fence, with a boost from my friends, paused at the top to look back at all the beautiful up-turned faces, and then slid down on the other side. I had only a moment to revel in my reclamation of that land before I was dragged, with one arm twisted behind me,



through mud and across asphalt, into the darkness.

We were handcuffed, searched, photographed and thrown into seats on the buses. Eventually we were taken to indoor holding pens and after a long wait were laboriously processed, re-loaded on buses and driven to the main gate. We were free again. It was dawn.

Sleep seemed out of the question at that point, so I went for a ride back to the nearly deserted Q zone. Six women were sleeping under the large and cunning web we had woven between the fence and the utility pole. Everything was quiet at Mr. Pershing's. It was comforting to know that when he came to his window, he would have to view the Q zone through our web. --Kate Larch

*The foregoing action occurred on July 6 at the Seneca Army Depot. On August 10 people will walk around the entire 11,000 acre Depot. Two groups will start out -- one in each direction -- and walk until they meet. Shorter walks are also planned. Afterwards there will be a rally at Sampson State Park. Elizabeth Holtzman and Matt McHugh will speak. Tom Paxton will sing.*

*A Syracuse presence is planned with everyone forming a rainbow caravan and driving to the Depot together. Signs and streamers will be handed out to decorate the cars. No civil disobedience is included in this action. For more information, call Kath at 472-5478.*



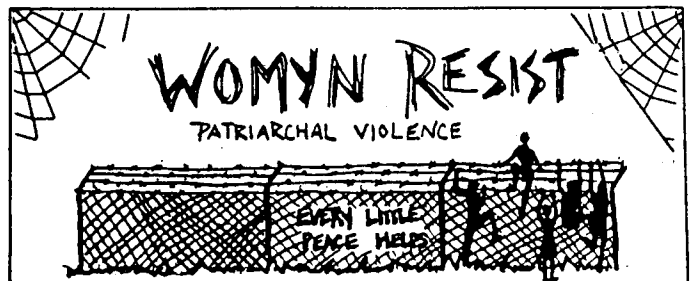
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- Sat. Aug. 10 Finger Lakes Peace Alliance "Walk to Encircle the Depot!" (womyn & men)

This is a peace camp on 52 acres of rural farmland, so please come as self-sufficient as possible. Bring vegetables and bulk foods to share in our communal meals, if you can. We are encouraging womyn to form affinity groups and come to the Encampment with plans for workshops and actions, rather than womyn living on the land planning a "summer program." Individual womyn can then come and join in programs that affinity groups have brought before them. If you would like to present a workshop, let us know so that we can publicize it beforehand. We strongly urge you to consider how your workshop relates to the following: \* the global situation \* local realities \* personal integrity \* power and self-determination for every person \* commitment to feminist process \* potentials for action and strategy for change \*

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## Book Review -

## The Eye of the Child

Ruth Mueller New Society Press 1985 \$7.95

by Linda DeStefano

"I don't know when it first came to me that I could speak bird." With this tantalizing opening, Syracusan Ruth Mueller plunges us into a delightfully imaginative story which powerfully speaks about almost all the major issues of our day: nuclear war, environmental destruction, oppression by the state, poverty and social inequality on a global scale, sexism, speciesism, child abuse, the tension between individualism and conformity.

We experience the world through the eye of the child Mini, who we know from age six to eighteen. Her loving parents, Mox and Tranquilli, make a simple living traveling from place to place doing street theatre. They try to elude the state's tentacles, which would put Mini in school and force Mox to register for the draft. The deadly result when the state finally traps Tranquilli and Mox leads Mini to find a new family at Mount Heapmore (composed of recycled materials heaped around the fossilized imprint of a dinosaur's foot!)

Paradoxical adjectives befit this book: mystical yet down-to-earth, poetic yet with an enticing story line, despairing yet hopeful, local yet universal, serious yet whimsical.

Penetrating images of the current mess might touch those who are not moved by speeches or essays. For example, when the author bemoans terracide, she describes Mother Earth this way:

*Her arteries and veins were already running with noxious poisons and even her tears, in some places, were dropping as acid rain on once benign mountain lakes, the source of springs, of pure beginnings, not spared. Worse, her great oceanic womb, the amniotic collect for continuing and sustaining life on earth, was becoming a noisome sink of contaminated fluid with life forms already mothered. Even her breath, poor dear, normally so fresh, so fragrant, had turned*

*Linda fervently hopes that Mother Earth can cover from human waste, over-consumption and over-population. There's so much still enjoy!*

*foul over wide areas and -- more ominous?-- her rare ray-shield crown, her invisible aura far out in the stratosphere was eroding. Little by little. Inexorably. Irreversibly?*

*Still fair, still beautiful, still bathed in cooling moon by night and quickened and warmed by loving sun by day, magna mater yet had suffered assaults as brutal, as callous of her sensibilities, as explicitly physical as rape, her flesh of nurturing soil gouged and torn and left exposed in naked outrage.*

Is there any hope? What if

*a flying saucer from an advanced group farther out in time and space [would] come to save us from our self-inflicted fate? Provided they didn't get shot down on landing of course -- or worse -- inadvertently trip any one of the multiple nation alarm systems to start The Big One. WARNING. All you creatures out there in space, caution on approach. Our gorgeous sweet-looking big blue planet is one big self-triggered cosmic bomb.*

Ruth offers some hopeful paths to follow:

1) A vision of people in harmony with the earth -- not ceaselessly controlling, subduing and destroying but enjoying and flowing with the myriad of life forms and forces.

2) Part of this vision is a non-hierarchical interpretation of God and an equalitarian organization of human society. Everyone who is affected by a decision should help make that decision.

3) Another facet is raising children to appreciate and respect themselves and other living beings. Part of this is instilling a sense of healthy power. In fleeing the authorities, Mox and Tranquilli instruct Mini to run to the Place Where All Things Come Together. She must spend time there without other people, and Mox's parting words are, "Remember, you are the most powerful six-year-old in the entire world!"

4) Working together, can accomplish wonders. When Orison, the owl, is imprisoned at a zoo, Mini and her friends spring the huge bird by thinking and acting collectively. Lifting the heavy iron, locked cage, which the liberators had unbolted, 36 people moved it, "36 people weighing whatever they weigh but all together weighing far more than a giant, far more than the big iron cage."

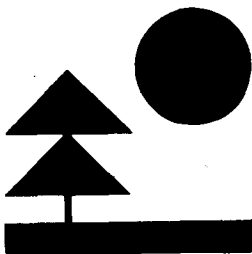
Although the story is set in New Jersey, many of the characters and events are drawn from Ruth's life in Syracuse, New York. Those who are familiar with Syracuse will have fun guessing the real names and details of peace movement people and events. For instance, remember the Spectre of Death protest during the war in Indochina? Syracuse's Public Safety Building (jail) also comes into the story, including a chilling, poignant description of Tranquilli pleading to the people behind the one-way window to free her so she can return to her husband and child. The faceless, merciless bureaucracy remains silent.

Ruth conceives of Eye of the Child as one of four books in a series. In fact, two of the others have already been written. If Eye sells well, hopefully the other books will be published. I hope you will buy it, read it, enjoy it and consider asking bookstores and libraries to carry it.





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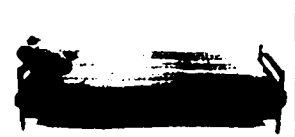
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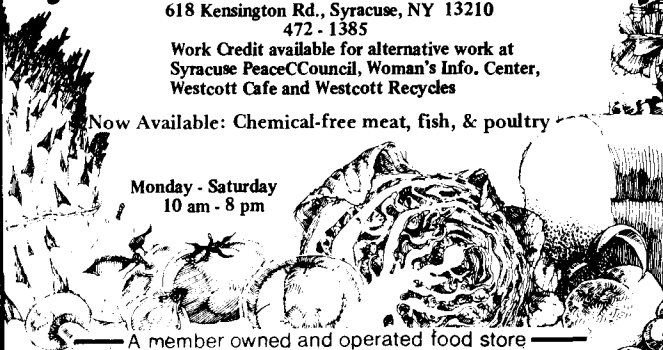
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## HIROSHIMA & NAGASAKI

August 6-9, 1985

### TUESDAY AUGUST 6

11:30 AM - Open Hand Theater Parade from Plymouth Congregational Church to Columbus Ctrd.  
12:00 PM - Vigil at Columbus Circle.  
International Shavano Project - Call SPC (472-5478) to Participate.

### WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7

6:00 PM - The Syracuse Peace Community, Dinner with Music & Poetry, May Memorial Unlithuan Society, 3800 E. Genesee St. Donation.

### THURSDAY AUGUST 8

7:00 PM - Ecumenical Service at Willow Bay Area - Onondaga Lake Park, Liverpool

### FRIDAY AUGUST 9

4:30 - 7:00 PM - Prayer & Meditation at Park Central Presbyterian Church, 504 E. Fayette St. (Corner of Fayette & Townsend).  
Films - to be announced by local media.

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*if we had been Nicaraguans,  
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# LETTERS

To The Peace Newsletter

## FFP Still Active

Dear SPC,

The SPC Philippines Committee has been working closely with the local chapter of the Friends of the Filipino People (FFP) and this group has been delightfully active over the past year. The most recent project was a celebration of the real independence day of the Philippines, which is June 12. A Filipino meal was prepared, and approximately 70 people attended. A slide show prepared by FFP was presented. It showed the current situation in the country, the effects of the Marcos dictatorship and U.S. military bases upon the freedom of the people.

A film, "This Bloody Blundering Business," was shown. This film explained how the U.S. invaded the Philippines under the guise of the so-called Spanish American war. The Filipinos had just succeeded in ousting the Spaniards from their country when the U.S. moved in and fought the Filipinos for a period of several years in a Viet Nam-type action.

The FFP group in Syracuse is quite active and we will continue our relationship with them, of course.

*(The Brulés have been active on issues concerning the Philippines for over a decade. They are longstanding SPC members.)*

*John & Sally Brulé  
Syracuse*

## No Time for Pounding Nails

Dear Peace Council!

I intended to send a postcard from Nicaragua, but the currency devaluation of July was so sudden and drastic that there wasn't a postage denomination small enough to allow the address to show! This was one of the many insights on the dismal current state of Nicaragua.

I went down to help with construction but didn't manage to

drive one nail. El Lagartijo, a co-op where I scheduled to work was threatened by contra attack the day that I arrived in Achuapa, the largest nearby town. I waited there two days for work but was finally denied permission because of continuing danger.

So I travelled east to reach the nearest phone (80 kms away) to ask if I would be needed for the Witness for Peace boat action. When I reached San Isidro, I learned that the phone was out; the contras had cut the lines. I couldn't travel to Managua that night because a bridge on the Pan Am highway had been blown up.

In short, my trip was one of finding the war at every turn. I realize in hindsight that I ran into a broad contra offensive made possible by Congress' approval of "humanitarian aid" in June. Rather than doing construction, I spent time gathering information on the effects of the war.

People should know that the recent spotlighting of contra abuses has not diminished their sadism. During my stay, there were people found who had their tongues cut out, arms cut off and eyes pulled out before being executed.

I ran out of copies of the August PNL on the bus from Costa Rica to Nicaragua. Real useful as an eye-opener for some young U.S. folks travelling to see what "life under totalitarianism" is all about.

They were also appreciated by some ardent Sandinistas as a sign that some U.S. people know, care, and are doing what they can to rein in the Reagan monster.

I had the pleasure of meeting Shubert Frye - the 80 year old priest who was on the kidnapped boat. He was active with SPC in its founding years and knew the Eatons and Norman Whitney.

*(William Sunderlin spent two weeks in Nicaragua in August.)*

*William Sunderlin  
Ithaca, N.Y.*

## "It's Love We're Defending"

Dear SPC,

I have spent a good deal of my time in Yali, a mountainous town of 2,700 people in the Jinotego region, a region bordering on Honduras. One of the purposes of Witness for Peace (WfP) is to have a presence

in as many areas of conflict as is possible: to get to know the people and the impact of the war on their lives and to help them understand Witness for Peace and its role. This enables the delegations which visit to have a richer experience and also allows us to build the trust which is necessary for documenting attacks in a humane and compassionate manner. One woman said, "North Americans need to be here and see what the war is doing to us. Then they will stop this war."

As always, it is difficult for me to understand how these people continue to live so fully in the midst of intense suffering. I asked the local Catholic priest, Father Miguel. He replied that his people have a hope which moves them forward. They always look forward - never back. They are tired, but their spirit is strong.

I would also like to share the words of Conchita, the woman I lived with while in Yali. She is a gentle, hardworking, rather shy and simple woman. She is a strong witness to me of what the people of this country are trying to build. She offers hospitality to many people in her home - whomever is in need.

She speaks with a determination for the need to protect what Nicaragua has now. "We were so poor. No one spoke for us before. We worked long hours for nothing. We had no food, no clothes. Our children died of malnutrition, polio, measles. Now we have our own food, land, health care. People can read. It's love we're defending. We won't let them take it away."

The message from people here remains the same but becomes stronger and more desperate every day. "We want peace. Please stop this war."

*(Liz has been in Nicaragua since February. She and her husband Ed both work with Witness for Peace. Ed was one of the 29 held captive by contra forces in August.)*

*In hope and love,  
Liz Nolan-Griffin*



*PNL readers: This is your page! We welcome and need your responses to the Peace Newsletter in our continuing effort to create dialog and to develop the PNL. Please write us at: Letters, Peace Newsletter, 924 Burnet Ave. Syracuse, N.Y. 13203. We may edit for brevity and clarity.*

## In This Issue

This month, we present three different perspectives on Central America: that of returning Witnesses for Peace, that of Guatemalan Indian Rigoberto Manchu, and that of Miskito leader Brooklyn Rivera.

Also, just in time for returning university students, Brett Beeman tells of his experience with Cornell's anti-apartheid shantytown. And local activists report on Germany's peace movement, capital punishment, and a successful action against animal abuse.

The Peace Council has been busy with anniversary plans, anti-militarism action, and Hiroshima/Nagasaki commemoration. Read all about it!

Next month, the PNL will devote a majority of space to discussion of South and Southern Africa. Our brainstorming so far has suggested coverage of SU students' fight for divestment, a list of resources and contacts, etc. Please call us with suggestions. What would you like to read in the PNL?

## Production Workers

Andy Mager, Liam Mahony, Laurel Laurel Moranz, Ruth Geller, Kath Buffington, Carol Baum, Phil Klein, Robin Sibert, Bruce Eisendorf, Gary Weinstein, Karen Beetle, Jane Begley, Ed Kinane, Radell Roberts, and Morgan (for inspiration and moral support). THANKS!

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## Cover

Our cover this month features a photo from El Nuevo Diario, Managua, Nicaragua showing Witnesses for Peace being led through the jungles bordering the San Juan River by their contra captors. (See story on pp.10-11.) Calligraphy by Laurie Goldman. (Above photo of Aug. 6 Hiroshima/Nagasaki commemoration parade by Mima Cataldo.)

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## News from The SPC House

August has been a hard month. Kath will be leaving staff soon and we wish her well. To cope with the changes several of us have taken to cleaning. Now each floor has its own oasis of tidiness. The layout room is decorated with dozens of old PNL covers and sports two new desks (donated by Mike Chamberlain). The kitchen has been repainted and cleaned, thanks to Kath, Bruce Keplinger and Cletus Pinti. And the library... well, someday soon we'll be able to find books easily due to the efforts of Carla Paykin and Maryellen Casey. The Press has outdone itself with new walls, a new folder, and a new arc lamp and even has a little money left over for who-knows-what next.

Carol is officially well from her accident and has been trying to cram a summer into two weeks. She and Laurie visited Per in jail for the last time -- he was sent home today (sounds better than "deported"). They're hoping he will send them tickets to Sweden soon. Another bit of excitement from Sweden is that former SPC intern Christa Pranter is coming to visit this week.

-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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## SPC Collectives, Committees & Projects

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

### Staff Collective

Kath Buffington and Radell Roberts

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Dik Cool (collective member emeritus.)

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## Conversion Conference

A conversion conference will be held Saturday, Sept. 28, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Tabernacle Baptist Church, 13 Clark Place, Utica. Workshops will include Alternate Use Planning, Community-Labor Coalitions, Converting Military Bases, What is Conversion?, The Churches and Economic Conversion, Researching Military Industries, and How to Maintain a Peace Group. On Sunday, the Weapons Facilities Conversion Network will meet from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.. SPC is a member of the network. The conference fee is \$5 and includes lunch. Overnight accommodations can be arranged. For more information or car pooling, contact Peter Kardas at 475-4822.

## Navajo Relocation - - Again

More than 14,000 Navajo/Dine and Hopi people will be removed from their homelands under Public Law 93-531. The removal will allow the U.S. government to let private corporations mine the uranium and coal on the lands. Help is needed to write letters, support those in the Big Mountain Survival Camp (northern Arizona) and spread the word. More information, including addresses of support workers, is available at SPC.

## Petition Place

Got a few free minutes? Come down and check out our new one-stop petition center. If you're really energetic, you can take one home and fill it with your friends' and neighbors' signatures.

The newest petition is to ask Reagan and members of Congress to view the footage of Hiroshima and Nagasaki made by a military film crew after the bombings.

There are also petitions urging the U.S. to withdraw military bases from the Philippines, for adequate media coverage of the air war in El Salvador, for a comprehensive test ban treaty, for the release of political prisoners in the Philippines, to break all ties with apartheid South Africa, to stop trapper training courses in tax-funded facilities, to stop linking federal aid to draft registration, to oppose U.S. intervention in Central America, and to support pro-gay legislation.

## Try Your Skills on Plowshare

Any craftspeople interested in participating in SPC's 15th annual Plowshare Craftsfair should contact SPC for an application form. The fair will be held in Plymouth Church, downtown Syracuse, on Dec. 14 and 15, 1985. Applications are due by Oct. 14.

## Staff Opening

SPC Press is looking for a full time, permanent staff member beginning Oct. 1. Please see the ad on page 7.

## Local Anti-Apartheid Coalition

SPC is a member of the Central New York Committee Against Racism and Apartheid. The coalition is planning educational activities, events to coincide with the national Anti-Apartheid Day on Oct. 11, and a speakers' bureau. More information on the coalition is available at SPC or from Corinne Kinane, 422-1659.

A flyer on what you can do about the situation is now available from SPC.

## SPC Needs a Car

Burdock has driven its last mile and SPC is without a car for making those trips to the printer's, the typesetter, speaking engagements, events where SPC has a table, etc. Any help toward getting a replacement is welcome: donations, ideas, or news of a good car for sale -- cheap!

## the Staff

It's not a secret: the Peace Council has always had its share of internal conflicts. Although our main antagonism with the military-industrial complex continually keeps us unified, our inner problems sometimes take their toll.

As of September 15, SPC will temporarily have one staff person, Radell Roberts, the PNL co-ordinator. Neither Corinne Kinane nor Kath Buffington will be on staff. Six weeks of painful difficulties and attempts at reconciliation have brought us to this point.

We will be moving to two staff people, hiring one new person, paid \$110 per week, a \$25 per week raise in staff pay. Tasks previously done by three staffers will be redefined into two fulltime positions, plus a parttime bookkeeper. The steering committees will closely monitor the new arrangement and support the new staff person, whomever s/he is.

Although this staffing change ironically coincides with the approach of our 50th anniversary, it should be viewed in the perspective of our half-century of success and longevity. This is a time when we need your--the membership's -- support, understanding and active help. There are specific ongoing volunteer tasks just waiting for you!

## Plowshare Applications Available

Plans for this year's Plowshare Craftsfair are underway! We need people who would like to work on committees or do specific tasks regarding publicity, crafts, volunteers, logistics and much more. Things are getting started earlier this year so if you have any time and interest, please call Jeff at SPC soon.

SPC page compiled by Kath Buffington



# SPC Book Underway !

The Syracuse Peace Council is the oldest autonomous peace group in the United States. As part of the community activities celebrating our 50th anniversary, the Syracuse Syracuse Cultural Workers is in the process of creating a booklength history of the Council to be published in the fall of 1986.

Jack Manno and Neil Katz were involved in the early stages of the project, but are unable to continue their involvement; and Ruth Geller, a freelance writer and peace activist from Buffalo, has agreed to be the primary author of the book. Ruth has been writing about social movements for almost 20 years. She is the author of Seed of a Woman, a novel that portrays the emergence of the women's movement in 1969, and Pictures from the Past, a short story collection. Her most recent novel is Triangles. She has a long history of political activism, and brings with her a great enthusiasm about the project.

Joining her and already at work are Dik Cool, Project Director; Andy Mager, Half-time Co-ordinator; Brad Bennett, who worked full time on the archives this summer; and Sally Brule. We are looking forward to a March 1 completion date, and a fall '86 publication date.

Our goal is to create an inspirational historical document as well as organizational tool for other progressive groups involved in grassroots peace and justice work, a

*educate*  
*agitate*  
*organize*

book that will re-invigorate the Council at a critical time in our existence by celebrating and examining our history as peace activists. Perhaps most important, we want to tell a story--of idealism and activism, the Council's failures and successes, a story of how our personal and political lives mesh together, and a story of a vision for peace and justice that has lasted for 50 years.

What we need now is your help. We need information on Council history; old photos and graphics; names and addresses of former Council members who are no longer in touch with us; assistance with transcription, research, and interviews; personal stories; and money. Money is especially important. The most politically effective book in the world does little good if it isn't published, and we need to raise advance money for the book's publication.

Syracuse has an activist history born of dreams. Our dream now is to create a concrete record of that history. With your help, we can make that dream a reality.

Q: What's New at The Front Room ?

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## Griffiss Open House Kept OPEN

The Air Force personnel had just completed their precision bomb-loading of an F-106 in front of several hundred sightseeing visitors. Turning to disperse, the crowd was dramatically confronted with a 25-foot wide human billboard, seemingly materializing out of nowhere, with a message urging "DISARM & LIVE."

In the true spirit of the peace movement, eleven individuals had joined as one to make a statement. T-shirt clad protesters Carol Baum, Brett Beeman, Linda DeStefano, Margaret Gelfuso, Amy and Judy Griffen, Alicia and Andrea Marciano, Christian Rusk, Jeff Schwartz and Lynn Strother, each bearing a single letter, aligned to challenge the US military policy of "Peace through Strength" and "Bombs and Omnicide."

Almost after immediately after assembling and shedding over-shirts, at noon, Aug. 3, the protesters were surrounded, apprehended and detained, while dozens more leafletted outside the base gates. They were released at 4:30, with ban and bar notices forbidding future entry.

Once again, the Syracuse Peace Council had organized a response to Griffiss Air Force Base's annual show of strength. At last year's peace presence, protesters distributed leaflets and free peace buttons inside the base-- that is, until their materials were confiscated. ACLU lawyer Walter Putter is representing co-plaintiffs Lynn Strother, Peter Swords, Carol Baum, Deana Cunningham and Bill Griffen in a law suit against Griffiss APB for free speech violations. Recently, the protesters'



motion for an injunction protecting free speech at this year's open house was denied, but so also was Griffiss' motion for dismissal of the suit. The trial will be in October.

Contrary to the media's standard assertions of protesters' ineffectiveness, this year the Air Force changed the name of their military bazaar from "Open House" to "Commander's Day," complete with specific restrictions on "political propaganda." Evidently, peaceful assembly with a life-affirming message threatens the Air Force's self-assurance.

A Griffiss public relations officer stated he "wants people to see how their money is spent." And though it can be demonstrated that the trillions of dollars spent on preparation for killing others in a final war (referred to as "national defense" by the Reagan administration) robs others of medical care, better schooling, and social needs for the poor and elderly, it would ruin everyone's "fun" to express that reality at the Griffiss yearly bomber party.

- Bill Griffen

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This series is just a sampler of the styles and themes ranging from the physical comedy of Laurel and Hardy, to the intellectual satire of Woody Allen. Social history is also reflected in this series which includes themes of political corruption (HIS GIRL FRIDAY, BORN YESTERDAY), non-conformity and personal choice (HOLIDAY, YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU), immigration (THE IMMIGRANT), royalty (HIS ROYAL SLYNESS), racism (PUTNEY SWOPE), poverty (SULLIVAN'S TRAVELS), and sex roles (ALL OF ME).

These serious themes reach a more receptive audience when revealed through the pleasure of the comic art.

Located at the Everson Museum of Art, Harrison St., Syr. Wheelchair access

Tickets, at the door, \$2.50. A donation of \$15 or more will buy a pass to the whole festival. Call or write, SCW, Box 6367, Syracuse, NY, 13217, (315) 474-1132.

This festival is made possible in part by a grant from the NYS Council on the Arts.



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## OCTOBER Part I

<b>3</b>	HOLIDAY 7,9:15 thurs. plus short, "The Immigrant"
<b>4</b>	YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU fri. 7,9:15
<b>6</b>	HIS GIRL FRIDAY 2:00 plus short, "The Music Box" SULLIVAN'S TRAVELS 7,9:15 sun. plus short, "His Royal Slyness"
<b>10</b>	HIS GIRL FRIDAY 7:00 only with talk by Norm Keim, film thurs. historian.
<b>11</b>	HOLIDAY 7,9:15, plus short fri. "The Immigrant" (Chaplin)
<b>12</b>	YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU 2:00 matinee. SULLIVAN'S TRAVELS plus short sat. "His Royal Slyness" 7,9:15

## NOVEMBER Part II

<b>14</b>	BORN YESTERDAY 7,9:15 plus thur. short, "The Loves of Franistan"
<b>15</b>	PUTNEY SWOPE 7,9:15, plus shorts fri. "The Critic" and "The Dove"
<b>16</b>	BORN YESTERDAY plus "The Loves of Franistan" 2:00 sat. ALL OF ME plus "The Critic" 7,9:15
<b>21</b>	LOVE AND DEATH (Woody Allen) plus thur. "The Critic" & "The Dove" 7,9:15
<b>22</b>	ALL OF ME plus "The Critic" fri. 7,9:15
<b>23</b>	PUTNEY SWOPE plus "The Critic" sat. and "The Dove" 7,9:15

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Glimpses of Peace



Openhand Theatre presents a solemn parade of images in remembrance of the Aug. 6, 1945 bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The parade was part of a week of events sponsored by SPC and other community peace groups. -photo by Mima Cataldo

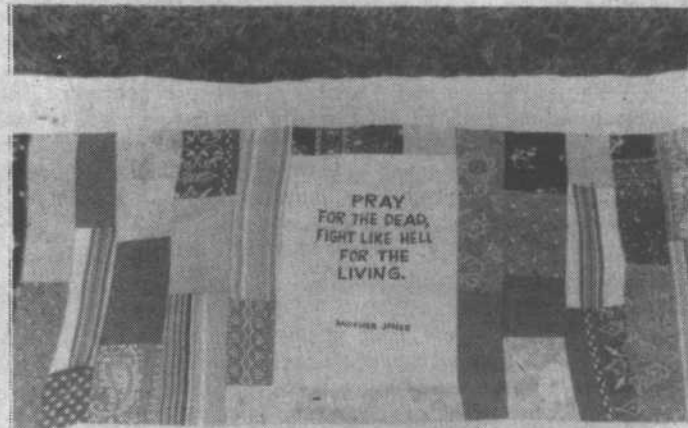


Jeff Schwartz is searched by a Griffiss AFB MP at SPC's action during "Commander's Day" Aug. 3. (See story on p. 7.) -photo by Deana Cunningham



-photo by Sister Theresa Murphy

Sisters Kathleen Osbelt and Theresa Murphy were among the 60,000 to gather in Washington D.C. Aug. 4, 1985 to carry over 100,000 nationally and internationally made banners symbolizing the gifts life they hope peace will preserve. These artful banners were tied together to form a 15-mile peace ribbon around the Pentagon, Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monuments, and the Capitol Building. The day was filled with family and friendship as banners were raised high in a prayer for peace. After the ribbon tying ceremony, individual segments began their journeys to peace museums throughout the U.S.



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# If we had been Nicaraguans, ... They'd be burying our bodies.

*Kathleen Kennedy and Sister Catherine Kruegler are members of Witness for Peace, and participated in "Flotilla For Peace" which was briefly held captive by contras in early August on the San Juan River between Nicaragua and Costa Rica. Both are Syracuseans, and both have agreed to share their reflections on their experience with PNL readers.*

*The purpose of Witness for Peace, a nationwide organization, is to "stand with the Nicaraguan people by acting in continuous nonviolent resistance to U.S. overt and covert intervention in their country and to mobilize public opinion and help change U.S. foreign policy to one which fosters justice and peace and friendship."*

By Kathleen Kennedy

Aug. 2, 1985--NYC, Orientation

What stands out right now is the role play about Contra stopping the bus and taking the driver. Somehow at first I thought of them (Contra) as Nicaraguans, but then somehow I thought of the Americans, "Soldiers of Fortune," down there--probably helping to run the show. I realize how cruel we Americans can be and that these brothers probably would not shrink at all--rather would delight in harming us (setting an example for other WFP delegations). What is worse, they would direct (teach) others to commit atrocities against life. It frightens me...

Aug. 7, 1985--Radio communication while being held.

"The ARDE [one major Contra group] representative in Washington has admitted they are holding you." The ARDE representative in Washington...? It is a strange feeling to see someone who had kidnapped you recognized and supported by your own President and Congressmen. These men and those who support them are nothing short of criminals.

Aug. 8, 1985

The cold, steely stare of Daniel as he looked at each Nicaraguan coming from the boat...He recognized several and made certain they knew it.

They are still there, working on the San Juan.

Nicaraguans, kidnapped by Contra, usually do not return to their families and friends. Teachers, Health Care Workers, Delegates of the Word (lay ministers), clinics, factories and sources of economic benefit (storage sheds, etc.) are targeted by Contra.

5 a.m.--

Quiet, peaceful, daybreak on the river. A sense of the greatness of God and nature. It seemed a world different from the one where a few hours ago we were marched up and down steep, muddy, hills, where men could get angry and react unpredictably, where even now in the bushes they are holding guns on us.

9 or 10 a.m.--

Israel comes on board and sits with long termers, press and anyone who wants. Israel is 23, his brother was in Somoza's guardia. He hasn't seen his family in three years. He seems a gentle, quiet, young person who genuinely felt life was better before the Revolution (it was for those in the Guardia). He was very young and open. It is painful to see young men take up arms to kill their brothers out of obedience to another's greed or need for aggression, whether they are young Americans or young Nicaraguans.



El Nuevo Diario

Witnesses for Peace held in a hut in jungles bordering the San Juan River.

6 or 6:30 p.m.--

Return to El Castillo, I am awed and humbled by the reception awaiting us. An old woman who had served us cookies and drink as we departed two days ago, hugs me. She is trembling and telling me how frightened and worried she was for us.

The whole town has come to the dock to greet us, chanting, "Queremos la paz, Queremos la paz." These are beautiful, loving, compassionate people who want to live in peace. They are not aggressive. They have been attacked three times in the last three years by Contra. The last two times, the militia have kept them from entering the town.

I remember, too, a little girl in clean white blouse and blue skirt running from her house to give us a bag of cheese as we left on our peace mission down the river.

People were truly moved and grateful that we (whose taxes pay for the aggression they experience) would take a stand for peace. Their hope and joy is sometimes astounding to me as I look at the forces in our own country that depict Nicaragua as an "evil empire."

## Sharing Images

By Cathy Kruegler

August 3: A Boat. We gathered in the boarding area upon arrival in Miami. We sang the song, "Somos el Barco"; the first of many more times. "We are the boat, we are the sea, I sail in you, you sail in me." On our journey we would be carried in many types and sizes of boats. Our song grew with meaning. Because of my country's funding of the contras the homes on the Nicaraguan side of the rio have been abandoned, the people terrorized. There have been no commercial boats on the San Juan past El Castillo in 30 months. The Nicaraguan government had persistently negotiated for a zone of peace in this region, that was rejected by Costa Rica under pressure from the U.S.

The boat that carried me in Nicaragua was built by

many hands. It was built by the support of family, friends, my religious community and co-workers for peace at home. But I was carried also by the courage, the hopes, dreams and suffering of the people.

We spent two nights on our 50 foot barge. I remembered another boat, caught in a storm much like the waves of fear I felt. Jesus slept in spite of the storm. The fruit of our risking: before we left Nicaragua, communication was restored between the Presidents of Nicaragua and Costa Rica and talks set up in Panama to settle differences and bring Peace along the San Juan.

August 5: A Rooster. The night before we left I lay awake in the home of a Nicaraguan family in San Carlos still undecided as to whether I would go on the flotilla. And then in the dark a rooster crowed, calling me to respond out of love and not out of fear. I recalled the night before Jesus died and how Peter had denied the Lord three times before the rooster crowed. This symbol made me realize in a new way that, "Whatever you do to the least of my people, you do to me." Too long I had taken safe steps in solidarity but little risk for my sisters and brothers in Nicaragua. If we believe that, "Here in our midst we touch God's Human Face," we must act for justice.

August 10: Earth-Mud. During our two and a-half hours of walking in the mud in the jungle I thought "What a potter's delight! I wish I could take this stuff home." It was a slippery, gooey, clay-like substance that even my cross-country ski experience couldn't prevent me from falling five, six times. With each fall I looked

more like the earthen vessel we all are. That night, exhausted, muddy, hungry, wet, I lay on the floor of our barge and pulled up a blanket. I wondered what might be born in me because of this experience. I had thought about dying this day. I even pictured us lying face down in the mud. And I even felt a sense of acceptance which freed me of some fear of that possibility.

August 10: The Well. My reasons for going to Nicaragua were not totally altruistic or political. When I entered the Sisters of St. Joseph my friends and family gave me a Wishing Well as a symbol of blessing. Of late I had been asking myself, "What do you do when the well runs dry?" So I went in part with Witness for Peace for the personal conversion and a desire to drink in the Joy, Faith, Hope and Love, from the spiritual vitality of the people. I witnessed their pride as they told of the simple progress they had made in adding tin roofs to their homes and forming cooperatives and governing structures in the community. We shared a meal. They had killed a deer just the day before for us. We shared many questions and songs. As we did so the circle of the community around us became tighter and tighter, pressing in. It seemed they wanted so much of us.. A myth, I suppose, that norte americanos must be important or special. We never were equated with the terrorism our government is inflicting on them. Every family there had known death, torture or kidnapping and exile firsthand. I drank fully of their strength, courage, compassion and forgiveness; teaching me to return to my original vision, to drink from my own spiritual well and to act from my faith on behalf of justice. ☸

## Stop the Bombing

In response to the continuing escalation of the war against the people of El Salvador, the National Pledge of Resistance, along with hundreds of anti-intervention and solidarity organizations across the country, has called for Nationwide Days of Action Sept. 21-24 to publicize and protest the U.S.-sponsored bombing campaign in El Salvador. The four days of educational events and public demonstrations will coincide with debates in Congress on the Reagan Administration's request for almost half a billion dollars for the repressive regime that runs El Salvador.

Local events are still in the planning stage, but so far include a protest march on Tuesday the 24th as well as an educational meeting featuring an address by a representative of the Salvadoran opposition forces. There will also be several showings of the film, "Witness to War" -- if you know of a group that might be interested in viewing the film, call the FOCUS number below.

Friends of Central America United in Support (FOCUS) has a number of films, slide shows, and speakers available for presentation at your school, church, union hall, or even friends in your living room. We also have an on-going study group, and plans to start another, for those interested in learning more about this critical region.

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-Ron Shuffler



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# "Neither Do We Have

By Rigoberto Marchú

*The following testimony from a Guatemalan Indian woman dates from 1982. It was translated into Spanish by Sylvia Roubaud, translated into English by Patricia Goedicke. This translation taken from the Mexican newspaper UNOMASUNO and condensed by Liam Mahony from a reprint in the American Poetry Review, Jan. '83.*

*The PNL will have an article in the coming months addressing more recent developments in Guatemala.*

I don't have a father or mother and I'm going to explain why.

In Guatemala there is no childhood for us Indians. We have always been oppressed and exploited. I began working in the fields of the patrones when I was 8, because I couldn't stand seeing my mother's face, always exhausted, always having to harvest coffee or cotton, with the latest baby on her back and my five brothers and sisters all around her, starving.

If we had to come down from the altiplano, the high plateau, to work on the fincas (plantations), it was because my father had only a little piece of land up there which didn't produce much, barely enough for us to live on for four or five months.

The rest of the year we all came to the fincas. When we finished there we would climb back up to our own place on the altiplano, where everybody had to cultivate his own small cornfield to survive. That was what our life was like, and that is why I say that I had no childhood.

When I was 11, two of my brothers died of malnutrition. My mother took a day off to bury them. For this the patrones fired us and refused to pay for the days we'd already worked.

So we returned home and my mother, to feed us, sold the few animals she had. A few months later, when my father returned from where he was working, he discovered he had two children less.

When I was very small I saw very little of my father: he was always busy defending the community against the patrones. After their marriage, my parents went to the mountains, and

there established a small settlement with others. The earth returned little; they had to wait years for the first harvest. Then, when the village finally had its cornfield and a few beans, a patron claimed the land. My father, who was the only one who could speak a little Spanish, had to go to the authorities.

They sent him from one place to another, from Huehuetenango to Quetzaltenango to Quiché to the capital to sign papers. They demanded that he hire a lawyer and present witnesses, and they deceived him because he did not know how to read. He gave all his time to helping the community, which prevented him from earning a living. We, his children, had to work in his place.

We got up at 3am for a breakfast of tortillas and salt. At 4, the villagers called to each other from their doorways and left together as a community for the fields.

Our fathers taught us that we must remain faithful to our ancestors, to our culture and to our traditions. For instance, before planting we ask permission of the earth to do it this injury, because for us the earth is sac-



red; we injure it only for food. When we cut a tree or branch we make a ceremony to ask pardon from nature. Neither do we have the right to cut flowers.

In 1973, when I was 15, my father was in jail for the first time, accused of going against the sovereign order of Guatemala. While he was in jail, rich patrones arrived and told the campesinos they were taking the land.

Their gunmen took out all our things from our houses and broke everything

Later, when my father contacted the National Institute for Agrarian Change, and went there to start procedures for obtaining deeds for our property, he was kidnapped, tortured and left for dead in the mountains. Then we were told he was going to be kidnapped again, and some priests helped us by moving him to a private clinic. He was there almost two years.

In 1977 my father was sent to jail again. This time they accused him of being a terrorist, a communist, only because we were poor. From then on we knew we had to organize ourselves. In the community we began to reflect together about what the Bible tells us. I have always been an ardent Catequista (catechism teacher). The story of Judith impressed me; she cut off the head of a king to save her people. We understood that faced with the violence of the rich, we must respond with our own violence, the violence of justice. The example of Moses who led his people across the world to save them helped us. We began to build camps in the mountains, preventing the troops from killing us while we slept. In the daytime the children kept watch over the road so they could warn us when the soldiers arrived. This was the beginning of our self-defense, and it's through the Bible that we organized our struggle. We also had the example of our ancestors among whom were many martyrs and great heroes.

We organized ourselves, and the response was more repression and, above all, the persecution of the catequistas. When 106 campesinos in Panzos were assassinated - men, women and children who had never tasted meat or worn shoes - we intensified our struggle.

One of my brothers was secretary of one of the village cooperatives. For this he was kidnapped at age 14. They pulled out his fingernails, cut out his tongue, cut the soles of his feet into pieces and burned his skin. One day the army ordered everyone to present themselves the next day in one of the villages to witness the punishment the guerrillas would receive. They took twenty men out of an army

# the Right to Cut Flowers''

truck. It was difficult to recognize my brother; he was so disfigured that he didn't even look like a person. There we could see for ourselves that those they called guerrillas were people we knew from neighboring villages and from the fields of the patrones.

The captain announced that all subversives would be treated in this way. He then gave the order to take off their clothes; they had to cut them off as they were stuck to their bloody wounds. They were tied and thrown in a heap; then the captain ordered them to throw gasoline on them and set fire to them. My brother did not die immediately. And I had to see these horrible things, which was the greatest sorrow of my life.

When we returned to our house we were a little crazy, as if it had been a nightmare. My father marched ahead saying he had much to do for his people, that he must go from village to village to tell them what had happened. At this time he left the house forever. A little later my mother went

through Chimaltenango and Huehuetenango to testify to what she had seen. "As a mother I have a duty, so that other mothers don't have to suffer as I did; don't have to witness the torture and assassination of one of their own children."

A little while later my father was assassinated. With a group of other campesinos, he occupied the Spanish

**Nor do I want a sweetheart, that would just be one more sorrow; they would certainly kill him, and I don't want to cry one more time.**

Embassy in the capital to protest the repression in El Quiche. Twenty Indians plus one worker, one tenant farmer and four students were burned alive in the Embassy. [This massacre sparked the creation of the Popular Front of the 31st of January - FP31].

My mother died three months later. The military raped and tortured her

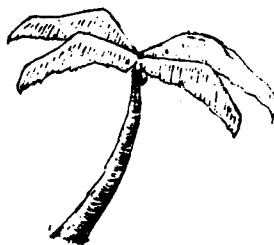
the way they tortured my brother. They made her suffer for a long time to make her inform on the guerrillas. Using a fly we have which immediately lays eggs when you put it in a wound, they filled her body with worms. The soldiers stood guard over her as she died slowly under a tree out in the middle of a field so we could not free her. They didn't even let us have the body, staying guard until the buzzards and dogs had eaten her.

As for me, I chose to fight and join the Revolutionary Christians. I have decided not to marry or have children. According to our traditions, this is unacceptable; a woman must have children. But I couldn't stand it if the same things happened to my children that happened to my brother. Before I have children conditions must change. Nor do I want a sweetheart, because that would just be one more sorrow. They would certainly kill him, and I don't want to cry one more time. ❧

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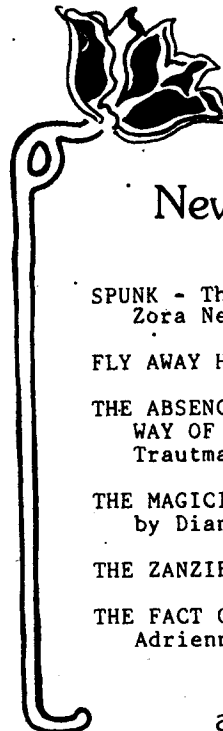
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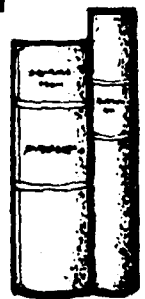
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## Brooklyn Rivera Discusses Miskito-Sandinista Conflict

By Kartar Singh Khalsa

*Author's note: Since 1981, the Sandinista government has been engaged in a military conflict with the Miskito, Sumo, and Rama Indians that inhabit the Nicaraguan Atlantic coastal region. The Sandinistas consider it imperative to incorporate all of Nicaragua into the revolutionary process, while the Indians feel that the Sandinistas' societal model threatens the existence of their traditional culture and lifestyle.*

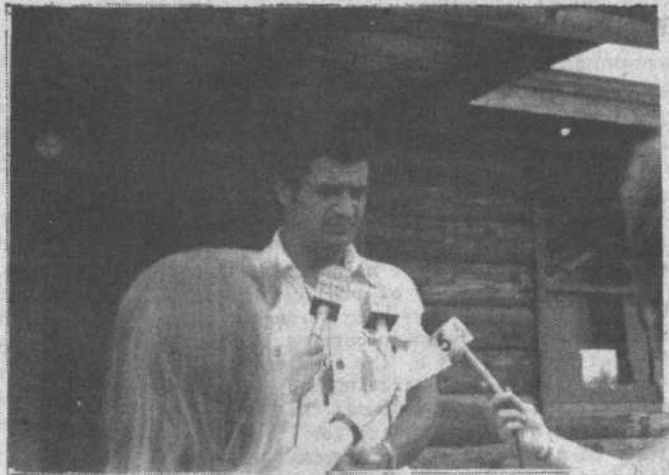
*Brooklyn Rivera is the Director of Misurasata the primary Indian political and military organization in Nicaragua. On July 7, he spoke at Plymouth Church in Syracuse to present the Indian side of a story that often gets obscured by the drama between Washington and Managua. Following are excerpts from that talk, paraphrased from Rivera's own words: \**

The [Nicaraguan] government did not have political power in the [Atlantic Coastal] region and did not have control of the people. They tried to introduce mass organization into the villages and it was rejected. Unknown to our people, the government nationalized Nicaragua according to their system. They nationalized all natural resources. They believed all goods belonged to the state.

The government has nationalized our land and has decided to give a parcel of land to each family...but the ownership will be by the state. They want to give land to the Indians to produce for the state. This is a sensitive proposition for our people. Land means life, survival, and our future. We cannot live without land. They have nationalized our natural resources, and want to control these resources which the Indians have historic rights to.

When the land is divided, our people will be divided. There will not be Miskito or Rama. Our people will not live as a people. There is nothing revolutionary or progressive in this policy...

Our resistance to the government began prior to the other fights in Nicaragua. When our people decided to face the situation, the Contras did not exist. FDN and ARDE[[two of the main Contra groups] were not created then. Their leaders were still in Nicaragua; some were with the government. It's important to clarify that our resistance was prior to any other fights in Nicaragua. Our interests have nothing to do with the fights of the Contra groups. We are fighting for our interest as a people to survive. The causes of our conflict are land rights, self-government, national resources and traditional organization...The Indians are not



-photo by Sandee Resnick

Brooklyn Rivera responds to local reporters during his recent visit to Syracuse.

fighting for the overthrow of the government...

The Contras want to use our people to fight the government, but don't want to recognize our rights. We have no expectations or hopes from them.

The destruction Indians have experienced has never been faced in our whole history. Thousands of Indians have fled to neighboring countries. There are 25,000 refugees in Nicaragua and Honduras. Several thousands that have been displaced from traditional villages are in relocation camps. Several hundred have been killed by the Sandinistas. One hundred traditional villages have been destroyed... The suffering of our people has been traumatic.

The government now admits that there is an Indian struggle, that the Indians are fighting for their own interests, that the Indians are not Contras. We believe the Indians' are interested in negotiating peace, and have been working for the last eight months. We have had four meetings [with the Sandinistas], three in Bogot  and one in Mexico City.

We have received pressure and threats from other Nicaraguan groups and external forces. When I was getting ready to go to Nicaragua last October I received an indirect message from the U.S. State Department saying I must not go. Since we are acting by principles, we don't give in to pressure or threats. We've received many threats from the Contras over the peace negotiations. I have been slandered by the Contras as a Sandin-

ista infiltrator, and the left has accused me of being a Contra or CIA... Both extremes are trying to destroy me. The FDN has a plan to kill me, but we will defend this cause no matter the consequence.

This autonomy has nothing to do with the Indian's land. They propose to create two regional governments, composed of non-Indians, in which Indians will have some participation. But it will continue to deny separate land and self-government. We will not embrace this kind of autonomy. An adulterated autonomy will bring the long term destruction of our people. We consider autonomy to mean the administration of our region within the framework of the Nicaraguan State, to legalize the land to the people within the land. Indians would have their rights, under the sovereignty of the Nicaraguan country

The Indian conflict has ideological implications for the Latin American region. Large indigenous populations in all the countries of Latin America have been suffering for many years under military dictatorships. There is a need for an allegiance between indigenous peasants and the workers against those types of societies. The Sandinistas should set an example. If they don't, Indians in other countries will not support revolution. ☸

*\* Editor's note: The issue of the Sandinista's treatment of Nicaragua's Indian Population has been controversial. In this light, certain statements included in this article may deserve documentation.*

# Resistance and

By Brett Beeman

This firsthand report was condensed from dispatches Brett has been sending us since last spring. Students across the country are insisting their schools no longer invest in companies profiting from apartheid.

Last spring's protests raised the consciousness of a generation and a nation. Those protests helped put U.S. financing of apartheid on the mainstream agenda.

While the media gave plenty of publicity to student unrest in the U.S. they have been strangely quiet about a remarkable phenomenon now occurring in South Africa: white college students by the hundreds are themselves out on the streets demonstrating against apartheid.

Sustained protest on U.S. campuses this fall will hearten the black majority struggling for liberation. In the fullness of time black South Africans will be their own liberators. But to hasten the process and to headoff the brutality of the apartheid police state, more international pressure must be applied.

--Ed Kinane

Brett is a student who lived in Cornell's Shantytown. He is also Central New York's second public draft registration resister. Draft resistance and anti-apartheid work are closely linked: a black South African woman, when asked what we in the U.S. can do to aid her people's struggle, said, "Keep your boys at home!"

## Part I

This spring on university campuses across the country, students called for their universities to divest holdings from South Africa. The biggest and strongest protest throughout the country, and in that university's history, took place at Cornell.

Action started on April 18, when over 300 people marched into Day Hall (the Administration Building, renamed Biko Hall by the students) for a sit-in. Nearly 150 stayed past closing and were arrested by the Cornell police, who charged us with trespassing. The following day, Cornell's Vice President for Campus Affairs, William Gurowitz, gave the protesters a permit to build shanties (out of wood, cardboard, etc.) behind the Administration Building and to remain there permanently "until Cornell divests." A shantytown was thus built and maintained by a dedicated group who slept there in the cold and rain.

After the first sit-in, eight other sit-ins occurred during the next one-and-a-half weeks with more than 1,200 students, staff and faculty getting arrested. The charge was changed to criminal trespassing after the first few sit-ins, while people being arrested twice were sent to the Ithaca Police Department for prosecution and those arrested three times (myself included) were temporarily suspended.

The biggest plus was faculty and staff involvement. The faculty, in one of its largest votes, favored divestment 323 to 72. More than 200 faculty members have organized along with the students and helped in every

means possible -- from negotiations to sleeping in Shantytown.

A fire of unknown origin destroyed the largest shanty, the Hilton, May 10. Our permit was then revoked, even though we rebuilt the town with materials that met the fire code. On the day after the fire, Cornell police and grounds crews came to take down the shanties. Twenty people awoke to the sound of a bulldozer. They quickly chained themselves to the shanties and blocked the bulldozer until the grounds crew and police gave up.

Some of the shanties were the Inhumanities Library (where we pass out information), Rhodesville (named after our president), the Marx hut, Suburbia protest and the Nicaragua Information Center at Shantytown, (NICAS). NICAS was my project with support from residents who also saw the correlation between Reagan's Nicaragua and South African policy.

Negotiations occurred at different times with all of the senior administrators, but one thing is clear -- the university does not negotiate in good faith. They wanted Shantytown removed the day after graduation (June 3) to prove that they were in control and to have us gone before alumni weekend.

Senior Vice President William Herbster summed up Cornell's position when he said "There's been enough free speech." Herbster also said on a talk show that he would have invested in Nazi Germany, had they a Sullivan Code: "Going in I would have felt as comfortable at the time, if they had a standard against which they were operating, and if they were trying to operate responsibly." Residents placed Shantytown under a state of siege in response to this statement and further comments about removing us. A cement bunker, barricades, and a fence were built to show that we would defend Shantytown, and a garden was planted to display our determination and community spirit.

At graduation, we passed out red arm bands, balloons, crosses, and mortarboard placards for seniors and faculty members, and gave leaflets to the audience. During President Rhodes' speech the graduates for divestment stood up and turned their backs to him. The action was well justified as Rhodes spent much of his time speaking condescendingly about the anti-apartheid movement amidst talk of Madonna and rotten liver pate. Large signs were hung up throughout Rhodes' speech and a coffin was placed in front of him.

On the day following graduation, 17 people were arrested at a sit-in to save Shantytown. People moved throughout Biko Hall to make it harder for us to be removed. Most of the people were found, arrested, and placed on a bus to be taken downtown. One hundred or more protesters moved in front of the bus and proceeded to escort it downtown. The Cornell police did not like this and started to violently push people. Several blocks away the police tried to avoid the bus escort by making a quick turn up a side street. The bus driver was told to "floor it," despite the fact that alert people had moved in front of it. Although the people were non-violent, they were thrown by the Cornell police. The

# Repression at Cornell

bus had to back up and our escort proceeded downtown without further incident.

Our legal fight to save Shantytown centered around getting a temporary restraining order, so that Cornell could not take any action until we had a chance to be heard in court. But Federal Judge Howard Munson would not listen to the case, saying he had no jurisdiction in the matter because Cornell is a private institution.



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*Woman being questioned by South African police at Crossroads 'shantytown' near Capetown, South Africa. Without the police state tactics of South Africa and its allies apartheid would rapidly crumble.*

## Part II

At 6:30 a.m. they came. I woke hearing someone directly in front on my shanty speaking into a bullhorn. He said something about taking Shantytown down and "having two minutes to get all personal belongings out of the area." About 30 Cornell policemen in riot gear were all over Shantytown, tearing down the wood and tin shanties I called home.

The Cornell police were violent and heartless. They arrested barefoot Barbara Ebert for trying to get her shoes. She kept telling police that she really needed them, but they refused to listen and put her in a choke hold. Adria Moskowitz refused to leave her shanty and several officers had to forcibly remove her. The police had up a plastic fence immediately and had Shantytown flattened within half an hour. Legal assistant Richard Ryan jumped the fence to do what he could. He was quickly tackled by five officers. All three were handcuffed and later sent down to the Ithaca Police Department.

I was almost in tears as I watched the focus of my life for the past month destroyed. But Cornell could neither defeat nor quiet us. Shantytown could never be

taken down in our hearts and in our minds.

At noon, 150 people gathered in Shantytown and marched to the 3rd floor of Day Hall to have a word with our president. As usual, the doors to the floor were locked. The entire group then met in Shantytown. We immediately ran to the fence and yellow police line tape and trampled them. It felt so good to take back what was rightfully ours. The materials were then reappropriated into makeshift shanties until enough materials could be gathered.

Two students, Karl Zweerink and J.D. Trout, who were bringing cardboard boxes into Shantytown were stopped by police. Officers forced Karl to the ground, with one sitting on him and elbowing him in the ear. He was handcuffed and taken to a squad car, where his head was thrown against the roof. Other officers, nightsticks drawn, came to the scene to stop protesters who saw what was happening. Some police jumped in front of cameras filming the arrests, while others started throwing protesters who had moved in front of the police car to stop it from moving. Shantytown resident David Whitehouse was arrested, and dragged up the Day Hall driveway because he was following the police car. He was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Meanwhile, other officers were hitting people with the sticks -- recent graduate Liz Danzig was hit hard in the chest and received a pinched nerve and suffered a badly bruised kidney from being thrown to the ground.

That night, the university administration served us with papers which restrained us from almost all free speech unless we wanted to be in contempt of court.

Included in the documents were its summary of past events and affidavits by administrators. Much was exaggerated. The university made it sound as if we were violent and abusive. In my opinion, never have violent actions occurred or been seriously talked about in the past 10 weeks.

The key elements missing in all the reports were our rebuilding of Shantytown after the fire to comply with the Ithaca fire code, our receiving a permit to have a Shantytown behind Day Hall until Cornell divested, and most importantly, the legal actions with the Chancellor of the State University of New York and with the Cornell judicial system.

Despite the restraining order, almost 100 people / showed up the next day for a faculty picket in front of Day Hall. About 35 people, some smeared with authentic looking blood, entered the building and went to the 3rd floor. John Chanin, who was leading the way, opened the 3rd floor door and was hit with a nightstick.

We sat in front of the doors to Day Hall, leaving an 18-inch path for entry into the building. Dean Drinkwater warned us that we were blocking one of the doors, and if we continued to do so, we could be arrested. We argued that there was easy access to the building with one door open and got signatures from people going in and out attesting to this fact. The police did not bother us the rest of the time we were there.

# A Report from the Two Germans: Deterrence is a Threat to Survival

By Virden Seybold

*Editor's note: A 19-member American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) delegation spent several weeks in Germany in June. They returned with a better understanding of missile deployment in that country, and the peace movement's struggle for disarmament.*

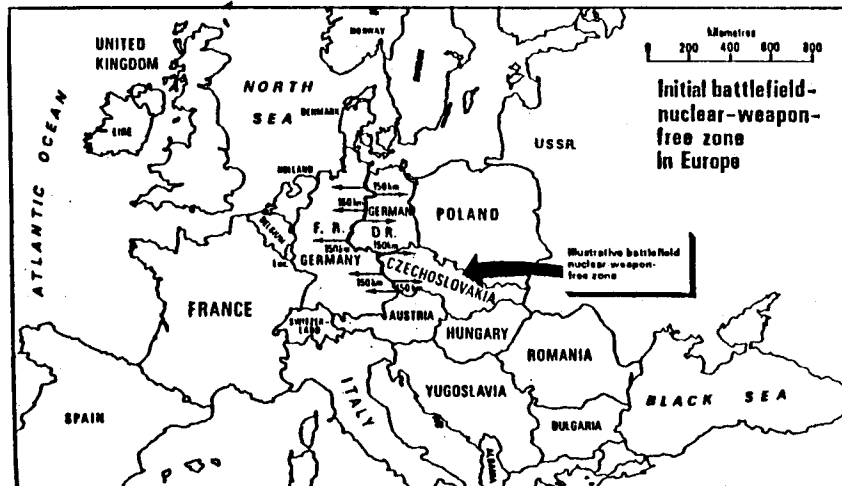
Our AFSC delegation had more contact with religious peace activists than with any other groups. We found in the FRG that most of the churches have really awakened to the nuclear threat since the announcement (Dec. '79) of the U.S. and NATO to place medium range missiles there. The majority of the synods of the main Protestant churches have condemned nuclear deterrence and want the medium range missiles and other nuclear and chemical weapons removed. In the GDR, we found that the Protestant Church leadership has taken an even stronger stance against nuclear deterrence. Also in the GDR, the churches are the only place that people can gather to discuss alternatives to government policy regarding issues since it is difficult to meet or work in any other peace and justice group that is not officially part of the government. From both countries, we brought back challenging writings by church leaders that all persons interested the two Germanys should read. Write or call me at 475-4822 for copies.

Rosanne Ridgeway, the U.S. Ambassador to GDR, told our group that we should speak to our leaders in Washington and let them know that the GDR is not going to disappear. It is a significant country, she said, and the U.S. needs to develop a relationship of non-strategic trade and exchange programs. Ignoring the GDR will help neither the people of the U.S. nor the the people of the GDR.

We know how powerful and helpful the Witness for Peace delegations have been as they stand on the line between two conflicting parties in Central America. There is a similar need for people to stand on both sides of the line in Europe and bring back the messages of the people there who are longing for security and peace.

Several points must be noted briefly: (1) The two Germanys contain an incredible number of nuclear, chemical, and conventional weapons in an immediate

*Virden is coordinator of the Upstate NY AFSC in Syracuse, and was part of the June delegation to the two Germanys.*



Common Security

deployable stance--probably more per square mile than any other countries in the world. (2) The two Germanys contain an incredible number of foreign military personnel (U.S., French, British, and USSR as per the Potsdam Agreement of 40 years ago). One has the feeling of being in occupied countries. (3) In case of a war in Europe, the two Germanys would probably be completely destroyed. (4) Many of the German people are trying very hard to take control of their destiny. New disarmament strategies are emerging in the midst of their tense situation.

"Defensive defense" is one of the new strategies being talked about a lot in the FRG (Federal Republic of Germany--W. Germany). This would mean the removing, or dismantling, of all offensive weapons in the FRG: all nuclear weapons, all chemical weapons and all offensive tactical weapons such as tanks. Any weapon that an enemy of the FRG could perceive as an offensive weapon, and thus a threat to the enemy's security, would need to be dismantled. The only weapons that would remain would be defensive weapons such as anti-tank and anti-aircraft missiles. Since there is no defense against the Soviet SS-20's anyway, the "defensive defense" does not reduce the security of the FRG. In fact, "defensive defense" increases the FRG's security because it gives a positive signal to its enemies: "security without offensive threat." Of course, a "defensive defense" posture of a country like FRG would

not stop the U.S. and USSR from deploying long range nuclear weapons from their own territories, but the superpowers could not insist on smaller countries like the FRG taking on the insecurity of offensive deterrence with the placement of medium range nuclear missiles on their soil. Could "defensive defense" be a first step in slowing the arms race? It would establish trust; simplify verification since there would be nothing to hide; be a much less costly military posture than deterrence by offensive means; and perhaps it could be integrated with certain basics of nonviolent defensive strategy. The concept needs thorough discussion by the peace movement.

In the GDR (German Democratic Republic--E. Germany) there is much discussion of the concept of "common security," a strategy that was suggested by the Palme Commission (the report is published by Simon and Schuster, Common Security: A Blueprint for Survival). The GDR government is ready to adopt the suggested 150 kilometer nuclear free zone along the border of the GDR and FRG (75 K within each country). (The above graphic outlines the way such a N-free zone would look.) In fact, the GDR has proposed making its whole country a N-free zone if the FRG will reciprocate. The Palme Commission report outlines about 25 other suggestions for nuclear disarmament. It is well worth study by U.S. peace activists. ☪

## Capital Punishment is NO Solution

By Pat Bane

Again this year, the New York State legislature has voted for capital punishment. Only Governor Cuomo's veto has kept New York from being the 38th state to enact new death penalty legislation since the Supreme Court's Furman decision struck down death penalty laws across the nation 13 years ago, declaring them "capricious and arbitrary."

Since 1972, over 1500 persons have been sentenced to die and, as in pre-Furman days, it is the poor and members of minority groups who are singled out to pay the ultimate penalty for their crimes. Forty-nine percent of death row prisoners are members of minority groups. Virtually all are unable to afford first-class legal representation, extensive investigation of their cases and testimony of expensive experts at their trials. Depending on where a murder takes place, the perpetrator is three to 10 times more likely to receive a death sentence if the victim is white than if the victim is black. Of the 47 persons executed since 1977, 43 have had white victims, though approximately half of all murder victims are black. Discrimination is alive and well in our criminal justice system.

The United States is the only country in the western industrialized world still practicing capital punishment, which puts us in the company of the Soviet Union, Iran, South Africa, and other countries where human rights violations are commonplace. Nicaragua, a country the current administration depicts as oppressive, has no death penalty.

Why do our lawmakers so overwhelmingly advocate capital punishment?

Politicians, law enforcement officers and others have convinced 70 percent of the population that killing murderers is a sure preventive for homicide. Studies show that rather than being a deterrent, capital punishment probably incites violence. While the national homicide rate dropped last year, there was a 5.1 percent increase in Florida which leads the nation in death sentences and executions.

Some law enforcement personnel admit that the death penalty is not a deterrent to killing, since most people who kill do so without premeditation in the heat of passion, or believe they can escape punishment. The law enforcers, however, claim that society has a legitimate need for vengeance. They point to the actions of victim's families to justify this claim. It was widely reported that the daughter of a man murdered by Velma Barfield in North Carolina called for Barfield's execution.

But we heard nothing about a Florida man who was pleading with Governor Bob Graham to spare the life of James Dupree Henry, who had killed his father. When James Briley was executed recently in Virginia, there was no mention of the fact that the mother of one of his victims and the sister of another publicly opposed his execution and demonstrated against it outside the prison while Briley was being put to death.

Legislators in New York claim that the death penalty is necessary to protect the lives of prison guards from persons serving life sentences who have nothing to lose



-Kathe Koltatz

by wanton killing, and cite the highly-publicized Lemuel Smith case as an example. Smith was found guilty of the strangulation of Donna Payant, a corrections officer with only a few weeks experience at Green Haven Correctional Facility. The U.S. Supreme Court upheld a Court of Appeals ruling that New York's mandatory death penalty law was unconstitutional, which left the state without capital punishment legislation. But no one ever satisfactorily explained why an inexperienced young officer was so accessible to a convicted killer, kidnapper, robber and rapist. If, with our modern technology and the millions of dollars we pour into prisons annually, we have no better means of protecting prison personnel than by trying to control inmates with threats of death, we are being grossly shortchanged.

The third reason, and one no politician admits, is that advocating the death penalty is an easy way to convince the electorate that a candidate is "tough on crime," and is doing something to make their communities safer places in which to live. Reducing crime requires taking a sensitive look at its causes and designing innovative programs to eradicate them, rather than continuing with the same old "solutions" that just have not worked. This takes creativity, time and hard work and the results will not be apparent before the next election.

Capital punishment is only one piece of a larger picture. It is a tool used by the powerful to subjugate the powerless. Its proponents claim they value life while they are cheapening life. It is a statement that there is no better response to conflict than violence. And it is one step closer to annihilation, for those who can pull the switch that will burn to death another human being will respond to other conflicts with lethal force until someone in that ever-escalating cycle pushes the button that will unleash nuclear holocaust on us all.

*You can help to break that cycle by discussing this issue with family and friends so they can make a more informed decision, and by writing to your local paper and your legislators. On the last Thursday of every month, People Against the Death Penalty holds a one-hour demonstration at Columbus Circle beginning at noon. Your presence would be a powerful statement. The group also holds monthly meetings, so attend one and find out how you can become involved. For further information, call Pat Bane at 423-2011 or Virden Seybold at 475-4822.*

*Pat is a local activist and member of People Against the Death Penalty.*

# Sit-in Gets Victory for Animals

By Jane Begley

"Only connect." - E.M. Forster

On July 15, 100 people began a peaceful sit-in at National Institutes of Health (NIH) headquarters in Bethesda, Md. I went from People for Animal Rights in Syracuse. We expected to be arrested, so I brought my vacation money for bail. But the 65 of us who stayed to the end walked out 4 days later, unarrested.

The NIH had just re-funded the University of Pennsylvania's Head Injury Laboratory, from which, in May 1984, the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) had "captured" about 60 hours of videotapes made by experimenters. These show baboons struggling as their heads, cemented into helmets, are slammed with pneumatic pistons. Experimenters then use hammers and screwdrivers to remove the heads from the helmets, invalidating the protocol of the experiments. The tapes show experimenters laughing and joking as they "pose" the injured animals.

The ALF gave the tapes to People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), whose directors, Ingrid Newkirk and Alex Pacheco, edited them into a 25-minute videotape, Unnecessary Fuss, which they made public. The public and 58 members of Congress insisted in vain that NIH stop funding. After the re-funding, PETA decided on nonviolent direct action.

We infiltrated NIH Monday morning, occupied and shut down the 8th-floor wing offices of Dr. Murray Goldstein, who had ordered the re-funding. On Thursday, after lots of media coverage, Cabinet member Margaret Heckler suspended Lab funding pending full investigation.

Unfortunately this lab is no aberration. A recent ALF raid on the City of Hope Medical Center in California found records showing that from 1975 to 1981, of 102 dogs used in cancer experiments, over 50% died before the experiments were even begun!

We found on Goldstein's desk a telling sign of the attitude of these animal researchers: a little see-no-evil figure of three monkeys, but with a 4th monkey jokingly added, whose body was contorted with pain.

*Jane lives with five companion animals: three cats and two humans.*

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*Vivisection is "the planned and observed destruction of tens of millions of conscious animals each year - by starvation, heat, cold, chemical and thermal burns, trauma, surgical mutilation, poisoning, electric shock, implantation of tumors and infections, deliberate induction of neuroses, and other methods too terrible for most people even to conceive. Furthermore, much of this so-called research is not experimentation at all, but endlessly duplicated demonstration, some procedures repeated hundreds or even thousands of times." -Steven Tiger*

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Alternatives to vivisection exist now. Just a few are: electron microscopy; computer simulations; living human placenta cells; human autopsies, now done in less than 15% of all deaths. An alternative test, a tissue culture warning about thalidomide's dangers to humans, was ignored because animal tests had "proven" it safe.

Even if vivisection contributed to human health, it, like human slavery, is wrong. *But animal and human rights need not be in conflict.* Our finite resources are being spent, not for health but to profit a huge sickness-care system (we have no real health care system), whose beneficiaries include medical professionals, hospitals, universities and drug companies.

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*Tell the man wandering about in the park tonight that the money that funded the half-way house and the money that kept the mental health clinic doors open is now being used to make rats schizophrenic. Tell the old lady who lost her eyeglass subsidy that the money is being used to blind pigeons. -Raymond Abers, Ph.D.*

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Vivisection is dangerous to humans. "A medical profession founded on callousness to the pain of other animals may eventually destroy its own sensitivity to the pain in humans." (Brigid Brophy) Abuse of human patients is most frequent where animal experimentation is most widespread: the U.S. Just one example: for over 40 years, the U.S. Public Health Service withheld a proven remedy from 425 Black syphilis patients "to study" syphilis.

The animal rights movement is an exciting place to be, with new theoretical underpinnings; animal rights treated in college ethics texts; connections with other issues like peace and feminism; new and older groups acting together; ALF and Greenpeace taking great risks, making great gains; groups like Attorneys/ Psychologists/ Veterinarians for Animal Rights; students refusing to dissect; our own songs; a public, informed as never before, demanding that justice be done.

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*The oppression of animals serves as the model and training ground for all other forms of oppression - Aniva Cantor*

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*Any improvement in the world's sensitivity to rights is helpful to all beings who are oppressed. - Brigid Brophy*

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Since the sit-in I have asked myself why this issue succeeded in rousing the public to action, while so much of the work we all do on other social justice fronts often does not. The explanation may lie in the kinship humans naturally feel with other animals. This link usually is stamped out early in life, but fortunately can be reclaimed. Even

people who have given in to apathy may still be moved to act by an animal's plight, and moved by that action to others.

We humans are animals too; a bond older than thought connects us all and may still preserve us. ♡



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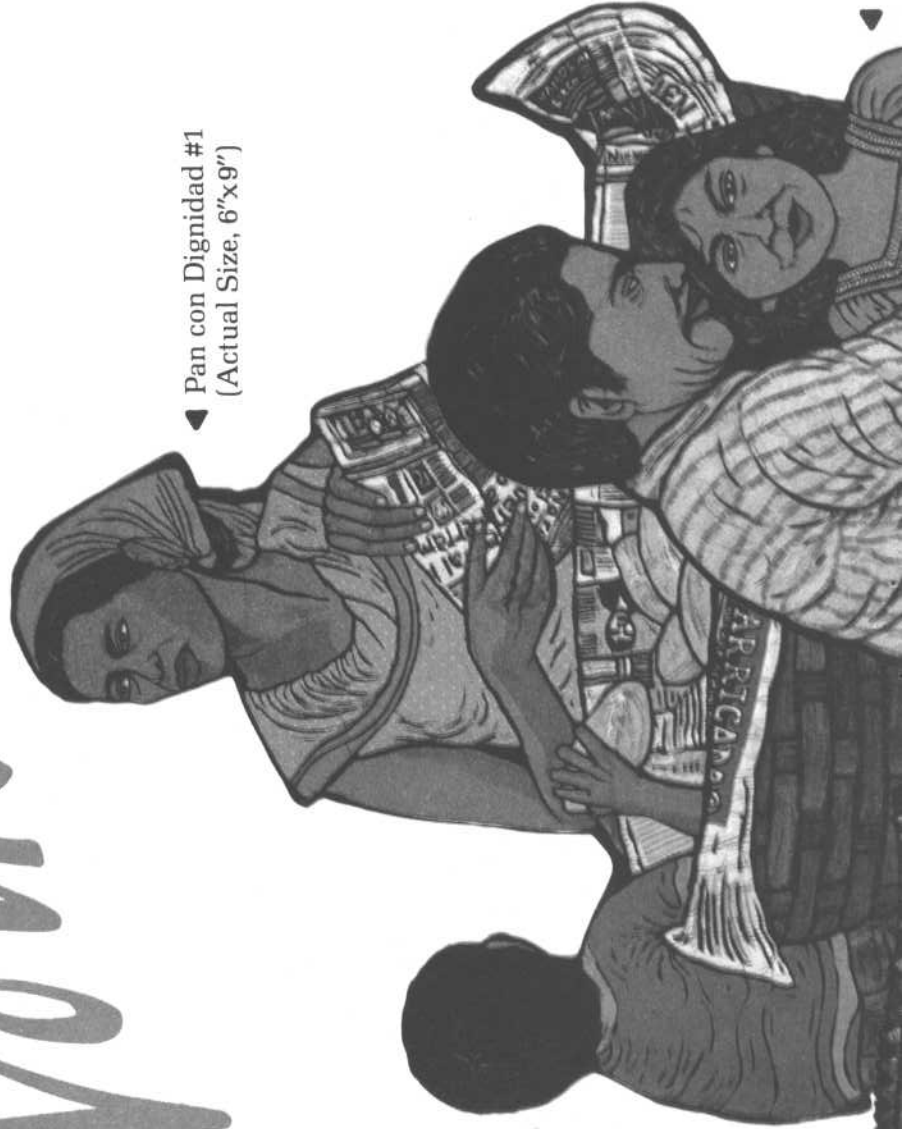
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- Lisa Kokin

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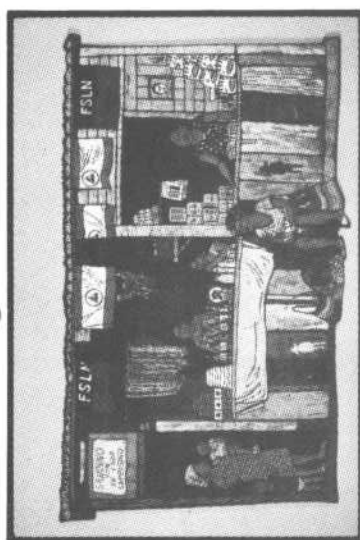


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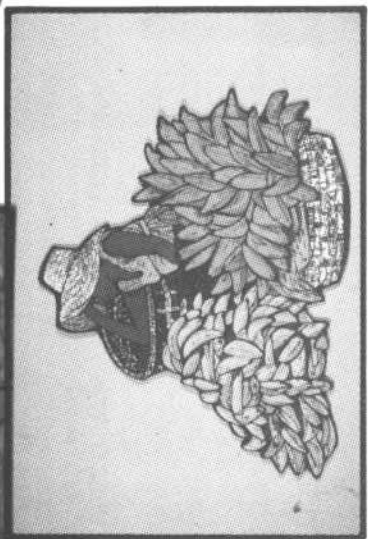




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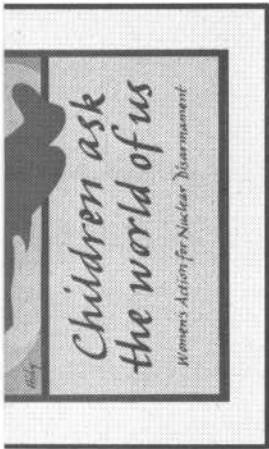
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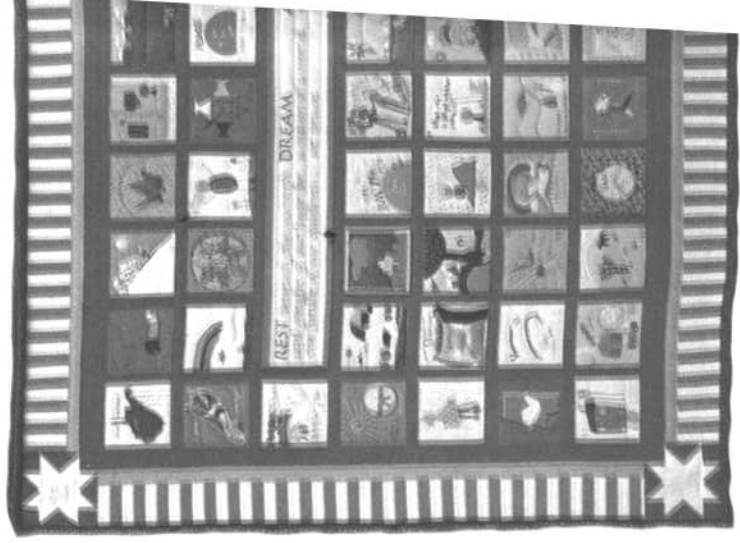
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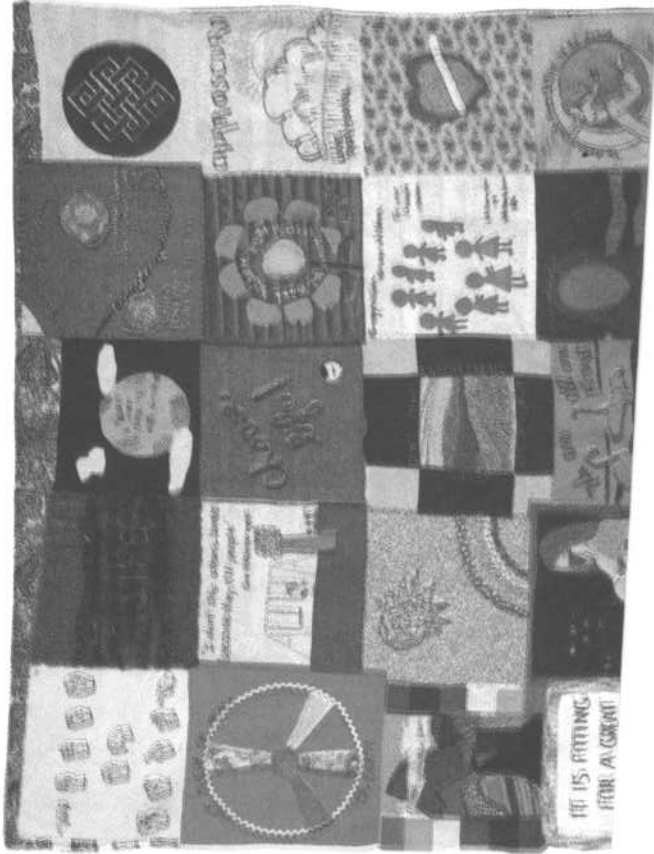
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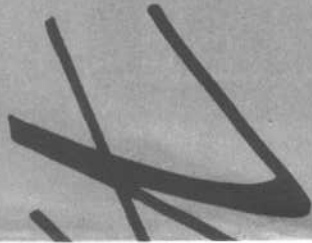
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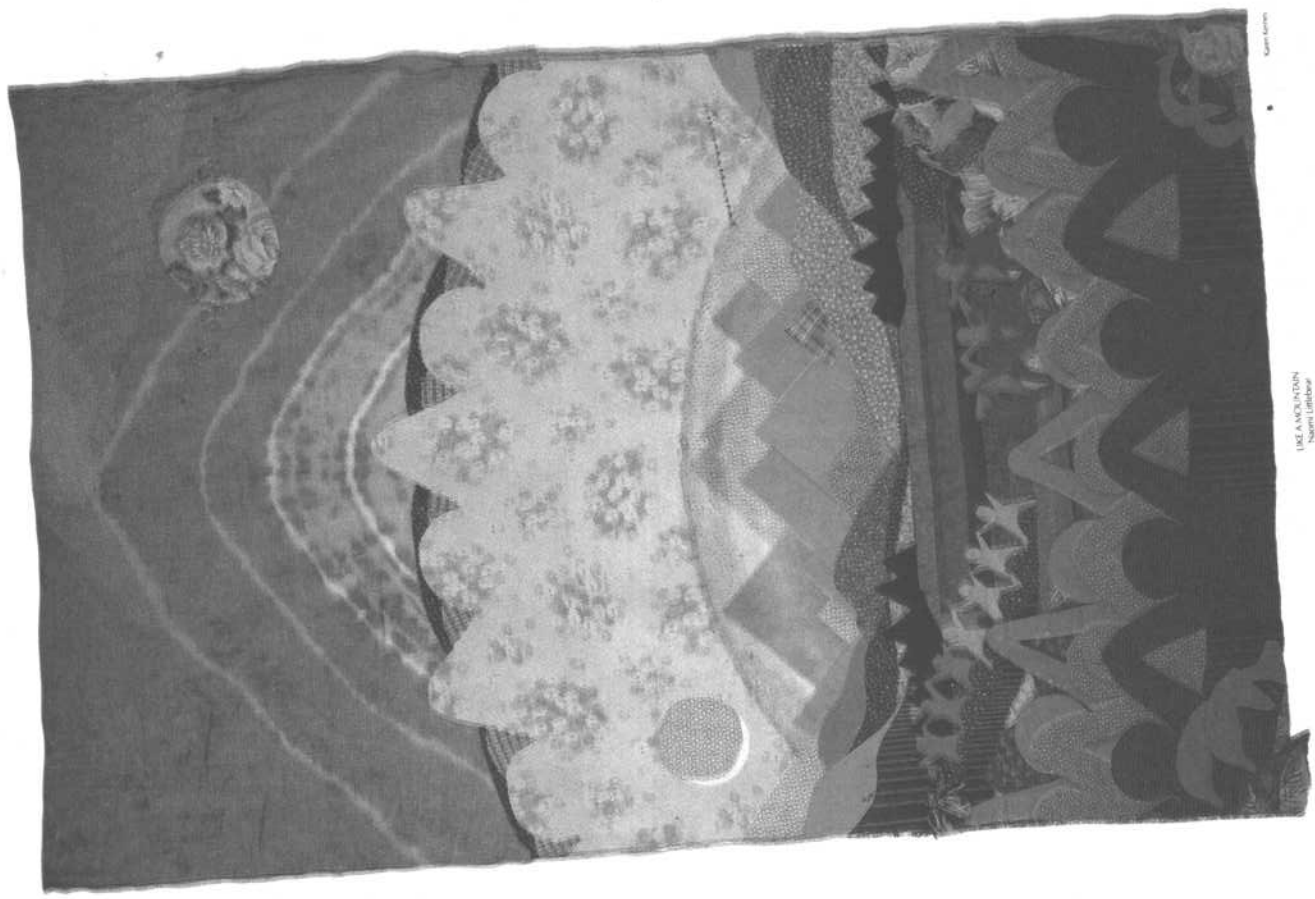
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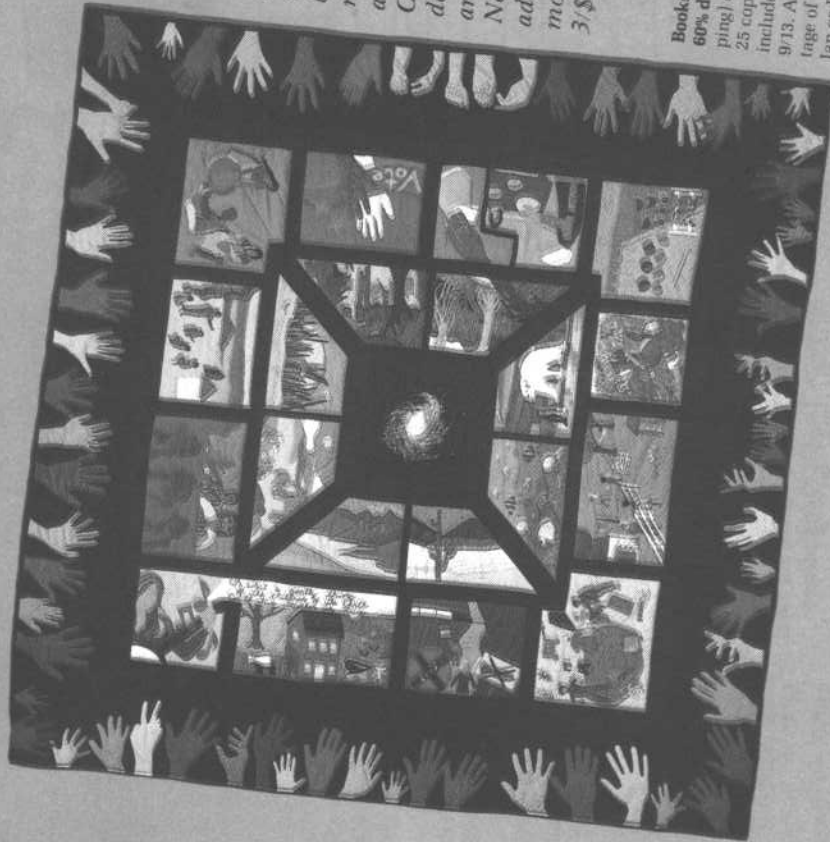
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Friday, September 6 7,9,11  
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The Jamaican reggae, cult classic featuring Jimmy Cliff as Ivan, a 3rd World folk hero. "Has more guts, wit, humor, and sheer exuberance than most movies you'll see in any one year." -New York Times (Perry Henzell, 1973, 103 min.)

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## EL NORTE

Friday, September 13 7,9:30  
Saturday, September 14 7,9:30

The story of a brother and sister, Guatemalan peasants, who are forced to leave their village and make their way to the "promised land," Los Angeles. Stunningly photographed, Nava also gives the story dignity and resonance through a brilliant cast of characters and his direction. (Gregory Nava, 1983, 139 min.)

## ZOOT SUIT

Friday, September 20 7,9  
Saturday, September 21 7,9

Based on a 1942 murder in LA which precipitated the "Zoot Suit" riots, a violent and racist reaction against Chicanos, this electric film combines the sights and sounds of Chicano life in the 1940s. (Luis Valdez, 1980, 103 min.) **PREMIERE.**

## John Sayles Festival Sept. 27 - October 12

The director who examines politics, values, and romance from the 1960s through the 1980s with humor, vibrancy and sensitivity.

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Friday, September 27 7,9:30  
Saturday, September 28 7,9:30

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Friday, October 4 7,9  
Saturday, October 5 7,9

A 1960s romance featuring Rosanna Arquette as a young woman who goes off to a good college and leaves behind her boyfriend. It's a question of class conflict and growing up in this Sayles social statement. (John Sayles, 1983, 105 min.) **PREMIERE.**

## LIANNA

Friday, October 11 7,9:30  
Saturday, October 12 7,9:30

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Friday, October 18 7,9  
Saturday, October 19 7,9

Saturday, October 19,  
Beauchamp Branch Library 2 p.m. Free

Actors Percy Mtwa and Mbongeni Ngenza show how the hit play *Woza Albert!* grew out of improvisations based on their own life in South Africa. This film explores what it means to be Black in South Africa. (David M. Thompson, 1982, 50 Min.)

... plus **PORTRAIT OF MANDELA**, a biographical sketch of the life of Nelson Mandela. (Frank Diamond, 1980, 17 min.) **PREMIERE.**

October 11 is  
National Anti-Apartheid Day.

## THE BIG CHILL

Friday, October 25 7,9,11  
Saturday, October 26 7,9,11

Reunited for the first time since their college days, seven friends explore the changes that have occurred in their lives since the 1960s. "The Big Chill" is masterly, entertaining, in many ways irresistible." -Newsweek (Lawrence Kasdan, 1983, 104 min.)

## SEEING RED

Tuesday, October 29 7:30 p.m.  
Landmark Theatre, 475-7980

Special Guest:

Julia Reichert, co-director  
\$4.00 admission; seniors, under 12 and  
students with current ID \$3.00

Friday, November 1 7,9 Watson  
Saturday, November 2 7,9 Watson

A documentary which offers portraits of Americans who were members of the Communist Party during the 1930s, the height of the party's activities in the areas of worker and civil rights. Pete Seeger, Dorothy Healey, Bill Bailey, and Howard "Stretch" Johnson are among the former and current Communists featuring in this moving presentation. "... Seeing Red, an extremely compelling documentary that contains remarkably candid interviews..." -Daily News (Julia Reichert and James Klein, 1983, 100 min.)

## REBEL WITHOUT A CAUSE

Friday, November 8 7,9:30  
Saturday, November 9 7,9:30

An alienated young man, James Dean, brings the frustrations and anger of teenagers to this moving 1950s classic. (Nicholas Ray, 1954, 111 min.)

## LOVE AND DEATH

Friday, November 15 7,9,11  
Saturday, November 16 7,9,11

★ Thursday, November 21 at the  
Everson Museum Auditorium - 7,9:15

Woody Allen is Boris Grushenko, a member of the Russian army during the Napoleonic Wars. With the assistance of Diane Keaton, he lives out his version of a great Russian novel. One of the funniest films ever made. (Woody Allen, 1975, 85 min.)

## BURN!

Friday, November 22 7,9:30  
Saturday, November 23 7,9:30

From the director of *Battle of Algiers*, that rarity - a film that is both highly entertaining and highly political. Marlon Brando superbly portrays a British mercenary hired to gain control of a sugar-rich Caribbean island which is part of Portugal's colonial empire. He succeeds by fomenting a popular revolution led by Evaristo Marquez. But the revolutionaries eventually reject the British and Brando is called back. With compelling music and in places inspirational cinematography (the beach scenes) it is a wonder it was never widely distributed. "I still cry each time I see it." -Dik Cool. (Gillo Pontecorco, 1970, 112 min.)

## RETURN OF THE PINK PANTHER

Friday, December 6 7,9:30  
Saturday, December 7 7,9:30

The third in the series of tales of the bungling Inspector Clouseau. Peter Sellers is off again in search of the Pink Panther diamond. "Peter Sellers is back in the funniest picture of the year." -Daily News (Blake Edwards, 115 min.)

## DESPERATELY SEEKING SUSAN

Friday, December 13 7,9,11  
Saturday, December 14 7,9,11

A classified ad sets a bored young wife, Rosanna Arquette, shadowing a liberated New York woman, Madonna, in a search for excitement. Arquette finds more than she dreamed of when she assumes Madonna's identity. This wild, trashy, and hip film pleases the eyes and ears from start to finish. (Susan Seidelman, 1985, 104 min.)

NVS Films is sponsored by the Program in Nonviolent Conflict and Change at Syracuse University. Thanks to the Syracuse Peace Council for its assistance. More info call 474-1132 or 423-3870.

★ Catch the comedy film festival "Comic Relief" at the Everson Museum in October and November.

Divided into 2 parts, the festival includes classics from 1917 through 1984, from Chaplin to Woody Allen.

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Check your local papers for a full schedule or call 474-1132.



## Book Review —

## Plowing My Own Furrow

Howard Moore

W.W.Norton &amp; Co. 1985

hardcover \$12.95

By Andy Mager

The life stories of activists who came before us play an important role in progressive movements. We are inspired by their courage and daring, grounded by feeling part of a struggle with roots in the past, and educated by the lessons they teach. Howard Moore's Plowing My Own Furrow is such a story.

Howard Moore, 96-years-old, lives in Cherry Valley, NY, on a farm which has been in his family for over 150 years. Howard's book focuses on his resistance to World War I and is the tale of a man who based his decisions on his own moral beliefs, regardless of the consequences.

The book begins and ends at the Moore family farm set in the scenic Mohawk Valley. Although Howard lived for many years in NYC, his roots and the source of his moral strength lie in the rich soil which he began tilling as a boy. The lessons of self-discipline, living in harmony with nature and working cooperatively with others built a foundation of respect for life which the US government could not weaken.

Howard's education came not through schools or religion but primarily through farmwork, reading and the curiosity stimulated by his Uncle Rance, a "free-thinker." At 14 Howard went to NYC to see more of the world. The book chronicles the variety of jobs Howard held, including examples of his ability to solve conflicts through intelligence and mediation. He ended up with the phone company, where he worked until they fired him during WWI as a result of his anti-war beliefs.

As it became clear that the US would enter the morass of WWI Howard decided not to cooperate. On December 28, 1917, he wrote his draft board, *I am not a member of*

*Andy got so excited reading this historical book that he decided to work on the book of SPC history. See page 6 to find out how you can help.*

*any religious sect or organization whose creed forbids me to participate in war, but the convictions of my own conscience as an expression of my own social principles forbid me from so doing. I hold that all war is morally wrong and its prosecution a crime. I hold life a sacred thing and cannot bring myself to join in the slaughter of my fellow men.*



*Howard Moore (second from left) and three friends (Bruno Grunzig, Ben Breger and Erling Lunde) at Fort Douglas during their imprisonment.*

In the spring of 1918 the government imprisoned him. Throughout his time in military prison Howard took an absolute position of not cooperating with the military.

*...once you conform in any way it will be used against you. It was hard to know just where to draw the line to avoid mere pettiness, but I had determined that I would never work in prison or willingly cooperate to keep myself there. I had to make sure there was no question as to where I stood in my absolute refusal to accept the status of soldier.*

As a result of non-cooperation Howard and other conscientious objectors (co's) were treated brutally. During 2 1/2 years in military prisons (out of a five year sentence) Howard was thrown from a second story window, forced while on a hunger strike, kept in solitary confinement for weeks at a

time and beaten to unconsciousness. Considering the fact that 17 of the over 500 imprisoned resisters died during their incarceration, Howard survived the experience rather well.

A real sense of community and solidarity developed among the jailed pacifists. Thirty of them were forced to spend nine hours a day chained to their cells in a standing position for 31 days. Their solidarity and tenacity eventually compelled the military authorities to end this barbaric treatment. In the process they were called "political prisoners" for the first time.

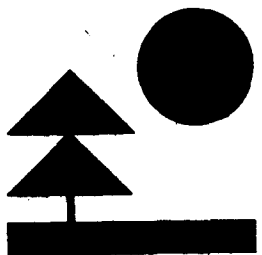
Near the end of his imprisonment living conditions improved significantly. The major factors causing the change were the government's realization that it could not break these men and public pressure when news of their treatment leaked out.

On November 17, 1920, almost two years after the war ended, Howard was one of the last two co's released. He returned to Cherry Valley but felt an uncomfortable isolation from friends and family.

Following the WWII declaration of war, Congress decided to register older men for military service. Howard, who had returned back to Cherry Valley after a number of years in NYC, was one of 16 men who publicly refused to cooperate. The government chose to do no more than threaten Howard, and may have registered him involuntarily.

Howard continues to actively support work for peace. His life teaches us that while changing our world will be a long difficult process we can take responsibility for our own lives and actions right now. Back in Cherry Valley, Howard writes

*Now, at 95, I have not changed my mind. I believe the present generation is witnessing the twilight of the nation-state. Unless the human species arrives at a spiritual and intellectual awareness of our interdependence and establishes a world community using the earth's resources for the benefit of all, we are headed for extinction.*




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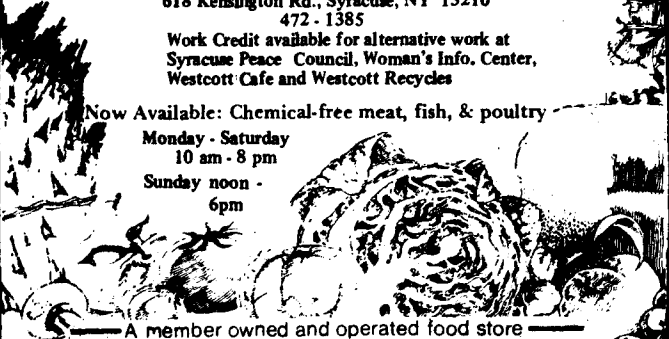
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**CNY EVENTS CLEARINGHOUSE!** Planning an event? Call Syracuse Cultural Workers and we'll put it on our Big Calendar and tell you if any conflicts exist. Plan ahead! SCW, Box 6367, Syracuse, NY 13217, (315) 474-1132.

**FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION:** Local chapter forming. If you are a member, or want to be, call Mark Briggs at 682-6083. Our first meeting is Sept. 7.

I'm making a film-video on the peace movement around the Seneca Depot. I need to find organic farmers who are interested in the peace movement. I'm trying to put on camera some of the building blocks to a nuclear-free future. If interested, please contact Brian Coyle, 431 West 121 St. #4C, NYC, NY 10027 (212) 663-4548.

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<p><b>22</b> Socialist Party Forum: "The Philippines," 3 pm Westcott Cafe, \$50 Westcott</p>	<p><b>23</b> People for Animal Rights mtg, 7pm 475-0062</p>	<p><b>24</b> Peace Newsletter production, 9am-9pm, 472-5478</p>	<p><b>25</b> Community Western Project Grand Reopening and Open Meeting, 8pm Dawn Methodist Church 920 Euclid, \$2, 472-0400</p>	<p><b>26</b> People Against the Death Penalty Vigil, Noon Columbus Circle Pat 423-2011</p>	<p><b>27</b> Fox Christi mtg 10:30 am 208 Stockton Ave 486-1693 Conversation Conference 10 am - 5 pm (see p. 5) Peter 475-4822</p>	<p><b>28</b> "Stop the Bombing in El Salvador" actions, see p. 11 Ron 475-1403</p>
<p><b>29</b> Nuclear Weapons Facilities Conversion Network mtg 12:30 - 3:30 pm (see p. 5) 475-4822</p>	<p><b>30</b> Annual Harriet Tubman Dinner, Speaker: Samuel Pierce, Jr., 7pm Sociol Syracuse, \$35 Robert 477-6616</p>	<p><b>1</b> Nuclear Freeze mtg, 7:30 pm, May Mem'l 3800 E. Genesee St., 7:30 pm, Nancy 479-5638</p>	<p><b>2</b> Women's Political Caucus 7:30 pm, Carol 457-7129</p>	<p><b>3</b> Pledge of Resistance mtg 7pm AFGC 821 Euclid Karen 475-4822</p>	<p><b>4</b> Fred Small concert 8 pm May Memorial Unitarian Society 3800 E. Genesee sliding scale fee Catholic Charities 424-1840</p>	<p><b>5</b> PNL postage</p>
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# LETTERS

To The Peace Newsletter

## Fighting PASNY Powerlines and Winning!

On March 11th 1977, I was wrongfully sentenced to jail in Malone, N.Y. At that time, I stated that the perpetrators of my arrest could, for the moment, take away my freedom, but in the end I would win.

We are here to tell the world that we DID win. On April 24th of this year, the Power Authority of New York State settled with us for the sum of \$17,500. After eight years of tenaciously holding onto our belief in the RIGHTNESS of our actions, we are vindicated.

We see this settlement as not only an admission of GUILT by PASNY, but also as proof that ordinary people can beat wealthy corporations if they can hold fast to their principles.

Our settlement has come at another crisis point in upstate New York with PASNY. The Power Authority has already publicly acknowledged its intent to build yet another 765 K line in the North Country. This, despite the recent report of unusually high numbers of molar pregnancies in Lewis & Jefferson counties by women living near the powerlines.

PASNY refutes the claim. PASNY denied using Tordon in 1977; and we have ample proof that they did misuse that dangerous herbicide when they were clearing at the time. PASNY denied responsibility in our arrests, injuries and imprisonments in 1977. But on July 5th 1979 the Supreme Court of N.Y. ruled that PASNY was responsible.

We continue to question the integrity of the Power Authority of the State of New York. We continue to question the safety of powerlines which generate huge fields of electromagnetic radiation. Where is the environmental impact study report which PASNY said it would give us? It's been seven years and the public still hasn't seen it.

The ultimate battle is not merely to end the arms race. It is to assume our share of responsibility in pro-

tecting and restoring the environment for the future generations of all living things. To that end, we proclaim a small victory tonight.

*Niowen Kowa, Kowarihontani et al  
(Angi Peacetree, Don Richmond,  
Alvin Jack, Margaret Weitzman &  
Cecilia L. Herne)*

## PNL - Rivera Disclaimer Based on Ignorance

I read with interest Kartar Khalsa's account of Brooklyn Rivera's visit to Syracuse (July 7, 1985), since I too attended his talk, but also because I have just returned from a week stay in Costa Rica where I spent time meeting with Brooklyn Rivera and other leaders of the Indian organization MISURASATA. I also spent two days at the Pueblo Nueva refugee camp near Limon, Costa Rica. I feel that the editor's note included at the bottom of Kartar's article: "The" issue of the Sandinista's treatment of Nicaragua's Indian population has been controversial. In this light, certain statements included in this article may deserve documentation." is a disclaimer based on ignorance rather than on knowledge to a critical issue. Before my departure to Costa Rica and the publishing of this article I was asked to help verify a Herald-Journal report (August 17, 1985) stating that Brooklyn Rivera had been deposed as general coordinator of MISURASATA. Through my contacts at the Indian Law Resource Center (legal council for MISURASATA) I was able to clarify that Brooklyn Rivera had not been deposed as general coordinator of MISURASATA. It is now clear that the PNL was not interested in the

story when it was proven that Brooklyn Rivera had not been deposed. Originally you had intended to run the Herald-Journal story with Kartar's article. Instead you have attempted to discredit the article by adding the editor's note --the first that I've been able to come across in looking through the last two years of old PNL's. It is therefore that I must lodge my formal protest to the editorial committee of the PNL. I have asked in person and now in writing for a list of points that you, the committee, feel may deserve further documentation. I ask that the editorial committee rethink their position. I also ask that the editorial committee review their own statement of purpose to see if they have not in fact violated the basic tenets for which the PNL is dedicated to serve:

*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.*

I cannot understand why people are so unwilling to believe, let alone to listen to, accounts of injustices just because they are committed by the Sandinistas. We are willing to accept as fact the reports that come out of Guatemala concerning the atrocities committed against the Mayan Indians. We are concerned about the current struggle of the Mapuche Indians in Chile. And we are willing to give support to the numerous indigenous groups in Brazil that are working and organizing to fight against the violations of their basic human rights. Why won't we listen to the violations of rights committed against the Miskito, Sumu, Rama and Creole people of Nicaragua's Atlantic Coast? Please don't hide behind the protective cover of political rhetoric but instead think with open hearts and minds.

*Bill Waters and the Syracuse Support Group for Indigenous People and Traditional Pathways: Jack Woulfe, Jan Peterson, Sandee Resnick, Blaine Delancey*

*PNL Readers: This is your page! We welcome and we need your responses to the Peace Newsletter in our continuing effort to create dialog and to develop the PNL.*

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## In This Issue

Aside from our regular features, this PNL is entirely dedicated to coverage of South Africa issues.

Forcefully and sensibly; Rev. Motlalepula Chabaku, South African minister, teacher, and leader; speaks of divestment. An anonymous soldier sketches the provocative brutality of an Army/police patrol in a black township.

Bishop Desmond Tutu expresses frustration, yet hope and conviction. Rev. Joshua Lebelo, a South African now Syracusan, denounces South African oppression from a black Christian's viewpoint.

Exiled South African SU student Zandile Mkwanazi highlights several South African issues, and Prof. Rod MacDonald reviews some of the most revealing and arousing literature on Apartheid-land.

Protest sings out in the poetry on p. 18. Read the Upcoming Anti-Apartheid Actions in CNY last -- and decide where your place is in the struggle to end Apartheid.

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## News from The SPC House

Transitions are still the order of the day here. We welcome Liam Mahony and Corinne Kinane, who are temporarily filling the staff position while the search continues for qualified ongoing fulltime workers (know any hot prospects?). They are both hard at work on the Annual Dinner, among (many) other things. Radell will be leaving staff at Christmastime, so we will be hiring two full-time staff over the next few months. We will all be sorry to see her go.

Carol and Jean had a successful Front Room weekend at Women Harvest. Katie, Laurie and Jeff downstairs at the Press have, for a refreshing change, more business than they know what to do with. And a couple of weeks ago, Cletus Pinti and Bruce Kepplinger finished repainting the kitchen (Thank you!!).

And more good: in our last PNL we asked for a car, since our old one had taken a permanent rest. Well, we got two! A '75 Dodge van and a small Subaru. For the sake of gas mileage we will probably keep the Subaru and sell the van. Many thanks to Jim Berger, and Florence and Sylvan Beer.

-Liam Mahony

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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

## Nov. 9 Annual Dinner

### Speaker on South Africa

On Saturday, November 9th, the Peace Council will be featuring the Rev. Motlalepula Chabaku at our 49th Annual Dinner. The Rev. Chabaku is a South African exile, living and speaking in the U.S. Her writing appears on page 8. The dinner will be held at St. Anthony's church at the corner of Midland Ave. and Colvin St., starting at 6 pm. Rev. Chabaku's presentation will start at 8 pm. Cost: Dinner and speaker - \$5-\$10, sliding. Speaker only, \$2-\$7. Childcare and assistance to the disabled will be provided.

## SPC Halloween Party!

Costume party! Music! Raffle! Come to the SPC benefit Hallowe'en Party, Friday, November 1st, at the Euclid Community Open House (Euclid and Westcott Sts.) The partying starts at eight o'clock. Be there or be square!!!



## Do You Miss SPC Potlucks?

SPC's weekly potlucks have often been an important means of education for many of us, but due to lack of committed volunteers interested in coordinating them, we haven't had any for a while. Do you know anyone who would be interested in helping out? Do you think should start up again?

## Staff Opening

Yes, SPC still looking for a few good organizers. People with stamina, good humor and commitment. Staff salaries have been raised to a whopping \$110/wk, and the job still has all the moral and emotional satisfaction one could ask for. Radell will be leaving staff in December. At present, Liam Mahony and Corinne Kinane are sharing the duties of the second staff job, on a temporary basis, until new staff are hired. If you're interested, please call right away: 472-5478.

## PNL '86: Discussing Alternatives

Switching from three full-time staff to only two will naturally affect the Peace Council's biggest project: the Peace Newsletter. The size and structure of the newsletter may have to change. We will be holding an open meeting of the PNL Committee to discuss ideas for dealing with the coming changes on Oct. 30, 7:30pm at 1828 E. Genesee St.

## Plowshare

The Plowshare Craftsair, set for December 14-15, will be upon us before we know it. Craftsperson applications are available now, (deadline Oct. 18). If you can help with publicity, or other stuff, call 472-5478.

## An evening of Guatemalan Music

On Oct. 25, SPC, Madre, Pledge of Resistance, Sanctuary and other groups will be bringing Marimba K'anil to Syracuse. This will be a celebration of Guatemalan Indian culture, a culture which, despite all the guns our taxes send, cannot be destroyed. See page 7 for more information.

## Central America Resources -

The Peace Council's Central America Resource Collection is growing steadily. It includes free literature, books, magazines and pamphlets, and bibliographies of other available resources, both in Syracuse and out. Please stop by the office and take a look. We must educate, to organize!

## "Peace Workers; The Story of the Syracuse Peace Council"

Yes, a real, honest to goodness book is to be published about SPC during its 50th year, by the Syracuse Cultural Workers Project (contact Andy Mager for more info. 474-1132). Other highlights of our 50th year will include a big kickoff party in January, a "This is Your Life" historical evening, special PNLs, and benefit concerts. Want to help us plan these exciting events? Call Liam or Corinne at 472-5478.

## Geneva Watch

"DON'T JUST TALK, ACT NOW TO STOP THE ARMS RACE" is the theme of a national campaign calling attention to the Geneva Arms Talks. The campaign will culminate in a national day of vigils on the eve of the Reagan/Gorbachev summit, Nov. 19. For petitions and to help organize the Syracuse vigil, call Liam at SPC or Nancy Tunnessen @ 445-1332.

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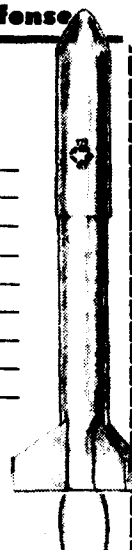
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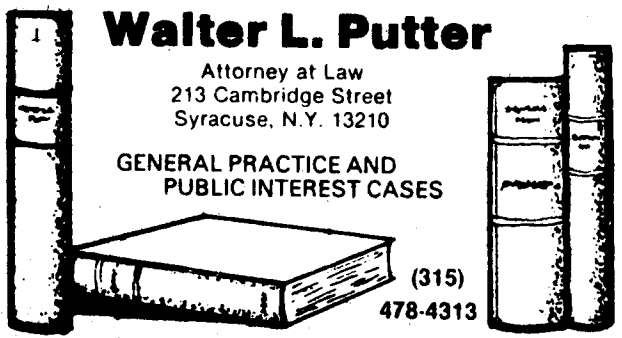
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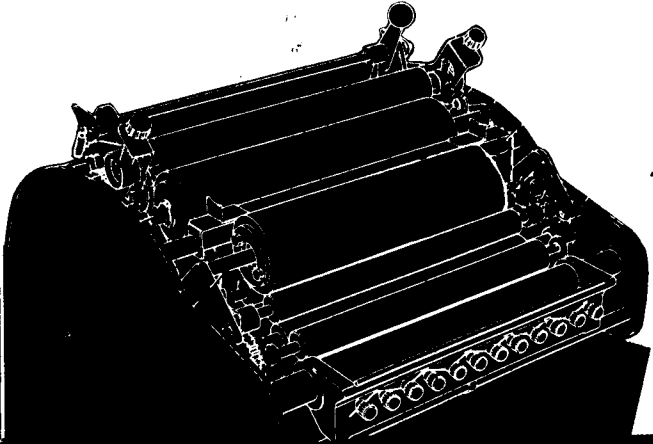
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# Going Up the Mountain

by Rev. Motlalepula Chabaku

I was born and brought up on the outskirts of Johannesburg. (In Johannesburg, the indigenous people to whom I belong, the Africans, are forbidden by law to live in the city. We are forcibly housed outside the city.) I am one of seven children from a very poor family. My parents were able to educate us only up to the sixth grade. As I was the second eldest daughter there were more difficulties for me; there was preference for educating a boy over a girl. I now also realize the pressures my mother faced. There was pressure on her to give birth to a boy to retain the lineage, as daughters cannot carry on the family name. Even before that, there was hostility toward her marriage because it was a marriage of choice instead of one arranged by their parents. And, top, they did not have a dowry as expected, and they were poor- so when my mother gave birth to another girl, that was an added problem.

My parents always used to tell us how we were loved, how special we were, how we were meant to be greater than what we were. My father used to take a tennis ball and say, "You are like a tennis ball. People can squeeze you, but always bounce back as who you are. They will even try to bounce you down, but the harder they hit, the higher up you should go."

I think how different it already is for my daughter. She is eighteen years old now. She was an abandoned baby I picked up in the Johannesburg ghetto. She suffered from acute malnutrition. I gave her the name Mamolemo, which means mother of kindness. The first day she went to school, when she went to the bathroom, she went to the nearest one- and of course it was the boys' bathroom. The boys tried to stop her at the door, and she just pushed them aside and went in. The boys dashed to tell their teacher. So when she came back she was asked, "Why did you do that?" She answered, "I did nothing wrong. At home we have one bathroom for all people; how come these boys have a bathroom for themselves alone?" That was the first time she encountered sexism- in a bathroom. She broke the rules the very first day she went to school. She is tough and very loving, with a definite mind of her own. I've brought her up with a lot of independence, and sometimes, when she exercises her uniqueness, even I can't take it!



When I was growing up, I got a lot of encouragement from women. Women are so resourceful, all over the world. They are the ones who keep the family together, who augment salaries, who absorb and tolerate pain and suffering and humiliation. I'm not saying absorbing pain is the answer, the ideal. But it is an inspiration. Women have always resisted injustice. Even in our ancestral heritage, women played very prominent roles. To this day, outside Praetoria in an area called Hammamskraal, there is an African woman, Esther Kekana, who is a chieftain in her own right over men and women.

It is a Western idea that women have always been subservient in an African context. Yes, we have had sexism within our own African heritage- where women become mere vessels of men, where women don't have equal opportunities to positions of leadership- but it was not as rigid as the present white government enforces it. For example, in the northern Transvaal there is a hereditary chief, a woman who has ruled the entire area and is known as Modjadji; she is a rainmaker. This is often a matriarchal, hereditary position for women in an indigenous African society. In initiation ceremonies for girls, there were also women specially appointed by the community to give sex education- which unfortunately included the mutilation of the genitalia of the girls. (This awful practice is dying out but it still seems to be very much practiced by the Bavenda tribe in the northern Transvaal and in quite a few other areas.)

I am still a South African, although I am now without citizenship by decree of the white South African government. I still love Southern Africa. We are going through a very painful but exciting moment. We are people at the bottom of the mountain struggling to go up, and saying to those in power who are on top, "Come down, meet us halfway so that we can live and share and be together." And the longer they delay coming down... well, we are coming up, and the harder they will fall when they finally tumble down.

Our lives have been violent. Many of our people have tried peaceful ways to survive, only to be pushed into a corner where they have to take on counter-survival, counterviolence. But one way or the other, the

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people are going to win. And when I say "the people," I mean not only the indigenous African and the Asian, but also those whites who are for justice.

**The impact of apartheid creates pressure to relegate "women's issues" to a remote priority. But feminist issues must be dealt with concurrently because after the "political" struggles are over, the women tend to be forgotten.**

The system is trying to split the people, following divide-and-rule techniques. The oppressor wants to create a class system as the most effective way of delaying a change—creating a black middle class that will be a buffer zone between the oppressor and the oppressed. They are the ones who will make us "hurry up slowly." Most of the time the system divides not only on the basis of race and color but also via a class system within whiteness. And—of course—sexism.

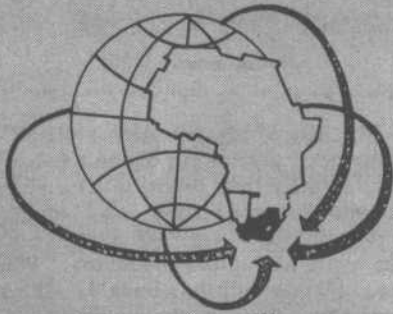
The impact of apartheid on all our lives creates pressure to relegate "women's issues" to a remote priority. But

I strongly believe that feminist issues must be dealt with concurrently as a major area of injustice, because after the political struggles are over, the women tend to be forgotten.

The struggle is not only an individual struggle: it's a national, mass, liberating movement. Many have been in detention and many have fled the country. The support comes from inside and outside. The movement is outlawed by whiteman's law, but we carry our membership cards in the heart. Now the violence is accelerating; is avoidable. I strive for peaceful ways of making change, but I understand and support those who are in an armed struggle. And we women have a central part to play both for ourselves and for humanity, because we tend to be more sensitive to human needs, more open to compassion. We are also the source of reconciliation, far more than men. I'm not putting down men, but this is a fact of life. We women are the pioneers of peace.

And finally, we are more than three fifths of the world's population, in all sectors of life. I believe that only women can reduce the coming blood bath. Therefore the solidarity of all women everywhere is essential for the survival of all people. That's what women give me: guts, and the will to keep on. That's what I live for.

### Buying Racism is Bad Business



Excerpted from an interview with Ms. Chabaku in *The Missing Link*, a Duke University publication.

You have asked me how I feel about the issue of divestment. American cities and other groups have rid themselves of stock or other interest in companies which make money in South Africa. It is an attempt to place pressure on the South African government to change its oppressive cruelties against those who are not white in the country. There is a counter-argument that holds that pulling money out of South Africa means taking jobs out of South Africa, and that even though the jobs are mundane, back-breaking, and financially unrewarding, unemployment is high and so any job is precious. Well, first, let me say this: anybody who speaks against investment in South Africa may be charged with economic sabotage according to the new laws in South Africa, and that is punishable by death. It's a very risky thing to talk about even outside of South Africa, because the government has people in this country reporting what is said about it by people like me. (Several years ago I went

home to visit my mother. In the nick of time, I was alerted by friends that the police were coming to get me. In America, I'd said things about the government which the government did not like. I left the country quickly, but several days later, without explanation, a bus crashed into my mother's house, exposing most of the inside to the elements. This was in the dead of winter, and she died as a result of that exposure.)

I do not want to die. I really want to live. But on the other hand, I will not be silenced by injustice, or the threat of it. And so I will share from my spiritual and religious conviction that, one, the people in South Africa never asked for investors to come to South Africa to exploit them in the first place. Two, the investments in South Africa do not help the blacks because the investors are white and because the economic system is racist. The people who benefit the most from the system are the whites who are given the opportunities to have skill and education. Wages are based on race, which assures a black a low wage even if he is somehow able to locate the skills necessary to give him a good job. And so if a company withdraws from South Africa, the person who loses most is not the person who is already living on a subsistence level. It is the white people who will suffer most.

It's funny how whites in South Africa react to the possibility of divestment by saying that it is the blacks who will suffer, when it is the blacks who have always suffered. This divestment is actually one thing that can terrorize the oppressor, rather, press on him to make changes. Without taking a stand one way or another, I will say that these campaigns to withdraw investments are morally right, and they are the least violent -- they won't destroy any life; they don't kill. And so they can make changes. Once you hit someone's pocketbook, that's when you will see changes. And we would love to see peaceful changes, because changes are going to occur one way or another, and I, for one, cannot condemn the victims of violence for reacting with violence.

# On Patrol with the

## Anonymous

"I am a national serviceman who has been involved with the SADF in the unrest for the past four months. I am taking a chance in writing this, a report of some of my experiences, but unfortunately it is all true; a reality that has been concealed by the stranglehold on the press and our own self-serving blindness. It bears little resemblance to the flat reports of incidents supplied by the police.

When we first deployed for the unrest, it was something of a joy-ride, despite the atmosphere of anticipation amongst the troops (hooray, we're off to kill the 'kaffirs'). We were used to "protect" a white suburb for the duration of a large (black) funeral procession. Everything changed the next time we were called out and began doing patrols with the police in the black townships. I will never forget my first patrol in a Casspir. The Casspir is the police vehicle of choice in the townships: huge, brutish machines loaded with weapons, invincible and inhuman in scale.

We enter one of the sprawling Port Elizabeth townships and begin our run, as in a bad dream, through the maze of streets, buildings, shacks and people. The policemen express contempt at the rubbish and dirt around, but they keep their litter to dump in the township, throwing refuse out of the vehicle at pedestrians. The streets are full of activity: there is a funeral of one of the persons shot by the police, and vehicles overloaded with blacks roar back and forth. The policemen respond to the chants and clenched fists with shouts of abuse and of "white power." We move on. The cops keep a watch for members of the media, especially with cameras.

We come upon a bakkie (van) loaded with children and youths who show us the clenched fist salute. The cops go into action: the bakkie is overtaken and forced



photo by Peter Magubane in 'Women under Apartheid'

Nurses, Soweto 1976

to stop. The pile of black bodies spill off in all directions as the cops tumble out of the back of the Casspir in pursuit. Shortly they return in triumph with a boy of about ten who they are hitting and slapping as they drag him into the vehicle where they continue to slap and punch him while he recites the litany: "Weet niks, baas, weet niks, ("know nothing, boss"). The pneumatic steel doors shut, the vehicle moves off. They force him to slap himself, eventually with both hands, while telling us, "He won't show a black power sign again in a hurry." And this, for me, is the central image of this time - the small black boy with wild frightened eyes (but no tears) slapping himself, and the sudden stream of bright blood appearing from his nose and dropping from his chin on the carpeted floor of the Casspir. Drip, drip. Slap, slap.



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A few blocks later we pause and he is dumped. For the first time I look at the other army guys and only one shows any discomfort. On the faces of the others I see only a leer. (Well-meaning people have imagined the young police and army members sitting in their vehicles as fearful, confused; somehow as deserving of pity and understanding as the angry mobs outside. This is not so. Even I have never been afraid, sitting in this huge, powerful vehicle behind thick glass and steel. The majority of my peers are not afraid or confused. They are in turn bored and excited, they want action, they are callous, they are enormously arrogant.)

So we trundle on. The cops are talking about white politicians interfering on behalf of blacks and Helen Suzman, Polly Blackburn (both members of the Progressive Federal Party, the Official Opposition, ) are mentioned. There is a loud dong as a large stone hits this armour and bounces in through the roof opening. The sergeant reacts immediately, sending a 37mm gas canister in the direction of the stone. It lands on a house and the residents pour out coughing, their eyes streaming. We go and watch briefly, the cops laughing loudly, We move on.

***Blacks are seen as base, subhuman plasma, a parody of man, whose pain is merely sport.***

The funeral is over. Knots of people form on street corners singing and shouting their defiance. The sergeant radios his commander asking permission to disperse a small crowd. The lieutenant wants to keep things cool. "Bang gat (Coward)," responds a cop. "Gooi julle bliksems, komaan, gooi! (Throw you bastards, throw!)" A sudden hail of stones is just what they've been waiting for. "Let's go," and we launch into a hurtling, lurching pursuit, past streams of

panicking people, pumping gas and rubber bullets. It's over in a couple of minutes: the cops have reached for their shotguns for the second round but the crowd has dispersed. The whole thing has the atmosphere of sport: "kaffir" baiting, beating and hunting.

We eventually return to the police station. While we wait, the police brought in a man (allegedly a stone-thrower) and derive much sport from beating and poking him with their sjamboks and truncheons, both on the ground in front of the station and in the back of the van. After half an hour he is released. (The sjambok is perhaps the truest symbol of the police in South Africa: for herding humans, baiting and punishing them). I have seen police wielding them on trapped or cowering offenders with all their might, when a wrist flick is enough to produce a yelp of pain from any of my fellow soldiers.

This is a detailed account of one day--the days stretched out. Almost throughout these four months, the army has been mixed in with the police, with a couple of policemen in each Buffel and usually a few more SADF members in the police vehicles. So, for the black population, there has never been an opportunity to differentiate between the two forces, and the SADF has inherited the lack of credibility and bad reputation of the police. Blacks ("Kaffirs") are seen as base, subhuman plasma, a parody of man, whose pain is merely sport.

Action, especially for young servicemen, is often a thrill, an ego trip. There is a tremendous sense of power in beating someone up: even if you are the most put-upon, dumb son-of-a-bitch, you are still better than a "kaffir" and can beat him up to prove it.

Another night, another fire, we are hanging around while the firetanker does its work when individual stones start dropping about us with deceiving harmlessness. Suddenly one smashes the windscreen of an SAP bakkie and two cops with shotguns bound off like dogs let off the leash. They stalk the lone stone-thrower and corner him; he continues his desperate barrage. They shoot him dead. He is about sixteen. He is a kill... ☹

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# Upcoming Anti-Apartheid Actions in Central New York

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10/7, Monday, 7pm -- CNY Committee Against Racism & Apartheid meeting at 100 New Street. For details call Corinne Kinane at SPC, 472-5478.

10/11, Friday, 4pm -- NATIONAL ANTI-APARTHEID DAY RALLY at Clinton Square in downtown Syracuse sponsored by many local progressive organizations and featuring a remarkable spectrum of local and national speakers. For more information call Nick Pinto, 487-0004. Free.

10/18, Friday & 10/19, Saturday, 7&9pm -- 50 minute NVS film, "Woza Albert!" which explores what it means to be black in South Africa. Plus "Portrait of Mandela," a 17 minute biographical sketch of Nelson Mandela. Mandela, who has been in prison for over 20 years, is the leader of the African Nationalist Congress (ANC), one of black South Africa's major political parties. The films cost \$2 and are being shown at S.U.'s Watson Auditorium at the corner of Comstock & Waverly Ave. They will be shown free at Beauchamp Branch Library, Saturday, 10/19, 2pm. Beauchamp is at 2111 S. Salina, corner of Colvin.

10/20, Sunday, 3pm -- Socialist Forum: "South Africa, Apartheid & World Capitalism," at the Westcott Cafe, 550 Westcott Street. Free.

10/31, Thursday, 3pm -- A talk by ESF student

Jennie Clapp on "South Africa: Struggle for Liberation," in the lounge of S.U.'s Foreign & Comparative Studies, 119 College Place.

11/2, Saturday, 10-4pm -- South African Teach-In at S.U.'s Maxwell Auditorium. For more information call Blaine Delancey at 423-2205.

11/9, Saturday, 6pm -- SPC Annual Dinner, and at 8pm, Rev. Motlalepula Chabaku speaking on "Apartheid: the Threat to the U.S." at St. Anthony's, corner of Midland and Colvin Streets. There's a \$5-10 sliding scale (\$2-7 for speaker only.) Not to be missed! Rev. Chabaku is an exceptional speaker.

These events should do much to educate us about the realities of Apartheid and mobilize us to aid the South African people in their struggle. We hope you will not only go to these events, but also help arrange programs on South Africa in groups you belong to.

The CNY Committee Against Racism & Apartheid can provide speakers (contact Corinne at 472-5478) and the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) has free slide shows on South Africa to loan (contact Thabo Raphoto, 475-4822).

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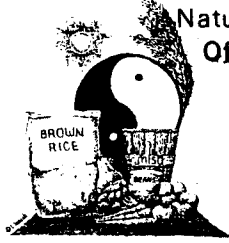


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# "One Minute to Midnight"

*This interview with the Nobel Prize winning Archbishop of Johannesburg took place last December in Washington DC. It's excerpted from the February '85 SOJOURNERS Magazine. Each issue of SOJOURNERS offers discernment of political events, evidences of faith and celebrations of community.'*

## Interview with Desmond Tutu

**Press:** WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE DEMONSTRATIONS HERE IN THE UNITED STATES?

**Desmond Tutu:** They are just superb. There's a tremendous sense of solidarity. I am quite certain that these demonstrations -- in addition to the extraordinary conversion of the Republicans -- must have made the President decide to invite me to the White House.

**DO YOU THINK AMERICANS COULD BE DOING MORE THAN THAT?**

Of course.

**HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE MOVEMENT ESCALATE?**

I think we have got to get "constructive engagement" changed. That is the main thing. Someone said it would be good if there were a switch in American policy so that the policy of the U.S. in Nicaragua was applied to South Africa. And that applied in South Africa might be applied in Nicaragua.

**YOU'VE SAID THAT IF THIS COUNTRY HAD TAKEN THE STEPS THAT OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE TAKEN, APARTHEID WOULD END TOMORROW. COULD YOU ELABORATE ON THAT?**

If President Reagan were to say to President Botha, "You have had it unless, one, there is an end to violence and the use of the army; two, you lift off banning, banishment, and detention orders; three, you stop all forced population removals; and four, you stop the denationalizing of blacks. You can be sure that the cover we have been giving you against the hostility of the world is gone unless that happens within a specified timetable." The Scandinavian countries have taken far sharper actions against South Africa, but obviously it is the U.S. that rules the roost. If the U.S. coughs everybody catches a cold.

**WHO DO YOU HOLD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA?**

The guys who are ruling. They had a head start on us in education, in all kinds of ways, and the West has protected the whites in South Africa.

Can you imagine what would have happened if it had been nearly 200 whites who were killed during the unrest? [Since this interview several hundred more blacks have been killed.] It looks like, when it comes to the crunch, black life doesn't count too much. I don't want to believe that, but the way things operate in this



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world, you find that a black skin is not always a very good thing to have. At least that is how they try to make it out. I am glad, of course, that I am black.

**WITH YOUR INCREASING NOTORIETY, ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT YOUR SAFETY WHEN YOU RETURN HOME?**

[Laugh.] I work on the presumption, and it is a very big presumption, that if you are doing God's work it's his business to look after you. You don't spend time worrying. It doesn't help in any case.

And if you should be liquidated or, as an interesting manual said, you are neutralized, what is actually the point? Nobody is indispensable in an ultimate kind of way. If you are on center stage and God decides you've got to exit -- why, you exit as gracefully as you can.

**IF CONSTRUCTIVE ENGAGEMENT DOES NOT CHANGE SIGNIFICANTLY, WHAT MIGHT BE THE OUTCOME OF ANOTHER FOUR YEARS OF THAT POLICY?**

I have always told people that our situation is so volatile that if we had an explosion now I wouldn't be surprised. I don't know that people can survive four years on the kind of medicine we have been receiving. I said once that it was five minutes to midnight. I think I could say now that it is one minute to midnight.

**HOW DOES SOUTH AFRICA COMPARE TO OTHER NATIONS**

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### THAT VIOLATE HUMAN RIGHTS?

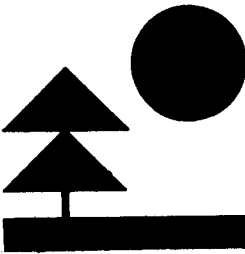
One, South Africa is the only country where racism is entrenched in the constitution. Two, it is the one country that claims to be the last bastion of white Western Christian civilization and, therefore, has got to be judged by those standards. I have said myself that I am glad I am not white, am not Christian, am not Western, am not civilized, if the standards are the kind of thing obtained in South Africa.

South Africa is a microcosm of the world. You've got there a First World situation -- affluent, developed technologically -- and a Third World situation side-by-side. And then there is race -- a white race on the one side and blacks on the other.

If we could solve our problem in South Africa -- well let me say when we solve our problem in South Africa -- we will be providing a model for the world.

What we are looking for is not driving white people into the sea. What we are looking for is a new society where we are saying, "Hey, you are not going to be free white people, until we are free. We are bound with one another. You are spending too much of your energies protecting your separate freedoms and have little time left over to enjoy.

"Hey, let's try hand-in-hand together, black and white, into this wonderful land so that we together--black and white-- can walk tall and know that we count not because of the color of our skin, but we count because we are each creatures of infinite value made in the image of God." ♪



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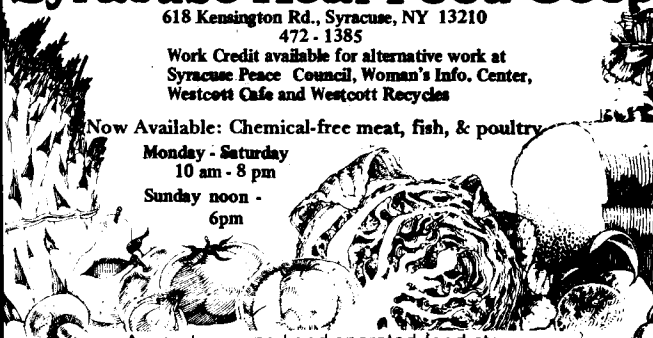
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## South Africa: Time Running Out

by Rev. Joshua Lebelo

In South Africa state violence is the order of the day. Innocent blood is shed. It is as though the words Alan Paton penned 30 years ago have come true: "I have a great fear, that when they begin to love, we shall begin to hate."

African ancestors won't sleep. No, their graves gape with the blood of their children. That is what it is all about. Violence. Systematic violence, that mercilessly murders peaceful demonstrators for freedom. Oh, it is a sad story. It is the story of those murdered on funeral marches, the story of those whose arrested, the story of children whipped for singing "We Are the World," the story of tears, fears, sweat and blood. And all these things are done in the name of democracy.

We know the racial overtones of President Reagan's words. We know that the economic sanctions could never hurt the black South Africans worse than the racist murders of Pretoria. We know that companies that supposedly bring "economic opportunity" for blacks will continue to support the suppressive government. As Allan Boesak said, white people should bid farewell to their innocence about racism. They should stop pretending "it does not really look as bad as they make it."

Racism is sin. It is a monster that has dug millions of graves all over the world throughout the centuries. A monster that can be named by names such as America, Britain and Pretoria. Please let us destroy this monster. How long shall we eat and drink with the devil? This monster has sucked blood from all racial groups, all of us are victims.

We are given leadership that shouts, "Peace! Peace!" when there is no peace. We are told by some of these cosmetic healers that our fear of communism should supersede our hate of the murders of apar-

theid. Little thought is given to the fact that Africans are incorrigibly religious, and that in South Africa itself the Church has always been the healer, even in her sinful witness. All of a sudden, we are to be protected from the red curtain. Apparently we are not mature enough to make choices for ourselves. We need the super race to keep us safe. This is a racism with its most paternalistic sting. We are told that an advisory committee of respectable Americans will monitor the situation. We hope we shall not be given the Falwells, whose perception of the South African situation is blinded by their communism phobia. Where in the world is the faith we made so much noise about? Where is the faith in the Christ in whom there is neither male or female, neither Jew nor Greek, neither black nor white? The One in whom there is no East, West, North or South? Where is the ONE fellowship of love that cuts across artificial barriers we create? Wretched man that I am, who will deliver me from this body of sin?

Time is running out. Tension has mounted almost irretrievably in South Africa. Hundreds continue to die, to be arrested, to be voicelessly displaced. Millions continue in fear of the worst civil war ever known. And all our superpower leaders can feed us are platitudes that smack of selfishness and racism. The unarmed peace-loving people of South Africa continue to shed their blood for the land they love. What more do our world leaders expect them to offer for the freedom of their land?

President Reagan and Jerry Falwell are confused, but we know exactly what South Africans want. Haven't they just demonstrated 70% support for full economic sanctions in the recent random sample? South African blacks have, for the most part, always said and continue to say that they are ready to make a once and for all sacrifice for their freedom. If you wonder why others say no, the answer is you are never going to find everybody agreeing, not even with clearest truth. Remember that South Africa invests millions



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in quack leaders and pseudo-countries called homelands. Some of these stooges are concerned with their economic security more than about anything or anyone else.

Lately, however, there have been changes. Remember the clock given to Botha by Lucas Mangope of Bophuthatswana with the words, "Time is Running Out." People are beginning to realize that it does not matter how fast a lie can run, for truth will finally catch up with it.

Martin Luther King Jr. rightly asked, "Where do we go from here, Chaos or Community?" Any form of support for South Africa, any leniency in the name of care for the black majority, any overt or covert sale of American goods or loan grants to South Africa should be weighted against the chaos and bloodshed that is inevitable so long as the South African government's stubbornness continues. This is first and foremost the choice our leaders should make. Choice for peaceful negotiation...or for bloodshed. We are told that sanctions mean suffering for Blacks, but what about how sanctions will hurt the government itself.

I know the Blacks don't buy much of that stuff; neither do whites who are more faithful to South Africa than to the racist regime that spells doom for all South Africans. Time is running out. Please, let us defuse the powder keg. Let us create a new, egalitarian South Africa. A South Africa in which all people will have the God-given rights and freedoms irrespective of color, race or creed. We have sung the words, "We Are the World." Now let us live them. Peace. ☪

*Joshua was born in Johannesburg, South Africa and lived there until nine years ago. He is an ordained United Methodist minister charged with starting a new church in Syracuse which will worship in the black tradition, but will open its doors to everyone.*

# "Extracting the Bullet"

*Zandile, a South African in exile, is active in anti-Apartheid work locally and at Syracuse University. This interview was conducted by PNL's Ed Kinane.*

IS THERE ANYTHING TO THE ARGUMENT THAT PULLING U.S. INVESTMENT OUT OF SOUTH AFRICA WILL HURT BLACKS THERE?

Divesting will definitely have a tough short term impact on blacks. But in the long run it will help bring a non-racist democratic South Africa. Let me use an analogy: when someone's been shot, saving their life may call for the additional pain of extracting the bullet. Similarly, most of South Africa's oppressed want the extraction of foreign investment.

HOW CAN DIVESTMENT LEAD TO DEMOCRACY?

Divestment will deny Pretoria [the capital of South Africa] some of the income that for years has provided the tax base needed to finance the military. It's the military that keeps blacks from challenging the system and keeps them a reservoir of cheap labor.

When martial law was imposed on the Polish people, Lech Walesa called for economic sanctions by the West against Poland. The West never raised the question of sanctions causing the Polish people to suffer. Those sanctions forced Jaruzelski to remove martial law.

Americans aren't as supportive of South African blacks as they were of Solidarity. Reagan listened to Lech, but he doesn't listen to Bishop Tutu who in so many words and in many ways has called for divestment. (In South Africa you can go to prison for calling for divestment.) Instead Reagan listens to South Africa's President Botha.

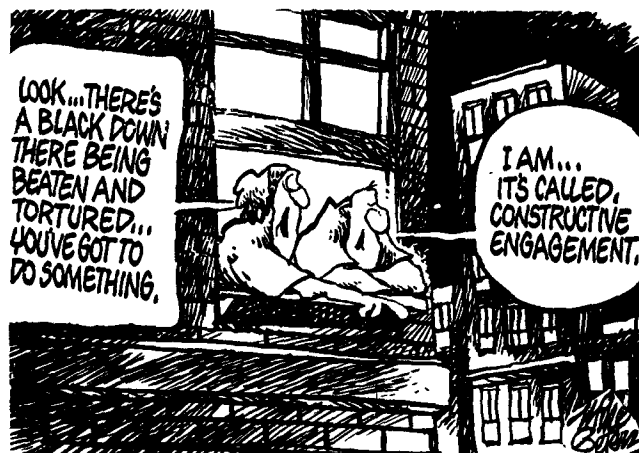
WON'T DIVESTMENT JUST MAKE PRETORIA REACT MORE DESPERATELY AND VICIOUSLY?

Apartheid has always been vicious. It denies people citizenship; it denies democracy; it leads to higher infant mortality, higher unemployment and landlessness. For blacks under apartheid every ill in society is quadrupled.

Let's not forget Apartheid is also alive and well in Namibia, which South Africa occupies illegally in violation of the U.N. and the International Court of Justice. South Africa's attack on neighboring states like Botswana, Mozambique, Seychelles and Angola, and its financing of Contra-like mercenaries to destabilize those countries is another viciousness we hear little about. This is the real 'evil empire' and it's had Reagan's blessing.

REAGAN SAYS HIS POLICY OF CONSTRUCTIVE ENGAGEMENT HAS HELPED REFORM APARTHEID. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

The purpose of constructive engagement was to bring reform without resorting to economic sanctions. But very little has come of it except to signal business-as-usual to Pretoria. The fact that Reagan was forced to adopt a watered down version of Congressional sanctions



shows he knows his policy has failed, but he won't admit it. Remember, we were told over and over that Reagan would veto sanctions.

Reagan has never had a policy of constructive engagement toward Nicaragua. Nicaragua is where constructive engagement could be useful. The Nicaraguan government legitimately represents the majority of the people--unlike the South African government, which only represents a minority.

Reagan says he's a champion of democracy, but never once has the word 'democracy' crossed his lips in connection with South Africa. To Reagan, Botha or Falwell, one person/one vote--i.e. democracy--spells defeat in South Africa.

WHAT ARE THE CHANCES OF DEMOCRACY COMING TO SOUTH AFRICA WITHOUT VIOLENCE?

South Africa is a quarter of the way into a revolution where two forces are pitted against each other. A revolutionary situation is a situation of violence. There is violence because there is no democracy.

Many don't realize that under Apartheid violence is systematic. Legislation and its enforcement by the military is violent. The minority is armed and violent and always has been. People are being butchered every day.

The black majority is unarmed and has been demonstrating peacefully this past year and for decades before that. Black nonviolence pushes the government and exposes it: it forces the government to use violence to maintain itself. Some nonviolence seems to be paying off, but the situation is dicey because as yet there's no resolution.

Yet violence also seems to be paying off especially when directed against informers. With fewer informers the government will be less able to suppress and blacks will be better able to organize. No one should forget that in Nazi-occupied Europe, the Resistance had to murder Nazi informers.

Now there are defections from the South African

## the PNL Interviews Zandile Mkwanzazi

Army. There would be more defections if soldiers were shot at. You might resist joining the army if you knew that your life would be on the line. That's especially so for an immoral cause condemned internationally.

WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RECENT TALKS IN LUSAKA BETWEEN THE SOUTH AFRICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC)?

South African business realizes Apartheid's days are numbered. They can no longer profit from it as they used to do. They are trying to find a way to do business without their day to day operation being interfered with.

This is paving the way for a government made up of the ANC and Botha's Nationalist Party. Whether the ANC will seek to work with the Nationalist Party to the exclusion of other black or progressive parties, I don't know. That has to be left to history.

South African business, unlike foreign business, recognizes that a negotiated settlement has to involve **black leadership even though it is not only the ANC.** But to avert civil war other parties must participate, namely the United Democratic Front, Azapo/the Black Consciousness Movement and the Pan Africanist Congress.

ARE YOU SUGGESTING THE ANC DOESN'T SPEAK FOR MOST BLACK SOUTH AFRICANS?

Black South Africans aren't monolithic in their thinking. The ANC is recognized by the African people, but so too are the PAC, Black Consciousness, UDF, the South African Communist Party, and so on.

The ANC will play a significant role in democratic South Africa, but so will other such organizations. I hope no one believes the ANC represents all black South Africans.

HAS PRETORIA BEGUN REFORMING APARTHEID?

Pretoria has been talking about dialog with Africans for years, but not with domestic South Africans. For

Pretoria reform means changes within the Apartheid framework, especially those things the outside world finds most repugnant. When Pretoria talks of reform, it is talking only about minimal civil rights for blacks.

The struggle in South Africa isn't for civil rights, but for land ownership and political power. Blacks have been dispossessed of their land through the Bantustan policy of forced migration and through the Group Areas Act and other legislation.

The only reform we've had so far is lipservice reform. For example a government commission recently recommended that influx control be abolished. That's a civil rights issue that doesn't get to the heart of the people's agenda--which is the land question and political power.

Reagan sees "reform" in South Africa because he is busy himself reversing and dismantling the reforms won by the Civil Rights Movement in the U.S. He doesn't see the reforms of Nicaragua. Instead he imposes sanctions on Nicaragua. Nicaraguans enjoy better health and education and have far more say in their government than they did under Somoza.


Reform, as supported by Botha, Thatcher and Reagan, is to buy time and appease. It's not a genuine effort to build democracy.

WHAT WOULD BE THE ROLE OF WHITES IN A NONRACIAL DEMOCRATIC SOUTH AFRICA?

Whites would be no different from any other citizens, be they yellow, brown or black. They will have to give up their privileges and be equal--not 'more equal'--with other citizens. If whites can live with that I don't foresee difficulties for them or others.

WHAT CAN AMERICANS DO TO HELP BRING ABOUT A NONRACIAL, DEMOCRATIC SOUTH AFRICA?

They can oppose constructive engagement. They can withdraw their money from banks and those doing business with South Africa and invest in companies not doing business with Apartheid.



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## We are at War

Women of my country  
Young and old  
Black and white  
we are at war  
The winds are blowing  
against us  
Laws are ruling  
against us  
We are at war  
But do not despair  
We are the winning type  
Let us fight on  
Forward ever  
Backward never

Women of my country  
Mothers and daughters  
Workers and wives  
We are at war  
customs are set  
against us  
Religions are set  
against us  
We are at war  
But do not despair  
We are bound to win  
Let us fight on  
Forward ever  
Backward never

Women of my country  
Mother Africa's loved daughters  
Black and white  
we are at war  
Forces of exploitation  
degrade mother Africa  
as well as us, her daughters  
Her motherly smile is ridiculed  
She has seen her children sold  
Her chains of slavery are centuries old  
There is not time for us to cry now

She has cried rivers of tears  
What is it that flows down River Nile  
if not her tears  
What is it that flows down River Congo  
if not her tears  
What is it that flows down River Zambezi  
if not her tears  
What is it that flows down River Limpopo  
if not her tears  
What is it that flows down River Thukela  
if not her tears  
and what is it then, that flows down River Kei  
if not Mother Africa's tears  
Women of Egypt and Libya  
Drink her tears from River Nile  
You will gain courage and bravery  
Women of Congo and Liberia  
Drink her tears from River Congo

You will shed inferiority  
Women of Zambia and Zimbabwe  
Drink her tears from River Zambezi  
You will gain understanding  
Women of South and West Africa  
Drink her tears from River Limpopo  
You shall see liberation  
We are chained women of Africa  
We are bound to win  
Let us fight on  
Forward ever  
Backward never

## Say No

Say No, Black Woman  
Say No  
When they call your jobless son  
a Tsotsi  
Say No

Say No, Black Woman  
Say No  
When they call  
Your husband at the age of 60  
a boy  
Say No

Say No, Black Woman  
Say No

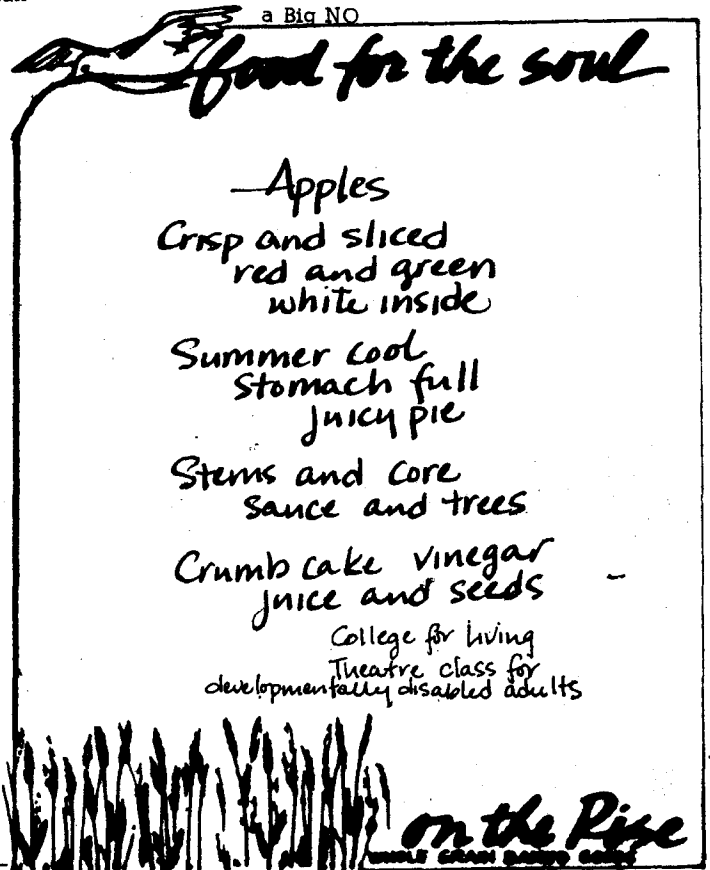
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a whore  
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Say No, Black Woman  
Say No  
When they call your white sister  
a madam  
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Say No, Black Woman  
Say No  
When they call your white brother a  
a Baas  
Say No

Say No, Black Woman  
Say No  
When they call a trade unionist  
a terrorist  
Say No

Say No, Black Woman  
Say No  
When they give you a back seat  
in the liberation wagon  
Say No  
Yes Black Woman  
a Big NO



# Slouching Toward 'Apocalypse

A Review by Roderick J. MacDonald

*FREEDOM RISING*, James North, MacMillan, 1985, 336pp. \$19.95. *A DRY WHITE SEASON*, Andre Brink, Penguin, 1980/1984, 316pp. \$6.95.

There's a quality of desperation in the kaleidoscopic images of turmoil flickering nightly across our television screens. The shootings, tear-gassing and whippings: you must learn, you must stay in your place. The stonings and torchings: we've had it up to here. We're not taking it anymore.

The body of recently published works by and concerning South Africans is considerable. Two books, however, one macro and one micro in approach, generate particularly powerful emotional response while illuminating and deepening our comprehension of the realities of present day South Africa.

James North, a Harvard graduate now in his late 20's, has devoted the years since his graduation to a process of political self-education. *Freedom Rising* is his account of that education in the school of Southern Africa in the wake of the Soweto Uprising.

*I went to Southern Africa in 1978 because I wanted to see for myself. I planned to stay there for a short time, perhaps a year, writing articles for newspapers and magazines back in America. In the end, I became so caught up in the unfolding of history that I remained four and one-half years. I travelled twenty-five thousand miles throughout the region, most of it by land....I visited small towns, the rural areas, and the great cities between Cape Town and the Zambezi River. I saw Rhodesia become Zimbabwe, and South Africa slide deeper into war. I talked with hundreds of people, of all colors and from every conceivable background. I made dozens of close friends. I went to some of their funerals.*

In order to move freely into South Africa North had posed as a graduate student in the innocent-sounding field of geography. (By an odd coincidence, I was speaking last week with a South African doctoral candidate in Geography at SU, freshly returned from a summer/win-

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Student demonstrator, Soweto 1976

from the photobook, "Women under Apartheid"

ter 'at home,' who recalls meeting North several years ago and traveling with him through several African 'townships.')

*Over the years, I had learned to live with the caution that is essential inside. To avoid compromising the people I met, I avoided the telephone and the mails; I never conducted even marginally sensitive conversations indoors; I was exceedingly careful with my written notes. I confided my real views only to people I felt I could trust. I still feared I could not continue indefinitely; I had no illusion that I could keep on eluding the regime's imposing security apparatus.*

There is a parallel here with the dilemma that came to face Ben Du Toit, the central figure of Andre Brink's highly acclaimed *A Dry White Season*. This novel was inspired by the death while in detention of Steve Biko, the leader of South Africa's Black Consciousness Movement. It was written in the angry aftermath of that pivotal event, a period that coincided with North's arrival upon the South African scene. North sums up *A Dry White Season* and reports on an interview he had with Brink:

*In the book, an apolitical but honest Afrikaner high school teacher, Ben Du Toit, is shocked when two blacks, the school custodian and his son, die mysteriously after the security police take them away for questioning. Du Toit hesitantly begins his own investigation. He immediately attracts the hostile attention of the police. They warn*

*him but he perseveres, increasingly determined. The police then threaten him, intercept his mail, search his home, shadow him, and get him fired from his job.*

*"Everything that happened to Ben has happened to me," Brink said. "Except that the university (Rhodes University) stood firm against their efforts to get me sacked."*

Brink writes with controlled fury, bleak realism, and deadly irony. Within the larger concerns, the personalities, and lives of a gallery of individuals, black and white, whose destinies are linked to that of Du Toit are penetratingly illuminated with love and compassion, with hatred and contempt.

*Freedom Rising* shares these attributes, moderated only by the journalistic and anecdotal approach North employs. Again, individuals and incidents build upon one another, together comprising an engrossing and informed mosaic. One is left murmuring in the words of Alan Paton, "Cry, the Beloved Country."

Would that space permitted a more detailed critique. But both books may be recommended unreservedly. The following novels or collections of short stories are also of equal relevance to an understanding of South Africa:

Nadine Gordimer, *BURGER'S DAUGHTER* and *JULY'S PEOPLE*; Molefe Pheto, *AND NIGHT FELL*; Mtutuzeli Matshoba, *CALL ME NOT A MAN*; Mbululo Mzamane, *THE CHILDREN OF SOWETO*; Andre Brink, *RUMORS OF RAIN*; J.M. Coetzee, *WAITING FOR THE BARBARIANS* and *LIFE & TIMES OF MICHAEL K.*



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## Poetry Review -

The Revolution is Like a Five-Year-Old Girl<sup>1</sup>

By Elinor Cramer

*She smiles dark in army green,  
rests a rifle on parted knees  
talks about an easy death in battle  
While a little girl careens,  
explodes in cheap pink nylon  
around the cardboard room, settles  
in the sergeant's olive arms  
like some bright hibiscus bloom.*<sup>2</sup>

Political poetry is blossoming like the little girl in the poem. In Nicaragua the spiritual leaders of the revolution are nurturing its growth. The minister of culture, poet Ernesto Cardinal and the vice-minister of culture, poet Daisy Zamora have been instrumental in the development of programs that have raised the literacy rate greatly since the revolution. And literacy is much more than reading. Its goal is the creation of a Nicaraguan literature with poetry an important form of communication.

Robert Bly, a U.S. poet, observed in the late '60's that there were few U.S. poets writing political poetry. He noted that political poetry, as all poetry, needs to come from the poet's only resource, personal experience. His own lines written during the 1960's are now as startlingly revealing of U.S. racism in Central America as his observations were then of the Viet Nam war.

*We distrust every person on earth with  
black hair;  
We send teams to overthrow Chief  
Joseph's government;  
We train natives to kill Presidents with  
blowdarts;  
We have men loosening the nails on  
Noah's Ark.*<sup>3</sup>

Poetry is an urgent form of communication. Roque Dalton wrote during his underground years in El Salvador, continuing to bring messages to the people without the risk of being discovered by the government. He invented five poets which had names, identities and personal histories. One was female. He developed a literary style to express each poet's ideas according to his/her posed identity. His short, spare verses could easily have been written in doorways or trenches. The images

*Elinor writes poetry and orders poetry books  
for The Front Room Bookstore.*

are from the world of direct experience and have little to do with reflection, a luxury of time and brooding.

*Don't be mistaken, we're poets who write  
from the clandestinity in which we live.  
So we're not comfortable and unpublished  
anonymists.  
We confront the enemy directly  
and ride very close to him on the same  
track.*<sup>4</sup>

Carolyn Forche, a poet who worked as a journalist in El Salvador, has written a volume, The Country Between Us. Her poetry is like "war correspondence," communicating her experiences living in the midst of warfare. Her images are terrifying in their accounts because of the power of poetry to uncover our defenses with sudden thrusts. On her return to the U.S., she described continuing terrors as she confronted the realities of complacency at home.

*Josephine, I tell you  
I have not rested, not since I drove  
those streets with a gun in my lap,  
not since all Manner of speaking has  
failed and the remnant of my life  
continues onward. I go mad, for example,  
in the Safeway, at the many heads  
of lettuce, papayas and sugar, pineapple  
and coffee, especially the coffee.*<sup>5</sup>

There is a new generation of poets in this country, including Forche and Rebecca Gordon, whose verse has grown from the union of personal and political commitments. Margaret Randall, translator of Tomas Borge and Daisy Zamora's poetry and author of Risking a Somersault in the Air, is outstanding for her role in making Latin American poetry available in this country. She is herself a poet and has recently returned to the United States after over twenty years in Central America.

In this country, women's poetry has grown into a wave of personal/political expression. It includes those women who have been recognized as poets, readers who turn to their poetry for the sharing of commonalities, and new female poets writing outside literary tradition. In the 1960's, Anne Sexton shocked more than a few of her colleagues who had accepted her work as a serious poet

until she wrote about subjects including menses and struggles with her identity. She was accused of being confessional. However, those who supported her work, recognized its value beyond the personal, as addressing the condition of women. She writes "In Celebration of My Uterus":

*They wanted to cut you out  
but they will not.  
They said you were immeasurably empty  
but you are not.  
They said you were sick unto dying  
but they were wrong.  
You are singing like a school girl.*<sup>6</sup>

Within the arts there are opponents of political subject matter. Karl Shapiro, a poet, has criticized Bly and Sexton, stating that political themes are essentially conflicting with the goal of art which needs to stand by itself or risk becoming a tool of propaganda.

The unity of the political and personal is best stated by Bly. There are times in American history, according to Bly, when realization of the condition of other's lives is experienced more deeply. In times of war, natural disaster and social disension, we are bombarded with images of hungry children and news of U.S. soldiers being sent to foreign countries and we are moved from our complacency. He sees the poet's main job in a similar way to impact on our culture and to impact on the individual psyche, the poet's own as well as the readers'.<sup>7</sup> For that the political poet must use his or her own self, which is the source for all poetry. ♣

1. From a saying by the Nicaraguan people
2. Excerpted from "La Revolucion es Una Chavala De Cinco Anos", R. Gordon, *Calyx*, Vol. 9, No. 1, 1985
3. From "Hatred of Men with Black Hair", R. Bly, *Naked Poetry*, ed. Berg & Mezey
4. From "On Our Poetic Moral", R. Dalton, *Clandestine Poems*\*
5. From "Return", C. Forche, *The Country Between Us*\*
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## BABY IT'S YOU

Friday, October 4 7,9

Saturday, October 5 7,9

A 1960s romance featuring Rosanna Arquette as a young woman who goes off to a good college and leaves behind her boyfriend. It's a question of class conflict and growing up in this Sayles social statement. (John Sayles, 1983, 105 min.) **PREMIERE.**

## LIANNA

Friday, October 11 7,9:30

Saturday, October 12 7,9:30

By examining the joy and pain of a woman's first lesbian relationship and the prior dissolution of her marriage, this film dramatizes with humor and pathos one woman's choice. (John Sayles)

## WOZA ALBERT!

Friday, October 18 7,9

Saturday, October 19 7,9

**Saturday, October 19, Beauchamp Branch Library 2 p.m. Free**  
Actors Percy Mtwa and Mbongeni Ngena show how the hit play *Woza Albert!* grew out of improvisations based on their own life in South Africa. This film explores what it means to be Black in South Africa. (David M. Thompson, 1982, 50 Min.)

... plus **PORTRAIT OF MANDELA**, a biographical sketch of the life of Nelson Mandela. (Frank Diamond, 1980, 17 min.) **PREMIERE.**

October 11 is National Anti-Apartheid Day.

## THE BIG CHILL

Friday, October 25 7,9,11

Saturday, October 26 7,9,11

Reunited for the first time since their college days, seven friends explore the changes that have occurred in their lives since the 1960s. "*The Big Chill* is masterly, entertaining, in many ways irresistible." -Newsweek (Lawrence Kasdan, 1983, 104 min.)

## SEEING RED

Tuesday, October 29 7:30 p.m.

Landmark Theatre, 475-7980

Special Guest: Julia Reichert, co-director

\$4.00 admission; seniors, under 12 and students with current ID \$3.00

Friday, November 1 7,9 Watson

Saturday, November 2 7,9 Watson

A documentary which offers portraits of Americans who were members of the Communist Party during the 1930s, the height of the party's activities in the areas of worker and civil rights. Pete Seeger, Dorothy Healey, Bill Bailey, and Howard "Stretch" Johnson are among the former and current Communists featured in this moving presentation. "... *Seeing Red*, an extremely compelling documentary that contains remarkably candid interviews ..." -Daily News (Julia Reichert and James Klein, 1983, 100 min.)

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<p>20 <b>CROP Walk for Hunger, 20</b> 488-0981 Socialist Forum: "S. Africa, Apartheid, &amp; World Capital- ism" 3pm Westcott Cafe Nat'l Humanitarian Aid Day for Guatemala</p>	<p>21 <b>Every Monday Coffee</b> house Westcott Cafe 9pm</p>	<p>22 <b>Trial for Rape" 7pm, S. U.</b> Hendricks Chapel Noble Rm People for Animal Rights Mtg, 7pm 478-8521</p>	<p>23 <b>1986 Peace Calendar</b> 6:30pm May Mem. Church</p>	<p>24 <b>6 Days 24 in Soweto - asenoria</b> 7:30pm Opera House, Linkhisen St. Ingrid Newkirk on Animal 8pm Rock, Methodist Church 475-0062 Every Thurs, Central Ave Vigil 7:30pm Fed. Bldg.</p>	<p>25 <b>Matumba Kauli</b> Concert 8pm, May Mem \$3- \$10, see p. 7 for more info "Women &amp; American Citizen- ship" SU Bird Library, 12:30 pm Bird Lib NVS Films: 7:59-15pm, \$2.00 Watson Aud. SU</p>	<p>26 <b>Heroin Awards</b> 7pm, Shegaton Inn \$14 Pax Christi mtg, 10:30am 208 Slocum Ave., 446-1693 New Jewish Agenda mtg 6-9 pm Goldsbery, 673-1083</p>
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# LETTERS

To The Peace Newsletter

*The following letter is easily one of the more remarkable letters SPC has ever received. Russell Messineo is someone we've never met, yet his statement is something that makes all the disarmament work we've ever done worthwhile.*

*Please consider writing to Russell. You can get his address by calling the SPC office.*

## Defense Engineer Resigns "Finally, I know what I'm doing is right"

For reasons of conscience, I have resigned my job as a defense engineer for General Electric effective November 1, 1985.

This letter outlines my views, beliefs and feelings. (I'd love to get some feedback from others in a similar situation.)

Through the years that I have worked as an engineer for a defense contractor, I have had continuing conflicts between Christianity and my work. I knew that my work was wrong, but it was too easy to go along with the crowd. After all, no one else was objecting to the work. The people I work with are the same people I see in church every Sunday. My friends at work are volunteers for various groups and charities. They are coaches for Little League teams. They are good people. They seemed to have no conflicts between morality and their work.

I tried to assuage my thoughts by claiming my work was on sensor and control systems that pinpointed (not destroyed) enemy submarines. That was a lie. The fire control (the ship's destroying mechanism) was linked directly to the control system. My work even included a stint on a cruise missile project. Not your everyday Christian weapon.

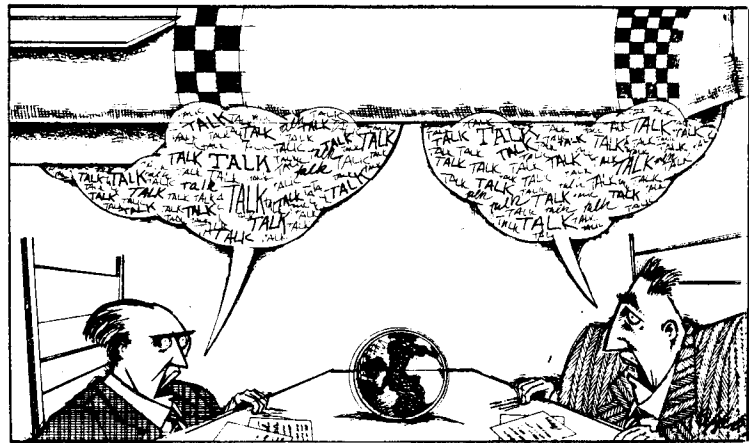
And, of course, the pay is not bad. As a friend of mine once told me, defense engineers are really on "middle class welfare" because we are paid handsomely for work that does not make a positive contribution to society.

But the conflict continued to tear at me and my family. I began to question my true contribution to society. Why should I be entitled to "middle class welfare" when so many others were suffering

in the depths of poverty? Why are there so many high paid engineers and scientists that are richly rewarded for their work and so many poor that have no chance to escape poverty? Why is the defense business allowed to divert resources and talents from areas that could make a positive contribution to the world? Why do we allow \$300 billion in defense spending every year?

What it really comes down to is that I shouldn't be working for a defense contractor knowing that my work is wrong. If I know that it's wrong to work on defense and take no action, what of the millions

My conscience finally won the war. Tensions, turmoils, and conflicts that existed in me for years are gone. The questions that remain cannot be answered if I continue to work in the defense business. I realize I could never be a complete person until I quit my job. How does one discuss the problems of the world when you can't even state your true feelings in public? For too many years I've succumbed to worldly goods and allowed my true beliefs to remain imprisoned inside myself. It is with much happiness that I announce my resignation as a defense engineer. I'm not sure



-Dan Hubig

that don't know it's wrong to contribute to the arms race? I tell people that I think it's wrong to work for a defense contractor and they say, "Then what the hell are you doing there?" And they are right. What the hell am I doing here? I certainly am not backing my Christian words with Christian actions. When my son gets older, how do I explain to him that his Dad is against the arms buildup but continues to work in the defense business?

what I'll be doing in the future, but I'm not worried. Thoughts are forming and new directions (or maybe old, buried directions) are coming into focus. I can finally say something I have not been able to say in a long time - I know what I'm doing is right.

Sincerely,

Russell P. Messineo



-Mark Fisher

*PNL Readers: This is your page! We welcome and we need your responses to the Peace Newsletter in our continuing effort to create dialog and to develop the PNL.*

*Please write us at: Peace Newsletter, 924 Burnet Ave. Syracuse, N.Y. 13203 We may edit for brevity and clarity.*

## In This Issue

This month's PNL devotes a special ten-page section to Star Wars and the current summit conference between Reagan and Gorbachev. This section includes an article on Star Wars research on the SU campus by John Frule as well as an activists analysis of what role the Summit should play in the peace movement, by Frank Brodhead.

In addition to disarmament coverage, we include a four-page mini-section on Nicaragua with testimony from ex-CIA operatives and a letter from Karen Beetle, a former SPC staff person currently serving a 105-day sentence in Jamesville prison for a Pledge of Resistance action last June.

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## Dates and Deadlines

THERE WILL BE NO JANUARY PEACE NEWSLETTER. The next issue will be our special 50th Anniversary edition, and will come out February 1st.

Space request deadline: January 1st. Copy deadline: January 17. Production from Jan. 20 to 28.



# Peace Newsletter

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# Syracuse Peace Council

## News from The SPC House

We've certainly had our busy moments at the SPC house. Within the space of three weeks Paul Siegel joined the Press, Katie was in jail for the Pledge of Resistance Action, Radell was sentenced to a fine and a conditional discharge for the same action (and thanks the person who is anonymously helping pay the fine), and Corinne, Liam, Radell and Katie all had birthdays. Toni Taverone is now working a day a week at The Front Room and she too celebrated her birthday. We also managed to winterize the house and get the van on the road. All of this and an Annual Dinner too!

This is Radell's last PNL. Sniff. We'll miss her and her puppy who has adopted the layout room as a second home. A wonderful correcting typewriter has just found a home in the layout room, thanks to Phil Klein, who donated it to us in mid-production. What a treat!

The Press and The Front Room are at important milestones. The Front Room will be 10 years old in December (but we hope to be too busy to celebrate until February). The Press recently had a little party commemorating the completion of their job order book (they write all requests for work in that book) and all of their many physical improvements. And a fun Press fact -- since January 1, 1985, they have printed half-a-million sides of paper.

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

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Liam Mahony

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# the peace council page

## Immediate Job Openings

The Peace Council is looking for two committed peace activists to work full-time, starting now! The salary is \$110/week. The work includes newsletter production, fundraising, organizing political events and a variety of other tasks. We are looking for people who can roll with the punches, deal well with other people and keep on hoping and working for a more peaceful and just society.

The work is both frustrating and satisfying, and always busy. If you are interested, call us at 315-472-5478 today! If you know any other likely candidates, spread the word.

## Another F.C.C. Victory!

You may remember way back in July of 1982, NiMo and other N.Y.S. utilities ran a blitz of TV ads promoting the Nine Mile Two nuclear plant as a "sound investment in NY's energy future." The Peace Council immediately launched a campaign demanding that the other side of the issue be given fair coverage. This campaign eventually resulted in a landmark Fairness Doctrine ruling by the Federal Communications Commission in our favor.

This decision represented a threat to the broadcast industry's privilege to profit from false advertising. There is a move afoot amongst broadcasters to legally weaken if not totally destroy the Fairness Doctrine. As a step in this direction, this past January WTVH filed an appeal of the FCC's ruling. But on October 24, the FCC denied the appeal, accusing WTVH of making judgments in a vacuum.

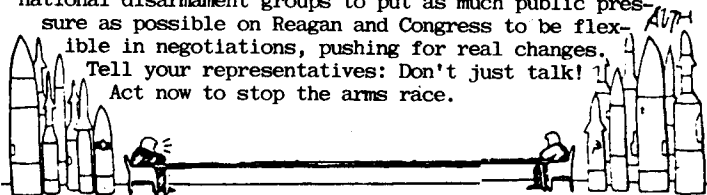
The nuclear industry is still trying to salvage its credibility through propaganda, but WTVH's loss to the Peace Council has made stations across the nation hesitant to accept their ad campaigns for fear of similar suits.

## Discussing the Summit

As we go to press, Ronald is finally sitting face to face with Mikhail Gorbachev (see article p.16). Here in Syracuse, SPC, the Freeze, Physicians for Social Responsibility and several other groups sponsored a Town Meeting to discuss prospects for the Summit. 50-90 people watched the film "What about the Russians?" followed by a panel discussion. Panelists included S.U. professors Marshall Segall and Robert Jensen, former Ambassador Goodwin Cooke, and the Rev. Terry Ruth Culbertson, director of Pastoral Care for the Syracuse Area Interreligious Council.

This event is part of a campaign by a coalition of national disarmament groups to put as much public pressure as possible on Reagan and Congress to be flexible in negotiations, pushing for real changes.

Tell your representatives: Don't just talk!  
Act now to stop the arms race.



## Thank You, Pat

Pat Hoffmann has been an untiring and devoted member of the Organizational Maintenance committee since its formation in 1981. She is retiring from the committee now for personal reasons. All of us on the committee will miss her very much. Her calm faith in SPC and her optimism have been an inspiration. Thank you, Pat, and good luck!

## SPC 50th Birthday Party January 8

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!! To kick off the Peace Council's Fiftieth year (see p. 7), we're holding a big benefit DANCE party on January 8, 1986 at the Lost Horizon, 5863 Thompson Rd., near Erie Blvd. The dance will feature a variety of local bands. If you'd like to help us, lining up bands, publicizing the event, setting up, etc. call Liam or Katie at 472-5478.

Come on and JOIN THE PARTY!!



## Help with Plowshares

As you look over the enclosed flyer on our annual crafts fair, please consider helping out. It's a massive project and we need you: to put up posters, hand out leaflets and run various errands during the weeks before the event. During the crafts fair itself we need people to help with set-up, greeting, staffing tables, selling raffle tickets, doing childcare and much more.

So come on and join us - this is our most festive event of the year. Call us now and let us know where you can help us best - call 472-5478.

ALSO: We raffle tickets for our annual Plowshare raffle. You can sell them to your friends, neighbors and co-workers. Call us and we'll mail you as many as you think you can sell. Drawing will be December 15th.

## The Front Room's 10th Anniversary

On December 1, 1975 The Front Room Bookstore opened, growing out of SPC's literature committee. Barb Kobritz, Dik Cool, Lisa Johns, and Lois Levitan formed the initial collective and since that time many other people have helped The Front Room along. Join us for a celebration of our Tenth Anniversary! We hope to be too busy to organize anything for December -- it will probably be in February. Check your February PNL for more details.

## Volunteers needed

This has been a busy fall and 1986 promises to be a busy year. How about considering donating some time to keep us going. There are many different types of regular tasks you could do by donating a few hours a month:

\* The Program & Evaluation steering committee, which meets twice a month, desperately needs politically active people to help determine the political priorities of the organization through the coming year.

\* We need someone with word-processing experience to help update our mailing list each month.

\* Our pledge mailing goes out once a month - nice laid-back envelope stuffing.

\* We need people to help edit and produce our special 50th anniversary Peace Newsletter - a one month commitment.

## South African Perspectives at SPC Dinner

The speaker at the SPC Annual Dinner was Rev. Matlalepula Chabaku, founder of the outlawed Black Women's Federation of South Africa. Her speech centered on Apartheid, and the relationship between the U.S. and South Africa. Showing the bloodties that exist with that racist regime must be severed.

"The essence of the African-extended family is (simply) that, anyone that is connected to you is part of you", that is how Matlalepula referred to the South African struggle. She said that "the people are on the threshold of who they are, where they are, and where they are going".

However the U.S. has forgotten where they are going; she says, "The U.S. has forgotten that life is more important than property. The U.S. has forgotten that life is more important than profits. The U.S. has forgotten that life is more important than military expansionism".

Why the U.S. does not impose true sanctions is simple, countries not aligning themselves with communism get U.S. monies and support, and South Africa meets those requirements.

Matlalepula says, "We (the South African's) will liberate ourselves", but then takes out her passbook. Matlalepula explains that Polaroid, a U.S. company, made the system of Apartheid so workable through the quick and easy picture passbooks. But because of pressure from within the U.S., Polaroid cancelled it's dealings with South Africa. However Kodak, out of Rochester, has now resumed the account.

Matlalepula says that we can help make a difference, but gets so angered when people say their one vote does not count. She points out that "the state of Texas be-

came a part of the U.S. by 1 vote", and "English, instead of German became our official language by 1 vote".

Apartheid is not so far away, we have our own "subtle Apartheid here", and racism must be faced everywhere. We are "the acorns of the future" and without us "there can be no oak tree".

-Cletus Pinti

\*\*\*\*\* SU Trustees Vote No on Divestment \*\*\*\*\*  
 Syracuse University's Chancellor's Task Force, consisting of faculty, administrators, and students, was formed with the goal of making a recommendation to the Board of Trustees about the university's divestment of stock in companies that do business in South Africa.  
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## Our Radell Moves On

SPC and the Peace Newsletter have long boasted, "no bosses here." At SPC there's no defined hierarchy. Decisions are made by consensus within committees. While there is no line of command, there's plenty of input from the activist membership which staff must constantly be sensitive to. Because our way aims higher and because it's not the way the world works, it is often more taxing than that of most workplaces with their clear-cut authority and subordinates to do one's bidding.

Being on staff is tough. It demands good health, dedication, initiative, grit, competence, diplomacy, articulateness, thrift, resilience and the ability to function amidst ambiguity. Our three SPC staff people have these qualities in abundance.

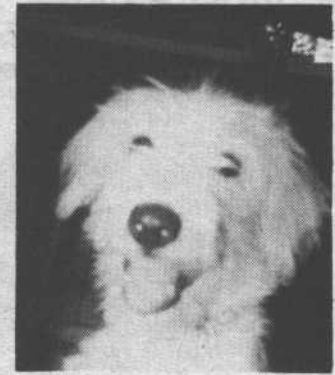
But here I want to single out Radell Roberts, who for most of this year has co-ordinated the Peace Newsletter. Because of the PNL's imperious deadline, tight money, faulty, antiquated equipment, and reliance on unpaid and otherwise very busy authors and on a part-time, unpaid editorial committee, co-ordinating the PNL each month is no mean accomplishment.

Besides each of the above traits, I've been impressed by Radell's capacity to learn the PNL and SPC ropes quickly and absorb (not uncritically) the political perspectives guiding SPC activism. I've been impressed by Radell's reliability and her always getting the job done despite severe pressure. More than once Radell has worked thru til after dawn to get the PNL to the printer on time.

One of the hallmarks of the PNL has been that its editors have been active in political and cultural work in the community. Besides working once a week at the Westcott Cafe to make ends meet, Radell has somehow found time to participate in the Pledge of Resistance, the Community Choir, Madre and Open Hand Theater.



-photo by Jeff Schwartz



-photo by Radell Roberts

*Radell at the April Actions in Washington, D.C., and Morgan, ready to sink her teeth into PNL articles (as editor in chief).*

Radell came to us in October '84 fresh out of college without the benefit of years of organizing or editorial background. She spent her first year at SPC working full time on a stipend of \$50 a month before becoming staff.

This will be Radell's last PNL. In December, after the Plowshare Craftsair, which she is working on, Radell will leave Syracuse and return home to Shelby, Ohio. The PNL Editorial Committee will feel its ranks diminished immensely. We wish her the very best as she goes on to meet the next challenges in her life.

-Ed Kinane for the PNL Editorial Committee

## 50 Years of Peacework

### Our Golden Anniversary

Fifty years ago a small group of people in Syracuse concerned with the impending war build-up were discussing what to do about it. A few months later, in January of 1936 the first Peace Newsletter (two pages) was mailed and shortly afterward there began a series of weekly radio broadcasts of peace-related news.

Today, SPC is working actively on South Africa, Central America and disarmament; boasts an exceptional bookstore, a printing business and a 24-32 page monthly magazine. SPC has been through many transitions, ups and downs, but community support and some fiery spirits have kept us plugging away, come what may.

Half a century of peacework is nothing to scoff at, and we believe it calls for a celebration. In fact, some SPC members have been working on this celebration for a year or more now. There are going to be historic displays about SPC at the Onondaga Historical Society, the Community Folk Art Gallery and perhaps at some libraries or other locations. We'll be producing our 50th Anniversary PNL in January, which will include some SPC history, an overview of 1986, and much more. We'll distribute this special PNL throughout the year.

We'll be kicking off the year with a big bash: a benefit dance party on Thursday, Jan. 8 at the Lost Horizon at 5863 Thompson Rd (near Erie Blvd.) featuring several different live bands. Other benefits during the year may include a Landmark concert by Holly Near, Arlo Guthrie, Ronnie Gilbert and Pete Seeger.



Many, many different people have helped SPC through its fifty years: the local movement for peace and justice is not without its roots. In a "This is Your Life" evening later in the year, we will be examining those roots, bringing together long-term SPC supporters in an evening of oral and visual history. Then, in the fall, the Syracuse Cultural Workers Project will be publishing a new book, Peace Workers: The Story of the Syracuse Peace Council, being written by Ruth Geller. -Liam Mahony

You can help us build up the Peace Council to an even stronger organization while we celebrate our golden anniversary. Check below the projects that most interest you and mail back to us. Thanks!

Yes, I want to join SPC's 50th anniversary celebration.

I can help with:  the Jan. 8 benefit dance  
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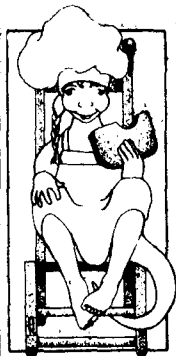
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# Ritual & Celebration—Politics of Change

by Geoff Navias

With a bustle of activity, we again are rushing toward the holidays. Although many of us aren't Christian, we all feel the impact of Christmas and the New Year. During these Holidays (Holy Days) there is more celebrating, well-wishing, worship, gift-giving, and buying than at any other time of the year. There is also an increase in anxiety, depression and suicide.

Open Hand Theater is in the midst of producing "As Starlight Grows the Winter Rose, a Spectacular Nativity Puppetry Pageant" (see ad pg. 8). This article grew out of our search for the role of ritual and celebration in social change (in part, inspired by work I did with theater artists from Latin America). Archetypal ritual plays a major part in Open Hand Theater, whether in the Hiroshima Day memorial parade or in this Pageant. We believe such ritual can have a profound impact on a cross section of American culture.

The contradiction of Christ's Mass in a consumer culture has become so great and obvious that we will not spend time on it here. Let it suffice to say that "consume" means to destroy, spend wastefully, devour. "Culture" means tillage, the training of moral or intellectual faculties, and preparing an environment in which life prospers. The term "consumer culture" then is clearly a contradiction.

Before the dawning of civilization, human beings found ritual and celebration central to their culture. Theater and masks or costumes were a part of that ritual.

Throughout all cultures I have studied, the "New Year" or "The Regeneration of Time" is one of the most important celebrations. There are amazing similarities among the early Semitic rituals, the Babylonian New Year ceremonial (the *akitu*), the ceremonies of the Hupa tribes of California, or Christmas and New Year as celebrated commonly in the U.S. Whether based on lunar or solar calendars, 12 months or 13 steps to the new year, there are common themes in these celebrations. The themes (and the roots of their symbols) have commonality in these celebrations.

For example:

- A period of time is ending
- Symbolically, there is a clash between the old and the not yet
- For a short period, there is a return to archetypal chaos
- Followed by a New Creation (beginning).

These themes often take the ritual form of cleaning out demons, troubles, or sins of the past year (cleansing, fasting, etc.) The expulsion of demons (by means of noises, cries, firecrackers) is followed by chaos (New Year's Eve parties, orgies). Sometimes this chaos takes the demonic intensity of King Herod's slaughter of the innocents around Jesus' birth. Finally, the New Creation emerges, time starts anew again, and order returns. In primitive Christianity, Easter and New Year's Day were the dates of Baptism. (Baptism is equivalent to the ritual of death of the old followed by a new birth.)

In a number of indigenous Shaman cultures found in North America, part of the tradition was actualized by a ritual very similar to our modern Christmas. As the days got shorter and shorter, threatening to dwindle into perpetual darkness until life ended, the tree of life

(or living tree) was prepared and brought inside. A symbolic messenger between the physical world and the spiritual world was placed on top (these messengers varied from culture to culture--in one it might be the owl atop the totem, but usually the spiritual messenger was winged). Cleansing was in part enacted by taking personal possessions and giving them to the tree of life. Eventually, the New Beginning was experienced by receiving gifts back from the tree. The days stopped getting shorter and life started anew again.

Today, our evergreens are the living tree, and the messenger is an angel or star. But coming from two distinct cultures, it is still an amazingly similar ritual even if much of the symbolic meaning is forgotten. The taking of fire, extinguishing and rekindling it, is part of many of these rituals. Christmas tree lights have their origins here.

Our culture is now in a stage of chaos regarding family structures, female/male roles, health care/science/spiritual ethics, etc. At the same time, there is a desperate desire to go back to the order which we once knew (i.e. Ronald Reagan, etc.). It is essential that we stop clinging to the old. Beliefs and hope in the "Not Yet," although only a glimmer of hope, must be strong enough to give us courage through the chaos. Anger or discontentment with the old way is not enough. Denial of the problem or the giving of false hope will not get us through the chaos.

Rituals and celebrations which enact and help us to collectively confront this process (give us collective symbolic experience with the cleansing of past problems--experiencing the turmoil of chaos--and hint at the hope) are an important part of helping our culture struggle with chaos.

No matter what one's spiritual beliefs, rituals and celebrations have withstood the test of time because they fill very basic human needs. They assert "We Are." They form community. They cultivate imagination, they discover a root to the past, they transform the common place into something rare and precious, they celebrate and give thanks.

Many people cringe or devalue rituals because they have been personally or historically oppressed through the cultures symbolized by these rituals. Yet, if social change is to happen, rituals and Holy Days must be confronted. I propose three general approaches:

1. Question and sensitize people to the empowering and oppressive messages implicit in rituals: for rituals to be alive they cannot be rote.
2. Create new rituals which celebrate Utopian visions.
3. Transform rituals which have lost their meaning or taken on oppressive meanings into vibrant new rituals and celebrations.

The transforming of ritual is the hardest and at this time perhaps the most important to do well. The Winter Pageant is our attempt at transforming/creating a ritual of fun impact. This struggle may be a root of cultural change and needs to happen in people's homes and in the streets, theaters, and churches, as we work for a New Year!

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# Pledging to Resist-

## Carrying Our Actions into the Courts and Jails

by Karen Beetle

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Sitting here in my cell (they are popularly called rooms, but let's not equivocate) at the Onondaga Correctional Facility. I feel many good feelings about taking part in the civil disobedience actions that resulted in my time here. I also feel good about the choices I made as part of the Pledge of Resistance action on June 12th regarding our interaction with the court system. In this article, I will talk about some of these choices and the strategy behind them, as well as reflect on the issue of solidarity in our actions together.

### Justice Abroad and Justice at Home

Many of the choices I made grow out of my belief that to effectively challenge the ability of the U.S. government to wage war in Central America we need to challenge the complicity of the legal system in defining war as "just" and peacemaking as "unjust." From convicting sanctuary workers, draft resisters, and citizens petitioning their representatives, to deporting and harassing refugees, to investigating and disrupting solidarity organizers and events, local, state and federal judicial systems are enforcing Reagan's Central America policy. As the U.S. military tries to enforce consent with violence and terror abroad so do the courts seem to enforce that consent at home. Foreign wars and domestic police are two sides of the same coin. Taking part in this Pledge action has given new meaning for me to the maxim often applied to Central America, "there can be no peace without justice." There can be no peace anywhere without justice everywhere.

### Refusing Bail

Our first contact with the court system for our participation in the sit-in at congressional offices took place the morning following the action. As some of us waited in barred holding cells less than perky from a night in jail, others waited wearing civilian drag in the courtroom itself. It quickly became apparent during the bail hearing that followed that those of us who had jobs considered respectable by the judge were released on our own recognizance, while those without such positions were required to post bail for their release. (This is just one example of how the court system reflects class privilege.) The bail system itself allows those with access to money or property to be released, while those without remain in jail.

After discussing how we felt about the bail hearing, and grieving briefly for upcoming plans we would be sad to cancel, the two of us decided not to participate in a system we consider unjust by refusing to pay bail. During the two weeks we spent at the Public Safety Building (PSB) jail, we met several women who had to stay there because they could not raise bail. Seeing how that

situation affected their lives made us feel clearer about our decision to noncooperate. It also provided us with many opportunities to discuss our feelings about courts and jails with both the other prisoners and the guards at the PSB. The fact that the administrators expected us to pay bail and wanted to get us out of their overcrowded jail made us very aware of our potential power in that situation.

### In the Courtroom

Some affinity groups chose to work with lawyers which seemed to be a positive experience for both the defendants and the law students who worked on the case. Our affinity group, however, decided to represent ourselves. Taking control of our own court cases is one more way of taking control of our lives. By making both group statements and testifying as individuals, and alternating the role of spokesperson, we brought our own sense of process to the courtroom. Speaking in our own language, requiring the court to deal with us on our own terms, and thus challenging the assumption that we need lawyers was an empowering experience.

### Solidarity

In our interactions with police, some of us produced identification when asked, others refused. All 46 of us acted that June afternoon out of our commitment to solidarity with Nicaragua. But what does solidarity among ourselves mean, for our actions, for our work here in Central New York?

The decision to take part in a civil disobedience action is one that we must make as individuals. We each need to make our own choices about what risks we can take at any given time. Any acts of solidarity must grow out of a community based on respect and concern for each other. Solidarity does not mean we have to make the same choices. But surely it does mean respect for the integrity of our community, and a willingness to actively support the choices that individuals make.

During our initial processing on June 12th, we could have strengthened our sense of solidarity by refusing to be processed until we had a chance to talk with each other, to share strategy ideas and make sure that specific needs of individuals were met. (For example, there were some people who very much needed to be released but were told they could not leave unless they produced ID's, which they had not brought with them.) The more respect we have for the integrity of our community, the greater the chance we will remain united despite their attempts to divide us.

It is also important to recognize the power that we have. Both the PSB jail and the Onondaga County Facility at Jamesville (for people already sentenced) are very overcrowded. There isn't room for 46 more people at the PSB. If we had all refused to produce ID's, they would have been forced to release us that night. If people refused to pay fines, the court could not send us all to Jamesville at the same time. Even if they staggered the timing, the cost of sentencing 46 people to even 10 days would be enormous (\$18,492 at current per inmate rate). The sentence we are currently serving, alone, will cost the county close to \$10,000.

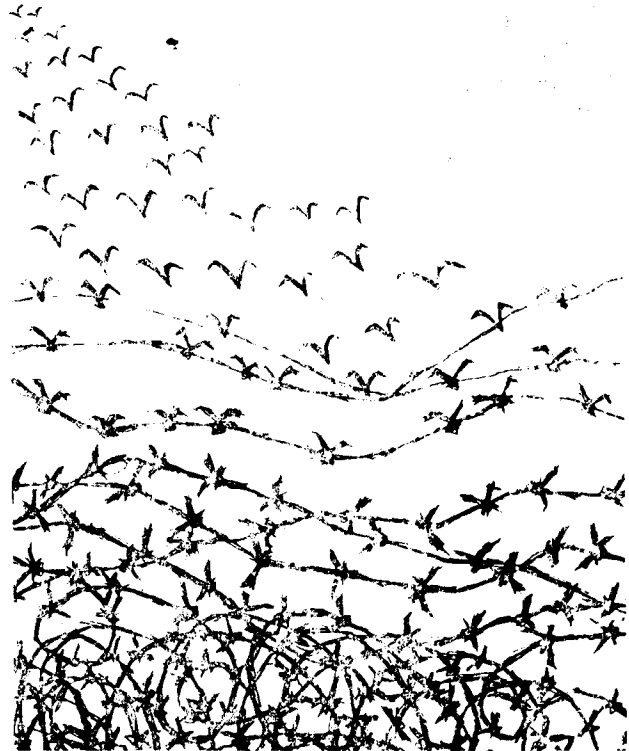
Looking Ahead

As the Nicaraguan government responds to the escalation of the war caused by renewed contra aid, and tension in the region increases, there is no doubt the U.S. government will increase its efforts to squelch dissent. As solidarity activists, we may be facing hard choices. If the U.S. government bans U.S. citizens from traveling in Nicaragua, will we continue to travel then? If U.S. citizens are prohibited to "aid the enemy," will we break the law by continuing to send much needed material aid to Nicaragua?

By actively and persistently challenging the existing policies and laws of our government, we will ultimately be threatened with time in jail. This is a risk that, I believe, we need to take seriously as activists. Only by challenging our own fears about jail can we let go of the power that this threat holds over us, and be free to follow our consciences wherever they may lead.

I do not mean by this that everyone or anyone in particular should risk time (or that fear is the only factor in making that decision). Nor do I mean to suggest that spending time in jail is more or less effective than any other Central America activism. Our strength lies both in our solidarity and in our diversity.

One evening in early October, local Pledge of Resistance activists gathered to talk about some of the issues touched on in this article: What is solidarity? What were we trying to accomplish by our action? etc. A number of recommendations were made about what we could do to understand each other better and be more prepared when these issues come up in future actions. What most sticks in my mind from that meeting is the need expressed to continue our dialogue, and to leave



-Leslie Rubin-Kunda

room to discuss philosophy and strategy as well as the logistics of organizing. I hope this process can continue. We have a lot to offer one another. ♡

Nicaragua & the International Court of Justice

While local Pledge of Resistance trials were asserting the right to protest U.S. financed and directed terrorism against Nicaragua, the U.S. was also on trial before the International Court of Justice for violation of international law by conducting military and paramilitary activities against Nicaragua.

Nicaragua presented documentary evidence and testimony demonstrating that the purpose of the policy of the United States has been, since the early 80's, to overthrow the government of Nicaragua. In pursuing that policy, Nicaragua charges the U.S. has engaged in a campaign of terrorism against the people of Nicaragua.

On April 9, 1984 Nicaragua filed its application in the World Court. On May 10 the Court issued "provisional measures" requiring the U.S. to cease mining Nicaragua's harbors, and to refrain from the use or threat of force against the territorial integrity and political independence of Nicaragua. Despite U.S. denial, the Court held that it had jurisdiction to proceed with the case.

On Jan. 18, 1985 the U.S. announced that it would not participate further in this case, despite its obligation under the U.N. Charter to comply. Nicaragua presented its written proof and legal arguments in April, and the court held oral hearings Sept. 12-20, in which Nicaragua presented the testimony of its witnesses.

Among those testifying were Commander Luis Carrion, First Vice Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Nicaragua; William Huper, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Nicaragua; and Father Jean Loison, a Roman Catholic priest who works as a nurse at La Trinidad in the principal war zone in Nicaragua.

Dr. David MacMichael, former CIA employee, testified that there was no evidence to establish that the Govern-

ment of Nicaragua ever sent arms to insurgents in El Salvador or permitted its territory to be used for that purpose. Professor Michael Glennon, former Legal Counsel to the Foreign Relations Committee of the U.S. Senate and co-author of a Report to the International Human Rights Law Group and the Washington Office on Latin America, testified that the U.S. is fully aware and responsible for contra acts of terror aimed at the civilian populations of Nicaragua.

Nicaragua also presented an affidavit from Edgar Chamorro, a member of the contra FDN from 1982 til November 1984, which described forcible recruitment by the contras, assassination of Nicaraguan government officials and routine execution of prisoners.

On Oct. 7 the U.S. formally gave notice of its termination of the 1946 declaration by which it had submitted to the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice (World Court).

The World Court is the judicial branch of the United Nations. Its purpose is to peacefully resolve disputes between nations according to the principles of international law. The Court is expected to announce before the end of 1985 its final judgment as to whether the U.S. has violated international law by conducting military and paramilitary activities against Nicaragua, and whether the U.S. must cease these activities and pay compensation to Nicaragua. May justice be less blind in the World Court than it was in the Syracuse city court.

--compiled by Radell Roberts

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# Criminal Trespass:

## Testimony by John Stockwell

*On October 3rd former CIA senior officer, John Stockwell, testified at the trial of the Nicaragua Affinity Group of Ithaca. The group, along with many other Central New Yorkers, were arrested on June 12 for occupying Senator D'Amato and Representative Wortley's offices in the Federal Building in downtown Syracuse.*

*The 47 occupiers were protesting those politicians' vote in favor of \$27 million in 'humanitarian' aid to contra mercenaries in Nicaragua. All 47 were found guilty of criminal trespass by City Court Judge Mathilde Bersani and fined or imprisoned (see Karen's article on page 10).*

*The following testimony has been condensed from 33 pages of court transcript. Stockwell, a witness for the defense, was questioned by defendants Dale Hathaway and Neil Golder since their affinity group chose not to have an attorney represent them.*

Q. Mr Stockwell, can you tell us when and where you worked [for the CIA]?

A. Yes. I was with the CIA 13 years. I had six years in Africa. I was chief of station. I dealt with the CIA's mercenary programs in the Congo in the late 60's. I was also in Viet Nam in '73 to '75. I sat on a sub-committee of the National Security Council with the title of chief of the task force that managed the Angolan covert action in 1975. This very much resembled the Nicaraguan covert action.

Q. [Did] the Angolan operation serve as a model for the Nicaraguan operation?

A. Yes.

Q. How long did you operate in Angola?

A. The Angolan covert action which I supervised lasted about a year.

Q. Is it true that one third of your staff there was devoted to propaganda?

A. That's correct. One third of my staff at CIA headquarters [in] Langley, Virginia were professional propagandists writing false stories and introducing them into the press.

Q. Was that a common function to have attached to an operation?

A. It was a fixed bureaucracy, the covert action section. We called it the propaganda section. They occupied one wing of the building, one floor. They were all professional writers.

Q. How does the [Nicaragua] propaganda campaign work?

A. You write articles, hopefully with some credibility but slanted to your purpose, and put them into the press. One example was the Secretary of State, Al Haig, introduced a paper to the Senate which claimed to be based on documents which proved, allegedly, that the situation in El Salvador and Nicaragua was part of Soviet covert action, and this paper named the Russian colonel in charge. The paper was attacked by the Wall Street Journal. Haig had to go back before the Senate Committee and answer questions. He admitted that no such Soviet exist[ed], that it was a composite of individuals that would exist in the situation as the State Department

liked to see it.

Q. Why would [this paper] have been introduced into Congressional committees?

A. To deceive them.

Q. Have you ever been aware of an international law that might have made conduct you were involved in illegal?

A. One specific example was [the Angolan] operation. We were delivering arms to the South African government for their use inside Angola. We have a law, an agreement through the United Nations, that we would not deliver arms to South Africa. We were challenged in this supervisory subcommittee of the National Security Council on this. We all read a copy of this law. We discussed it with the general counsel and wrote our papers carefully to cover ourselves on interpretation of this law and continue[d] to deliver arms to South Africa.

Q. Are you saying that international [and] national laws have no effect of restraining the operations of the CIA?

A. Only in the sense of making you more careful. You don't want to get caught flagrantly in violation of a law in a way that you can be prosecuted. But certainly the CIA, in my personal experience, violated these laws.

Q. [There] wasn't a policy against breaking national and international law?

A. No.

Q. Have you ever been involved in an attempt to destabilize or overthrow a government?

A. Well, that's exactly what we were doing in Angola. That was a destabilization operation - very much after the pattern of Nicaraguan destabilization operations. You're going in through international propaganda and pressure, trying to discredit the country involved. In both of these operations, the claim was that there was a Cuban and Soviet plot to take over the countries, and then also arming the factions that were outside the country and sending them in with CIA leadership, with mercenaries hired by the CIA, with the objective of destabilizing the country or breaking the country apart to make it impossible to govern.

Q. [Did the U.S.] government launch any such campaign against Nicaragua?

A. Well, in December 1981 Reagan escalated what was a propaganda operation into a paramilitary operation. He authorized giving the contras or the CIA \$19 million to form the contra force, which they did based on Somocista ex-guard. They hired mercenaries from Argentina, Columbia, Venezuela, as well as the Somocista [National] Guard, and they took them to Honduras. They put uniforms on their backs; they put guns in their hands, and they trained them. They fed them; they sent them into Nicaragua with CIA leadership to destabilize the country. We've been inside the country and we've counted the people that they have killed, that they have raped, that they have traumatized. Children are forced to watch their mother raped, her breasts peeled off, and then killed with the children watching. This is a killing of the soul.

Q. Was that a known policy within the CIA, that things like that were happening?

A. Yes. In Viet Nam where I served, certain officers in the CIA would go into the national interrogation centers and work with the Vietnamese police to interrogate

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# The CIA in Nicaragua



Larry Boyd/LNS

*This man is part of the militia Nicaragua has formed to respond to the contra threat.*

prisoners, and this included techniques of torture. There was also such an officer in the station in Kinshasa in the Congo when I served there working with Mobutu's special police and also in Kampala, Uganda under Idi Amin, working with his special branch in interrogating prisoners.

Q. Has the United States ever trained anyone in Latin America to conduct torture?

A. The United States had the Public Safety Program for 26 years, a system of putting trainers in Latin American countries and working with the police to teach them and implement programs of torture.

MR PRIMO (the prosecuting attorney): I'd ask for a specific time frame, where and when. He's talking vague generalities.

Q. When was this program of training?

A. It was closed down in the early 70's. One of the specific individuals was Dan Mitrione, who was killed in Uruguay by the Tupamaro [guerillas] at the end of three years in Brazil where he had taught the techniques of torture. He was given a hero's burial in the States. The testimony, however, about what he had done included picking up beggars off the street and using them for guinea pigs in the torture training classes. When they would collapse they would be shot up with vitamin B and rested up for the next class until eventually they would die, in which case their bodies would be mutilated and thrown in the streets to strike terror in the population's hearts. This is documented in U.S. Congressional testimony.

Q. You're aware that torture is a practice that's used against Nicaragua now?

A. We have gone in and interviewed victims who have been tortured by the contras. We've had the bodies of six children tortured in Santa Clara, a young woman in the village nearby, a 14-year old who was gang raped and

then her head chopped off and stuck on a pole and left in front of the village and the villagers told that if they took it down the contras would come back and do that to [them]. There are over 8000 instances that have been reported. I've seen some of them. Various church organizations have photographed and documented, photographed the bodies, recorded the times and dates and names of the people who've been so abused.

Q. Mr Stockwell, this conduct would not go over well in the United States. Is the propaganda operation being used to justify the war against Nicaragua?

A. It certainly is. President Reagan himself has claimed that the Nicaraguans are building a force that's threatening [our] security, that's larger than all the other [Central American] forces combined. The truth is the Nicaraguan force is about 40,000 regular arms and a certain number of the militia of the farmers who have guns. The El Salvador army alone is over 54,000. The Guatemalan army is larger than the Nicaraguan army. The Honduran army is larger than the Nicaraguan army. [Reagan] claimed the Sandinistas are acquiring fighters and bombers. The truth is they have a small air force, if you can call it that, of 720 planes including Piper Cubs and DC-3's. They have no strategic striking aircraft. By comparison, Honduras and El Salvador do, and in El Salvador, some of our pilots are flying the planes for them, in addition to which the U.S. has maintained down there this huge armada of up to 350 ships --

Q. Has the U.S. ever threatened to invade Nicaragua, either orally or visually?

A. On five occasions the U.S., with this armada, these hundreds of planes and 30,000 troops, has rehearsed the invasion of Nicaragua within five miles of the border, working in Honduras with the Honduran --

JUDGE BERSANI: May I ask how you know this?

A. Well, these things have been published by the Defense Department. The press is allowed to go along and photograph them and take pictures and monitor them, rehearsing the invasion of Nicaragua.

Q. Mr. Stockwell, these people [in Nicaragua] you talked to, did you see anyone who had physical indications they had been abused?

A. I've put my hands on the nubs of missing limbs of maimed children who had been blown up by the contras. I've seen bodies of children that were killed by contra attacks.

Q. You've testified about CIA strategies and policies that you have experienced in other places. Having been in Nicaragua and analyzing the situation there, do you believe that CIA policies are different now or have changed in some way in Nicaragua?

A. There's a change. In this administration the primary spokesperson has been President Reagan himself. So we have a more aggressive administration now and an atmosphere where the President himself and the people around him believe that these operations are so correct that they don't have to be denied. When the press asked President Reagan if the CIA and its contras are trying to overthrow the government in Managua, his answer was, "And what would be so wrong with that?" Well, the answer is that the Bolin Amendment prohibited the CIA or the Reagan administration from attempting to overthrow the government in Managua. What would be so wrong with it is that it would be a felony, a violation of the law. ❁

# An Enemy of Our Own Making

by David Goodman

This year's anniversary of the Hiroshima-Nagasaki bombings was an opportunity to contemplate humankind's rude entry into the nuclear age forty years ago. The American reaction then to the use of this new kind of weapon reflected the feelings of a population weary of war. Only a small percentage of Americans at the time disapproved of the bombings. Most were relieved that the war was at last over without having to resort to the expected long, costly invasion of Japan. Some of these same happy people were still genuinely saddened at the misery and suffering "Little Boy" and "Fat Man" inflicted upon innocent Japanese. But there were many others who thought they deserved it. President Truman himself responded to criticism of the bombing by explaining, "When you have to deal with a beast, you have to treat him as a beast."

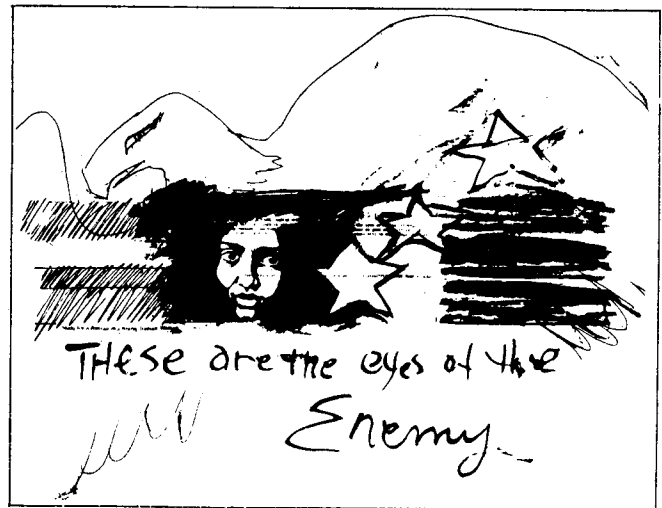
This was the attitude that made seemingly unconscionable destruction of major civilian population centers feasible to American decision-makers. The importance of dehumanizing the enemy was recognized by Patrick Blackett, President of the Royal Society, who observed in 1956, "Once a nation bases its security on an absolute weapon, such as the atom bomb, it becomes psychologically necessary to believe in an absolute enemy."

Today, by design, we have been conditioned to believe that the Soviet Union, which President Reagan tells us is the "evil empire" is our sworn enemy. And there are many powerful institutions, the military establishment and defense contractors among them, which derive enormous profit by instilling nationalistic hate, exacerbating the Cold War, and keeping Americans alarmed about "the Soviet threat" (or whatever other "adversary" is in fashion at the time).

Having a national enemy is a powerful force in American culture. Our elected representatives perpetuate this tradition to more easily distract us from our own domestic problems and foreign policy injustices by drawing attention to those of other nations. Thus, Americans are incessantly reminded, often through exaggeration and disinformation, of the brutality and ruthlessness of our "enemies." The ominous hammer-and-


sickle leaps out at us from the covers of innumerable espionage thrillers and is pounded into our brains by a growing legion of suspense dramas. Invariably, they are the "bad guys" and we are the "good guys." We have cultivated the dubious occupation of holding the Soviet Union-- a nation operated by a government which does not represent us and to which we do not pay taxes-- under closer scrutiny than ourselves. We examine the mishaps, injustices, and failings of the Soviet Union under an electron microscope, and view our own with blinders on. Seldom are we encouraged to develop a balanced, impartial perspective of our very complex world.

This practice of dividing the world neatly into two distinct camps, allies and enemies, tends to produce a paranoid "us vs. them" mindset. Viewing the world through this simplistic prism, as an eternal contest between "good guys" (us, representing freedom and democracy) and "bad guys" (them, representing tyranny and oppression), sustains the unsophisticated, comfortable mentality many of us enjoyed as children. However,



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childhood games like "Cops and Robbers" and "Cowboys and Indians" don't apply realistically to the political arena where adult children playing imaginary zero-sum games are armed to the teeth with nuclear warheads.

Recently, the Soviet Union made several substantive proposals toward ending the nuclear arms race. Among them was their invitation to the United States to join the U.S.S.R. in a nuclear testing moratorium, a bilateral 50% reduction in offensive nuclear weapons and a ban on all space weaponry. Even those skeptical of Soviet integrity should have welcomed the opportunity to challenge the Kremlin by calling their "bluff." Instead, the Reagan administration dismissed these potential breakthrough overtures as propaganda ploys—and that was the end of it.

That constructive proposals can be so easily dismissed out-of-hand by the administration testifies to the excessive cynicism with which top American officials perceive all Soviet actions and statements. That the proposals could be shrugged off as they were without even modest reproach by the media, large numbers of American citizens and Congress, further testifies that such cynicism is acceptable to most Americans. Indeed, cynicism has become so much a part of our frame-of-reference that few realize the way in which it colors and distorts what we consider "the real world."

The effects can be ravaging. At the present time, pervasive and persistent distrust, hostility and fear, reinforced as they are by anti-Soviet propaganda (e.g., the "spydust" charges) and ongoing unsubstantiated allegations of Soviet treaty violations, are hindering progress at the floundering arms control talks and poisoning the climate for a successful Reagan-Gorbachev summit in Geneva.

Franklin Roosevelt reassured the Americans of his day that "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself." But who finds this thought reassuring today? Because of the very fear they obsessively reserve for each other, the United States and the Soviet Union are marching toward the war from which neither can conceivably recover and for which both are feverishly preparing. Each nation's fear-driven preoccupation with national security has successfully manufactured the adversarial threat which never existed originally. And yet we seek to defuse the threat by taking the same route that created it, with outrageous military spending and unrestrained enthusiasm for new and ever more dangerous weaponry. The monstrous cycle of the arms race accelerates, each nation buttressing its own security at the expense of the other's, which really means security for neither.



—David Goodman

Is it too soon to see where we are headed and, in so doing, reverse our direction? Can we not come to realize that enemies we have and threats we face are often of our own making? Will we never see the danger lurking behind our growing nationalistic fervor? Why must we think that the mere assignment of a nation to "enemy" status earmarks an intrinsic property of that nation's identity? Can't we comprehend that international politics are so unstable, so volatile, that there is constant shifting of "allies" and "enemies," of affinities and animosities?

Normalized relations await only the earnest will of those states involved. History, after all, is a process of changing political landscapes. At one time, France and Britain were bitter enemies of each other, as were Britain and the United States. But not so today. The list of former U.S. enemies includes Mexico, Spain, Germany and Japan, though few of us consider any of those nations our adversaries now. Unfortunately, in each of those cases, reconciliation was preceded by war. We can ill afford that kind of solution now, for war between the two superpowers would extinguish far more than their mutual hostilities.

During the course of the American Civil War, Abraham Lincoln never missed an opportunity to speak kindly of the South. An ardent Union supporter once challenged the President directly. "Why try to make friends with your enemy?" he protested. "You should destroy them." "Am I not destroying my enemies," replied Lincoln, "when I make friends of them?"

This delicate concept has sadly eluded world leaders in an age when its understanding is most essential. Ultimately, that insight may represent the vision all people must begin to nurture if we are to survive another 40 years without having any additional nuclear bombings to commemorate. ♣

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# The Summit and the Peace Movement

by Frank Brodhead

How should the peace movement organize for the November Summit meeting between Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev? Does the Summit hold out the hope of a significant step toward peace?

I believe the Summit contains traps for the peace movement. It appears that many old divisions within the movement are re-emerging around the Summit. And in the relation of the peace movement to the mass media, there are new steps being taken which need to be carefully examined.

## The Directors' Forum

Perhaps the most ambitious strategy for the Summit conceived so far grew out of the Directors' Forum, an informal coalition of some two dozen arms control and peace organizations, mostly Washington-based. In a nutshell, the strategy of the Directors' Forum is to raise expectations.

The Reagan administration has maintained the Summit is simply a "get acquainted" meeting between Reagan and Gorbachev, and it has attempted to dampen hopes that significant steps toward peace and disarmament might emerge from the meeting.

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Part of the "raising expectations" strategy necessarily implies giving legitimacy to the Summit. It would not be possible to maintain the position, at least publicly, that the Summit is a fraud and that Reagan is a hypocrite, for example, if we want to "raise expectations" around the Summit. Such a view is certainly far from the stance of the Directors' Forum, whose statement says, "All Americans and indeed the entire world should applaud this forthcoming meeting of the two superpower leaders. They alone are in a position to break the deadlock and to make real progress in negotiating limits on the arms race..." While part of the "raising expectations" strategy undoubtedly includes a residual hope that (if enough people agitated for concrete steps for peace) something good might come out of the Summit, I believe that most peace activists share my skepticism that the Reagan administration has the least intention of moderating its arms buildup. If this is so, then the "raising expectations" strategy can only be seen as manipulative. We will raise expectations only to have them dashed. In this process, presumably, we will be in a position to capitalize on the disappointed hopes that we have raised.

The campaign to "raise expectations" will be focused on a short list of disarmament demands such as: agree to a moratorium on testing anti-satellite weapons and agree in principle to an interim arms accord, which could include reductions in both launchers and warheads.

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The statement assumes that what we want are bilateral agreements, maintaining the bilateralism that became dogma in the early days of the freeze movement. While there is a certain safety against the charge of being a "communist dupe" which is inevitably directed against advocates of unilateral initiatives by the U.S., a dogmatic bilateralism necessarily contributes to the marginalizing of unilateralists, both pacifists and nonpacifists alike.

There is a price to pay for the rejection of strategies or demands based on unilateral initiatives. During the campaign against the deployment of U.S.-controlled Cruise and Pershing missiles in Europe, we often found ourselves estranged from our allies in the European peace movements, who called for unilateral initiatives towards disarmament. And we found we had to adjust our bilateral agreement strategies to the practical necessity of working to put a unilateral halt to the funding and deployment of the Cruise or the MX.

A bilateral framework makes our disarmament strategies hostage to the agreement of the Soviets: we commit ourselves to disarming only if the Soviet Union takes similar steps. In essence, bilateralism is locked into an acceptance of deterrence.

A second deficiency of the statement concerns its scope. It returns us to that moment in 1982 when the great June 12th demonstration could not address the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, which as much as anything going on that day had a finger on the trigger of nuclear war.

Largely in response to this failure, disarmament activists developed the concept of the "Deadly Connection" and held dozens of conferences across the U.S. to discuss the connections between intervention and nuclear war. The statement shows that, whatever our collective intellectual understanding of how to prevent nuclear war, when the chips are down and the coalitions are formed a substantial and important part of the peace movement will still accept- and even enforce- the separation of "disarmament" from "anti-intervention".

The division of the peace movement into "disarmament" and "anti-intervention", and the rejection of unilateralism in favor of bilateralism- and, indeed, the stance of "applauding the Summit"- are strongly reinforced by the recent surge of interest in the media within the disarmament organizations.

One of the outcomes of this focus on the media has been to place an additional conservative pressure on our work, giving an imprint of "science" to the view that to "reach people" we must appear "more responsible" so that the media "will take us seriously."

This focus on the media has so far not addressed the issues of media bias and the concentration of ownership of the media by corporations that have their own interests.

## The Search for Peace

We need to become more conscious of the "search for peace" strategy as a tool of foreign intervention and the escalation of the arms race.

During the Vietnam war, and the consequent erosion of automatic support for the U.S. imperial enterprise successive U.S. presidential administrations learned to hone to a fine art the appearance of searching for peace while escalating the war. Both then and now, the search for peace depends on the cooperation of the Western media.

During the entire history of the U.S. engagement in Vietnam, the media never framed the U.S. military mission in terms of an invasion of Vietnam. It treated



sympathetically the Reagan administration's claim that its purpose in invading Grenada was to rescue students. It automatically follows the Reagan administration in dismissing the Soviet moratorium on nuclear testing as a "propaganda stunt."

Strobe Talbot's book, *Deadly Gambits*, clearly shows that the Reagan administration treated the Geneva negotiations about "intermediate range" nuclear weapons as a problem of "alliance management." "The object of making a proposal and undertaking negotiations," he writes, "was damage limitation, public relations, and getting the new NATO missiles deployed with a minimum of anguish and recrimination inside the alliance."

The purpose of arms control negotiations under Reagan has been to serve as a cover by which the arms buildup can forge ahead.

By refraining from denouncing the Reagan administration's approach to the Summit as fraudulent, the peace movement will render more effective by being unchallenged, Reagan's so-called "Search for Peace." We need to understand what is going on with the Summit and, rather than applauding it, we must try to prevent it from succeeding in its purpose of legitimizing the continuation of the arms race.



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# Star Wars — The Biggest Lie Yet

by John D. Brule

"Let us embark on a bold new program that will make nuclear weapons impotent and obsolete." With these words, Ronald Reagan launched a massive attack upon the fragile world peace and breathed new death into the MAD arms race. Further, his announcement capitalized upon the fear and greed of segments of the research community, and took the first steps to install a program that, he hopes, will continue to permeate our society long after he has left the office of the President. The Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) or Star Wars program is the most dangerous development in the arms race since one human first threw a stone in anger at another.

## The Birth of the Lie

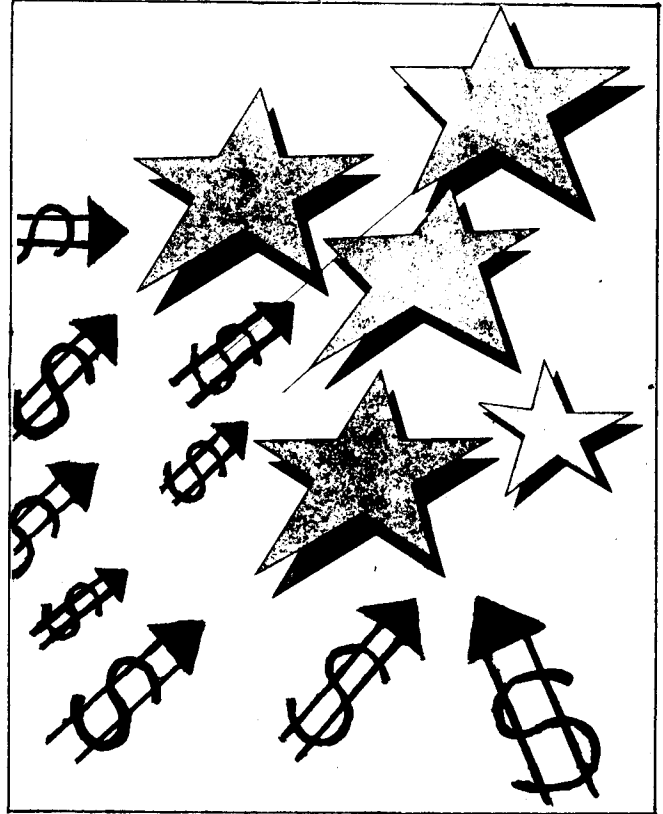
Reagan made the infamous Star Wars speech at a dinner on March 23, 1985. In an almost casual manner he indicated a commitment of around a trillion dollars\* to develop and deploy a military system that no one understood, and that could not perform its stated purpose. Reagan said his Star Wars would prevent this country from being struck by any nuclear weapons from the Soviet Union. This is utterly impossible. All Reagan's system could do, even if it worked as claimed, would be to intercept intercontinental ballistic missiles launched from the Soviet Union. It affords no protection from low-flying cruise-type missiles, submarine-launched missiles, or any of a number of other sources of these hideous weapons. In spite of this, Reagan is trying to sell Star Wars as a way to move away from MAD and the whole concept of deterrence. But as clear proof developed that Star Wars could never be an effective defensive weapon, new reasons had to be found to justify its existence. It soon began to be described as a deterrent weapon. What this means is that an imperfect version of Reagan's Star Wars weapon could actually be part of a first strike scenario. It is in this context that Reagan and Weinberger are now talking about ways to "win a protracted nuclear war." This insanity is part of Star Wars and those who advocate its advancement must be prepared to explain how they can expect our world to survive a nuclear holocaust.

## The Development of the Lie

Lt. Gen. James Abrahamson was appointed Director of the SDI, and James. A. Ionson was made Director of the SDI Innovative Science and Technology Office (SDIO). While both these offices funnel the money and projects associated with Star Wars, the SDIO specifically funds SDI research in academia. One of the first steps they took was to try to involve a broad spectrum of the technical and research community. Early in 1985, the decision was made to funnel money from existing military research programs and put it into the SDI program. People already seeking military money were told by the various agencies involved that funding was no longer available but would be returned to the agency later as Star Wars dollars. This shifting of money was being done for two reasons: 1) To get the program established so that Congress would be induced to fund it, and 2) It was politically expedient. Ionson

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could now point with pride to the thousands of people scrabbling for a piece of the Star Wars pie. In reality, Ionson, by his rechanneling existing money into his Star Wars trough, only succeeded in exploiting the researchers' need for money.



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## The Exposure of the Lie

The SDI tried to coerce prestigious research centers to jump on the Star Wars bandwagon. But the SDI went too far for some. Administrations from such schools as MIT, called a halt. They emphasized that an individual faculty's acceptance of the Star Wars money did not imply institutional acceptance of the program. Faculty at various institutions signed pledges against either soliciting or accepting Star Wars money and the debate was on. Leading scientific and engineering researchers pointed out the technical infeasibility of the Star Wars program. Members of the Star Wars technical panel resigned and published documents showing why SDI could not work. Nobel prize winners, physicists and engineers doing military research pulled out of the program. They did this, not because they opposed all military-funded research, but rather because they felt that there were more viable and effective ways to spend the military dollars. All this activity presented problems for the Star Wars proponents that were bigger than they expected, but not insurmountable, since the Star Wars program has one powerful drawing card - a 26 billion dollar 5 year spending plan. This is a strong attraction that mortal researchers find difficult to resist!

## The Lie-Its Effect on Universities

Faculties in science and engineering departments at research-oriented universities are under heavy pressure to find money to support their research and the research of their graduate students. It is much easier to keep your job and salary increases if you are bringing in a lot of research money instead of merely being an outstanding teacher. This is reality. Ideally, research proposals made by faculty researchers are evaluated by peers working in the same technical field. The decision whether to fund is based upon their evaluation and this peer review process is fundamental to academic research progress. However, when the military enters the picture, they bring in money to support research that is directed to a specific project and the research must now be justified by the project as being useful to that objective. Since there is a lot of Star Wars money and any proposed research must show that it supports the Star Wars' unattainable objective, faculty are finding some rather tenuous rationalizations to justify their participation. A very common one is, "I'm only doing the research I would be doing anyway even if Star Wars didn't exist, so why not do it with Star Wars money?" Any such rationalization depends upon the faculty members' being able to convince themselves that they don't have to be responsible for the political effects of their actions.

The most serious long-term effect of this massive amount of Star Wars money will be the undercutting of academic freedom. This freedom affords the faculty the right to open discussion and debate and the freedom to publish the results of their research. At Syracuse University no classified research is permitted on campus, and no research contract is signed if it would discriminate against faculty or graduate students on non-academic bases, such as country of citizenship. While no contract would be signed that predetermined that results would be classified, nevertheless the military has the power to coerce such classification after the work is done. Consider the following scenario. A faculty member has been conducting research funded by the military, and the current phase of the project is nearly done. The faculty member then submits a proposal for continuation of funding. The proposal may involve not only a portion of a faculty member's salary for the summer months, but also financial support for several graduate students who are nearing degree completion. Now the military sponsor informs the faculty member that due to national security considerations it is preferred that the results not be published in the open literature. If the project director balks at this not-so-gentle suggestion, the possibility of losing funding for the continuation work must be faced. This scenario has occurred; it can be expected to occur again.

### The Lie-

### How Can We Find the Truth, and Act on it ?

The existence of the Star Wars disaster with its billions of dollars of funding must be exposed to everyone. The curtain of misinformation and fantasy must be stripped away. The program must be seen for what it is - a dangerous escalation of the arms race, a disaster for the economic well-being of the people of the United States, and an assault on the intelligence of the people of the world. Researchers at universities across the country are signing pledges to neither solicit nor accept Star Wars money. To date, almost 700 researchers have signed at Cornell, and comparable numbers of signatures at MIT, the University of Illinois, California Institute of Technology and on

and on throughout the country. The School of Arts and Sciences at Tufts passed a resolution asking the Chancellor and the Office of Sponsored Programs to refuse Star Wars money. At Syracuse University, a Senate committee is examining this issue and they will be scheduling hearings and meetings to try to determine the effects of Star Wars funded research upon academic freedom at the university.

Beyond these academic considerations, we must strive to maintain contact with these frightening events. We must all keep well informed on the implications of this Star Wars program, and contact our congressional representatives to let them know how we feel. When all else is considered, the glaring truth remains that failure to do anything is, in effect, an acceptance of the Star Wars lie! ♣

## Media Blitz !

Believe it or not, you may soon be seeing 30-second commercials on your local television urging you to support President Reagan's "Star Wars" weapon system, which will now be "marketed" as the "Peace Shield."

The TV spots are part of a massive \$1.7 million public relations blitz masterminded and financed by a coalition of ultra-conservative political groups - and they are the slickest attempts yet to sell the American people on the misleading idea that "Star Wars" will protect us from nuclear attack.

National MOBILIZATION FOR SURVIVAL needs your help to respond to this and all other efforts to distort the true nature and intent of "Star Wars."

According to THE NEW YORK TIMES (10/23/85) the new commercial "opens with a child's crayon drawing a family of stick people outside their house, with a large sun in the background. A little girl is heard wondering what 'Star Wars' is all about. She then says her father told her that 'right now, we can't protect ourselves from nuclear weapons and that's why the President wants to build a Peace Shield.' While she is speaking, a dome is drawn over the house and family. Missiles come crashing into the dome and are destroyed. When the attack is over, the Peace Shield becomes a rainbow and the sun can be seen smiling in the background."

National MOBILIZATION'S ongoing grassroots campaign to spread the truth about "Star Wars" now faces the challenge of countering - dollar for dollar, if necessary - this new and insidious media ploy, which totally ignores the fact that up to 100 million people will be killed even if "Star Wars" works perfectly, and that neither our children nor our homes will be even minimally protected.

The pro-"Star Wars" forces have already raised \$175,000 toward their goal of saturating 30 major TV markets. Our own resources are much smaller - but the truth is on our side. That's why, if you can respond TODAY with as large a commitment as possible, we will be able to increase our vitally-needed public education efforts and fight effectively against this dangerous new campaign. PLEASE HELP. Send your gift today to: NATIONAL MOBILIZATION FOR SURVIVAL \* PO Box 871 \* New York, NY 10003

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# SDI ("Star Wars"): A Trillion Dollar Boondoggle

by Phil Klein

President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI or "Star Wars") not only provides a striking illustration of how weapons systems develop lives of their own in this country: it makes all other weapons programs pale by comparison. Consider the following:

1) It was a proposal made by Reagan which took most members of the scientific community, defense establishment and his own administration completely by surprise. He seems to have acted at the urging of such individuals as Edward Teller (Terry Southern's model for "Dr. Strangelove") and General Daniel Graham, the proponent of High Frontier, a non-nuclear defense against ballistic missiles largely discounted if not derided by many members of the military and scientific communities.

2) It was a brilliant preemptive move by Mr. Reagan which apparently has persuaded millions of Americans that SDI can spell the end of the nuclear threat by erecting an impermeable shield in outer space -- a notion that most scientists greeted with astonished skepticism, until the whole idea's money-making potential penetrated their common sense. Thus, Americans' love of and faith in technology made them turn from movements such as the Freeze to accept in good faith the possibility of a "Technological Fix," its unbelievable price tag notwithstanding.

3) The Star Wars concepts would involve the creation of projects which would be the equivalent of many Manhattan Projects, the mammoth effort which created the atomic bomb and would involve the eventual expenditure of a trillion dollars on technologies as yet unproved. Such a system might not be operable for as long as thirty years.

More than that, however, are the multifold implications of our undertaking such a new arms race. These have been brilliantly explicated by Dr. Robert M. Bowman, President of the Institute for Space and Security

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Studies, former director of the Air Force's Advanced Space Program Development, where he was responsible for overseeing billion-dollar research into the same space weaponry he now denounces.

The following are excerpts from a paper of Dr. Bowman's entitled: STAR WARS: SHOULD WE IF WE COULD? Since space here is limited, some excerpts are quoted verbatim, while others are reduced to the main points they express. In his introduction, Bowman says:

*If there is one thing on which I agree with the proponents of space weapons, it is that the debate over SDI, more popularly known as "Star Wars" should not be engaged on the level of technological feasibility, but on the level of strategic suitability. The important question is not "Can we deploy a Star Wars system?" but "Should we?". The answer to our question depends upon the effect such a deployment would have on our national security. There are many of us in the military, both active and retired, who believe that the effect of a Star Wars system would be to destroy our national security by greatly increasing the likelihood of nuclear war and causing such a war to be even more destructive. Our answer to the question "Should we?" is a resounding "NO!"*


On the question of the possible perfection of a Star Wars system, Bowman states these points:

-Everyone agrees that 100% perfection is not possible.

-Whereas the American people are blithely promised a 95% perfect system, he predicts that the actual effectiveness would lie between zero and 10% -- even if it worked.

-If all the enormous technological advances required were actually achieved and a five-layer of chemical laser battle stations, electromagnetic rail guns, particle beams, nuclear-weapons-generated X-rays, orbiting mirrors, etc., were in place, the system could be rendered totally useless by disabling any one critical element -- many of which are inherently extremely vulnerable. In short, an enemy could turn the entire system into a trillion dollars worth of useless junk unable to stop anything.

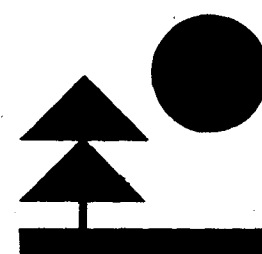
He then moves from the question "Should we?" to "Why," relating to military objectives. He states:



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-The objectives laid out in the President's Star Wars speech were to make nuclear weapons impotent and obsolete, to do away with MAD (Mutual Assured Destruction) and to "save lives rather than avenge them." According to Bowman, for the past two years everyone in and out of government has given the President the message that such a system is not attainable; neither are his objectives.

-Star Wars is now being justified as a means of "enhancing deterrence." The President sought to do away with deterrence; now we seek to enhance it. The President wanted to eliminate the need to retaliate; now he wants to increase it.

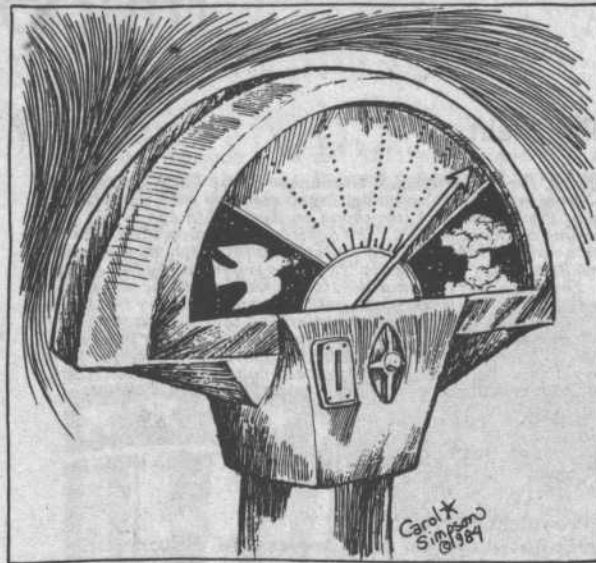
-Although enhancing deterrence by protecting weapons of retaliation is a legitimate military objective, we don't need it, since we have thousands of invulnerable nuclear weapons to retaliate with.

Dr. Bowman, having disposed of Star Wars suitability both as a "defensive shield" and a means of enhancing deterrence, goes on to consider what he believes to be the program's real objectives:

-To be a component of a first strike, along with MX, Pershing II, Trident II and our other first strike weapons. Assuming that they could eliminate 90% of an enemy's missiles in their silos before they are launched, there's a chance that Star Wars might actually be of some use against the few that remain. This is hardly a "defensive" system. The most believable use of Star Wars would be to protect an aggressor from retaliation after a first strike had been made. That is why the Soviets are so afraid of our getting one and vice-versa.

-Another military use for Star Wars would be its great offensive capability as a satellite killer. Once a Star Wars system would destroy all enemy space objects, it could prevent an adversary from ever launching anything else into space. Having thus gained absolute control of space, a country could fortify space even further, stationing such things as space bombers and other weapons, which would give them absolute military control of earth. "This is what the extremist supporters of Star Wars really want. Their talk of a moral alternative to MAD is nothing but an enormous con job."

- "These same extremists have apparently taken in the President and many of the American people, but they won't fool the Russians! If we come even close to deploying a Star Wars system which might give us that capability, the Soviets are likely to initiate a desperate pre-emptive nuclear strike."



The remaining portions are also quoted verbatim:

*--If Star Wars on either side would lead to nuclear war, what about having them on both sides? Unfortunately, nobody has been able to figure out how to make such systems invulnerable to each other. In fact, the natural target for a Star Wars system is... another Star Wars system. The minute both the US and the Soviet Union had them, whoever shot first could disable the opposing system, rendering them again completely defenseless, while simultaneously launching a nuclear first strike and hoping for their own system to shield them from retaliation. If Star Wars systems on either side would greatly increase the likelihood of nuclear war, such systems on both sides practically guarantees it.*

Dr. Bowman's conclusions:

*--The only course consistent with our security and national survival is to assure that neither side ever gets a Star Wars system. This is what we should be doing in Geneva.*

*--A verifiable treaty against space weapons testing is achievable and would greatly enhance our security. It would allow our critical stabilizing military early warning space systems to continue, enjoying a relative sanctuary. It would preserve the great benefits we have derived from the ABM Treaty and allow us to make progress toward the reduction of offensive weapons. And it would eliminate any hope of either side being able to launch a first strike and escape retaliation.*

*--Avoiding an arms race in space also opens up exciting possibilities for cooperative peaceful space programs. Why initiate a new, costly and dangerous round in the arms race in the futile pursuit of military superiority. We in the United States and the Soviet Union have better things to do with our resources, our technology, our brainpower and our creativity. Together we can prevail in the hostile environment of space and through it, better our lot on earth... or we can export our instruments of death beyond the planet entrusted to us by God and thereby destroy it. Let us choose life.*

## ACTION ALERT

As we go to press, Capitol Hill is scrambling around dealing with some major deficit reduction proposals. Several important votes have consequently been delayed so **THERE IS STILL TIME TO WRITE!**

The most important one is the overall Defense Appropriations Bill, which includes, among other things, \$2.75 Billion for Star Wars. If you're reading this PNL you know how crazy that is, so don't just read, **WRITE!**

There is also a resolution in the House for a Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban currently gathering sponsors (H.J.Res 3). And finally, on a slightly different issue, the "Moakley-DeConcini" bill, which will allow El Salvadoran & Guatemalan refugees to legally remain in the U.S., has not been voted on yet, but we must act quickly.

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# The Soviet Unilateral — The Story

by Phil Klein

*Last July 29, Premier Mikhail S. Gorbachev of the USSR announced a unilateral moratorium on nuclear testing to coincide with the 40th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima on August 6th and to last until the beginning of the new year. The Soviets called upon the US to join them in a moratorium and their gesture was promptly denounced by President Reagan as "propaganda", a theme reiterated by the American press. There is a story behind the story which somehow never found its way into print. It has to do with the role played by the Washington-based Center for Defense Information and that organization's having previously proposed such a moratorium to both super powers. The following is a sequence of events which occurred and excerpts from letters sent by Rear Admirals Gene LaRocque and Eugene Carroll, Jr. of CDI to American and Soviet leaders and the responses they received.*

*On November 27, 1984, Admirals LaRocque and Carroll wrote to President Reagan:*

Dear Mr. President:

Congratulations upon your impressive victory in the election.

We note that since reelection you have repeatedly affirmed your commitment to the conclusion of effective arms control agreements with the Soviet Union. Toward this end we wish to suggest a first step which is readily achievable and would be of great value in slowing the pace of the nuclear arms buildup. It would completely bypass the current disagreements on INF and START issues and demonstrate your leadership as a man of peace.

This first, essential step is to propose a moratorium on nuclear testing and early resumption of negotiations on a Comprehensive Test Ban. Based upon their Tripartite Report of July 31, 1980, the United States, the Soviet Union and the United Kingdom are already in substantial agreement on the elements of such a Test Ban. Dr. Herbert York, the chief U.S. negotiator, has stated that the Soviets were sincerely committed to concluding a treaty consistent with the terms outlined in the Tripartite Report, including provisions concerning on-site inspections. Your recent calls for the exchange of nuclear test observers appear to be a valuable contribution to meeting this requirement....

...It is impossible to conceive of a more dramatic and constructive way to begin your next four years as President of the most powerful nation on earth. By taking this bold initiative, you will dispel all doubts about U.S. commitments to effective arms control; place the onus on the Soviet Union to follow your leadership; and earn the approval of the citizens of the world for your service to the cause of peace.

*On December 31, 1984, the following response was received from Lt. General John Chain, Jr., USAF Director of the State Department's Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs:*

Dear Admiral LaRocque:

On behalf of the President I am replying to your letter of November 27 concerning a moratorium on nuclear testing and negotiations on a comprehensive nuclear test ban. A comprehensive test ban continues to be a long-term objective of Administration arms control policy, in the context of deep and verifiable arms reductions, expanded confidence-building measures, improved verification capabilities, and a strategic environment in which we would rely less heavily than today on nuclear weapons for deterrence.

The verification of a test ban and especially of a moratorium, remains a major problem. Expert testimony before Congress has indicated that, even in the context of the verification procedures discussed (but not fully agreed) in the CTB trilateral negotiations, there would still be some uncertainty about our ability to detect and identify a potentially significant level of clandestine testing....

...There also are significant concerns about the national security implications of a CTB or a moratorium. The security of the U.S. and our Allies depends upon a credible U.S. deterrent, particularly in view of the massive Soviet buildup of nuclear forces.

For these reasons, while it remains a long-term objective, the U.S. does not intend to pursue negotiations toward a CTB at this time....

*On January 18, 1985, Admirals LaRocque and Carroll sent a letter, similar to the earlier one to President Reagan, to the Soviet leadership. On April 15, the following response was received from the Supreme Soviet Presidium, as delivered to CDI by Ambassador Dobrynin at the Soviet Embassy in Washington:*

Your statement, which testifies to the growing concern of the American public over the threat of devastating nuclear war, hanging over mankind, has been given a careful consideration in Moscow. The underlying motives of the proposal to undertake steps, which would help everyone to move forward to a desired goal, that of total elimination and prohibition of nuclear weapons for all time, to complete removal of the threat of nuclear war, are understandable.

The moratorium on nuclear testing as well as resumption in the near future of negotiations on a com-

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prehensive ban on nuclear weapons tests, which you have proposed, undoubtedly would contribute to constraining the nuclear arms race. The Soviet Union has repeatedly proposed to the USA and other nuclear powers to put an end to such tests. It is one of the most acute and urgent issues now, since continuation of nuclear weapons testing is linked to their qualitative improvements, upgrading and creation of new types of such weapons and, consequently, whips up the build-up of nuclear arsenals....

...To create favourable conditions for working out the treaty, the Soviet Union also suggests such a practically feasible measure as declaration by all states, possessing nuclear weapons, of a moratorium on all nuclear explosions, beginning from a mutually agreed date.

Under present circumstances, suspending nuclear explosions could be a very substantial step towards curtailing the nuclear arms race....

*On April 23, Admirals LaRocque and Carroll sent another letter to President Reagan, responding to Lt General Chain's letter and discussing the Soviet response:*

Dear Mr. President:

After receiving a reply to our letter to you of 27 November 1984, concerning the value of an early moratorium on nuclear testing, we addressed a similar letter to Mr. Chernenko on 18 January 1985. As you may be aware, a response was received to our letter via Ambassador Dobrynin on 15 April. We are enclosing a copy of that response for you consideration. We note with some concern the statement released by the State Department on this issue. As reported in the Washington Post on April 18th, the statement indicated that your advisors are "deeply concerned about the desirability of an uninspected testing moratorium and the verifiability of restraints on nuclear tests."

With respect to the second phrase, it is clear that "restraints on nuclear tests" would no longer be an issue if all nuclear tests were banned. The 150 kiloton threshold limit and special provisions for so-called peaceful nuclear explosions could be subsumed in a total ban, thus eliminating any verification problems concerning limits or other restraints....

...The positive tenor of the Soviet statement of 15 April relative to a moratorium on all nuclear weapons explosions on 6 August 1985 is encouraging evidence that the U.S.S.R. is willing to move ahead in this mat-

ter in conformance with an initiative by the U.S. government to end testing. Please consider a moratorium to be effective 6 August 1985 as the first and most important step you can take to slow, stop and reverse the nuclear arms race. The entire world will be safer and more secure if you will take this initiative.



*On July 30th, after his denunciation of the Soviet unilateral move, which appears to have been motivated by the proposal from CDI, President Reagan invited Soviet observers "to monitor a nuclear test in Nevada."*

*Such is the road to peace that we travel. Why was the role of the Center for Defense Information never acknowledged in the press and the USSR's gesture summarily dismissed by one and all as "propaganda"??*

*Is there truly no starting point? ♣*

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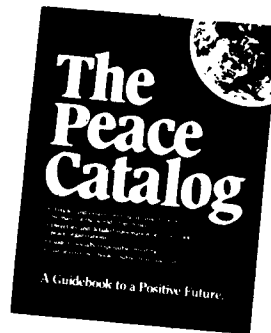


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# The Big Mountain Connection

by Lynn Rose

People of peace are helping war victims of Central America, working to end the arms race, and feeding the starving people of Africa, and this work is sorely needed. But what about the Native Americans? We pour lots of energy into the nuclear freeze; we protest the nuclear train. We urge our local officials to ban transporting of nuclear waste through our neighborhoods. We all want to live in nuclear free zones. And while we work to keep our homes free of the nuclear threat we virtually ignore the very source of that threat: the mining of uranium. We may not be aware of the very high rates of cancer, miscarriage, and death due to radiation on Indian lands. The anti-nuclear movement is largely made up of white people. Are we on some level acting as a white self-interest group? Do we ignore the mines because they are not on "our" land?

In our peculiar tendency to protest only the deployment of nuclear missiles or the building of nuclear power plants, we allow the entire nuclear process to begin. And some of the worst oppression of people and damage to the environment takes place at the uranium mines almost always located on Indian reservations.

The hour is growing late for the people of Big Mountain. We all need to take stock of our intentions, our goals for peace.

The Hopi and Navajo (who call themselves Dine) have shared the Joint Use Area (JUA) in northeastern Arizona for hundreds of years. In 1974, Congress passed the Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act (Public Law 93-531), which authorized a 50-50 split of the JUA and fences to be built to divide the land. The law also ordered a 90% reduction of livestock herds, upon which the people depend for sustenance, and ordered an end to all building and land improvements. How could such abusive measures be justified? According to Mae Benally in an Akwesasne Notes interview (Spring 1982), chemicals were sprayed over the area during the 1960's to kill the vegetation; thus making it appear as though the land was overgrazed, in order to justify livestock reduction. Mae stated that "It (chemical) looked like icicles and it was laying around all over the place. It practically burned out all vegetation...I remember there were endless planes."

*Lynn is an activist working in Vermont in support of native people's issues.*



--Rini Templeton from "Navajos Resist Forced Relocation"

Also, government sources inform the public of the Navajo-Hopi "land dispute" (created by corporated and governmental interference) which must be settled; but the primary reason for this forced relocation is to move the Indians out of the way so that mining companies can rape the land of its huge uranium and coal deposits. Hundreds of families have been relocated, ripped off and brutalized, while hundreds more refuse to leave. Now the government openly threatens violence to force the people of Big Mountain from their home. Several clashes have taken place between the Dine and fencing crews; a number of women have been arrested for their resistance to intrusion onto their land. (The Dine are a matrilineal people; land is owned by women and passed down from mother to daughter.) The elder women, particularly, refuse to leave and continue to lead the fight for justice.

The relocation plan is clearly failing. Cost estimates originally set at \$37 million to complete relocation may reach far beyond unless we stop this atrocity now. An independent people are being forced into the welfare system; health costs soar as relocates cannot cope with the forced changes in their lives.

People of conscience cannot allow the loss of Big Mountain to become reality. It is time to let the government know that it can no longer

direct the lives of Native Americans. It is time to let the mining companies know that there are very definite limits to their enterprises. It is time for us to offer the Dine and Hopi our wholehearted support. The spirit of the land and the people is a part of each of us. The healing of Big Mountain is the healing of Mother Earth. ♀

## What You Can Do to Help

To join a massive letter-writing campaign, make contributions, or join the volunteer staff, write or call:

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# A Letter from Capetown

by Andrew Merrifield

*We wrote to Andrew for a firsthand report on conditions in South Africa for our special South Africa issue last month. His reply arrived too late, so we are publishing it now.*

*Andrew is a white South African who was active in S.U. Divest, the organization expressing Syracuse University students' shame that their tuition money is being invested in companies earning profits in South Africa. In 1984 Andrew returned home to research and teach at the University of Capetown.*

South Africa has changed irreversibly in the past few months as a result of widespread and sustained rebellion. Most of this rebellion was generated by local issues such as rents, sewage, education reform, retrenchment of wages, police and army repression, and the effects of the government-generated recession.

The rebellion has been sustained through organizational support by the mass front organizations such as the United Democratic Front (UDF) and the National Forum (NF). The UDF is made up of about 600 community, trade union, church and youth groups. About 200 such organizations are affiliated with the NF. While these organizations sustain resistance, popular mobilization has outstripped organization. The fronts currently get calls from "affiliates" in areas where they had not previously been active.

The state of emergency -- or emergency of the state, as we refer to it here -- has had both positive and negative effects. The mass organizations have suffered from the detention and murder of many of their activists; on the other hand, the state repression has generated even further mobilization. The townships of all the major centers are under permanent occupation. The people are subjected to curfews, searches, and arrest every day. They have also been robbed at roadblocks, had food stolen from their homes while they are at work by soldiers searching house to house, seen their children and grandmothers raped by young soldiers, and been subject to indiscriminate police and army violence.

The latest outrage is the detention of hundreds of school children, some of them under 10 years of age. Many parents are so incensed that they have stopped going to work in order to protect their children. The people have stopped paying rent and have organized their own services. The government can only enter the townships in armored vehicles.

The army and police are clearly attempting to terrorize the people back into submission, but their actions

# Apartheid at

only inflame the situation more. They don't have the resources to occupy the townships all the time, so they drive from town to town in response to each outbreak of rebellion. By the time the military arrive the outbreak is over, so they just shoot up the town. While many people have been killed or injured in direct confrontation with the "force" (as they call themselves), many more have been killed or injured indiscriminately. Recently a four-year-old girl had her head blown off with a "rubber" bullet at close range while she was playing in the garden.



*Demonstrators fleeing from charging police and teargas explosions during unified student/community protests, Capetown 1980.*

The police and army have also tried to set the two mass organizations against each other by assassinating their activists while placing the blame on the opposing organization. Fortunately the people have seen through this scheme, but still much black against black violence is publicized in order to divert attention from the more obvious cause of death and destruction -- the state itself. There is clear evidence that the state is behind the death squad activity and other black on black incidents. They seem to be getting considerable assistance from Buthelezi's Inkatha movement, which has been allowed to wage war against UDF activists.

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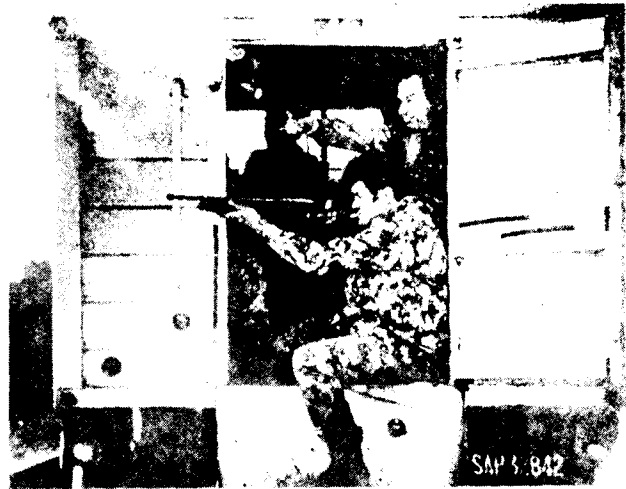
# the Breaking Point

The people, however, are fighting back. You have probably heard about the consumer boycott which has crippled white business in some parts of the country. In mid-September in Cape Town there was a three-day stay-at-home which was 75% successful. All over the country, schools and colleges have been on boycott. On October 9th there was a nation-wide stay-at-home and fast. More immediately, the people are learning to take on the army and police on their own terms. In the Eastern Cape the people have captured about 15 Caspirs (large armoured vehicles) and in Cape Town they string barbed wire at neck height so as to decapitate those riding past in these vehicles. Otherwise, mass organization goes on and the people are trying to repair the damage caused to the organizations by the detention and murder of their activists.

### WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

What can you people do in the U. S.? Well,

1. Keep up the pressure for economic sanctions, disinvestment and divestment. At this stage, divestment is probably the most effective measure since it is more susceptible to community control, and less likely to be diverted in the boardrooms of big business or the halls of Congress. You should take credit for the recent refusal by U.S. banks to rollover South Africa's short-term debt. It was your action, rather than that of Reagan or Congress, that set up the conditions for refusal.
2. Collect and supply material aid to the liberation movements, both out of the country and those in the country. Other groups, such as the Detainee's Parents Support Committee, which provides material and legal aid to detainees, and the End Conscription Campaign (ECC) which counsels soldiers on army service, are also in need of assistance. The ECC is now running a "Troops Out of the Townships" campaign and they are actively involved in opposing the militarization of our society.
3. It is crucial that you continue to publicize and educate Americans about conditions in South Africa. While TV coverage is welcome, it is shallow and very likely to decrease once the networks find new enthusiasms. It is important to keep people informed about the real options for change. As a non-partisan group SPC should educate people on the differences between the various liberation (ANC, PAC, Black Consciousness Move-




Police exercising 'crowd control' during student/community protests, Capetown 1980.

ment) and opposition groups (UDF, AZAPO, New Unity Movement, Cape Action League, etc.), while contrasting them with such obvious traitors as Buthelezi and his Inkatha movement.

You also need to explain why certain reformist options being touted by the government; big business and certain liberal groups are not acceptable to the majority of the people. Finally, you should explain that since the people are committed to a truly democratic future, they are likely to adopt solutions to their problems which may not necessarily reflect those most familiar to the average American. This latter explanation is important, since we don't want those who support our struggle for freedom to subsequently become disappointed if the options chosen by free South Africans don't accord with those of the U.S.

In conclusion, let me thank you all for what you have already done. You really do have an effect, and should keep on. As we say here, a luta continua.

P.S. I was going to address this letter to "Dear Comrades," but thought that would raise an eyebrow or two. In South Africa the term is used to express solidarity, friendship, love and peace. ♡



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## Wanted: 5000 Marchers

Last April Los Angeles witnessed the birth of another visionary group: People Reaching Out for Peace (PRO-Peace). The executive director of the new group, David Mixner, was one of the four founders of the Viet Nam Moratorium Committee which staged nationwide anti-war protests in 1969 and 1970 and more recently managed election campaigns for Tom Bradley and Gary Hart.

Now he and the PRO-Peace staff are organizing "The Great Peace March" in which they hope 5000 marchers will depart the West Coast in March 1986, and walk 15 miles a day, reaching Washington by November.

As PRO-Peace puts it, "the march is the first step in a journey that will end only when all the nuclear missiles in the world have been dismantled."

Marchers must be 18 years old or over or accompanied by parent and in good physical condition. Those who cannot walk are invited to adopt a marcher and help pay the cost of food, clothing, shelter and other expenses along the way.

Mixner sums it up this way: "If you really believed that you had the power to help deter nuclear war, would you give up a year of your life to try?" Inquiries and donations can be sent to PRO-Peace, 8150 Beverly Blvd., Suite 301, Los Angeles, CA 90048. Deadline for applying is Dec. 1.

## Prosecutor Supports Plowshares Defendants

The five "Trident II Plowshares" activists who damaged six missile tubes at Electric Boat's Quonset Pt. Plant last fall were sentenced to one year each on October 18.

During their trial, Attorney General J. Joseph Nugent had shown considerable flexibility, allowing the five many opportunities to get their point across. Judge Bourcier, on the other hand, was strongly biased against them, and was so frustrated by the prosecutor that he started offering objections himself! Mr. Nugent, worrying that the judge would give them the maximum 10 year sentence, came to the prosecutors and pleaded with them to accept a plea bargain just as the court began deliberations.

They accepted the bargain out of concern for Jean Holladay's two motherless grandchildren. In addition to Ms. Holladay, the five include William Boston, Frank Panapoulos, John Pendleton and Leo Schiff. Frank received an additional 60 days for refusing to divulge who had driven them to the plant.

## Rock Island Blockaded

Rock Island Arsenal, the U. S. Army's largest manufacturing arsenal employing some 9000 civilians, was the target of a shutdown action beginning at 4am October 21.

Project Disarm, a midwest regional effort which had previously sponsored a shutdown action on June 4, 1984, gathered 400 participants from anti-war and church groups, colleges and high schools of the midwest for the action. The group's guidelines permit the use of 'non-violent bodily force' to free people from the police and include principles of 'no negotiations,' 'no legal permits' and 'no giving of information to authorities about plans for the action.'

Participants used cars, railroad ties, and gathered in groups to block roads leading to the 3 bridges

which employees use to reach the island on the workday. Rock Island police reported 14 punctured tires and 127 arrests, while protestors reported several instances of brutality and injury by police. Legal defense efforts are underway and contributions can be sent to: Project Disarm, 407 S. Dearborn #370, Chicago, Ill. 60605.

## Guatemalan Elections

On Nov. 3, in a continuing effort to improve its international image and garner more economic and military support from the U.S. and other Western powers, the Guatemalan military "allowed" the election of a civilian President. Vinicio Cerezo, a Christian Democrat, took 40% of the vote. Jorge Carpio, a prominent newspaper publisher, took 20% the rest being spread amongst several others. Cerezo and Carpio will face each other in a run-off on Dec. 8.

Will there really be a change in power? In Argentina the military became so illegitimate that they were forced to relinquish some of their power to civilians. But in Guatemala, where armed soldiers patrolled voting sites and citizens required by law to vote, it may well be just public imagemaking.

With human rights abuses continuing, and in the midst of the country's worst economic crisis in memory, a



common reply from voters, who knew that without the election stamp on their ID they too might disappear, was "I don't want any trouble."

## Pledge of Resistance

The Syracuse Pledge of Resistance, dedicated to preventing further escalation of US involvement in Central America, is holding an important meeting on Monday, Dec. 2 at 7:30pm at the May Memorial Unitarian Society to plan future activities. We urge everyone to attend.

On Dec. 3 in Gifford Auditorium at SU will premier "Waiting for the Invasion: US citizens in Managua" and "Guazapa: The Face of El Salvador" starting at 7:30 pm.



Book Review —

# Between Parents and Children

## A Personal Journey of Political Significance

by Toni Taverone

The subject of relationships between parents and their adult children touches a sensitive spot in all of us. We all have parents. No matter how old we are, we have the confusing variety of feelings associated with breaking away, becoming independent and discovering and maintaining a comfortable balance of distance and closeness. Many of us involved in political activism have also experienced, with varying degrees of intensity, painful differences with our parents which cause hurt and conflicts. We deal with these powerful emotions in different ways. Some of us cut ourselves off from our parents. A few are rejected. Many find a common ground - if not an agreement, at least a truce.

*Coming Out to Parents*, by Mary Borhek and *Now That You Know*, by Betty Fairchild and Nancy Hayward speak to the highly conflict-ridden issue of parents' relationships with their adult gay and lesbian children. The books flip back and forth, speaking at times from the parents' perspective and then, from the children's.

The two books are quite different in style and approach and yet both provide a similar service - a roadmap for parents to feel and accept all of the powerful emotions associated with the knowledge that their child is gay. On the other side, the books provide a guide for gay people on how to be open and stay close to their parents. In providing this service, the two books outline a model for personal interaction which is applicable to anyone concerned with social justice and change.

*Coming Out to Parents* is particularly oriented to parents with traditional values and religious beliefs. It contains much information about biblical and religious writings on homosexuality.

Borhek, who is deeply religious herself, shows that much of the negative religious attitudes towards homosexuality developed from questionable interpretations of biblical writings. Her explanations are likely to provide a great

source of comfort to those who are concerned that their gay children will be condemned by God.



*Now That You Know* introduces parents to gay people's lives, breaking myths and stereotypes and providing basic information. It also talks about the history of the gay rights movement. Both books clearly state over and over how negative social attitudes contribute to a lack of self-acceptance on the part of gay people and how the lack of civil rights forces many gays "underground", which only makes it harder to accept themselves.

The authors speak as mothers, describing the process of their acceptance of their children's homosexuality. What they describe is essentially a grief process, which both parent and child must go through. For parents, grief is caused by the loss of the heterosexual image of the child. For the children, grief accompanies the loss of a socially acceptable sexual identification. The authors claim that only by facing the grief and the anger and being willing to feel it will parents and gay people come to an ultimate acceptance of themselves and each other.

It is this "formula" which pres-

ents the difficult paradox of this issue. In the present world gay people have no civil rights, yet openness and self-acceptance is the prescription for strength. Standing up openly as who you are is at once empowering and terrifying. People who are members of oppressed groups and people who seek to change the social and political order must spend much energy learning the lesson of balance. If you hide, you are defeated. If you are open, you may be destroyed.

These two books challenge gay people to begin the process of openness at home. The authors challenge parents to move toward their own growth and self-acceptance by accepting their children. The reward for this, according to Borhek, is a new closeness between parent and child which goes beyond a mere "truce". The other reward is a tremendous opportunity for empowerment for gay people which does not remain at home, but continues out into the workplace, the community, the church and the street.

These two books have serious weaknesses. *Now That You Know* is somewhat dated. Many of its examples are taken from the mid seventies when the general level of political activity was higher than it is today. Both books were written before public awareness of AIDS and do not mention the subject at all. Neither deals satisfactorily with the issue of gay parenthood. But the core of their contribution is the optimistic vision they offer for parents of gays, gay people themselves, and anyone working on the lesson of balance.

*Coming Out to Parents: A Two-Way Survival Guide for Lesbians and Gay Men.* Mary Borhek, Pilgrim Press, 1983, \$9.95

*Now That You Know: What Every Parent Should Know About Homosexuality.* Betty Fairchild and Nancy Hayward, Harcourt, 1979, \$6.95

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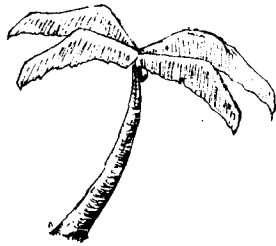
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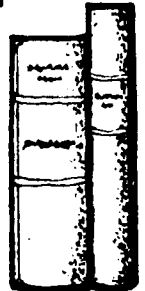
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**Friday, November 22 7,9:30**  
**Saturday, November 23 7,9:30**

From the director of *Battle of Algiers*, that rarity - a film that is both highly entertaining and highly political. Marlon Brando superbly portrays a British mercenary hired to gain control of a sugar-rich Caribbean island which is part of Portugal's colonial empire. He succeeds by fomenting a popular revolution led by Evaristo Marquez. But the revolutionaries eventually reject the British and Brando is called back. With compelling music and in places inspirational cinematography (the beach scenes) it is a wonder it was never widely distributed. "I still cry each time I see it." - Dik Cool. (Gillo Pontecorvo, 1970, 112 min.)

## RETURN OF THE PINK PANTHER

**Friday, December 6 7,9:30**  
**Saturday, December 7 7,9:30**

The third in the series of tales of the bungling Inspector Clouseau. Peter Sellers is off again in search of the Pink Panther diamond. "Peter Sellers is back in the funniest picture of the year." - Daily News (Blake Edwards, 115 min.)

## DESPERATELY SEEKING SUSAN

**Friday, December 13 7,9,11**  
**Saturday, December 14 7,9,11**

A classified ad sets a bored young wife, Rosanna Arquette, shadowing a liberated New York woman, Madonna, in a search for excitement. Arquette finds more than she dreamed of when she assumes Madonna's identity. This wild, trashy, and hip film pleases the eyes and ears from start to finish. (Susan Seidelman, 1985, 104 min.)

## HAROLD AND MAUDE

**Friday, Jan. 17 7,9,11**  
**Saturday, 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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**HOUSEMATE WANTED** to join our vegetarian, non-smoking household. Share cooking, cleaning and living costs. 475-2202

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**WANTED: GENTLE MALE** to spend time with 6 year-old boy in shared activities. Evelyn: 445-1859

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**SUN MON TUES WED THURS FRI SAT**

<p>24 interested groups change... Socialist Forum: Cultural Work, Integrating Politics and Culture 3pm Westcott Cafe 474-3256</p>	<p>25 EVERY MONDAY: Coffee-house Westcott Cafe 9pm Deadline for PRC-Peace March Dec. 1st.</p>	<p>26 FILMS: Does Anybody Need Me Anymore? 2:30 Wall Ave. Ne Alive 7pm SU Hendricks Chapel FREE People for Animal Rights Mtg., 7pm. Jane 474-8521 or Linda 475-0062</p>	<p>27 Harvest Feast Ritual Peachick 6:30pm 601 Allen St., 52-5 Liz or Karen 425-8924 Women Only</p>	<p>28 Thanksgiving Day Vigil Against the Death Penalty Columbus Circle Noon 475-1822. Virden Seybold</p>	<p>29 Eureka Crafts OpenHouse 210 Walton St., 474-8565 Friday 5-10pm Saturday 10-5pm Sunday 12-5pm Roses in December, Dec. 2 Fri., Nov. 29-Mon., Dec. 2 Christ the King Retreat House 446-2680</p>	<p>30 Wario's Be/ooch demonstration and leafletting 1-2pm Shopping: Downtown Main Entrance 474-1122</p>
<p>1 DEADLINE for PRC-Peace March Dec. 1st ACT NOW!</p>	<p>2 Physicians for Social Responsibility Mtg. 475-0062 Total Gathering of the SYR. Pledge of Resistance May Memorial 476-7882 7:30-9:30pm</p>	<p>3 Freeze Mtg., 7:30pm 7:30am Friends Mtg., Hse "Waiting for the Invasion" -Cuzapapa, The Face of War in El Salvador" 7:30 SU Giftord Aud. Peace Links Peace-making Conference 7pm Shannaham Chapel, LeMoyné College 446-2882 ext526</p>	<p>4 Peace Breakfast 7:30am Friends Mtg., Hse Women's Movement in Health Care Noon SU Westcott Aud. FREE Big Mountain Relocation 3pm SU Bird Library Room 1916 Lecture: Patricia Dertan SU Maxwell Aud., 7:30</p>	<p>5 Advocates for Choices in Childbirth X-mas party St. David's Church Dewitt 7:30pm 452-0245</p>	<p>6 Coop Benefit At the Rolling Stone See page 6 for more! "As Starlight Grows the Winter Rose" Pageant Plymouth Church Open Hand Theater 8pm 474-4836 CNY Committee Against Racism &amp; Apartheid 7pm 100 New St., 472-5478</p>	<p>7 Wario's Be/ooch leafletting demonstration 1-2pm 474-1132 for info.</p>
<p>8 "As Starlight Grows the Winter Rose" Pageant Open Hand Theater Plymouth Church 474-4836 Sunday matinee Mondays/Thursday 8pm see page 8 for details</p>	<p>9 Comm. Writers' Project Open Readings 8pm Erwin Methodist Church \$2 donation 472-0400</p>	<p>10 Childbirth Support Mtg. Plymouth Church 422-7791 People for Animal Rights Mtg.-7pm. Jane 478-8521 or Linda 475-0062</p>	<p>11 "Rape and the Medical Profession" Noon 103 Westcott Hall 479-5977 Upstate Resistance mtg 7:30, 423 Cherry st. CNY NOW Mtg., 3:00 S. Warren 7:30 pm 472-5977</p>	<p>12 EVERY THURSDAY: Central America Vigil 7:30am Federal Bldg. 472-5478 Gay/lesbian Conference Mtg. &amp; Covered-dish 3049 E Genesee St. 6:30pm 422-5732</p>	<p>13 Concert Chris Williamson Tret Pure Barbara Hibble, Teresa Trull Myrdere Academy 8pm Seneca Falls \$12 advance \$15 door Tickets at SPC</p>	<p>14 Plowshare Craftsfair Plymouth Church 10-7pm 472-5478</p>
<p>15 PLOWSHARES CRAFTSFAR Plymouth Church 12-5pm 472-5478 Vigil at Seneca Depot 2:30pm Main Gate Rt. 96, Romulus Friends of Mental Patients Plymouth Church 4pm</p>	<p>16 Disabled in Action Mtg. 7pm ECHO 446-6602</p>	<p>17 Greater SYR. NOW Mtg. 8pm May Memorial 446-2229</p>	<p>18 NAACP Mtg., 7:30pm 100 New St., 470-3300 PAR Mtg., 478-8521 Gay Husbands &amp; Fathers Mtg., 422-5732 Educators for Social Responsibility 7:30pm Lauderbach Literacy 476-8508 Women Mtg., 7pm Holiday Celebration 601 Allen St., 428-8724 Karen</p>	<p>19 EVERY THURSDAY: New England Country (formerly Central) Dancing 8-11pm Grace Episcopal Church \$2 National Council of Negro Women Mtg., 7pm Holiday Celebration 601 Dunbar Center</p>	<p>20 Central America X-MAS Actions Wednesday to Saturday Sean Branagan 476-7882</p>	<p>21 Desperately Seeking Susan NWS Films 7,9,6,11pm Watson Aud., \$2</p>
<p>22 EVERY STUNDAY: Metro Community Church Worship Service 5pm Grace Episcopal Church</p>	<p>23 MOVING? Please save us 25¢ by letting us know before you go. 472-5478 SPR Thru will be closed for the holidays from Dec. 21 through Jan. 1. We'll see you Jan. 2!</p>	<p>24 EVERY TUESDAY: Vegetarian Dinner \$4.50 Jan Session 9pm Westcott Cafe</p>	<p><b>Syracuse Peace Council's</b> <b>15th Annual</b> <b>PLOWSHARE CRAFTSFAR</b></p> <p>OTHER 60 CRAFTSPEOPLE FREE ADMISSION FREE CHILD-CARE Children under 8 please! GREAT FOOD WANDERING MINSTRELS ONE STOP HOLIDAY SHOPPING:</p> <p>100% FOOD BY GASTROGALLOMES - RAFFLE WITH PRIZES GALORE! FREE ADMISSION - FREE CHILD-CARE WANDERING MINSTRELS - FREE ADMISSION - FREE CHILD-CARE</p> <p>Plymouth Congregational Church Downtown Syracuse</p>			

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